



**Chaos Cup,
Bedlam Point Cup**
incorporating the
Sydney Jeanneau Cup
& Cock of the Club Trophy

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current versions of:
- the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 ("RRS") of the World Sailing;
 - the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing ("Special Regulations");
 - the Middle Harbour Yacht Club Notice of Race ("MHYC NoR")
 - the Notice of Race attached to the Entry Form issued by the Organising Authority ("NoR"), except as any of these are modified by or inconsistent with these Sailing Instructions, and by these Sailing Instructions ("SI").
- 1.2 The attention of competitors is drawn to the MHYC Notice of Race which is referenced throughout the NoR and these SIs including their responsibilities under the applicable NSW RMS legislation.
- 1.3 The Sailing Office of Middle Harbour Yacht Club ("MHYC") shall be the Race Committee ("RC") for the purposes of, and with, the powers and discretions contained in RRS 90.1.
- 1.4 A boat shall comply with the RRS Appendix G, Identification on Sails.
- 1.5 Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers. This amends RRS50.2 and 50.3.
- 1.6 Boats with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the YA Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability. This amends RRS 51.
- 1.7 RRS 52: RRS 52 does not apply the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.

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 Clubhouse.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to these SIs, if any, will be posted not later than 2 hours prior to the display of the Course Board for the race.

4.0 SIGNALS & COURSE

- 4.1 Sound signals will be as follows:
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| 1150 Hrs | 1 Sound Signal |
| | Warning Signal |
| 1200 Hrs | 1 Sound Signal |
| | Start Count-up Sequence |

- 4.2 The Course is in accordance with MHYC Sailing Handbook 2016/17, Course 2, p 34, **amended** as follows:

1. Start MHYC
2. **Fort Denison (P)**
3. MHYC Yellow Inflatable Mark off Bedlam Point (P)
4. MHYC Pink Inflatable Mark in Abbotsford Bay (P)
5. **Fort Denison (P)**
6. Finish at MHYC

(P) denotes Marks to be Left to Port

Please note that in accordance with RMS requirements:

1. Fort Denison is left to **Port** on the outward and return journeys.
2. Competitors are reminded that they are not to enter the boundaries of any moorings anywhere throughout the harbour during the conduct of the race.

Course distance approximately 21.5 nautical miles.

Bedlam point and Abbotsford Bay are on Chart AUS 200 at 33 50.600 S 151 7.600 E approximately. Additional detail is published on AUS 202 and 203.

Appendix A – Fort Denison & Prohibited Areas, and
Appendix B - Chart AUS 200 Extract Showing Bedlam Point & Abbotsford Bay.

These are attached to these Sailing Instructions for your information.

- 4.3 **There is no shortened course mark**; therefore, the Race Committee will take the times of each boat as they round the Abbotsford mark and, in the event that no boat finishes, these times will be used to score the race.
- 4.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast located adjacent to the MHYC Race Official's Box on the North-Western perimeter of the Club premises.

5.0 DIVISIONS

- 5.1 The RC may form or abandon racing divisions at its discretion.
- 5.2 As an indication, boats competing in this event will be allocated to the following Divisions:
Division 1 – Chaos Cup Boats flying spinnakers;
Division 2 – Chaos Cup Boats flying spinnakers;
Division 3 – Bedlam Point Cup boats not flying spinnakers;
Jeanneau Division - Jeanneau Cup for boats flying/not flying spinnakers.
- 5.3 Divisional parameters may be constructed at the discretion of the Sailing Manager or his nominee, on receipt of entries. Allocation of Divisions will be published on the 'List of Entrants' pre race. All competitors should check the Sailing Noticeboard to confirm their respective Divisions.
- 5.4 The composition and allocation of boats into divisions shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1).
- 5.5 Teams will be formed based on entries. Three MHYC boats will form a team devised from within a nominated club Division or Keelboat Class with the lowest aggregate overall placing in the Combined Spinnaker Divisions.

6.0 HANDICAP PURSUIT RACE

- 6.1 The race shall be a Handicap Pursuit Race per MHYC SR 15 with a Count Up start sequence.
- 6.2 A boat shall comply with the YA Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 7. An audited Special Regulations Form for the relevant Category (or higher) shall be submitted with the entry if not already held by MHYC.
- 6.3 In races or divisions designated non-spinnaker, only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 50.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. (No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay.)
- 6.4 Start numbers will be based on time correction factors (TCFs). A boat's TCF shall be determined by the RC or its nominee. A TCF may be adjusted after each race.
- 6.5 Boats shall notify the MHYC Sailing Office not 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 RC, 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.
- 6.6 The TCF, and a boat's start number based on it, shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).
- 6.7 When only one boat starts and sails the course within the time limit, the RC shall not abandon the race (amends RRS 32).

