



World Sailing

Australia 2023

Youth Match
Racing World
Championship

2023 WORLD SAILING YOUTH MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA // 9 - 15 DECEMBER 2023



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions (SI), will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NOR) or SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 1.5 The event is a World Sailing (WS) Grade WC event. This grading is subject to review by the WS. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.
- 1.6 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b) and RRS Appendix N. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 1.7 Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will have the status of a rule .
- 1.8 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available on the ONB after 0900 hrs on 9 December 2023.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB which is located in the Rolex Sydney Village.
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This does not include any communication with the Race Committee (RC) over the designated race channel.

4 COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Up to twelve (12) skippers will be invited, one per Member National Authority (MNA). Only skippers invited by WS will be eligible to enter this event. One of the invitations will be issued to a skipper nominated by Australian Sailing (AS), with WS approval.
- 4.2 WS MNAs may apply for an invitation for up to two skippers of their nationality by sending a completed Request for Invitation Form for each skipper to matchracing@sailing.org no later than 8 September 2023. WS will inform MNAs, and at least one skipper per MNA, if they will be issued with an invitation no later than 15 September 2023.
- 4.3 Skipper selections will be based on the skipper's match racing experience, then fleet racing experience, then age, then geographical distribution.

- 4.4 After 1 October 2023, WS may invite skippers at its own discretion, including additional skippers from an MNA if necessary to have fourteen skippers at the event, in which case the host MNA will receive the first additional skipper invitation.
- 4.5 All competitors shall be under 23 years old on 31 December 2023 (i.e., born after 31 December 2000). Evidence of age shall be submitted to WS no later than the close of registration (the Technical Delegate may extend this deadline).
- 4.6 All Skippers shall obtain a WS Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>. Skippers shall inform the Organising Authority (OA) of their WS Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.7 All competitors shall be current members of their MNA.

5 ENTRY

5.1 Entering

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and damage deposit. All payments shall be made as specified in the Letter of Invitation.

5.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$1500 AUD shall be paid as specified in the Letter of Invitation. The entry fee will include accommodation, breakfast and lunches on each scheduled race day and invitations to the Opening Ceremony and Prize giving.

5.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by WS. (WS Regulation 27.2.2(d)).

6 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT / INSURANCE

- 6.1 An initial damage deposit of \$1300 AUD shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA.
- 6.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or Protest Committee (PC). The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident.
- 6.3 If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 6.4 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance. The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.
- 6.5 It is recommended that each entrant and crew member have appropriate personal medical and liability insurance.

7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 7.1 The total number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5). There shall be at least one female and one male in the crew. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 7.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 7.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the Technical Delegate (TD) may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

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- 7.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, wearing a minimum of shorts and tee shirt shall not exceed 350kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 7.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

8 EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 The OA may provide ten (10) Elliott 7 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, and Symmetrical Spinnaker.
- 8.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the RC. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 8.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be asked to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 8.4 While all reasonable steps will be taken to equalise boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 8.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 8.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. It is the intention of the RC to use a leeward gate.
- 8.7 The intended racing area is Sydney Harbour.
- 8.8 The event will consist of the following stages:
 (i) First Stage – Round Robin
 (ii) Second Stage – Repechage
 (iii) Third Stage – Knock-Out Quarter-Finals
 (iv) Fourth Stage – Knock-Out Semi-Finals
 (v) Fifth Stage – Knock-Out Petit-Finals
 (vi) Sixth Stage – Knock-Out Final
- 8.9 The TD may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impracticable to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

9 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 9.1 The event will be held from 9 to 15 December 2023.

Saturday 9 December 2023

0900 hrs	Race office opens
0930 - 1300 hrs	Registration and crew weigh-in
1000 - 1600 hrs	Practice
1630 hrs	First briefing, followed by meeting with umpires

Sunday 10 December 2023

0900 hrs	Race office opens
0930 - 1300 hrs	Registration and crew weigh-in
1000 - 1600 hrs	Practice
1800 - 2000 hrs	Opening Ceremony

Monday 11 December to Friday 15 December 2023

1000 hrs	Briefing at the Rolex Sydney Village
1153 hrs	First Attention Signal (unless specified by RC)
Post racing	Competitor debrief—(attendance optional)
Post racing	Press conference (approx. 30 mins after dock in)

Wednesday 13 December 2023

1500 - 1700hrs	Sponsor Pro-Am Regatta
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Friday 15 December 2023

1800hrs - 2100hrs	Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving
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- 9.2 The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approx. 1700 hrs.
- 9.3 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- (i) Initial briefing, for skippers.
 - (ii) Daily briefings, for skippers.
 - (iii) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
 - (iv) Pro-Am Regatta, for skippers sailing that day.
 - (v) Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving for all competitors.

10 ADVERTISING

[NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

11 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 11.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into dispute.
- 11.2 Competitors and Support Persons shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

12 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

- 12.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 12.2 Support person vessels shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from officials.
- 12.3 Support person vessels may be required to assist with boat transfers under the direction of the RC.

13 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

13.1 If required by the OA:

- (i) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (ii) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.

Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

13.2 Competitor's shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

13.3 All those who take part in the regatta as competitors as well as support persons or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

13.4 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the 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 said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation

14 DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-competition testing may be carried out at the event.

15 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.**

16 PRIZES

16.1 The first placed skipper after Stage 1 will be presented with the World Sailing "Gérard Bossé Memorial Trophy".

16.2 The first placed skipper in the final results will be declared as the 2023 Youth Match Racing World Champion and will be presented with the Youth Match Racing World Championship Trophy.

16.3 World Sailing Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.

16.4 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The OA will issue all competitors and officials of the event temporary membership to the CYCA for the duration of the event. Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and can have this privilege revoked should such request be ignored.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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INVITE REQUEST FORM

Member National Authority	Group	Continent/Region

We apply for an invitation for the 2023 World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship as per Notice of Race 4.

We wish to enter the following skipper:

Skipper	Sailor ID	E-mail	Birthdate (DD/MM/YY)

Summary of recent match racing experience

Signature	Date

Position within MNA

Please return the completed and signed form to the World Sailing Executive Office via email (match.racing@sailing.org and jordan.reece@cyca.com.au) before the deadline (8 September 2023).

Invitations will be issued by 15 September 2023.



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