

Middle Harbour Yacht Club The “Spit” Championships 2012

Optimist Dinghy/ 420 Dinghy

Sunday 27th May 2012



Notice of Race



ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Middle Harbour Yacht Club
Lower Parriwi Road, The Spit, Mosman 2088, Sydney
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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 This championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009–2012 (RRS).
- 1.2 YA Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats) will apply to all entrants.

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 All Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's name(s)/Logo(s) and bow numbers. If required, the organising authority will supply these items and they shall be fixed and/or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 3.1 Entries, together with the entry fee shall be lodged on the official Entry Form with the Organising Authority.
- 3.2 Entries will close at 1200hrs 25th May 2012. Late entries may be accepted upon payment of a late entry fee of \$45 for Optimists or \$90 for 420s up until the close of registration at 10am 27th May 2012.
- 3.6 Optimist competitors must be under the age of 16 years at 31 December 2012. 420 competitors must be under the age of 18 years at 31 December 2012
- 3.7 All competitors shall be members of a club affiliated with Yachting Australia or another National Authority.

4.0 FEES

Boat	Entry Fee (Received before 1200hrs 25/05/2012)	Late Entry (Received after 1200hrs 25/05/2012)
Optimist	\$30	\$45
420	\$50	\$90

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Hours	Event
Friday 25 th May	1200hrs	Close of Entries
Sunday 27 th May	0830 – 1000hrs	Registration at MHYC
	1015hrs	Competitors briefing
	1130hrs	First Warning Signal
	ASAP	Back to back racing
	1500hrs	No Warning Signal to sound after
	1630hrs	Post Race BBQ and Presentation

6.0 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit for optimists, spinnaker poles for 420s and one set of sails during the Championship.
- 6.2 All boats should hold a valid Measurement Certificates for hull and all equipment. Measurement checks and/or inspection of Measurement Certificates may be carried out during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7.0 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing will be on the waters of Middle Harbour and the Sound of Sydney.

8.0 COURSES

- 8.1 Shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 SCORING SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS Appendix A, Low Point Scoring System, will apply.
- 9.2 There will be a maximum of 6 races held.

10.0 BUOYANCY

- 10.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFD) which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.

11.0 SUPPORT BOATS/COACHES

- 11.1 All boats shall keep 100m clear of the course area during racing except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. No support/coach vessel

- shall place itself on or near lay lines.
- 11.2 Any interference by a coach or coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Race Committee to the appropriate skipper.
- 11.3 All coach and spectator vessels will be required to sign in at the race office before 10am 27th May 2012 as well as carry a VHF radio. In the case of an emergency, these vessels may be called on to assist in the safe transportation of sailors and boats to the club.

12.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats for the purpose of obtaining outside assistance. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications.

13.0 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place as well as encouragement awards on the discretion of Race Management.

14.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 14.1 In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities and the sponsors of this Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

15.0 ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 15.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authorities, and the Host Club, their Officers, Members, Staff and Agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 15.2 The Organising Authorities, and the Host Sailing Club, their Officers, Members, Staff and Agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
- 15.3 **Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to Race**

16.0 INSURANCE

- 16.1 All boats competing in the Spit Championship shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident.
- 16.2 All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

17.0 INFORMATION AND ENTRY ADDRESS

- 18.1 For further information please contact:

Lachlan Pryor
Middle Harbour Yacht Club
Tel: 02 9969 1244
Fax: 02 9969 3369
Email: juniorsailing@mhyc.com.au



Entry Form

The "Spit" Championship - 27th May 2012
Hosted by Middle Harbour Yacht Club

Boat Name:.....Sail Number:.....
Registered Yacht Club:..... Skippers YA Membership No:.....
Skipper's Name:.....Male/Female
Crews Name:.....Male/Female
Address:.....
.....Postcode:.....
Skippers Date of birth: Age:.....
Crews Date of birth: Age:.....
Mobile Phone Number:..... (Parent/Guardian)
Home Phone Number: (Parent/Guardian)
Email:..... (Parent/Guardian)

Payment:

Race Entry fee

Optimists \$30 before 12pm 25th May, \$45 after this point \$ _____

420 \$50 before 12pm 25th May, \$90 after this point \$ _____

Competitor On water Lunch Packs (\$10 each) \$ _____

To pay by Credit card please fill out the following (2% surcharge applies)

Credit Card Holder _____

Type of Credit Card _____ VISA _____ M/CARD _____ AMEX _____

Credit Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date _____ / _____ Amount \$ _____

Card Holders Signature _____

OR

Please make cheques for entry payable to 'Middle Harbour Yacht Club' and post or Fax to:

