

Interclub Challenge (NCYC – 29 May 2022)



Created in 2001 as a way to help identify and build youth sailors experience in fleet racing events, the Interclub Challenge is a fleet racing series that compliments the participating clubs' Youth Keelboat Programs.

The Challenge begins at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club before racing at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, and ending with the final round at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

Each stage consists of up to two teams from each club, participating in a maximum of six races per stage.



Event Webpage –

<https://www.ncyc.net.au/inshore-racing/>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be conducted by:
- a) The rules, as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing;
 - b) The Prescriptions, Amendments and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing; and
 - c) This Race Document, except in the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race in which case the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
 - d) RRS 44.2 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required
 - e) The Elliott 6 User Agreement, available on the Event Webpage.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/inshore-racing/>
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located on top of the floating Sailing Academy barge on F-arm of the marina.
- 3.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal shall be not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is removed ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 3.4 Competitors shall attend the daily briefing in the clubhouse unless excused by the OA.

4 SUPPLIED YACHTS

- 4.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 6 class yachts.
- 4.2 Boats will be identified by the Bow Number.
- 4.3 The boats will be assigned at the Competitor Briefing by the Boat Draw.
- 4.4 The sails to be used will be allocated by the Race Committee.
- 4.5 Competitors shall not alter, reposition or add to the standard sailing equipment as supplied by NCYC in accordance with the Elliott 6 User Agreement.
- 4.6 Every reasonable effort will be made to equalise the boats. Variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

5 DAMAGES AND REPAIRS TO BOATS

- 5.1 A Team shall lodge a written Damage Report to the Regatta Organiser on coming ashore at the end of each day's racing specifying any damage or loss or confirming that there is no damage or loss.
- 5.2 A Team shall be responsible to ensure all shackles, and securing devices are secure and all equipment is protected from accidental loss and no claim for Redress shall be made. This changes RRS 62.
- 5.3 A Team which causes damage to its own boat or to another competitor in which damage prevents a boat from continuing to race shall incur the following penalties –
Disqualification not to be discarded for the race in which the damage occurred and if there are no spare boats available, no redress for each subsequent race that day in which the boat is unable to race.
- 5.4 A Team which has its boat damaged by another competitor to the extent that the boat cannot continue to race shall be entitled to redress provided the Team has successfully protested the other boat. Allocation of a spare boat shall be decided in favour of the team that has been granted redress.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 There shall be a maximum of six races (6) races per day.
- 6.2 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.
- 6.3 The schedule is as follows:

Event	Time
Registration	0830-0900 hrs
Competitor Briefing	0900 hrs
First Warning Signal	0955 hrs
Daily Results & BBQ in the NCYC Clubhouse	30 minutes after last boat docked

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The intended racing area will be in the vicinity of Honeysuckle Hotel, in the Basin of Newcastle Harbour.

8 COURSE

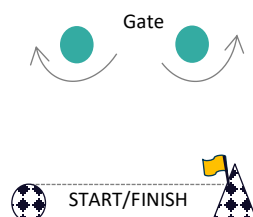
- 8.1 The courses shall be windward/leeward configurations.
- 8.2 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port.
- 8.3 Marks 1, 1a and the Gate marks will be green inflatable buoys.
- 8.4 The Start/Finish Mark will be a black & white check inflatable buoy.
- 8.5 The course is as follows:

COURSE CONFIGURATION <i>(all Marks rounded to PORT)</i>	
Two Laps	<i>Start – Mark 1 – Mark 1a – Gate – Mark 1 – Mark 1a – Finish</i>



Approximate
Wind Direction

Diagram – Not to scale



10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be a straight line between the port end Mark and an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel.
- 10.2 Start signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.3 The Class Flag will be code Flag "E"
- 10.4 A boat shall start not later than 4 minutes after its starting signal.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the Start/Finish Mark and an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Vessel.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The Finishing Window will be 10 minutes, that is, within ten minutes of the first boat to finish.
- 12.2 Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This Changes RRS 35.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Arbitration may be implemented as per Appendix T.
- 13.2 The Protest Time Limit will be 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.
- 13.3 If protesting, a boat shall hail "Protest" and clearly display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident. The red flag shall remain displayed until she has so informed the Race Committee after finishing or retiring for her protest to be valid.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 There will be a maximum of six (6) races per day.
- 14.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A9 of the RRS will apply.
- 14.3 Each team shall discard its worst score of each raceday. Should three (3) or less races be conducted on a raceday, all races shall count for that day.

15 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast, for any purpose and in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the boat of the day at the Prizegiving Ceremony after racing.
- 16.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those participating in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Competitors must acknowledge this prior to competing. By participating, competitors release the OA and its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."