

# MANLY YACHT CLUB OFFSHORE RACING PLAN OF MANAGEMENT



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## 1. Introduction

***The decision to start or continue a race is the sole responsibility of the skipper.***

This Plan is to be used by the Competitors and Race Officials. It complements the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for Offshore Racing 2013-2014.

References to MYC Race Officer in the Sailing Instructions for Offshore Racing 2013-2014 refers to the Principal Offshore Race Officer in this document.

References to “delegated yachts” in this document are yachts that are appointed by the Principal Offshore Race Officer, or delegated to monitor radio transmissions when total onshore radio coverage is not available.

## 2. Skippers meeting.

A skippers meeting will be conducted prior to races 2-4 of the offshore series. The times and venues of these meetings are detailed in the Sailing Instructions. Any issues regarding race management may be discussed. The Race Director will take what ever action he sees fit. Races may be postponed by the Race Director or the Principal Offshore Race Officer if, as a result of a vote, the majority of skippers want the Race postponed.

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The Race Committee will postpone or abandon a race if a gale warning is current for the sailing area prior to the start of a race.

## 3. Radio Frequency

Channels 16 & 72 will be radio frequencies monitored by MYC, the Principal Offshore Race Officer or the delegated yacht(s).

Yachts should dual watch Channel 16 and 72.

MYC call signal will be *Manly Race Control*

## 4. Monitoring radio transmissions

MYC, the Principal Offshore Race Officer or the delegated yacht(s) will constantly monitor radio frequency 16 and 72 on the VHF band.

All competitors will also monitor radio frequency 16 whilst racing except during the radio schedules where VHF channel 72 is used.

## 5. Use of May Day

This is a ***distress signal and indicates that the vessel or person using it is threatened by grave and imminent danger and requests immediate assistance***. The international frequency for distress calls is channel 16 in the VHF band.

#### **6. Use of Pan Pan.**

This is an ***urgency signal and indicates that the station sending the signal has a very urgent message to transmit concerning the safety of the vessel or the safety of a person***. The international frequency for distress calls is channel 16 in the VHF band.

#### **7. Calls to Principal Offshore Race Officer**

For matters other than distress or urgency signals, competitors may call the Principal Offshore Race Officer or the delegated yacht(s). They may report their position; request weather information; report their retirement; report breakages, damage, injury or request assistance.

#### **8. Assistance**

The Principal Offshore Race Officer or the delegated yacht(s) may request the best positioned competitor to render assistance to another competitor.

Even if an emergency is not declared all competitors are required to provide the requested assistance. The Race Committee will consider requests for redress favourably should they be submitted.

Should external resources beyond the resources of Manly Yacht Club be required, please refer to **RESOURCES** sheet attached.

#### **9. Media Contact**

The only authorised people to liaise with the media regarding an incident in a race are the Commodore and/or President of Manly Yacht Club.

Commodore	Greg Wilkins	(m) 0417 786 635
President	David Lewis	(h) 9982 9822

#### **10. Radio schedules**

The Sailing Instructions detail the radio schedules.

#### **11. Compliance**

The Race Director should ensure that all yachts competing should have a properly completed Entry Form, Equipment Compliance Certificate, Certificate of Currency and Crew List.

#### **12. Compliance spot checks**

The Race Director, Principal Offshore Race Officer or Equipment Compliance Officer may at their discretion conduct spot checks.

#### **13. Race Officer**

The Principal Offshore Race Officer or delegated yacht(s) shall log all radio communications in writing.

The race committee will obtain a current weather forecast prior to skippers meetings and radio schedules. Weather forecasts will be filed with all race management documents.

#### **14. Contingency at Finish**

Where a competitor arrives at the finish line before the finishing Race Officer or other MYC Race Committee Member, the competitor shall take his own finish time and relay that finish time to the Principal Offshore Race Officer or delegated yacht(s).

## **15. Duties**

The following positions are listed below:

Race Director	David Parle	0412 196 805
Principal Offshore Race Officer	David Parle	0412 196 805

## **16. Safety and Emergency Plan for Competitors**

Please refer to Section 2.5 of the MYC Handbook

# RESOURCES

## Water Police

- Sydney 9320 7499
- Broken Bay 9910 7899
- San Souci 8566 7566

**AusSAR – Canberra**

**1800 641 792**

**Marine Rescue Terry Hills**

**9450 2468**

**Marine Rescue**

**8071 4848**

**Harbour Control**

**VHF Channel 13**

**Emergency Services**

**000 or Channel 16**