

FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY

NOTICE OF RACE



The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.
This changes RRS 60.1(a).

INTRODUCTION

There are two (2) competitions within this event, the Fleet Racing Championship, which is open to all schools, and the GPS Championship, which is only open to schools that are a member of the GPS Association. Racing will be in the format of Fleet Racing, with GPS Championships a competition for GPS Schools only. Schools must nominate the teams as an "A" Team (Advanced) or a "B" Team (Development); both groups shall be scored separately. The Fleet Racing Championship will be run as the individual boat competition which is open to sailors from all eligible schools. All schools are invited to compete in this event.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Notice of Race available at RQYS Website <https://www.rqys.com.au/school-sailing/> applies.
- 1.3 The government right-of-way rules RRS Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility replaces RRS Part 2 from
- 1.4 The Australian Sailing prescriptions and special regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Classes and AS Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.5 The GPS Schools Code of Conduct will apply to sailors from GPS Schools.
- 1.6 The Pacer Class Rules and Pacer Sailing Rules published by Pacer Australia Inc. Will apply with the following exceptions:
 - 1.6.1 Pacer Class Rule Part 1, Rule B2.1 is deleted.
 - 1.6.2 Pacer Sailing Rules C.3 is modified to accept complete boats supplied by recognised builders of Pacer Class Yachts as meeting the fundamental rules of measurement for the duration of this regatta only, unless substantially modified by the individual.
 - 1.6.3 Pacer Class Rule Part 1, Rule B2.3 is deleted.
 - 1.6.4 Main sails do not need to carry the class insignia.
- 1.7 This is a non-spinnaker regatta.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 hours on 23/02/2021 at <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/>.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 In accordance with RRS 46, all competitors are required to be a member of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing and must provide a valid AS number.
- 4.2 Sailors from GPS Schools' Teams will be eligible for the GPS Sailing competition.
- 4.3 All sailors competing shall be eligible for the Pacer Sprint Championship.
- 4.4 Each school can nominate a maximum of two (2) teams for the GPS Championship.
- 4.5 All students sailing in this regatta must be under nineteen (19) years of age as at 31 December 2021.
- 4.6 GPS may nominate a 'team' which shall consist of three (3) boats with a maximum of seven (7) sailors from a GPS member School.
- 4.7 Skippers and Crew may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rqys/events/90952/>. Schools shall be invoiced at the conclusion of the event.
- 4.8 Entries will be accepted up until the 26/02/2021.
- 4.9 Students in Years seven (7) to twelve (12) are eligible to compete.
- 4.10 The mainsails on all boats shall carry sail numbers or a combination of numbers and letters which are easily distinguishable

5. FEES

- 5.1 Required fees are as follows:
Entry Fee - \$120.00/team (GPS & Fleet Champs) or \$40/Individual Boat (Fleet Champs only)

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time/First Warning Signal
Sunday 28 February 2021	Briefing on RQYS Rigging Lawn	0830 hrs
	Session 1	0925 hrs, no warning signal to be made after 1200 hrs
	Lunch	1200 – 1300 hrs
	Session 2	1330 hrs, no warning signal to be made after 1600 hrs
	Presentation of Ceremony Lawn	ASAP After Racing

8. VENUE

- 8.1 NOR Addendum 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be Windward/Return and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 The marks that may be used will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A
- 10.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled of which 3 (three) races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 10.3 When four (4) races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 10.4 When from five (5) to six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- 10.5 When seven (7) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10m per incident or the equivalent.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
 - Individual Sailor: GPS Scratch – 1st
 - Individual Sailor: Fleet Racing Championship – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
 - GPS "A" Team: 1st – GPS Sailing Champions
 - GPS "B" Team 1st

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information please contact:
 - Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Sailing Office
 - Phone: 07 3396 8666 | Email: sailing@rqys.com.au

15. ADDENDUM 1

