SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Organising Authority is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the following;
 - the current Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - the current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS)
 - the current MHYC Conditions of Entry (attached to the Notice of Race)
- 1.2 The Race will be conducted as a 'Pursuit' race with a Handicapped starting sequence.
- 1.3 The Race will be categorized as 'Non Spinnaker'. No sails shall be set forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. Only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 50.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located in the Breezeway of the MHYC Clubhouse.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted two (2) hours prior to the 'Warning Signal'.

4.0 SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MHYC Race Official's Box, in the northeastern corner of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 Signals made on the water will be displayed from the MHYC Race Committee Vessel Hugh S George.
- 4.3 Signals will be made as follows;

DATE	SIGNAL	LOCATION	TIME
Fri 10 Nov	Warning Signal	MHYC Race Committee Vessel	1250hrs
	Starting Signal	MHYC Race Committee Vessel	1300hrs

5.0 RACING AREAS

- 5.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour (Lower Middle Harbour, North Harbour, The Sound and Eastern Port Jackson).
- 5.2 The Race will be Started and Finished in the vicinity of Hunters Bay.

6.0 COURSES

- 6.1 Courses will be Inshore Harbour Passage courses, as detailed in 'Appendix A'.
- 6.2 Courses may be shortened at any mark in accordance with RRS 32.
- 6.3 Where prefixed in 'Appendix A', some divisions may omit the marks prefixed (x), from the nominated course.

7.0 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks of the course will consist of nominated Harbour Islands and YA (Yachting Association of NSW) race marks. 'YA Marks' are described as yellow pinnacle/spar buoys.
- 7.2 A Course Chartlet detailing Mark locations is in 'Appendix B'.

8.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

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

9.0 STARTING HANDICAP (NUMBER)

- 9.1 All boats will be allocated a 'Starting Handicap' by the Organising Authority, prior to race day. A 'Starting Handicap' will be based on a time correction factor (TCF), which shall be determined by the Organising Authority or its nominee.
- 9.2 The TCF and a boat's 'Starting Handicap' based on it, shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).
- 9.3 Boats shall notify the Organising Authority (MHYC Sailing Office) no later than 2 days prior to a race of any change, addition or alteration to a boat's hull appendages, equipment, sail inventory or skipper/crew that may affect its performance. At the discretion of the Organising Authority, a boat that fails to comply may be either disqualified after a hearing or have its results retrospectively adjusted by applying a new TCF based on the affect on the boat's performance.

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 The race will be a started as a Pursuit format, using a numbered sequence.
- 10.2 The Starting Line will be between a flagstaff flying an orange flag onboard the Race Committee Vessel and an inflatable mark.
- 10.3 'Starting Handicaps' will be displayed onboard the Race Committee Vessel, commencing with '00' at the Starting signal. Starting Handicaps will increase by one number, every 60seconds. Boats shall not start before their 'Starting Handicap' has been *displayed*.
 - *Starting Handicaps relative to the time of day are annexed to these Sailing Instructions (Appendix C) and are to be used as a guide only.
- 10.4 A boat's Preparatory Signal is deemed to be made four minutes before its allocated 'Starting Handicap' is displayed. Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence.
- 10.5 There will be no recalls. A boat deemed to have started prematurely that has not returned and not started correctly, shall be penalised 5 minutes plus the difference between her starting handicap, applied to her finish time. (Amends RRS 29)

11.0 THE FINISH

11.1 The Finishing Line will be between the Committee Vessel flagmast flying an orange flag and an inflatable mark. Finish times will be recorded in minutes and whole seconds.

12.0 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for all boats will be 1630hrs.
- 12.2 A boat that does not finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF (amends RRS 35).

12.3 After one boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit, the Race Committee shall not abandon the race. (Amends RRS 32)

13.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 13.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two-Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.
- 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.

14.0 SCORING

- 14.1 A boat's finish time will 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, all other boats will then be scored in the order of their finishing time. Boats with equal finishing times will be scored as dead heated.
- 14.2 All results will be subject to the application of Alternate Penalties, if any.

