



# FARR 40



# Australian CHAMPIONSHIP

## 16 & 17 March 2024

Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Sydney, Australia

The Organising Authority is Middle Harbour Yacht Club in conjunction with the Farr 40 Owners Group of Australia

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Rule changes are detailed in the Notice of Race 1.2.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the [MHYC Event Webpage](#).

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change on the water will be announced on the VHF race management channel after display of Code Flag L with one sound.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the start box flagstaff on the north-eastern corner of MHYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE

#### 5.1 Saturday 16 March 2024

Skipper & Tacticians Briefing	Harbour View Room	0930hrs
Racing (up to 4 x windward-leeward races)	The Sound	1100hrs

#### Sunday 17 March 2024

Racing (up to 4 x windward-leeward races)	The Sound	1100hrs
Prize Presentation	Harbour View Room	1600hrs approx.

- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag attention signal will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

The Class flag will be the Farr 40 Insignia on a white field.

**7 RACING AREAS**

Attachment A shows the location of windward-leeward racing areas.

**8 THE COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 In the event that Mark 1a is not in place, boats shall round Mark 1 to port and proceed to the gate or finish.

8.4 If either 2s or 2p is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

**9 MARKS**

9.1 Marks are described in Attachment B.

**10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

10.1 Boats shall pass on the safe water side of the following Cardinal Marks:

(a) Gowlland Bombora (Dobroyd Head) – All Marks

(b) Sow and Pigs Reef– All Marks

(c) Shark Island– South and West Marks

10.2 Boats shall not sail in the following prohibited areas:

(a) The area bounded by imaginary lines projected from the shore joining the West, South and East Cardinal Marks surrounding Gowlland Bombora.

(b) The area bounded by imaginary lines joining the North, East, South and West Cardinal Marks surrounding Sow and Pigs Reef.

10.3 For the purpose of RRS 19 and 20, all Cardinal Marks surrounding the Gowlland Bombora and the Sow and Pigs Reef and all imaginary straight lines projected between such marks, shall be deemed obstructions.

**11 THE START**

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made no less than 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 The course will not be changed after the start.

**13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

**14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES – WINDWARD LEEWARD RACES**

14.1 Race Time Limit	90 mins
Mark 1 Time Limit	30 mins
Target Time	40-50 mins
Finish Window	10 mins

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at MHYC Reception. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there or via email to [sailing@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@mhyc.com.au) within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at MHYC, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of SIs 14, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 RRS Appendix A2 will apply.
- 16.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races (no discards).

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Boats intending to race shall report to the committee vessel prior to their first warning signal, on starboard tack, with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race.
- 17.2 Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNC'. [DP]
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. (DP)
- 17.4 All boats shall monitor the race management channel VHF 72. [DP]
- 17.5 Each yacht is required to register all members of its crew online prior to the first race in which it competes. Failure to register a crew list before the race start time will result in a score of DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at any at the discretion of the race committee.

## **20 EVENT ADVERTISING**

Refer NOR 8.

## **21 RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

Competitors shall not dispose rubbish into the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

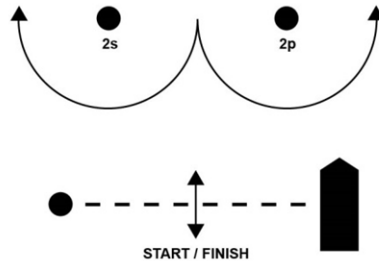
- 22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**  
Refer NOR 11.
- 23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**  
Refer NOR 12.
- 24 RADIO COMMUNICATION**  
Refer NOR 13.
- 25 PRIZES**  
Refer NOR 14.
- 26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**  
Refer NOR 15.
- 27 INSURANCE**  
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 Million per incident or the equivalent.

## Attachment A – Racing Areas

Racing areas include The Sound, Obelisk Bay, Watsons Bay, North Harbour and Hunters Bay, enabling racing in a variety of wind conditions and directions.



## Attachment B – Windward Leeward Courses



COURSE MARKS	MARK DESCRIPTIONS
Start & Finish Mark	Yellow Inflatable Mark
Mark 1	Orange Inflatable Mark
Mark 1a	Pink Inflatable Mark
Gate Marks 2s/2p	Orange Inflatable Mark/s
Change Of Course Mark	Orange Inflatable Mark with Black Band

COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE
<b>W1</b>	Start – 1 – 1a –Finish
<b>W2</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – Gate 2s/2p – 1 – 1a –Finish
<b>W3</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – Gate 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Gate 2s/2p – 1 – 1a –Finish

### Note:

- The course to be sailed will be displayed on a Course Board on the CV, preceded by the letter 'W', to indicate the number of roundings of the Windward Mark/s.
- The bearing to the first Mark from the Start may be displayed prior to or with the Warning Signal.
- The Gate will be laid approx. 50-100m to windward of the Start Line and may be laid after the starting signal.
- If only one Gate Mark is laid, all boats shall round that Mark to Port.
- When Mark 1 is changed, Mark 1a will not be laid.