

FRIDAY TWILIGHT SPINNAKER FLEET SERIES
 Category 7 / ORC, IRC & PHS Results / Divisions as Required
SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DATE	START TIME
1	Friday, 20 October 2023	1800
2	Friday, 3 November 2023	1800
3	Friday, 17 November 2023	1800
4	Friday, 1 December 2023	1800
5	Friday, 15 December 2023	1800
6	Friday, 5 January 2024	1800
7	Friday, 19 January 2024	1800
8	Friday, 2 February 2024	1800
9	Friday, 16 February 2024	1800
10	Friday, 23 February 2024	1800
11	Friday, 15 March 2024	1800

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES

2.1 Racing is scheduled as per the Schedule of Races for the Friday 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
Spinnaker Division 1	Code Flag 'D'
Spinnaker Division 2	Code Flag 'E'
Cruising & Non-Spinnaker Division 3	Code Flag 'F'

4 THE COURSES

4.1 As per the Friday Twilight Series Course Descriptions attached.

4.2 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.

4.3 Courses may be shortened on the water for one or more divisions by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 32.

5 HANDICAPS

- 5.1 PHS handicaps 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 will be an On Water Fleet Start in accordance with RRS 26 and NOR 18.
- 6.2 The starting line will be located in Hunters Bay or The Sound.
- 6.3 Boats shall report to the committee vessel prior to the warning signal, on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNS'.
- 6.4 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the start mark.
- 6.5 The first Warning Signal for Friday Twilight Fleet Series races shall not be made before 1755hrs.
- 6.6 The RC may combine a divisional start with another.
- 6.7 Prior to her Preparatory Signal, 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.
- 6.8 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 committee vessel with or prior to the warning signal for the first division.

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 or The Sound.
- 7.2 For the Clubhouse Finish, all spinnakers and headsails not attached to the forestay shall be lowered and 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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 Competitors who fail to notify the RC of their retirement within 30 minutes of the race time limit may be scored DNC in accordance with NOR 20.2. This amends RRS 63.1.

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 on ORC, IRC and PHS handicaps.
- 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 Eleven (11) pointscore races are scheduled and five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.6 One (1) excluded score will apply after every four (4) completed races, up to a maximum of two (2) exclude scores.
- 12.7 A boat's points will not be transferred with a change of ownership or division.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - FRIDAY TWILIGHT SERIES

For shortened course mark () refer to SI 4.2.*

Course 1	North/South
Division 1	Start – MW – ME – EC* - MW – ME – Finish (approx. 8.1nm/5.5nm)
Division 2	Start – MW – ME – LB* - MW – ME – Finish (approx. 7.2nm/4.7nm)
Division 3	Start – MW – ME – LB* - CP – Finish (approx. 6.2nm/4.7nm)
Course 2	North/South
Division 1	Start – MW – ME – LB* - MW – ME – Finish (approx. 7.2nm/4.7nm)
Division 2	Start – MW – ME – LB* - CP – Finish (approx. 6.2nm/4.7nm)
Division 3	Start – CP – LB* - CP – Finish (approx. 5.2nm/3.6nm)
Course 3	North-East
Division 1	Start – MW – ME – OB* - MW – ME – Finish (approx. 7.1nm/4.4nm)
Division 2	Start – MW – ME – OB* - CP – Finish (approx. 6.1nm/4.4nm)
Division 3	Start – CP – OB* - CP – Finish (approx. 5.1nm/3.5nm)
Course 4	East
Division 1	Start – CP – EB – GP – CP* – LB – EB – GP – Finish (approx. 8.2nm/5.4nm)
Division 2	Start – CP – EB – GP – CP* – LB – Finish (approx. 6.6nm/5.4nm)
Division 3	Start – CP – EB – GP* – CP – Finish (approx. 5.4nm/3.9nm)
Course 5	South-East
Division 1	Start – LB – GP – LB – RP – EB – GP* – LB – Finish (approx. 8.0nm/6.1nm)
Division 2	Start – LB – RP – EB – GP* – LB – Finish (approx. 5.7nm/3.9nm)
Division 3	Start – LB – GP* – LB – Finish (approx. 4.5nm/2.7nm)
Course 6	West
Division 1	Start – RP – EB – CP – EB – CP* – EB – GP – Finish (approx. 7.8nm/6.2nm)
Division 2	Start – RP – EB – CP – EB – GP* – CP – Finish (approx. 6.2nm/4.7nm)
Division 3	Start – RP – EB – CP* – EB – GP – Finish (approx. 4.7nm/3.2nm)