



## Sailing Instructions

# Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series 2020-2021

The organising authority is the, Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC), Manly Yacht Club (MYC), Royal Australian Naval Sailing Association (RANSA), Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC) and Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS) as amended.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a current valid AS Special Regulations Category 7, or higher, Equipment Audit Form. Random equipment audits may be made throughout the season. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 1.3 All boats shall carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio must be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency.
- 1.4 Non-spinnaker divisions are not permitted to fly spinnakers. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked or attached to the forestay by a luff groove device. The forestay is as defined in the current World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing. Coutu boats or similar craft are exempted from this provision where the forestay is integrated in the headsail luff.
- 1.5 RRS 51 is amended so that boats with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
- 1.6 RRS 52 is amended so that it does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
- 1.7 While racing, boats shall not allow deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the bow are permitted. Vessels in current Commercial Survey with anchors over 32kg, where the survey requirement to be able to release the anchor quickly cannot be met by any other means, are excepted.
- 1.8 All boats are required to enter crew contact details (including the skipper) in the SailSys race management system prior to 1000 hours on each day the boat intends to race. Boats not complying with this requirement shall be scored DNC. This changes RRS 63.
- 1.9 These sailing instructions take precedence for MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC and RSYS season pointscore races scheduled for 19 September, 14 November, 19 December 2020, 30 January, 13 February and 13 March 2021.
- 1.10 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes 63.7.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Boards located at MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC and RSYS. Notices will also be available on each club's website.
- 2.2 The List of Entries will be placed on the clubs' websites and Official Notice Boards no later than two (2) hours before the start of the event.

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000hrs on the day of the race. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before the race.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC and RSYS on the clubs' flag masts. Flag AP with two sounds indicates the race is postponed.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The following races are scheduled:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Race Committee</b>
Sat 19 September	Race 1	RSYS
Sat 14 November	Races 2 and 3	MHYC/MYC
Sat 19 December	Race 4	RANSA
Sat 30 January	Races 5 and 6	RSYS
Sat 13 February	Race 7	RPEYC
Sat 13 March	Race 8	MHYC

#### **6 START TIME & CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each division and the respective division flag are:

<b>Scheduled Time</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Flag Displayed</b>
1250 hrs	Division 1	Q
1255 hrs	Division 2	K
1300 hrs	Division 3	R
1305 hrs	Non-Spinnaker Division	F

- 6.2 Additional divisions may be added or existing divisions deleted from those shown above, depending on the number of entries received.

#### **7 RACING AREA**

Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

#### **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 Course descriptions are as per the attached addendums:
- Addendum 1 for races on 19 September, 19 December, 13 February and 13 March
  - Addendum 2 for races on 14 November and 30 January.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be:
- Signalled with or before the warning signal
  - Indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.
- 8.3 Boats shall proceed to all marks of the relevant course in the order listed and leave each mark on the required side.
- 8.4 All marks are to be passed to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.

#### **9 SHORTENED COURSE**

- 9.1 In the event of the course being shortened before the start, flag S will be displayed with the Course Signal with two sound signals. Boats are to proceed directly to the finish line after leaving the mark indicated by an asterisk (\*) in the courses listed in Addendum 1 or Addendum 2.
- 9.2 In the event of the course being shortened after the start, the committee vessel will display flag S with two sound signals at a rounding mark in accordance with RRS 32.

#### **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Mark descriptions as per Addendum 3 at the conclusion of these SI's.
- 10.2 When a mark is missing or out of position the Race Committee shall, if possible;
- replace it in its correct position, or
  - substitute one of similar appearance, or
  - replace it with a buoy or vessel displaying flag M. This changes RRS 34.

## **11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 Cardinal Marks – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.
- 11.2 Moorings – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.
- 11.3 Shark Island – boats shall not sail between the AS Shark Island Mark (SIM) and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island or between Shark Island and the Shark Island Light (north of Shark Island). These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.
- 11.4 Garden Island and Chowder Bay – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or near the naval wharf in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the course side of an orange or red inflatable buoy marked with MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC or RSYS. The Committee Vessel will be identified by the applicable Club burgee.
- 12.3 Boats intending to race are required to report to the Race Officials aboard the Committee Vessel before the start and receive acknowledgement. Failure to observe this requirement may result in a boat being scored DNC.

