

# MANLY YACHT CLUB OFFSHORE RACING PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

APRIL 2021

## 1. Introduction

Competitors participating in an MYC Offshore race do so at their own risk.

Special attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."

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

References to "delegated yachts" in this document are yachts that are appointed by the Race Officer and are delegated to monitor radio transmissions when total onshore radio coverage is not available.

## 2. Skippers' Meeting

A skippers' meeting will be conducted prior to each race.

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 whatever action he sees fit.

Races may be postponed by the Race Director or the 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 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 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 MAYDAY

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 Race Officer**

For matters other than distress or urgency signals, competitors may call the 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. See RO phone number at the end of this document.

## **8. Assistance**

The 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 EMERGENCY CONTACTS at the end of this document.

## **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: Jason Bond           (m) 0435 121 289  
President:    Lisa Callaghan       (m) 0415 124 227

## **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 Audit form, including the MYC specific Equipment Audit Form; Certificate of Currency and Crew List.

## **12. Compliance spot checks**

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

### **13. Race Officer**

The 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 Race Officer or delegated yacht(s).

### **15. Duties**

The following positions are listed below:

Race Director	Stephen Teudt	(m) 0411 262 121
Race Officer	Stephen Teudt	(m) 0411 262 121

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

Please refer to Sections 1.2 and 5.16 of the MYC Handbook.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Emergency Services:	000 or VHF Ch16
Water Police:	93207499 (Use 000 for any incidents)
Marine Rescue NSW:	94502468 or VHF Ch16
Manly Police:	99768099 (Use 000 for any incidents)
Roads and Maritime Services:	13 12 36
Harbour Control:	VHF Ch13
Weather Information:	<a href="http://www.bom.gov.au/marine">http://www.bom.gov.au/marine</a>