

Sydney Amateur Sailing Club – Lion Island Race – 5th September 2026

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club (SASC).

1. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1. Notices to competitors will be placed on the online notice boards in SailSys and on the SASC website.
- 1.2. A list of entries will be available to all entrants, via SailSys no later than two (2) hours before the start of a race.
- 1.3. Entries and results will be posted on the SailSys website site.

2. CHANGES TO PROGRAM OF RACING AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Racing is scheduled as detailed in the racing program posted on the SASC website.
- 2.2. The OA reserves the right to change the racing program and the sailing instructions.
- 2.3. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 2.4. Any change to the racing program will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3. SPECIAL SIGNALS

- 3.1. Signals made on the committee vessel will be displayed on the start boat MV Kareela.
- 3.2. These signals will remain displayed during the entire starting sequence and the order of starting will not be altered.

4. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. (NP) (DP) The following areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions. Boats infringing this rule will be subject to protest:
- 4.2. **Long Reef** – don't hit Long Reef.
- 4.3. **Pittwater** - note there are some shallow areas adjacent to Palm Beach (**South Side**)

5. ASSISTANCE IN RECORDING STARTERS

- 5.1. Prior to the race - on the day of the race, SASC will send an SMS message to all nominated skippers to sign-on (via SailSys) for the race. The options are **Yes/No** to compete in the race. This assists the starters to record which boats are racing for the day.
- 5.2. (DP) Boats are requested to sail past the starboard side of the committee vessel with their sail number visible prior to their starting sequence to assist race officials identifying starters in all races. In so doing, boats must keep clear of boats already in their starting sequence.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1. Radio Communications are via VHF 73 or 0418 625 883

7. ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1. All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Safety Audit Category 5, (or higher) and compliance and TfNSW Open Water requirements.

8. BEFORE THE START

- 8.1. All boats are to contact the committee vessel before the start and advise the number of persons on board (POB).

9. THE START

- 9.1. The start line is between an orange flag on the committee vessel “Kareela” and an orange inflatable buoy. The start line will be in the vicinity of Watson Bay.

10. STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS

- 10.1. Starting signals will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26.

WARNING SIGNAL TIME	DIVISION	FLAG
09:25	Division 1	T
09:30	Division 2	R
09:35	Division 3 (Two Handed)	C

11. COURSES

- 11.1. All divisions are to sail the course signalled by the corresponding code flag.
- 11.2. All marks are rounded to starboard unless otherwise indicated. (P) denotes port hand rounding.
- 11.3. Lion Island Sea Mark – RPAYC Orange Rounding Mark - Approx – 33o 33.6’S 151o 20.0’E

COURSE	START	ROUNDING MARKS	FINISH
A	Watsons Bay	LB – LION ISLAND SEA MARK (P) RPAYC ORANGE BUOY APPROX. 33o 33.6’S 151o 20.0’E	Watsons Bay
Z	Watsons Bay	MW– ME– SM– MW– ME– SM– MW– ME	Watsons Bay

12. RECALLS

- 12.1. In the event of a general recall, the order of starting will not be altered.
- 12.2. To assist competitors the race committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF channel 73. This changes RRS 29.

13. BOATS RETIRING

- 13.1. (DP) Boats retiring from a race shall notify the Committee Vessel by direct contact or on VHF channel 73 or by phoning the starter’s mobile 0419 625 883.
- 13.2. Boats not complying may be scored DNC.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line shall be between the Blue Flag on the Signal Mast of the committee vessel MV Kareela and the Eastern Channel Pile light (Wedding Cake) near Watsons Bay and shall be crossed in the direction from the last mark leaving the Eastern Channel Pile light (Wedding Cake) to port. Competing yachts shall not pass through the finishing line unless finishing.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The absolute time limit will be the official (BOM) sunset time for that day.

16. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 16.1. Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 60 and requests for redress in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by clauses 15.3 and 15.4.
- 16.2. Protests must be lodged on the protest form - [Download Protest Form](#)
- 16.3. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in writing at the SASC Sailing Office or by electronic means. If the SASC Sailing Office is closed, protests and requests for redress may be placed in the Sailing Office letter box.
- 16.4. The time limit for the lodging of protests, and requests for redress based on an incident in the racing area, shall be 1100 hours on the first working day after the event. This changes RRS 60 and 61.
- 16.5. Protests and requests for redress will be heard at the clubhouse of the conducting club on the following Tuesday unless otherwise decided by the protest committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.
- 16.6. Any boat which lodges a protest or request for redress, and which is not represented at the hearing without informing the protest committee by 1100 hours on the day of the hearing shall be scored DNE for the race to which the protest or request for redress is related. This changes RRS 63.1(b)

17. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 17.1. The attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in the Notice of Race clauses 18.1 – Risk Warning and 18.2 – Competitors' Declaration.
- 17.2. The owner, charterer or representative acknowledges the possibility of and accepts the risk associated with the perils of the sea; the seaworthiness or otherwise of any other boat participating in any race comprising part of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club races.