

# 2026 Lincoln Week Regatta

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 INVITATION

The Port Lincoln Yacht Club, as the organising authority will conduct the

## 2026 Lincoln Week Regatta

On the waters of Boston Bay and Spencer Gulf from

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Owners and Charterers of eligible boats are invited to enter on the conditions of the Notice of Race

### 2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 – 2028.
- 2.2 Special Regulation Part 1 Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 2.3 The following alteration has been made to the rules:  
RRS 55.3 is amended to permit boats to tack spinnakers to bowsprits or bow poles.
- 2.4 RRS 51, Movable or Variable Ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) is altered by adding, “except that canting keels and transferable water ballasting and pumps to fill, transfer and exhaust water ballast are allowed for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
- 2.5 RRS 52 (Manual Power) is deleted. Stored power is permitted for the adjustment and operation of sails and movable appendages.
- 2.6 IRC Rules 11.2 & 21.6.1: In accordance with a prescription by Australian Sailing, a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on the boat's IRC Certificate without an increase of rating.
- 2.7 IRC Rules 2025 Part A, B and C shall apply.
- 2.8 For boats entering in Multihull racing the Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR) will apply.
- 2.9 Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to an IRC or AMS yacht's TCC or Multihulls OMR Rating will be permitted after 0800 hrs - Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- 2.10 For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days, however the sails carried on board may not remain the same for the duration of the event. Sails shall remain the same for each day and a boat shall not carry more sails than permitted by her IRC Certificate. For the purpose of this rule, the day begins when the boat leaves the harbour for the first time each day and ends when the boat returns to the harbour after racing.”

### 3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 The World Sailing Advertising Code, shall apply.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

- 3.3 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of the South Australian or Australian Governments.

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 Races are open to Monohull and Multihull yachts that comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 6 for all divisions racing within the confines of Boston Bay and Category 5 for all races outside Boston Bay. Doublehanded crews it will be mandatory to wear PFD at all times.
- 4.2 All yachts shall comply with all entry requirements prior to 2400 hrs Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- 4.3 Yachts shall be on the register of a yacht club affiliated with its National Authority.
- 4.4 All yachts competing in the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta** shall have a current Special Regulations Audit certificate, which may be inspected by the Race Committee.
- 4.5 Yachts using water ballast must have their certificate endorsed for water ballast. All yachts must produce copies of current certificates on demand.
- 4.6 IRC Rule 24.4.2 is deleted and replaced by, “The maximum total weight of crew in kilograms that may sail aboard a boat shall not exceed the product of the crew number printed on her certificate multiplied by 85. There is no maximum number of crew.”
- 4.7 In the IRC division, Australian Sailing prescribes that “during a regatta run on consecutive days, including any lay days, the crew shall remain the same and be on board for all races”. Exceptionally, crew may be replaced with the permission of the Race Committee.
- 4.8 For multihulls racing under OMR rule, in the event of a requirement to change crew during the regatta, the number of crew and total crew weight must not be less than the original on the OMR rating for the regatta. Permission must be received from the Race Committee before any crew changes are made.
- 4.9 All crew must be current Australian Sailing members. See Port Lincoln Yacht Club website [www.lincolnweek.com.au](http://www.lincolnweek.com.au) for details of membership availability. This membership requirement will also apply to any late crew changes.
- 4.10 Crew lists. Skippers are required to provide complete details of all crew aboard and emergency contact details for each crew member as per the crew details entry conditions in the Top yacht entry system.

#### **5 ENTRIES**

- 5.1 Entries shall be lodged online with the appropriate fee with the PLYC by 2400 hrs —Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026.
- 5.2 The race committee is not obliged to accept an entry and reserves the right to refuse any entry (RRS 76).
- 5.3 No entries, or Special Regulations Audit certificates will be accepted after 2400 hours on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

#### **6 FEES (All fees are inclusive of GST)**

- 6.1 Entry fee for the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta** will be \$200.
- 6.2 The entry fee automatically enters you in PHS division, if you wish to enter either AMS, ORC and/or IRC division or Offshore Multihull OMR then the additional fee will be \$75 per division.
- 6.3 Any entries received between 2400 hrs on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 and 2400 hrs on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 will attract a late entry fee of \$100.

- 6.4 Entry Cancellation and Refunds - If written cancellation of entry is received by the Organising Authority by 2400 hrs on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the whole fee less a \$100 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances. In the event of the regatta being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded.

## 7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 Regatta registration and competitor's briefing will be held at the Marina Hotel on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Registration will commence at 0830 hrs and the briefing at 0900 hrs.

