

Elwood Sailing Club Notice of Race

Club Racing 2025-2026 Season

This Notice of Race (NOR) covers the club races listed in the Sailing Calendar for the 2025-26 season.

The organising authority is Elwood Sailing Club Incorporated (ESC).

RULES

1.1. Racing will be under the authority of ESC and governed by the NOR, the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions there-to, including Special Regulations Part 2 for off-the-beach boats, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2. The racing rules will be modified in accordance with Rule 86, as follows:

- a) Rule A2 is amended by the scoring system set out in NOR paragraph 8
- b) Rule 49.1 is amended by the applicable class rules where they permit the use of additional devices
- c) Rule 63.1 is amended by NOR paragraphs 2.5 and 2.7, and as detailed in the SI
- d) Rule 26 has been changed to allow for a 3-minute starting sequence, as detailed in the SI
- e) Rule 44.1 when applied to catamaran classes, only one turn will be required as opposed to 2 turns

1.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for all Series.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. All off-the-beach boats are eligible to take part in ESC club races.

2.2. All participating sailors must be full members of ESC, full members of another Australian Sailing affiliated club, or SailPass temporary members of ESC.

2.3. Boats intending to use a sail having a number or mark that differs from the sail number or mark for that boat on the club register, shall notify the Tower Officer in writing before starting.

2.4. Entries will be accepted on the day of the race from members and visitors.

2.5. Skippers shall enter by using the sign-on/off registration sheet or electronically via the tablet provided in the boatshed. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DNC for the session without a hearing.

2.6. Visiting skippers and their crew must also complete the visitor registration form in the boatshed.

2.7. Members and visitors are required to have a minimum of \$10M third party insurance cover, and the policy may be sighted by a member of the General Committee. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DNC for that racing session without a hearing.

2.8. ESC reserves the right to refuse any entry.

RACE PROGRAMME

3.1. As published in the ESC Sailing Calendar on the club website (www.elwoodsc.com).

DIVISIONS

4.1. Boats shall race in Divisions as described in the Sailing Instructions.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The Sailing Instructions are available from the Club website (www.elwoodsc.com).

RACING AREA

6.1. The racing area will be off Elwood beach between Point Ormond and the Brighton breakwater. Attention is drawn to the no boating zone and speed restriction zones regulated by civil authorities.

COURSES

7.1. Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions or, for special events, they will be described at the daily information session

SCORING SYSTEM

8.1. The Low-Point scoring system RRS A2 will apply with the following amendments:

a) Rule A2 - This rule is replaced with the following: "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores and duty attendance scores, excluding her worst scores in accordance with paragraph 9. The boat with the lowest series score wins and the others shall be ranked accordingly".

b) Rule A5.3 applies, with the words "entered in the series" replaced by "on the class register on the day of the race".

8.2. For all events, a lone boat in her class/division that comes to the starting area will be eligible to score points.

8.3. Boat skippers and crews rostered for duty shall report to the Tower Officer by 1100 hrs on their duty day. At the end of the specific series in which the rostered duty took place, for each race for which they performed duty they will be allocated 2 points for the relevant series. Casual duty days performed in addition to rostered days will be awarded points equal to Did Not Start points for the races held that day unless recorded by the Rear Commodore that the day will be assigned as a rostered duty day. If a skipper and crew do not report on time when rostered for duty, their boat will be given a score for that day equal to the number of boats in their class on the club register plus 5. This score will not be discardable.

8.4 In the event of the replacement of a boat during the season, the owner may on application to the Race Committee, be permitted to continue the points scored to that time, provided that the boat is the same class as the previous boat and at all times complies with the rules as per paragraph 2.

8.5. A boat not sailed by its nominated skipper will be allocated DNC.

8.6. Visitors' finishing positions are disregarded in the calculation of point scores and prizes.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on the average number of boats (class or division) sailing in the respective club event.

First Place only – Minimum of 3 boats

First & Second – Minimum of 6 boats

First, Second & Third -Minimum of 9 Boats

First, Second, Third & fourth – Minimum of 12 boats

9.1. Champion of Champions Trophy: This trophy will be awarded to the sponsored class boat having the highest score in the club, after application of the formula 'number of first places in the season in its class, times the square root of the average number of starters in its class'. Events to count in this calculation are the Class Championships, Commodores Trophy and Vice-Commodores Trophy.

9.2. Class Championship Awards: These awards are for boats in each of the club's sponsored classes having the lowest total score from the races nominated as counting for this award, after discarding each boat's worst score when 6 or 7 races are held, or two worst scores if 8 or 9 races are held, or four worst scores if 10 or more races are held. The winners will be listed on the honour board and will receive a trophy.

9.3. Commodores Awards: These awards are for boats in each of the club's sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours & handicap in club races nominated as counting for this award, after discarding each boat's two worst scores when 6 or 7 races are held, or three worst scores if 8 or 9 races are held, or four worst scores if 10 or more races are held.

9.4. Vice Commodores Awards: These awards are for boats in each of the club's sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours & handicap in club races nominated as counting for this award, after discarding each boat's two worst scores when 6 or 7 races are held, or three worst scores if 8 or 9 races are held, or four worst scores if 10 or more races are held.

9.5. Rear Commodores Awards: These awards are for boats, excluding those who win an award in any of the above categories, in each of the club's sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores calculated on handicaps in races held for the Class Championship, Commodores, Vice Commodores, Lightning & Stern chaser awards, after discarding each boat worst scores of the series equal to 25% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of races sailed by each class.

9.6. Bill MacNamara Trophy – Perpetual Trophy: This trophy is for the boat who wins the Bill MacNamara race on an AS Yardstick adjusted basis. An additional award will be based on boat handicap.

9.7. John Pyers Trophy – Perpetual Trophy: For the A-Cat that scores the maximum points from the formula $((\text{Total number of First places in all ESC club races}) \times ((\text{number of races sailed}) + (\text{rostered duty days performed})))$ calculated over the race season.

9.8. Other Awards and Prizes:

- A) Other awards and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.
- B) Stern Chaser Series
- C) Lightning Series
- D) Division awards for multi-class racing

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. All competitors are responsible for the sea worthiness of their own boat.

10.2. The Race Committee may require the owner or the person in charge to demonstrate that the boat complies with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Equipment Audit – Off the Beach boats. Which reads: “If it does not comply with these Special Regulations the boat’s entry may be rejected, or it may be liable to disqualification, or such other penalty as may be prescribed”.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1. RRS 3 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.

11.2. ESC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after races.