## **13 RECALLS**

- 13.1 Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- 13.2 To assist competitors, the Race Committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF 73 This changes RRS 29.1 and 29.2.
- 13.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 13.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **14 RETIREMENT**

Boats which retire from a race before finishing shall notify the Race Committee by direct contact, on VHF 73 or by phoning the appropriate Duty Club of the day. Contact numbers can be found in clause 26 of these sailing instructions.

## **15 THE FINISH**

- 15.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the course side of an orange or red inflatable buoy marked with MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC or RSYS.
- 15.2 On days when there is only one race scheduled for each division, the finish mark will be at the starboard end of the line when viewed from the last mark.
- 15.3 On days when two races are scheduled for each division, the finish mark will be at the port end of the line when viewed from the last mark

## **16 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44 shall apply to all divisions.

## **17 TIME LIMIT**

- 17.1 The absolute time limit will be 1730 hours for races conducted on 19 September 2020, 19 December 2020, 13 February 2021 and 13 March 2021.
- 17.2 The target time for each race on the short course race days, 14 November 2020 and 30 January 2021 shall be between 60 and 90 minutes, depending on the weather conditions on the day.
- 17.3 If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that have started and not finished by the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

## **18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by 18.2, 18.3 and 18.4 below.

- 18.2 Protests should be lodged on the WS prescribed form available from the respective club websites and offices. All protests shall be lodged in person or by electronic means with the duty club of the day (MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC RSYS).
- 18.3 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event. This changes RRS 61.
- 18.4 Protests will be heard at the clubhouse of the duty or conducting club on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the relevant Combined Clubs Race Committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.
- 18.5 Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.

## **19 SCORING**

- 19.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A9 subject to the amendments detailed in clauses 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4
- 19.2 A boat shall drop any one (1) race once four (4) races have been completed and two (2) races once six (6) races have been completed.
- 19.3 Four (4) completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 19.4 All pointscores are open to block entries only. This changes RRS Appendix A2.2.

## **20 ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE**

- 20.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to on-board skill level should be notified in writing to MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC or RSYS no later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap and a boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 20.2 It is the obligation of the Person in Charge to declare any change in or addition to the sail wardrobe including new and replacement sails.

## **21 COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 The Race Frequency is VHF channel 73.
- 21.2 Boats which retire from a race before finishing are required to notify the Race Committee on VHF 73, or by phoning the conducting club. Contact numbers can be located in clause 26 of these sailing instructions.
- 21.3 No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the race except in an emergency.
- 21.4 The Race Committee may use the radio (VHF 73) to advise competitors of race information.

## **22 SAIL NUMBERS**

- 22.1 A boat shall sail under the sail number advised when entering.
- 22.2 A boat shall display identical sail numbers on its sails, and sail numbers shall be clearly legible and of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail. Where the RRS require spinnakers to display sail numbers, they shall be the sail numbers stated when entering.
- 22.3 The use of any sail displaying a different number must be notified to the Sailing Office of the conducting club not later than two (2) hours before the start of the race.
- 22.4 A boat which displays an incorrect sail number, and which has not provided notification in accordance with clause 22.3 may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 22.5 A boat whose sail numbers are not clearly legible or are not of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail may not be recorded as a finisher and will be scored DNF.

## **23 RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 23.1 Risk Warning – As per NOR 16.1
- 23.2 Competitors Declaration – As per NOR 16.2
- 23.3 Disclaimer of Liability – As per NOR 16.4
- 23.4 Covid-19 Requirements – As per NOR 16.5.

## **24 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

- 24.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Roads and Maritime Services (NSW RMS) regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW RMS regulations specify “*Priority over Sail – some Commercial Ferries on Sydney*

*Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal.* Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

- 24.2 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers and NSW Port Authority. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 24.3 Any yachts reported by NSW RMS as having contravened NSW RMS regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1. Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.
- 24.4 Competitors are required to notify the duty club (MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC or RSYS) of any contact incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW RMS. MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC & RSYS are obliged under the terms of their Exemption Orders to prepare a report of all contact incidents occurring during racing whether or not injury or an insurance claim results.

## **25 PRIZES**

- 25.1 Series prizes shall be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division of each series.
- 25.2 Presentation times for series awards will be advised closer to the time.
- 25.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion organizing authority.

## **26 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

- MHYC email: [sailing@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@mhyc.com.au) or telephone: (02) 9969 1244
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