Day	Event	First Warning Signal
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Race Day	1155 Hrs
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Race Day	1055 Hrs
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Race Day	0955 Hrs
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Race Day	1155 Hrs

- 7.2 Six (6) races are scheduled for all divisions except double handers who will race 4 races.
- 7.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 hours on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- 7.4 No more than three (3) races will be sailed on any one day.
- 7.5 The program may be varied to suit the needs of classes entering the event.
- 7.6 The Lincoln Week Presentation Night Dinner will be held Thursday evening 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

## 8 VENUE

The regatta will be conducted from the Port Lincoln Marina, on Boston Bay and Spencer Gulf.

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be a mixture of Windward-Leeward format, Bay Courses and Passage Races.
- 9.2 Course diagrams for Windward Leeward races and course descriptions for all other courses showing the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 The Lincoln Week Regatta will be scored as follows:
- One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- (a) When three (3) or fewer races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When more than three (3) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

## 11 HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 11.1 Yachts will be allocated into divisions of PHS Handicap at the discretion of the Lincoln Week Race Committee. Handicaps for all divisions will be as per handicap sheets available at the briefing.
- 11.2 Any disagreement with the handicaps allocated will not be grounds for redress.

## 12 DIVISIONS

For a division to be eligible for trophies, there must be a minimum of five entries. Subject to minimum numbers being met, the monohull and double handed divisions will comprise of PHS, IRC, ORC and AMS, the Multihull Racing OMR & PHS. Sports Boats / Trailable Yachts CBH and PHS. Classes may enter providing the requirement for the minimum number of entries is met. All yachts must produce copies of current certificates on demand.

## 13 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

A hard copy of the Sailing Instructions will be available at the Regatta briefing. A copy will be available on the event website ([www.lincolnweek.com.au](http://www.lincolnweek.com.au)) prior to the briefing.

## 14 RADIOS

All yachts shall have a VHF marine radios capable of operating on channels 16, 73 and 81.

## 15 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to overall First, Second and Third placegetters of each division.

## 16 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

The conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members:

- 1 Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta** and may exercise those rights as it sees fit;
- 2 Grant the Organising Authority the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race;
- 3 Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the race and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the Jury, measurers or current or former sponsors of the Organising Authority, except in the event of a declared emergency. This approval may be revoked by the Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the Organising Authority or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a boat (refer RRS 76.1). This does not limit the right of the Organising Authority to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

## 17 INSURANCE

All entrants are required to provide evidence of Public Liability and Third Party Property insurance cover for the sum of at least AUD 10,000,000.

## 18 CONDITION OF ENTRY

By entering a boat in the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta**, all owners/charterers:

- 1 Acknowledge that the entry is made subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Race, as it may be amended;

- 2 Acknowledge and accept the risks, including the risk of harm to persons, associated with:
  - (a) the perils of the sea;
  - (b) the seaworthiness or otherwise of any boat participating in the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta**;
  - (c) the participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta**, including participation as skipper, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; and
  - (d) the defaults, acts and omissions, including negligent defaults, acts and omissions, of the Port Lincoln Yacht Club (PLYC) and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members, and the crews of all boats;
- 3 Acknowledge and accept that PLYC:
  - (a) does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea;
  - (b) is not in a position to take precautions against the risk of harm to persons arising from the perils of the sea;
  - (c) is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to boats and crews during the course of the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta**; and
  - (d) does not certify the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any boat.
- 4 Agree:
  - (a) to release, hold harmless and indemnify PLYC and their officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person, arising from loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, howsoever caused, including by negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:
    - (i) participation by the boat or any other boat in the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta**.
    - (ii) the conduct or course of the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta** in any respect including any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any boat or the death of or injury to any person; or
    - (iii) any of the matters referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4
  - (b) that the benefit of paragraph 4(a) is held on trust by PLYC for the respective officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members of PLYC.
  - (c) that participation by the boat and crew in the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta** is agreed by PLYC on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the boat and that PLYC is not responsible for the boat or its crew; and
  - (d) that it is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or not to start in the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta** or, once having started, whether to continue to race.
- 5 Acknowledge and agree that the contract formed by the acceptance of this entry by PLYC is governed by the law of South Australia and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that the **2026 Lincoln Week Regatta** and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded;
- 6 Agree that if the owner/charterer or any person on the owner's/charterer's behalf requests the Race Committee or any officer, employee or volunteer of PLYC to arrange for special assistance because the boat has become disabled, or for any other reason, then the owner/charterer indemnifies PLYC and its officers, employees and agents in respect of any liability, cost or expense which may thereby be incurred.
- 7 Confirm that:
  - (a) the information in the on-line entry form is correct and up-to-date;

- (b) subject to the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, PLYC will be advised immediately in writing, or by acknowledged facsimile or email, of any change to that information; and
- (c) no alteration likely to affect the rating/handicap/stability of the boat has been made since the boat was last measured/raced and that if any such alteration is made the PLYC will be notified immediately, in writing, or by acknowledged facsimile or email.

## **19 AMENDMENTS**

The Organising Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on event website, [www.lincolnweek.com.au](http://www.lincolnweek.com.au).

## **20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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