15.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 72, from 1245hrs and for the duration of the race.

16.0 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes & Trophies may be awarded to the first three (3) place getters in each division at a presentation to be held at MHYC following the race.

17.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority, the ASX Thomson Reuters Charity Foundation and Sponsor's, including their respective officer's, employees, volunteers and members, will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.
- 17.2 The Organising Authority, the ASX Thomson Reuters Charity Foundation and Sponsor's, are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 17.3 Competitors attention is drawn to **RRS 4.0 'Decision to Race'**.

 "The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

BERTHING & MOORINGS

On Race Day, berthing on the outer 'T-Heads' of the Marina will not be available. The outer 'T-Heads' will be reserved only for pick-ups and drop-offs for boats needing to facilitate their guests and crew.

Boats are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 on approach to the Marina, where they will be expected to 'Standby', until temporary berthing space becomes available on the T-Heads.

TENDER SERVICE

On Race Day, the Organising Authority will provide a regular MHYC Tender Service for boats moored in the immediate area around the Club.

Boats are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 when requiring this service.

WATER TAXI SERVICE

On Race Day, a limited service may also be provided to boats in Hunter's Bay, who are limited by draft to enter Middle Harbour.

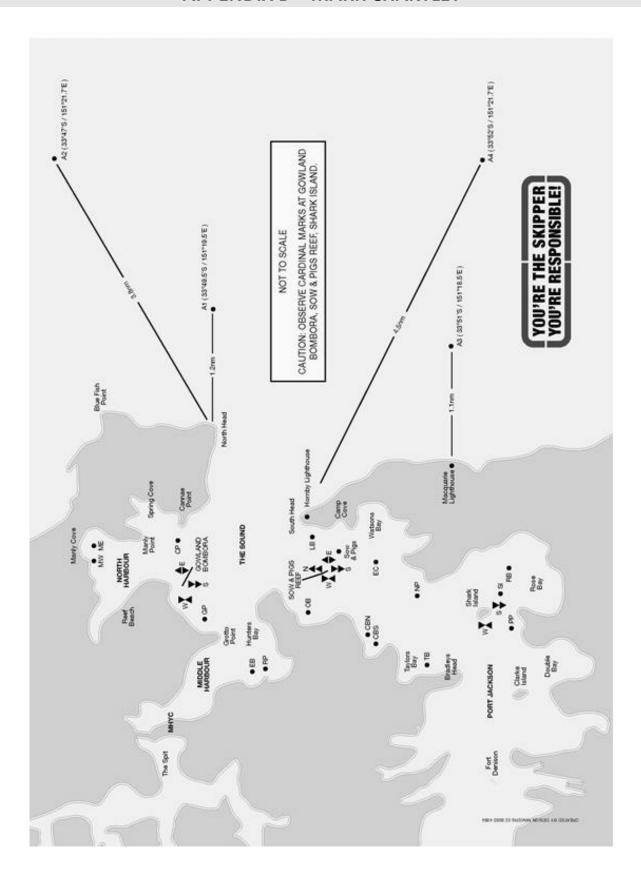
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APPENDIX A - COURSES

- A1 All marks are to be Rounded to Starboard, (unless suffixed to Port)
- A2 Boats in Division 3 shall omit marks prefixed (x) from the nominated course

