

# Ryde Sailing



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Sailing was an Olympic sport at the 1908 Summer Olympics.

The program saw four classes contested, three of which (6, 7 and 8 metres) were raced at Ryde.



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This photograph shows local racing being viewed from the end of Ryde pier during the 1908 Summer Olympics (27-29 July).



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Yacht racing off Ryde pier during the 1908 Summer Olympics.

The number of entries was not high. This was because the decision about which classes to race was taken less than one year before the games. All 3 classes, (6 metre keel boat, 7 metre keel boat and 8 metre keel boat) were won by the Great Britain crews.

Two women, Frances Rivett-Carnac in the 7 Metre, and the Duchess of Westminster as extra on her 8 Metre, participated in the games.



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The above photographs show yacht racing off Ryde Circa. 1908.