

SYDNEY HARBOUR WOMEN'S KEELBOAT SERIES

SEPTEMBER 2024 – MARCH 2025

NOTICE OF RACE



Photo by Marg Fraser-Martin



1 INVITATION

An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter this series to be sailed on Sydney Harbour, comprising of five pointscore races. The Organising Authority is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association and Manly Yacht Club in respect of the series; in respect of a race conducted by a particular club as specified in NoR 2, the club conducting the race is the Organising Authority.

2 THE RACES

DATE	RACE	WARNING SIGNAL	CLUB
Sunday, 29 September	Race 1	1225hrs	MHYC
Sunday, 27 October	Race 2	1225hrs	CYCA
Sunday, 24 November	Race 3	1225hrs	RSYS
Sunday, 23 February	Race 4	1225hrs	RANSA
Sunday, 23 March	Race 5	1225hrs	MYC Women's Challenge

3 DIVISIONS

Racing will be conducted in divisions appropriate to the number of entries received.

Separate pointscores will be conducted for yachts entered with a full female crew and for yachts entered with a female skipper and mixed crew.

If five or more entries are received from a One-Design class, a separate pointscore will be conducted.

4 RULES

All races will be governed by the current versions of:

- (a) the **rules**, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS");
- (b) the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing ("Special Regulations")

Sailing instructions will be available from the [SailSys Series page](#) and from any of the participating clubs' websites no later than 1200 hours on 26 September 2024.

Each of the host clubs will provide an Appendix to the Sailing Instructions outlining the specific race area for the day including course and mark descriptions.

The Sailing Managers of each host club will be the Race Committee for the purposes of and with the powers and discretions contained in RRS 90.1.

Changes to the RRS:

- RRS 51: Boats with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
- RRS 52: RRS 52 is changed to: the rotation of a boat's rudder shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew.

5 COURSES

The courses shall be Harbour passage courses and shall be as detailed in the Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series 2024-25 Sailing Instructions.

6 ADVERTISING

Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code).

7 HANDICAPS / SCORING

PHS race results will be calculated by the application of a Time Correction Factor (“TCF”) as a multiplier of the boat’s elapsed time. A boat’s TCF may be adjusted after each race.

The series will consist of five races with one discard.

A boat shall enter by Race 2 to be eligible for the Series Pointscore.

8 ELIGIBILITY

The races are open to single hulled boats only.

A boat shall have a LOA of not less than 6.0 metres.

A boat shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 7 except that trailable boats shall comply with Category 6. A completed Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for the relevant Category (or higher) shall accompany the entry.

A boat requiring an equipment audit should make a booking with the Sailing Office of a host Club.

The owner or charterer of a boat entered in a race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million.

A decision of the Race Committee as to whether a boat meets the eligibility criteria is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

The minimum number of crew on a boat shall be 3, two of whom shall be of a minimum age of 18 years.

9 TROPHIES AND PRIZEGIVINGS

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places in the Series Pointscore in each Division. The pointscore series is only open to block entries. The pointscore prizegiving will be held at Manly Yacht Club on a date to be advised.

10 RESULTS AND LIST OF ENTRIES

Results and entry lists will be displayed on the [SailSys Series page](#). Copies may be available from the relevant Host Club Sailing Office.

11 ENTRY & ENTRY FEES

\$260 Block Entry or \$60 per race (in each case including GST). Entries shall be completed online by 1200 hours on the Thursday prior to each race.

Eligible boats may enter via the respective host club’s online entry process or [via SailSys](#).

Where either a block entry or an individual entry for the race conducted by CYCA is made, the entry is not complete until CYCA receives its Conditions of Entry (available online at [cyca.com.au](#)) signed by the owner or charterer.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

Race Documents and Notices – [Click Here](#)

CYCA – sailing.office@cyca.com.au / 8292 7802

MHYC – sailing@mhyc.com.au / 8969 3102

RANSA – office@ransa.com.au / 9363 9939

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MYC – sailing@myc.org.au / 9977 4949