

FLAGSTAFF MARINE THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

Category 7 / Pursuit Results / Divisions as Required

SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DATE	START TIME
TWILIGHT WARM-UP NON-POINTSORE		
1	Thursday, 28 September 2023	1700
PRE-CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT POINTSCORE		
2	Thursday, 5 October 2023	1800
3	Thursday, 12 October 2023 *	1800
4	Thursday, 19 October 2023	1800
5	Thursday, 26 October 2023	1800
6	Thursday, 2 November 2023	1800
7	Thursday, 9 November 2023	1800
8	Thursday, 16 November 2023 *	1800
9	Thursday, 23 November 2023	1800
10	Thursday, 30 November 2023	1800
11	Thursday, 7 December 2023	1800
12	Thursday, 14 December 2023 *	1800
POST-CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT POINTSCORE		
13	Thursday, 4 January 2024	1800
14	Thursday, 11 January 2024 *	1800
15	Thursday, 18 January 2024	1800
16	Thursday, 25 January 2024	1800
17	Thursday, 1 February 2024 *	1800
18	Thursday, 8 February 2024	1800
19	Thursday, 15 February 2024	1800
20	Thursday, 22 February 2024	1800
21	Thursday, 29 February 2024	1800
22	Thursday, 7 March 2024 *	1800
23	Thursday, 14 March 2024	1800
24	Thursday, 21 March 2024	1800
25	Thursday, 28 March 2024	1800
26	Thursday, 4 April 2024	1800

SMITHY'S WATERPROOFING THURSDAY WOMEN'S TWILIGHT SERIES

Category 7 / Pursuit Start / PHS Results / Divisions as Required

SCHEDULE OF RACES

* WOMEN'S TWILIGHT POINTSCORE		
1	Thursday, 12 October 2023	1800
2	Thursday, 16 November	1800
3	Thursday, 14 December 2023	1800
4	Thursday, 11 January 2024	1800
5	Thursday, 1 February 2024	1800
6	Thursday, 7 March 2024	1800

FLAGSTAFF MARINE THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS****IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

The MHYC Sailing Committee requests that MHYC boats diligently observe the applicable Marine Regulations, Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions during Twilight racing. In particular, the Person in Charge must ensure that a proper lookout is maintained throughout the event and that they avoid ferries, commercial shipping and recreational boating traffic.

The Race Committee may deploy an on-water observer to monitor the behaviour of boats. Boats breaching the rules will be penalised as appropriate and repeat offenders may have action taken against them by the Sailing Committee. Members are reminded of the Club's right to reject an entry or take action under the Racing Rules of Sailing in the event of gross misconduct or poor sportsmanship.

Competitors are reminded that the waters between the southern end of Clontarf Beach and Spit Bridge are designated as a navigation channel and that boats (racing under sail and packing up) are required to give way to non-racing vessels using the channel. It is recommended that as a boat approaches the clubhouse finish line, a crew member be sent to the bow as lookout.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Refer to NOR 1 and 2.
- 1.2 The nominated helmsperson of each boat shall be at the helm when starting and finishing.
- 1.3 Boats shall carry navigation lights and shall illuminate them after official sunset. Boats not illuminating navigation lights after official sunset will be scored 'DNF'. This amends RRS 63.1.
- 1.4 Only a mainsail and one headsail may be used at any time. The headsail may be poled out but shall be fully hanked or attached by means of a luff groove device to the permanent forestay. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be attached forward of the point of attachment of the permanent forestay.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 Racing is scheduled as per the Schedule of Races for the Flagstaff Marine Thursday Twilight Series.

3 CLASS FLAGS & DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Entrants may be allocated to racing divisions appropriate to their performance and entry numbers.
- 3.2 Class flags will be as follows:

CLASS / DIVISION	CODE FLAG
Division 1	Code Flag 'D'
Division 2	Code Flag 'E'
Division 3	Code Flag 'F'
Division 4	Code Flag 'G'

4 THE COURSES

- 4.1 As per the Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Course List.
- 4.2 All marks shall be rounded or passed to starboard except those marks that are suffixed with (P) which shall be rounded or passed to port.
- 4.3 Courses may be shortened by the Race Committee prior to the start by displaying Code Flag "S" prior to or with the attention signal. The display of Code Flag "S" shall mean the Course is shortened and upon rounding the mark suffixed (*) all boats should proceed directly to the finish.
- 4.4 Courses may be shortened on the water for one or more divisions by the Race Committee displaying Code Flag "S" and the class flag/s for the divisions to be shortened. Boats shall finish between the Committee Vessel and the nearby rounding mark.

5 HANDICAPS

- 5.1 Starting times will be allocated at the discretion of the Sailing Manager or their nominee and adjusted for subsequent races based on PHS calculation.
- 5.2 The Sailing Manager or his nominee may at their absolute discretion review any boat's time handicap where they are of the opinion that due to anomaly, error or change of racing trim or equipment, the handicap is considered unfair or unreasonable.
- 5.3 Allocated handicaps shall not be the subject of protest or dispute. This amends RRS 60.1 & 62.
- 5.4 Handicaps are published on the day of racing on the MHYC website and noticeboard.
- 5.5 Entrants will be allocated to racing divisions appropriate to the number of entries and the relative speed of entries. Division allocation is subject to the receipt of entries and shall be structured by the Sailing Manager at their absolute discretion.
- 5.6 Allocation to Divisions shall not be the subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. This amends RRS 60.1 and 62.

