



Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series 2020-2021

Notice of Race

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 Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (Special Regulations) as amended.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing (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 shall be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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 does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
- 1.7 All boats are required to enter crew contact details (including the skipper) in the conducting club's race management system or in the SailSys race management system by 1000 hours on each day the boat intends to race. Boats not complying with this requirement shall be scored DNC. This changes RRS 63.
- 1.8 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 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 All races governed by this Notice of Race are subject to the advertising code as set out in World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code) and any restrictions stated in class rules.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The series is open to self-righting single hull displacement yachts.
- 3.2 The helmsperson nominated on the entry form shall be deemed to be in charge of the boat. No change of helmsperson shall occur without the prior written consent of the Combined Clubs Race Committee.
- 3.3 No boat shall start unless there is a minimum of two (2) persons on board.
- 3.4 All Competitors helming or crewing shall conform to RRS 46.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter the 2020/2021 Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series. The Series will consist of eight (8) pointscore races.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter via their respective organising authority club's online entry process.
- 4.3 Series entries are to be received no later than 1700hrs Thursday 17 September 2020.

- 4.4 Casual entries may enter via the respective club's online entry process. Casual entries to be received no later than 1700hrs on the Thursday before the Saturday race.

5 ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 All boats block entered in their respective club's season pointscore series are not required to complete the online entry or pay the entry fee for individual races.
- 5.2 All other boats may block enter the Combined Clubs' Inshore series through their respective club's online entry system for a fee of \$200 or they may enter casually for a fee of \$45 per race.

6 DIVISIONS AND HANDICAPS

- 6.1 It is proposed that the following divisions will be formed for the Series;
- *Mixed Spinnaker Divisions*
 - *Mixed Non-spinnaker Divisions*
- 6.2 Entries will be allocated into divisions at the Combined Club Race Committee's absolute discretion and such determination will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 6.3 The Combined Club Race Committee at its discretion may choose to add or delete divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 6.4 Divisions will be advised on the official list of entries available from each clubs' Sailing Offices.
- 6.5 The handicap will be a Time Correction Factor (TCF) which is applied at the finish. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised.
- 6.6 The Combined Clubs' Race Committee will determine a boat's handicap in relation to its performance in previous races. A boat's handicap will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series Schedule;

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

- 7.2 Scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 1250 hrs.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be available by Wednesday 9th September 2020 from each participating club and be posted on the club websites.

9 RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson Sydney Harbour.

10 COURSES

Courses will be around harbour marks and islands as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44 shall apply to all divisions.

12 POINTSCORES & SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A9, subject to the amendments detailed in clauses 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 Four (4) completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 12.4 All pointscores are open to block entries only. This changes RRS Appendix A2.2.

13 COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 The Race Frequency is VHF channel 73.
- 13.2 Boats which retire from a race before finishing are required to notify the Race Committee by direct contact or on VHF 73.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 The Race Committee may use the radio (VHF 73) to advise competitors of race information.

14 ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

- 14.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to on-board skill level should be notified in writing to a participating club 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.
- 14.2 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.

15 SAIL NUMBERS

- 15.1 A boat shall sail under the sail number advised when entering.
- 15.2 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. Spinnakers shall display the sail number stated when entering.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not provided notification in accordance with clause 15.3 may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 15.5 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.

16 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 16.1 Risk Warning - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.
- 16.2 Competitors Declaration - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat entered on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 16.3 All competitors who enter in doing so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:
 - (a) RRS 46;
 - (b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
 - (c) being covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
 - (d) and the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;
 - (e) the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

16.4 Disclaimer of Liability

- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The organising authority, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
 - (b) The organising authority, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
 - (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility of the Person in Charge.
- 16.5 The Covid-19 Requirements – It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that they have read, understood and comply with the conducting club's Covid-19 protocols including but not limited to hygiene, distancing and crew recording and tracing requirements.

17 **OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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.*"
- 17.3 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 17.4 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. 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.
- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 Competitors are required to notify the conducting club of any contact incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW RMS. Clubs are obliged under the terms of their Exception Orders to prepare a report of all contact incidents occurring during racing whether or not injury or an insurance claim results.

18 **PRIZES**

- 18.1 Series prizes shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each division of each series.
- 18.2 Presentation times for series awards will be advised closer to the time.
- 18.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion organizing authority.

19 **INSURANCE**

- 19.1 Boats shall have adequate current Third Party Property Liability insurance cover and Third Party Personal Liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained for the period of racing.

20 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact;

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