



# MHYC

MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

# Middle Harbour to Pittwater Race

(held in conjunction with the RPAYC 2018 Pittwater Regatta)

**9 February 2018**

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Organising Authority**

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### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority for the event is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC).
- 1.2 The Race will be governed by;
  - a) the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
  - b) the 2017-2020 Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
  - d) the 2017-2018 Season MHYC Notice of Race (MHYC NOR) , and by
  - e) this Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3 The attention of competitors is drawn to the MHYC NOR which are referenced throughout these SIs including their responsibilities under the applicable NSW Maritime legislation.
- 1.4 A boat shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 4. An audited Special Regulations Form for the relevant Category (or higher) shall be submitted with the entry if not already held by MHYC.
- 1.5 The Sailing Office of MHYC shall be the Race Committee ("RC") for the purposes of, and with, the powers and discretions contained in RRS 90.1. This amends MHYC NOR 4.2.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted prior to 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions made 'afloat' will be indicated by the display of Code Flag L and accompanied by two sound signals. The change will be communicated on the designated course VHF channel and/or displayed on the committee boat.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Signal Mast adjacent to the MHYC Starters Box, located in the North Eastern corner of the Club premises.
- 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 OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of racing is as follows:

<b>Friday 9 February 2018</b>	<i>Offshore Passage Race</i>
Warning Signal	1255hrs

- 5.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1700hrs on Friday 9 February 2018.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class flag will be Code Flag E.

### 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, the Tasman Sea, and Pittwater.
- 7.2 The starting area for the Middle Harbour to Pittwater Race will be in the vicinity of Hunters Bay, Balmoral.

## 8 THE COURSE

8.1 The Course is as follows:

Course	Start - Sinclair Point Yacht Racing Mark (Port) – Finish
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8.2 Description of Marks

Mark	Description	Approx. Location
Start Pin	Yellow Inflatable	Hunters Bay, Balmoral
Sinclair Point Yacht Racing Mark	Yellow Fixed Mark	33.35.732S 151.18.363E
Stokes Point Rounding Mark	Fixed Mark	33.36.730S 151.18.898E
Special Purpose Mark	Yellow Fixed Mark	33.36.725S 151.19.096E

## 9 THE START

9.1 The Start Line will be between the Committee Vessel Flag Mast flying an Orange Flag and a yellow inflatable mark.

9.2 A boat shall not start later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal.

## 10 THE FINISH

10.1 The Finish Line will be line a between the Stokes Point Mark and the Special Purpose Mark north of Stokes Point, Pittwater.

10.2 Competitors are required to record their own finish time and photograph their GPS as they cross the finish line.

10.3 Competitors shall email their finish time accompanied by the photograph of their GPS to [sailing@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@mhyc.com.au) at the earliest opportunity.

## 11 TIME LIMITS

11.1 The time limit will be 2000hrs.

11.2 A boat that does not finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

## 12 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

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

12.2 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.

## 13 ABANDONED RACES

Abandoned races will not be resailed.

## 14 PROTESTS

Protests shall comply with MHYC NOR 24.

## 15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 Except in an emergency, while racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15.2 Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 72 for the duration of the race.

15.3 Competitors retiring from the race shall advise the RC on Channel 72 or the Sailing Office by phone 8969 3103 as soon as practicable.

## 16 PRIZES

Prizes shall be presented at a future time to be determined.

**17 RESPONSIBILITY**

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the race at their own risk. Special attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.
  - 17.2 The Organising Authority, Event Sponsors, and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor, and any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that the MHYC Feature Race Program and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.
  - 17.3 Neither MHYC, nor the event sponsors, are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
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