6 THE START

- 6.1 The start sequence will be a Count Up sequence start per MHYC NOR 22.

START TIME	
1750	Attention Signal – Orange Flag and Course Number displayed accompanied by a Sound Signal.
1800	Start Signal – Handicap Count-Up starts accompanied by a Sound Signal.

- 6.2 The Start will be an On Water Start in Hunters Bay Balmoral or, alternatively, in The Sound.
- 6.3 NOR 18 is amended as follows:
 - 18.1 Boats intending to race shall report to the Committee Vessel (CV) prior to the Attention Signal, on starboard tack, with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. After the Attention Signal, boats intending to race shall report to the Committee Vessel (CV) prior to their Preparatory Signal (4 minutes prior to their allocated start time) on VHF Channel 72. Boats that do not report to the CV may be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
 - 18.4 Shall not apply.
 - 18.5 Prior to her Preparatory Signal (4 minutes prior to their allocated start time), a boat shall keep clear of the starting line and all boats about to start or which have started. Attention is drawn to RRS 23.
 - 18.6 Shall not apply.
- 6.4 Starting Handicap Numbers will be displayed by the Committee Vessel (CV). In the absence of a visual display, competitors shall refer to GPS or Internet time.
- 6.5 There will be no individual recall signals. A boat on the course side of the starting line for her designated start time will be penalised 5 minutes plus the difference between her nominated start time and actual start time unless she returns and restarts. This amends RRS 29 and 63.1.

7 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the finish mark located in Hunters Bay, Balmoral or The Sound.
- 7.2 When the race committee determines the Clubhouse Finish is to be used (in accordance with NOR 17), Code Flag "O" will be displayed from the Race Committee Vessel not less than ten minutes before the scheduled start time.

- 7.3 For the Clubhouse Finish, spinnaker and whisker poles shall be dropped and stowed before crossing the transit formed by the two pumphouses. Boats shall continue without changing course until they have crossed the D-Arm transit. Boats are encouraged to use their motor and to drop their headsail at the first opportunity after finishing. Boats shall keep to the starboard (Clontarf) side of the channel and proceed towards Fisher Bay to pack up.
- 7.4 After packing up and when returning to the Club from the North, boats shall keep to the starboard (Spit Road) side of the channel taking care to avoid any boat still under sail or non-racing vessels using the channel.
- 7.5 The RC may award a 45% scoring penalty to boats observed by the RC to have breached a rule of SI 7.

8 TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 The time limit will be 2000 hours, except that:
- During the months of November and February, the time limit will be 2015 hours
- During the months of December and January, the time limit will be 2030 hours
- 8.2 Only boats that have finished within the time limit shall rank as finishers. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored DNF.
- 8.3 The time limit for notifying the RC of a boat's retirement shall be no later than 30 minutes after the time limit of the race. This amends NOR 20.
- 8.4 Competitors who fail to notify the RC of their retirement may receive a penalty of 5 minutes in the next race.

9 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 9.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two-Turns Penalty RRS 44.2 shall apply.
- 9.2 For an infringement of any other rule or requirement, the Scoring Penalties of RRS 44.3 shall apply. The penalty shall be computed as a percentage of the number of entries in the relevant division.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 Protests shall be in accordance with NOR 24, except that the Protest Limit Time will be 2130hrs on the day of the race. This amends NOR 24.2.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes may be awarded at a post-race presentation appropriate to entries received in each division. Prizes not collected at the presentation will be forfeited.
- 11.2 Series winners may be awarded at a presentation on the final night of racing.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 A boat's finish time shall be used for the calculation of its racing division results. The boat with the earliest finish time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
- 12.2 The Low Point System, Appendix A of the RRS shall apply.
- 12.3 RRS A5.3 applies except that DNC is scored the number of starters plus 2.
- 12.4 A casual race entrant will not receive a series score. This amends RRS A2.2.
- 12.5 Thursday Twilight Annual Series
a) Twenty three (25) pointscore races are scheduled and ten (10) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
b) One (1) excluded score will apply after every four (4) completed races, up to a maximum of three (6) exclude scores.

- 12.6 Thursday Twilight Pre-Christmas Pointscore
a) Eleven (11) pointscore races are scheduled and five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
b) One (1) excluded score will apply after every four (4) completed races, up to a maximum of two (2) excluded scores.
- 12.7 Thursday Twilight Post-Christmas Pointscore
a) Fourteen (14) pointscore races are scheduled and five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
b) One (1) excluded score will apply after every four (4) completed races, up to a maximum of three (3) excluded scores.
- 12.8 Thursday Twilight Women's Pointscore (Female Helms)
a) Six (6) pointscore races are scheduled and two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
b) One (1) excluded score will apply after four (4) completed races.
- 12.9 A boat's points will not be transferred with a change of ownership or division.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

FLAGSTAFF MARINE THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

For port rounding mark (P) refer to SI 4.2.

