Sydney Hobart

2025

Notice of Race

V1.1 2025-12-24

Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

Preamble

The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in Sailaway starts December 26th 2025

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia :

"Launched in 1945, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race has built an towering global reputation to become one of the most famous fixtures on the international sporting calendar. "

https://rolexsydneyhobart.com/

For Sailaway the O.E.Y.C Offshore E-Sailing Yacht Club set up races in divisions for all Sailaway monohulls that meet the minimum LOA of 21 feet.

All race courses have a length of 628 nautical miles.

1.   THE RACE

    1.1.   The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will be conducted using the virtual sailing game Sailaway in its latest installment

    1.2.   The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will start on December 26th 2025 with the preparation signal of the first race at 12:50 local , 2025-12-26 01:50 UTC and start at 13:00 local, 2025-12-26 02:00 UTC

    1.3.   The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will be conducted in separate divisions by boat class and rating. Divisions will be announced in the Sailaway simulator, O.E.Y.C Discord server, and on the The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in Sailaway website.

2.   SCHEDULE

    2.1.   Races will start as following:

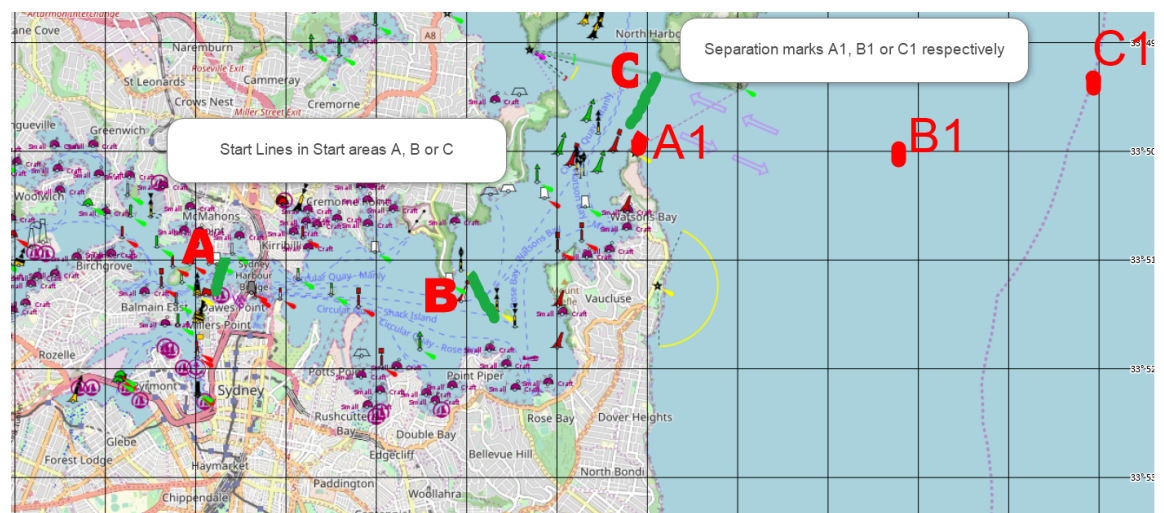| Division	Start
Div I	at startline A at 14:40 PM
Div II	at startline A at 14:20 PM
Div III	at startline B at 14:00 PM
DIv IV	at startline B at 13:40 PM
Div V	at startline C at 13:20 PM
Div VI	at startline C at 13:00 PM

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2.2.   Starts may be postponed to a start time later that same day, without further notice.

2.3.   There may be more races than mentioned in NOR 2.1 without further notice.

2.4.   Races will be published in Sailaway more than 48 hrs before the preparatory signal.

3.   COURSE

3.1.   The courses A, B, or C for The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race are: From the start line near Sydney (A, B or C) , leaving the separation mark east or south of the Outer North Head to starboard (A1, B1 or C1), leaving the mark south of Tasman Island to starboard and on to the finish line in Hobart. There are no further marks.

3.2.   Courses will be published on Sailaway, however can be changed up to 1 hr before the start.

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4. AMENDMENTS

    4.1. This Notice of Race can be amended. Amendments will be published on the Sailaway Discord server and/or the race website

5. REGISTRATION

    5.1. Boats shall subscribe up to 24 hrs before the start of the race.

    5.2. Boats shall have signed in / gone to the start 30 minutes before the start of the race.

    5.3. Boats that are late shall explicitly not appear in the start area before 10 minutes AFTER the start of the race.

    5.4. Non compliant boats shall be removed from registration at discretion of the race organizers

6. RULES

    6.1. Documents, or links to public locations of those documents, governing The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will be published on the Sailaway Discord server and are available for download from The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race website. https://e-offshore-racing.com/index.php/sydney-hobart/

    6.2. The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is governed by the rules as defined in Sailing World Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) for The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race to be published no later than 14 days before the start of Leg1.

