



COMBINED CLUBS

R K ROBERTSON 46th CHALLENGE SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE

2023-2024

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The Organising Authorities 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 to Channel 71.

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 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 on line 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	Saturday	23 Sep 2023	13:15
2	Saturday	21 Oct 2023	13:15
3	Saturday	25 Nov 2023	13:15
4	Saturday	27 Jan 2024	13:15
5	Saturday	2 Mar 2024	13:15
6	Saturday	16 Mar 2024	13:15

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

6 COURSES

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted on courses utilizing a mixture of LMYC, RMYCT and WASC permanent marks.
- 6.2 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

R K ROBERTSON MEMORIAL SHIELD TROPHY POINTSCORE

- 7.1 An overall TCF result covering all yachts in all divisions will be determined by multiplying each yacht's elapsed time for the common course by its TCF handicap.
- 7.2 Based on the overall handicap result, points will be scored by each yacht competing on a given day using the Low Point System (refer RRS Appendix A4) Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 7.3 All race results shall be used in the Pointscore.
- 7.4 The points scored in the overall results by all the yachts from each Club shall be added together and the average of the points shall be obtained by dividing the total so obtained by the number of yachts from that club which have been scored in accordance with SI 7.2 above except:
- 7.5 If any Club has less than five (5) yachts competing, points equal to all finishers + 1 will be added to complete the club's 5 yacht minimum score before averaging.
- 7.6 A Club's average points over all the races will be totalled and the Club with the lowest total average points will be awarded the RK Robertson Shield Memorial Trophy.
- 7.7 A minimum of three (3) completed races shall constitute a series.
- 7.8 A Perpetual Trophy for best scoring yacht in the Interclub Shield Series will be awarded. Scoring for this trophy will be from the common course finish of the RKR Shield using the Low Points System (refer RRS Appendix A4) Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 7.9 When six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.10 Boats starting in the Multihull Start will have their finish/elapsed times amended to reflect the start time of the Division in which they were allocated by the Sailing Committee.

DIVISIONAL RESULTS AND SCORING

- 7.11 Racing shall be conducted in Four (4) divisions with the results of each division being determined by multiplying the yacht's elapsed time for the full course (common course for Divisions 2, 3, 4) by its TCF handicap.
- 7.12 A pointscore based on the Low Point System (refer RRS Appendix A4) will be run on the results of each division over the six races of the series. Appendix A.5.3 will apply.
- 7.13 A minimum of three (3) completed races shall constitute a series for a Division.
- 7.14 When six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.15 Boats starting in the Multihull Start will have their finish/elapsed times amended to reflect the start time of the Division in which they were allocated by the Sailing Committee.

8 HANDICAPS

- 8.1 Arbitrary TCF handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for race 1.
- 8.2 A boat's TCF shall be adjusted after each race in accordance with the handicapping system determined by the Race Committee.
- 8.3 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 warning signal of Division 1. No modifications will be accepted after this time.
- 8.4 The RC, on advice from the Handicap Committee, may adjust the yachts TCF without a hearing (changes RRS 63.1).

9 PRIZES

Prizes will be determined by the Combined Clubs Sailing Committee.

10 DISCLAIMER

Each competitor participates in the Combined Clubs RK Robertson 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 boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 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 11th September 2023.
- 11.2 For further information contact LMYC sailing office at racing@lmyc.com.au or phone 0411 652 533

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Combined Clubs R K Robertson Sailing Committee

30 July 2023