



COMBINED CLUBS
WINDWARD LEEWARD SERIES
2023-24

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organising Authorities (OA) will be:

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC), located at Ada Street Belmont NSW
Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto (RMYCT), located at 6 Arnott St Toronto NSW and
Wangi Amateur Sailing Club (WASC) located at 275 Watkins Road Wangi Wangi NSW

Under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing 2021-24 and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.2 Appendix T will apply.
- 1.3 All boats shall display a coloured pennant on their backstay coinciding with the colour of their respective division.
- 1.4 It is recommended that boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned on the channel indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising is unrestricted as permitted by World Sailing Regulation 20.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entry is open to ballasted monohull yachts, multihull and un-ballasted centreboard yachts resistant to capsize, and which shall have a current Equipment Audit Form for Category 7 or above with a minimum crew of 2 persons.
- 3.2 A yacht shall have a current Third Party insurance for not less than \$10 million.
- 3.3 The event is open to yachts using spinnakers and non-spinnaker yachts.
- 3.4 All boats will display a pennant on their backstay showing which division they are racing in. (White for Div. 1, Green for Div. 2, Yellow for Div. 3, and Blue for Div. 4)

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 An Entry shall be lodged through the On-Line Entry Systems via LMYC, RMYCT and WASC.
- 4.2 A boat shall nominate on the on-line Entry Form if the boat intends not to use a spinnaker and the nomination shall not be changed during the Series.
- 4.3 The race entry fee shall be paid through the online systems for the amount determined by each club, casual entries close at 2400 on Thursday before each race. Late casual entries for each race may be lodged after the close date (Thursday 2400), however will not be allocated a handicap and are not eligible for results or prizes.
- 4.4 Series entries close at 2400 hours Monday before each race.
Late series entries may be lodged after the close date. No late fees are payable, however entrants may not be allocated a handicap or be eligible for results or prizes for the day's races.
- 4.5 Series entrants for the 2023-24 LMYC, RMYCT Saturday pointscore series and WASC R K R series are automatic entrants for this series at no cost.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Heat No	Day		First Warning Signal at
1 & 2	Saturday	7 Oct 2023	13:15
3 & 4	Saturday	9 Dec 2023	13:15
5 & 6	Saturday	17 Feb 2024	13:15

NOTE: The Races in the Regatta will be run conjointly with the LMYC, RMYC Pointscores and WASC Winward/Leeward series.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted over three separate course areas located in the vicinity of Toronto (RMYC), Belmont Bay (LMYC) and Wangi (WASC).
- 6.2 The allocation of Divisions to course areas will be listed in the Sailing Instructions
- 6.2 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 The races will be run on a TCF method. The fastest corrected time shall be scored first, the next fastest second, and so on.
- 7.2 The low point scoring system (refer RRS Appendix A4) shall be used. Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 7.3 A total of six races are scheduled with a minimum of 2 races to constitute a series.
- 7.4 If 4 or less races are completed then all races will be included in a yacht's score
- 7.5 If 5 or 6 races are completed then a yacht's worst score will be excluded.

8 HANDICAPS

- 8.1 Arbitrary TCF handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee.
- 8.2 For boats competing in the RKR 2023-24 series, the calculated Shield handicap after RKR 2023-24 race 1 will be used.
- 8.2 A boat's TCF shall be adjusted after each race in accordance with the handicapping system applied to the RKR 2023-24 series.

9 MODIFICATIONS TO BE NOTIFIED

- 9.1 When a yacht, its equipment or sails are modified with a reasonable expectation of improving its performance, details of such modification shall be notified to the Race Committee (RC) 48 hours before the first warning signal of the next race. No modifications will be accepted after this time.
- 9.2 The RC, on advice from the Handicap Committee, may adjust the yacht's TCF without a hearing (changes RRS 63.1).

10 PRIZES

Prizes will be determined by Combined Clubs Sailing Committee

11 DISCLAIMER

Each competitor participates in the Combined Clubs Windward Leeward series entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to or after the Regatta. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 which states: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION.

- 12.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the LMYC website.
http://www.lmyc.com.au/site/sailing_instructions_and_regattas
or links set up on RMYCT and WASC websites by Monday 25th September 2023.
- 12.2 For further information contact LMYC sailing office at racing@lmyc.com.au or phone 0411 652 533

Issued under the authority of the Combined Clubs Sailing Committee.

S. Ford (LMYC Rear Commodore)

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