    6.3. By registering to participate in The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, e-sailors accept the rules and terms of the race as set out in this Notice of Race and set out in The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Sailing Instructions.

    6.4. If an e-sailor behaves in a way that contradicts the rules and terms of engagement set out in this Notice of Race, or those set out in The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Sailing Instructions. The Race Organizer has the right to remove the e-sailor.

    6.5. Individual e-sailors are not allowed to sail on more than one boat participating in the race.

7. BOAT CLASS

7.1. The race will be conducted in monohulls with a minimum LOA of 21 feet.

8. CLASS DIVISIONS

8.1. Div I   course A start 03:40 UTC

Nordic Folkboat
Muscadet
Ganet 50
Partridge
Caribbean Rose

8.2. Div II   course A start 03:20 UTCT

pelagic 77 schooner 1.18
50' Bluewater Cruiser
J/112E
RTC 44
KRITER V
ELK 44
Mini Transat
Nautor Swan 80
Aero 40.1
J-CLASS RANGER '37
J-HX
J-HXX
J-HXV

8.3. Div III course B start 03:00 UTC

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Comanche
STARSHIP
JL40
Mini 6.50 - D119
PETREL 39
TOMAHAWK
Mini 6.50 - Kooka 650
TCD 100 ii

8.4.   Div IV course B start 02:40 UTC

IMOCA(F1)RAZOR
Sailaway Imoca 60
IMOCA Project
DX60Evo
IMOCA - Kooka 60
JL60
IMOCA SC
ADVENS 2
IMOCA OPEN

8.5.   Div V course C start 02:20 UTC

TCD 100 ii
Sailaway Cup 75
Stormcatcher
MAX150

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8.6. Div VI   Monohulls with Individual Rating TBD based on average polar in Sailaway III, course C start 02:00 UTC

Javelin
Jolly Roger

9.   SCORING

9.1. Overall and divisions are scored by finishtime on handicap, by applying a Time Correcting Factor (TCF) based on average performance of the boat design.

9.2. Finishtime on handicap is Finishtime x Time Correction Factor

10.   ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

10.1. There is no age restriction on registering for The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. If an e-sailor under the age of 18 years old qualifies for prizes, any prizes must be accepted by a parent or legal guardian who must consent to the event rules and the acceptance of the prizes.

11.   PRIZES

11.1. The owner of the boat with the fastest corrected time in each of the division races will be awarded one of the boats under development by the J.C.J. Naval Architects. A Contessa 35, Roland von Bremen or Team Philps 2

11.2. The owner of the boat that crosses the finish line first, will receive respect and honor.

11.3. Race organizers of the O.E.Y.C. and other officials involved in regulating and conducting the races are not eligible to receive prizes.

12.   MEDIA RIGHTS

12.1. By participating in an event of The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, e-sailors automatically grant to the organizers, Sailaway developers Orbcreation b.v and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any live, taped or filmed reproductions, in

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game video streams and of the e-sailor during the period of The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race without compensation.

13. INFORMATION

13.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) for The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race will present changes to the Sailing World Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

13.2. For technical queries about the Sailaway game, contact the Sailaway developers Orbcreation b.v at https://sailaway.world/

13.3. For other queries about The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, including feedback on the Racing Rules of Sailing, please contact The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race organizer(s) through the organizers Discord server or the race website.

14. CODE OF CONDUCT

14.1. E-sailors must conduct themselves in a reasonable manner, maintaining a friendly and polite demeanor to spectators, members of the press, other e-sailors, The Sydney Hobart Yacht Race organizers, Sailaway developers Orbcreation b.v employees and World Sailing. All e-sailors are expected to adhere to the standards of good sportsmanship.

14.2. E-sailors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from the organizers and Sailaway developers Orbcreation b.v employees.

14.3. Race organizers may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request.

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16.   CHANGES

16.1.   2025-12-24 V 1.1

16.1.1.   2 SCHEDULE
16.1.1.1.   Reverse order of start for DIV I through Div VI

16.1.2.   8 CLASS DIVISIONS
16.1.2.1.   Designated start areas and startimes

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