

SYDNEY HARBOUR WOMEN'S KEELBOAT SERIES

SEPTEMBER 2026 – MARCH 2027

NOTICE OF RACE



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1 INVITATION

An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter this series to be sailed on Sydney Harbour, comprising of seven 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, Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, Balmain Sailing Club 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, 20 September	Race 1	1255hrs	CYCA
Sunday, 18 October	Race 2	1255hrs	MHYC Women's Regatta
Sunday, 22 November	Race 3	1255hrs	RANSA
Sunday, 13 December	Race 4	1255hrs	SASC
Sunday, 31 January	Race 5	1255hrs	BSC
Sunday, 21 February	Race 6	1255hrs	RSYS
Sunday, 21 March	Race 7	1255hrs	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")

Series Sailing Instructions will be available from the [SailSys Series page](#) no later than 1200 hours on 17 September 2026 and may be posted to the participating clubs' websites .

Each of the host clubs will provide an Appendix to the Sailing Instructions outlining the specific race area for the day including courses 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 2026-27 Sailing Instructions or Appendices issued by the host clubs.

6 ADVERTISING

Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of 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 seven races with up to two discards. 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. Unless dispensation has been provided in writing by the Organising Authority, a minimum of two crew members shall be not less than 18 years of age.

All boats must have a minimum of 30% female crew.

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

\$350 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 shall enter 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](#)

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