



RK ROBERTSON

49th Challenge Series

NOTICE OF RACE

September 2026 - March 2027



The Organising Authorities (OA) will be:
Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC)
Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto (RMYCT)
Wangi Amateur Sailing Club (WASC)
Under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS)



1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.3 All Yachts shall display a coloured pennant on their backstay coinciding with the colour of their respective division. (White for Division 1, Blue for Division 2).

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is unrestricted as permitted by World Sailing Regulation 20.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entry is open to ballasted monohull yachts, multihulls and un-ballasted centreboard yachts resistant to capsize, and which shall have to have a current AS Special Regulations 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 and include coverage for racing.
- 3.3 The event is open to yachts using spinnakers and non-spinnaker yachts.
- 3.4 All yachts shall have a working VHF radio tuned to Channel 71.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 An Entry shall be lodged through the On-Line Entry Systems via LMYC, RMYC and WASC.
- 4.2 A yacht 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 hours on Thursday before each race. Late casual entries for each race may be lodged after the close date (Thursday 2400 hours), however may 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 impending day's race.
- 4.5 Series entrants for the 2026-27 LMYC, RMYC Saturday pointscore series, and WASC R. K. R. series, are automatic entrants for this series at no cost.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Heat No	Day		First Warning Signal at
1	Saturday	26 Sep 2026	13:15
2	Saturday	24 Oct 2026	13:15
3	Saturday	28 Nov 2026	13:15
4	Saturday	30 Jan 2027	13:15
5	Saturday	27 Feb 2027	13:15
6	Saturday	20 Mar 2027	13:15

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

- 5.2 A re-sail for an abandoned race may be scheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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 NOR 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 Point System (refer RRS Appendix A4). Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 7.9 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 7.10 When six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.11 Yachts 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 Race Committee.

DIVISIONAL RESULTS AND SCORING

- 7.11 Racing shall be conducted in Two (2) divisions with the results of each division being determined by multiplying the yacht's elapsed time for the full course (common course for Division 2) 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 fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 7.15 When six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.16 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 Race Committee.

8 HANDICAPS

- 8.1 Arbitrary TCF handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for race 1.
- 8.2 A yacht'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 yacht's TCF without a hearing (changes RRS 63.1).

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be determined by the Combined Clubs Race Committee.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**
- 10.2 The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 10.3 The OA, sponsors, class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

11 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 11.1 In participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of these events the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates, and all material related to the said event without compensation.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 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 RMYC and WASC websites by Monday 7th September 2026.
- 12.2 For further information contact LMYC sailing office at sm@lmyc.com.au or phone 0400 55 8917

on behalf of Combined Clubs R K Robertson Race Committee

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