For shortened course mark () refer to SI 4.3.*

Division 1

COURSE 1 (approx. 5.1nm/3.5nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. | AS Mark Rocky Point |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 6. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 7. | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 4. AS Mark Cannae Point (*) | 8. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 2 (approx. 5.2nm/4.0nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Taylors Bay |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 5. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | | |

COURSE 3 (approx. 5.6nm/4.7nm)

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|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Lady Bay (*) |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 5. | AS Mark East Channel |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 6. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 4 (approx. 6.1nm/3.5nm)

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|----------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 6. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. AS Mark Obelisk Bay (*) | 7. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 5 (approx. 7.0nm/5.5nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. | AS Mark Point Piper |
| 2. Sow & Pigs Reef | 6. | Clarke Island |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park | 7. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 4. AS Mark Shark Island (*) | | |

COURSE 6 (approx. 8.1nm/6.4nm)

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|-----------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. | AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 6. | AS Mark Shark Island |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 7. | Shark Island |
| 4. AS Mark Lady Bay | 8. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 7 (approx. 8.5nm/6.9nm)

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|-------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | Clarke Island (*) |
| 2. Sow & Pigs Reef | 5. | Fort Denison (P) |
| 3. AS Mark Shark Island | 6. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

FLAGSTAFF MARINE THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

For port rounding mark (P) refer to SI 4.2.

For shortened course mark () refer to SI 4.3.*

Division 2

COURSE 1 (approx. 4.7nm/3.5nm)

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|-------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark East Channel |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | 6. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 2 (approx. 4.7nm/2.9nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Taylors Bay |
| 2. Sow & Pigs Reef | 5. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark East Channel (*) | | |

COURSE 3 (approx. 5.0nm/4.5nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Chowder Bay North |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark East Channel (*) | | |

COURSE 4 (approx. 5.0nm/3.5nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. | AS Mark Rocky Point |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 6. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 7. | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 4. AS Mark Cannae Point (*) | 8. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 5 (approx. 6.5nm/5.6nm)

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|-------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Rose Bay (*) |
| 2. Sow & Pigs Reef | 5. | AS Mark Point Piper |
| 3. AS Mark East Channel | 6. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 6 (approx. 7.6nm/5.6nm)

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|-----------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. | AS Mark East Channel (*) |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 6. | AS Mark Nielsen Park |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 7. | AS Mark Taylors Bay |
| 4. AS Mark Lady Bay | 8. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 7 (approx. 7.4nm/5.7nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | Clarke Island |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 5. | Sow & Pigs Reef (P) |
| 3. AS Mark Shark Island (*) | 6. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

FLAGSTAFF MARINE THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

For port rounding mark (P) refer to SI 4.2.

For shortened course mark () refer to SI 4.3.*

Division 3

COURSE 1 (approx. 4.0nm/3.5nm)

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | |

COURSE 2 (approx. 4.1nm/4.0nm)

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. Sow & Pigs Reef (P) |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | |

COURSE 3 (approx. 4.7nm/3.3nm)

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East (*) | |

COURSE 4 (approx. 3.9nm/2.4nm)

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point (*) | 5. AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 3. AS Mark Rocky Point | 6. Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 5 (approx. 6.1nm/3.9nm)

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. Sow & Pigs Reef | 5. AS Mark Point Piper |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | 6. Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 6 (approx. 7.0nm/5.4nm)

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 6. Shark Island |
| 3. AS Mark East Channel | 7. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 4. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | |

COURSE 7 (approx. 6.2nm/3.9nm)

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Point Piper |
| 2. Sow & Pigs Reef | 5. Sow & Pigs Reef (P) |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | 6. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 4. AS Mark Shark Island | |

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

FLAGSTAFF MARINE THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

For port rounding mark (P) refer to SI 4.2.

For shortened course mark () refer to SI 4.3.*

Division 4

COURSE 1 (approx. 3.5nm/3.2nm)

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|---------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 5. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East (*) | | |

COURSE 2 (approx. 3.1nm/2.6nm)

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|---------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark East Channel |
| 2. Sow & Pigs Reef | 5. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Sow & Pigs (*) | 6. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 3 (approx. 4.0nm/3.6nm)

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|-------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | | |

COURSE 4 (approx. 3.4nm/3.3nm)

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|---------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 5. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East (*) | | |

COURSE 5 (approx. 5.5nm/3.9nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. Sow & Pigs Reef | 5. | Shark Island |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | 6. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 6 (approx. 5.8nm/4.1nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. | Shark Island |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 6. | Sow & Pigs Reef (P) |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | 7. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 4. AS Mark Shark Island | | |

COURSE 7 (approx. 5.7nm/4.0nm)

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|-----------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 5. | Shark Island |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | 6. | Finish Hunters Bay |