



**Harvey Norman**<sup>®</sup>  
COMMERCIAL DIVISION

## 2026 Pot of Gold Weekend

31 January-1 February 2026

**Incorporating**

HYC Pot of Gold

HYC Dash for Cash

HYC Shepherdess Cup

HYC Dash Back

## Notice of Race

Organising Authority, Hillarys Yacht Club

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## Abbreviations

IRC	International Rating Certificate
ORWA	Ocean Racing Western Australia
RRS	The current Racing Rules of Sailing as published by World Sailing.
SI's	Sailing Instructions
SSI's	Supplementary Sailing Instructions
[DP]	Denotes a rule of which the penalty is at the discretion of the race committee and may be less than disqualification.

## 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS.
- 1.2 The Pot of Gold and Shepherdess Cup Races will be governed by the ORWA 2025-2026 Sailing Instructions. These races are classed as Category 4, as defined in section 2 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1.
- 1.3 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be issued for the Pot of Gold and Shepherdess Cup Races.
- 1.4 The Dash for Cash and Dash Back will be governed by the HYC Dash for Cash Sailing Instructions. These races are classed as Category 6, as defined in section 2 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1. The races will have an escort safety boat.
- 1.5 The HYC Dash for Cash and Dash Back Sailing Instructions will be available on the Hillarys Yacht Club web site, [www.hillarysyachtclub.com.au](http://www.hillarysyachtclub.com.au) no later than 31st December 2025.

## 2 Communications

- 2.1 The online official notice board is located on the Hillarys Yacht Club website, [www.hillarysyachtclub.com.au](http://www.hillarysyachtclub.com.au) under Water Sports, Keelboat Racing, Pot of Gold Weekend 2026.
- 2.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 16 and 72, as well as any other channel(s) that maybe specified in the SI's and SSI's.
- 2.3 On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio on the Race Channel.
- 2.4 [DP] 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.

## 3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 All financial members of invited Clubs and/or Class Associations are eligible to compete.
- 3.2 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
  - a) If, by the closing date, less than 5 entries are received in any division, the OA may change the eligibility requirements.
  - b) Yachts affected will have the option of confirming their entry under the new eligibility requirement or having their fee refunded.
  - c) The OA shall have the right, in the interest of fair sailing, to allocate a yacht to a particular division.
- 3.3 Eligible boats for the Dash for Cash shall enter online via the HYC website ([www.hillarysyachtclub.com.au](http://www.hillarysyachtclub.com.au)) under Water Sports, Keelboat Racing, Pot of Gold Weekend 2026, with accompanied required fee prior to 1700 Monday 26 January 2026.

- 3.4 Eligible boats for the Pot of Gold shall enter via the ORWA web site ([www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-entry/](http://www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-entry/)), with accompanied required fee prior to 1700 Monday 26 January 2026.
- 3.5 Entry is at the absolute discretion of the OA.
- 3.6 Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

#### 4 Event Categories

- 4.1 The following event categories are provided for the Dash for Cash and Dash Back.

Division	Description	Handicap
Division 1	Yachts with a length overall greater than 9.5 metres, or at the Race Committee's discretion, sailing the Dash for Cash from Fremantle to Hillarys.	PHS
Division 2	Yachts with a length overall less than 9.5 metres, or at the Race Committee's discretion, sailing the Dash for Cash from Fremantle to Hillarys.	PHS
Division 3 (Jib and Main)	Yachts that shall not fly a spinnaker at any time during the race, sailing the Dash for Cash from Fremantle to Hillarys.	PHS

#### 5 Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee for boats entering the Dash for Cash and Dash Back shall be \$80.00.
- 5.2 The entry fee for the Pot of Gold and Shepherdess Cup shall be \$150.00.

#### 6 Schedule

- 6.1 A detailed race schedule and courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

Date	Time	Details
Saturday 31 <sup>th</sup> January	0930	First Warning signal Pot of Gold
	1015	First Warning Signal Dash for Cash
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	0930	Warning signal All Divisions Shepherdess Cup
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	1000	First Warning Signal Dash Back

#### 7 Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area will be the waters of the Indian Ocean, from Fremantle to Hillarys.

#### 8 Courses

- 8.1 Detailed course will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The Dash for Cash start will be in the vicinity of Hall Bank Beacon. The Dash Back start will be in the waters off Sorrento Beach.

#### 9 Scoring

- 9.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

#### 10 Support Person Vessels

- 10.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with white and green flags.

#### 11 Berthing

- 11.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned pens whilst they are in the Hillarys Harbour.

## **12 Risk Statement**

- 12.1 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.**

## **13 Insurance**

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or equivalent. By taking part in the regatta owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

## **14 Prizes**

- 14.1 Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters for the Dash for Cash for PHS handicaps.
- 14.2 Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters for the Pot of Gold for PHS and IRC handicaps.
- 14.3 Trophies will be awarded for the winners of the Shepherdess Cup and Dash Back races.
- 14.4 An honour board is awarded to the ORWA boat for the combined IRC and PHS winners of the Pot of Gold and Shepherdess Cup.

## **15 Enquiries and Communications**

- 15.1 The Aquatics Coordinator  
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