Course 1 8.5 miles / 6.0 miles (approx)	Course 2 12.0 miles / 8.0 miles (approx)
Start in Hunters Bay 1 - (x) YA Mark Manly West 2 - (x) YA Mark Manly East 3 - YA Mark Cannae Point 4 - YA Mark Eastern Channel 5 - YA Mark Shark Island 6 - Shark Island Finish in Hunters Bay	Start in Hunters Bay 1 - YA Mark Manly West 2 - YA Mark Manly East 3 - YA Mark Eastern Channel 4 - (x) Fort Denison (Rounded to Port) 5 - Clarke Island (Rounded to Port) Finish in Hunters Bay
Course 3 14.0 miles / 11.0 miles (approx)	Course 4 17.0 miles / 12.0 miles (approx)
Start in Hunters Bay 1 - YA Mark Shark Island 2 - Shark Island 3 - Fort Denison (Rounded to Port) 4 - YA Mark Manly West 5 - YA Mark Manly East 6 - (x) YA Mark Cannae Point 7 - (x) YA Mark East Channel Finish in Hunters Bay	Start in Hunters Bay 1 - YA Mark Shark Island 2 - Shark Island 3 - Fort Denison (Rounded to Port) 4 - Clarke Island (Rounded to Port) 5 - YA Mark Manly West 6 - YA Mark Manly East 7 - YA Mark Cannae Point 8 - (x) YA Mark Shark Island 9 - (x) Shark Island Finish in Hunters Bay
Course 5 14.5 miles / 10.5 miles (approx)	Course 6 17.0 miles / 14.0 miles (approx)
Start in Hunters Bay 1 - YA Mark Manly West 2 - YA Mark Manly East 3 - YA Mark Cannae Point 4 - YA Mark East Channel 5 - (x) YA Mark Shark Island 6 - (x) Shark Island 7 - Fort Denison (Rounded to Port) 8 - (x) YA Mark Cannae Point 9 - (x) YA Mark East Channel Finish in Hunters Bay	Start in Hunters Bay 1 - YA Mark Manly West 2 - YA Mark Manly East 3 - YA Mark Cannae Point 4 - YA Mark East Channel 5 - (x) YA Mark Shark Island 6 - (x) Shark Island 7 - Fort Denison (Rounded to Port) 8 - YA Mark Cannae Point 9 - YA Mark East Channel 10 - (x) YA Mark Shark Island 11 - (x) Shark Island Finish in Hunters Bay

APPENDIX B - MARK CHARTLET



APPENDIX C – STARTING HANDICAPS

- TO BE USED AS A GUIDE ONLY -

Handicap Start	Time of Day (hh:mm:ss)	Handicap Start	Time of Day (hh:mm:ss)	Handicap Start	Time of Day (hh:mm:ss)
0	13:00:00	30	13:30:00	60	14:00:00
1	13:01:00	31	13:31:00	61	14:01:00
2	13:02:00	32	13:32:00	62	14:02:00
3	13:03:00	33	13:33:00	63	14:03:00
4	13:04:00	34	13:34:00	64	14:04:00
5	13:05:00	35	13:35:00	65	14:05:00
6	13:06:00	36	13:36:00	66	14:06:00
7	13:07:00	37	13:37:00	67	14:07:00
8	13:08:00	38	13:38:00	68	14:08:00
9	13:09:00	39	13:39:00	69	14:09:00
10	13:10:00	40	13:40:00	70	14:10:00
11	13:11:00	41	13:41:00	71	14:11:00
12	13:12:00	42	13:42:00	72	14:12:00
13	13:13:00	43	13:43:00	73	14:13:00
14	13:14:00	44	13:44:00	74	14:14:00
15	13:15:00	45	13:45:00	75	14:15:00
16	13:16:00	46	13:46:00	76	14:16:00
17	13:17:00	47	13:47:00	77	14:17:00
18	13:18:00	48	13:48:00	78	14:18:00
19	13:19:00	49	13:49:00	79	14:19:00
20	13:20:00	50	13:50:00	80	14:20:00
21	13:21:00	51	13:51:00	81	14:21:00
22	13:22:00	52	13:52:00	82	14:22:00
23	13:23:00	53	13:53:00	83	14:23:00
24	13:24:00	54	13:54:00	84	14:24:00
25	13:25:00	55	13:55:00	85	14:25:00
26	13:26:00	56	13:56:00	86	14:26:00
27	13:27:00	57	13:57:00	87	14:27:00
28	13:28:00	58	13:58:00	88	14:28:00
29	13:29:00	59	13:59:00	89	14:29:00

APPENDIX D - MHYC MARINA MAP

