



WARREN JONES

International Youth Regatta

Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club



2026 COMPETITOR INFORMATION



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WELCOME



On behalf of the Flag Officers, General Committee, members and volunteers at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 2026 Warren Jones International Youth Regatta.

This iconic youth match racing event, now in its 22nd year, has become a cornerstone of the international youth sailing calendar. The Warren Jones Regatta was established in 2003 in honour of Warren Jones — a West Australian sailing legend whose passion and leadership helped shape this sport we love and whose legacy continues to inspire young sailors around the world.

This year's regatta follows directly on the heels of another very special event — the *Helly Hansen International* hosted by our partners at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in Sydney. Under our new joint partnership, these two premier match racing events have been conducted back-to-back, creating an exciting, world-class series of competition for youth sailors from around the globe.

We congratulate all competitors who have just taken part in the Helly Hansen International match racing event, and we hope those who have travelled from Sydney to Perth carry that same momentum and spirit of competition into the racing here at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. The collaboration between Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia reflects our shared commitment to supporting and growing youth match racing, and providing the very best platform for emerging talent in our sport.

Over the next five days, you will compete on the beautiful waters of Freshwater Bay and the Swan River — one of the most picturesque match racing venues in the world. Here you'll experience intense competition, tactical brilliance, and the camaraderie that makes events like this truly special. Whether you are visiting from near or far, we hope you embrace both the challenge on the water and the spirit of friendship ashore.

As hosts, we are proud to support an event where emerging talent can showcase skill, determination, and sportsmanship. The Warren Jones Regatta has long been a stepping-stone for young sailors aspiring to compete at the highest levels, and we look forward to seeing future champions take their place on this stage.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to our race officials, umpires, volunteers, Club staff, sponsors, and families — your support and dedication make this event possible. To our competitors: good luck, fair winds, and may the best team win.



Once again, welcome to the 2026 Warren Jones International Youth Regatta. We are delighted to have you here, and we wish you an unforgettable week of racing, learning, and making lifelong memories.

Tim Cummins
Commodore

PRIOR TO REGISTRATION

If not already done, please confirm all your crew members names, their dates of birth, their emergency contact name and number and their shirt size and any special dietary requirements that they may have. This information for each crew member should be sent to yachtops@rfbyc.asn.au prior to Registration.

WHATSAPP

During the 2026 Warren Jones Regatta, a lot of communication with competitors will be done via WhatsApp. We encourage you and your crew to sign up to the Warren Jones WhatsApp as soon as possible so you can start receiving information as it comes to hand.

This will not be used as an open chat group but only for the OA RC or umpires to disseminate information.

Sign up using the following:

To sign up via link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JcGS0De126f1SfsqDw59wz>
or

Sign up using your phone, scan the QR code



ACCOMMODATION

Billett information

Teams billeted with host families will receive information before their arrival.

We ask that all sailors conduct themselves respectfully within the host family's home and throughout the community. Please treat our host family, their property, and fellow residents with courtesy, kindness and consideration.



TRANSPORT

Uber

Most interstate and international teams billeted are within walking distance to the yacht club. For international and interstate billeted sailors who are not within walking distance of the Club, reimbursement for Uber transport to and from the yacht club only can be provided on submission of a receipt. However, some host families will assist with transporting teams to the Club.

Train Service – To and from the Airport

Each team is responsible for arranging their own transportation to the allocated accommodation. The Sailing Office will coordinate with teams regarding accommodation details.

A train service runs from the airport direct to Claremont Station. You can change trains at Claremont, to be taken to the Cottesloe or Mosman Park Train Station (or further to Fremantle) depending on where you are billeted. Cottesloe & Mosman Park are the closest Train Stations to the yacht club. The train fare is \$5.10 (or thereabouts). You may wish to take up this option rather than an uber or taxi. The Train time-table can be found [here](#). Please note the last train departs around 11:30pm.

<https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/timetables/details?train=Airport%20Line>

Team Arrival Times

Interstates/Overseas Teams – If not already sent, to assist us with notifying your hosts can you please advise the expected arrival time of your team members to yachtops@rfbyc.asn.au.

REGISTRATION & WEIGH-IN

Registration will take place on Monday 26th January between 0900 - 1530. At Registration you will:

- Confirm all entry details
- Collect Regatta Bag
- Collect Sailing Instructions
- Complete weigh-in

TRAINING SESSION

A draw has taken place and the following training times have been allocated for Monday 26th January:

1000 – 1200 Kemp, Fong, West, Torre, Cameron, Smith
1230 – 1430 Tapper, McAullay, Lovelady, Crafoord, Rossing, Hyde



COMPETITOR BRIEFING

A competitor briefing will take place inside the Dinghy Clubhouse on Monday, 26 January at 1515. The Race Officer and Umpires will be available to answer questions from competitors. Pairing Lists for the Round Robin will be distributed at the Briefing.

RACE START TIMES

Race start times will be announced at the daily briefings. The daily briefing times will be announced via WhatsApp.

OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The official notice board for this event is entirely online via the Warren Jones Regatta website at <https://www.warrenjonesregatta.com/official-notice-board> . All official notices, including any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be published on this notice board as well as being sent via WhatsApp.

BREAKFAST

A continental breakfast will be available at the Dinghy Club between 0815 and 0930 on Tuesday 27th through to Friday 30th . This is complimentary for competitors.

LUNCHES

Complimentary lunch packs will be delivered to each team on the water from Tuesday 27th January through to Friday 30th January. However, if the timing of the racing permits, we may ask teams to collect their lunch packs from the Dinghy Club. This will be notified at the briefing. Competitors with special dietary requirements should make these known prior to or at Registration.

DAILY PROGRAMME / SOCIAL EVENTS & EVENING MEALS

Monday 26th

- 0830 – 1530 Regatta Office Opens
- 0900-1530 Registrations and Crew Weigh-In – Dinghy Clubhouse
- 1000-1430 Practice Session in Freshwater Bay
- 1515-1615 Competitor Briefing followed by a sausage sizzle - Dinghy Clubhouse



Tuesday 27th

1015 Daily Briefing
1100 Racing Commences
1845 Welcome Function – Athol Hobbs Room (upstairs) – Hot and Cold canapes will be served.

Wednesday 28th

0930 Daily Briefing
TBD Racing Commences
1830-1930 Corporate Pro AM Twilight Sail – Sponsor/Host Family Sails
2000 BBQ for Competitors – meal vouchers will be available for competitors *

Thursday 29th

1015 Daily Briefing
TBD Racing Commences
After racing Meal vouchers will be available for competitors *

Friday 30th

0830 Daily Briefing
TBD Racing Commences
1200-1500 Gala Lunch – top four teams will be invited to attend. Roland Smith Room
1500-1830 Racing Continues
1900 Prize Giving Ceremony
1930 onwards Wrap-Up party - Meal vouchers will be available for competitors *

WELCOME FUNCTION

A Welcome Function will be held in the Athol Hobbs Room at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on Tuesday, 27th January from 1845. Teams will be introduced with each skipper given the opportunity to say a few words. Dress is smart casual.

MEAL VOUCHERS *

From Wednesday 28th January to Friday 30th January, meal vouchers will be available for competitors to have a complimentary meal to the value of \$34 from the Casual menu in the Main Clubhouse. An envelope of team vouchers can be collected straight after racing from the Sailing Office located inside the Dinghy Clubhouse. The RFBYC menu can be viewed at [RFBYC Dining Classics](#). Last orders at 2100.



CLUB PROTOCOLS

The minimum standard of dress within the Main Clubhouse is shirt, shorts and shoes (not thongs). Bathers, bikinis and scanty clothing may not be worn on the Club Licensed Premises areas.

PLEASE NO WET CLOTHING IN CARPETED AREAS OF BOTH THE MAIN CLUBHOUSE OR THE DINGHY CLUB

Mobile phones must not be used to make or receive calls whilst in the Members' Bar and Dining Areas. Electronic devices emitting sound are not to be used in the Clubhouse public areas.

Hats or headwear shall be removed whilst in the Clubhouse unless worn for approved Club, medical, religious, or cultural reasons.

LIVE BROADCAST

The 2026 Warren Jones racing will be filmed live via Facebook on Tuesday and Wednesday and broadcast via radio on Thursday and Friday. The website will be updated with the link once available, for family and friends to follow.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the 2026 SailGP season (Season 6), at least 19 Australians are confirmed to be sailing across five different national teams.

The majority compete for the all-Australian BONDS Flying Roos, but significant Australian talent is also distributed among top rival teams like the newly formed Artemis SailGP and Red Bull Italy.

Australians by Team (2026 Season)

BONDS Flying Roos (Australia)

- * Tom Slingsby: Driver & CEO
- * Iain "Goobs" Jensen: Wing Trimmer (Returning to the Australian team for 2026)
- * Glenn Ashby
- * Jason Waterhouse: Flight Controller & Tactician
- * Sam Newton: Grinder
- * Kinley Fowler: Flight Controller & Grinder
- * Natasha Bryant: Strategist
- * Nina Curtis: Strategist
- * Tom Needham: Reserve (Promoted for the 2026 season)

Artemis SailGP Team

- * Nathan Outteridge: Driver (Leading the new Swedish-licensed entry for 2026)
- * David Gilmour (reserve)



Red Bull Italy SailGP Team

- * Phil Robertson: Driver (Note: Dual citizen/Australian-based; listed as Driver for the new Italian entry)
- * Kyle Langford: Wing Trimmer (Moved from the Australian team to Italy for the 2026 season)
- * Will Ryan (reserve)

ROCKWOOL Denmark

- * Tom Johnson: Wing Trimmer
- * Ed Powys (Flight Controller)
- * Luke Payne: Grinder

Emirates Great Britain

- * Luke Parkinson: Flight Controller

Germany SailGP Team:

- * James Wierzbowski (Flight Controller)

9 of the 19 sailors are Warren Jones International Youth Regatta Alumni and 5 of which are WA sailors!

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Wishing all teams the very best with their racing.

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