Spit Championship
C/- Middle Harbour Yacht Club
PO Box 106
Seaforth NSW 2092

Or Fax to: 02 9969 3326



Risk Acknowledgment

Sailing is a high risk sport and is affected by uncontrollable and difficult to predict elements of nature. Possible risks include;

- Injury caused by contact with the boat. Possible injuries are not limited to bruises, cuts and scratches.
- Reflective glare from water causes more rapid sunburn. Due to this, it is recommended that all competitors apply sunscreen before racing and reapply where necessary throughout the event. Hats and sunglasses are also recommended.
- There are many unseen risks in the yacht club and beach including oysters, sharp objects, nail or splinters and slippery surfaces. To reduce injury, it is a club requirement that all sailors are wearing enclosed shoes whilst in the clubhouse and its surroundings.
- When sailing dinghies with the inshore water, really serious injuries of the type that cause permanent disability or even death are very rare but do occur. As with all water sports, the possibility of drowning is also present. Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS 4.

Middle Harbour Yacht Club takes all of these risks seriously and has measures in place to reduce potential incidents. However not all the risks can be avoided and sometimes accidents happen. I acknowledge that this waiver covers activities conducted at Middle Harbour Yacht Club, referred to here as the Club. I understand that participating in any sailing event may involve strenuous activity and I declare that I am physically fit to participate in every aspect of these activities and that I am aware of and accept the risks of participating in this event. I hereby waive any claims that I may have against Middle Harbour Yacht Club or its officers and agents as a result of any action or omissions on their part in connection with any activity at any time at Middle Harbour Yacht Club.

Media and Personal Information

I understand that I or the minor whom I am responsible may be photographed while racing and I hereby give permission for the use of my name or the name of the minor to whom I am responsible to be used in all forms of media for the promotion of the club and event. I also hereby confirm that all the information provided by me herein is true and correct and if any information changes I will notify Middle Harbour Yacht Club at the earliest point foreseeable.

I agree to be bound by the racing Rules of the ISAF and all other rules that govern this event. I acknowledge that all those taking part in the races do so at their own risk and that none of the Organizing Authority, Middle Harbour Yacht Club, their officials or members are responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or for the efficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

Signatures

Skipper _____ **Full Name** _____

Crew _____ **Full Name** _____

Parent/ Guardian (if competitors are under 18 years)

_____ **Full Name** _____

Date _____

Reducing Risk

You can help reduce risk to yourself by always following these guidelines:

- Always wear footwear while sailing and when on the Club premises;
- Always wear a life vest and adequate sun protection and carry drinking water while sailing;
- Always examine launching ramps before using them to see how slippery they are;
- Always check the weather forecast before going sailing. Always follow the directions of your Instructors.
- Do not run or skylark when around the Club, especially on the car park, marinas and on launching ramps;
- Beware of flapping sails;
- The Club is not responsible for supervising minors while ashore. This is the responsibility of their parents or delegated adult.

Things you need to know.

Middle Harbour Yacht Club is located at Lower Parriwi Road, Mosman. The entry is located at the traffic lights south of the Spit Bridge on Spit Road.

Parking is available at the Mosman Council Spit East and West Car parks.

Boats can be rigged on the grass areas located at the North and South sides of the Club as well as the Middle Harbour Yacht Club rigging deck and beach. The beach and grass area located north of the Middle Harbour Skiff Club may be used as an overflow rigging area. Each class will be allocated a rigging area and it is asked they remain within this area. All of these rigging areas are offered as overnight storage venue however they are stored at the risk of the owner. Middle Harbour takes no responsibility for damage or loss that may occur.

Food and Beverages are available at the club. The Sandbar will be open 8am - 1pm with the restaurant and bar open between 4pm – 9pm. With back-to-back races it is good for the kids to have food and drink between races. A muesli bar or two in a life jacket pocket and an extra drink bottle behind an air bag in the boat should do the job. A big breakfast will help as well as extra sunscreen. On water lunch packs are available for pre purchase and at registration. Lunch packs include a roll, chocolate bar/muesli bar, killer python and water/sports drink.

Adult helpers for start boats, rescue and mark laying boats are always welcome, so pack a spray jacket and get out there. Your kids will love it! Contact Lachlan Pryor at MHYC on 9960 1244 or juniorsailing@mhyc.com.au to advice of your availability. Volunteers will be provided with a lunch pack and afternoon snack.

Limited overnight marina space is available. Prior booking is essential. Contact Alister, the Marina Manager, on (02) 8969 3114.

We look forward to seeing you at Middle Harbour Yacht Club