7.0 THE START

- 7.1 The Start Line shall be as MHYC NoR 16.0, Club House Start Line.
- 7.2 The RC will allocate a starting number to a boat for each race. A boat shall not start before the Starters Board has displayed its designated start number.
- 7.3 There will be no recalls. Any yacht deemed to have started prematurely and that has not returned and started correctly shall be penalised 5 minutes plus the difference between her starting number, applied to her finish time. (This amends RRS29.0)

8.0 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The Finish Line will be the Clubhouse Finish Line in MHYC NoR 17.0.
- 8.2 A boat's finish time shall 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.
- 8.3 All times will be recorded in minutes and whole seconds. Boats with equal finishing times shall be scored as dead heated.

All results will be subject to the application of Alternate Penalties, if any.

9.0 TIME LIMITS

- 9.1 The overall time limit is 17:00 hrs.
- 9.2 Noting that there is no shortened course option available, the interim time limit at the Abbotsford Mark is 90 minutes after the leading boat rounds this mark. After 90 minutes has elapsed, the Committee Vessel (CV) will sound one long blast of its horn and make an advisory broadcast on VHF Channel 73 to indicate that the time limit has been reached.

The CV will then collect the marks and return to MHYC – they will attempt to advise any yachts still racing that the race is concluded and they too should return to MHYC.

- 9.3 A boat that does not round the Abbotsford mark or finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF (amends RRS 35).

10.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 10.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two-Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.
- 10.2 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.

11.0 ABANDONED RACES

- 11.1 Abandoned races will not be resailed.

12.0 PROTESTS

- 12.1 Protests shall comply with MHYC NoR 24

13.0 ADVERTISING

- 13.1 Boats shall display bow and/or boom stickers if so determined by the RC.

14.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 73 for the duration of the race.

15.0 PRIZES

- 15.1 A presentation of trophies and prizes will take place at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club immediately following the race. This may be delayed or postponed should any protest affecting the placegetters remain unresolved.
- 15.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as follows:

The Chaos Cup:	To the first boat to cross the finish line from the Combined Spinnaker Divisions after the application of penalties, if applicable.
The Bedlam Point Cup:	To the first boat to cross the finish line from the Non Spinnaker Division after the application of penalties, if applicable.
Cock of the Club:	To the team of three MHYC boats formed from within a Nominated Club Division or Keelboat Class with the lowest aggregate overall placings in the Combined Spinnaker Divisions. (Sailing Office will form teams)

- 15.3 Subsidiary Prizes may be awarded as follows:

- * First three placegetters in each Division.
- * First boat to round the Abbotsford Bay Mark.
- * Last boat to finish.

- 15.4 Where there are less than 3 boats in a division only first prize will be awarded.

16.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the MHYC Feature Race Program 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".
- 16.2 The Organising Authority, Event Sponsors (if applicable), 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.
- 16.3 MHYC, nor the event sponsor (if applicable), are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

(ATTACHMENT #1)

REPORTING MARINE ACCIDENTS AND THE MARINE SAFETY ACT 1998 AND THE MARINE SAFETY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2009.

The provisions of the Marine Safety Act 1998 (the Act) came into operation on the 30th March 2009. The Marine Safety (General) Regulations 2009, (The Regulations) also came into force on the 30th March 2009.

They may be accessed at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

Types of vessels involved	Conditions for reporting
Vessels two or more ALL of which are NOT racing.	Fatality or personal injury or Damage exceeds \$5000
Vessels two or more of which ALL are racing	Fatality or personal injury or Damage exceeds \$5000
Vessels one of which is racing and one of which is not racing	Fatality or personal injury or Damage exceeds \$5000

The Act and Regulations replace the obligation under section 30G of the Maritime Services Act 1935 to report marine accidents involving death or injury or damage exceeding \$100.

The Act and Regulations also replace the provisions of a Memorandum of Understanding between NSW Maritime and Yachting NSW which related to collisions between racing vessels. The MoU was not widely circulated or understood by Clubs.

Under section 99 (1) of the Act a master and owner have an obligation to report a marine accident.

Regulation 96 sets out the conditions where a report is not required, and is therefore required in all other circumstances, and substantially changes the reporting requirements. It has particular relevance to racing boats competing subject to an Aquatic Licence granted to a Club.

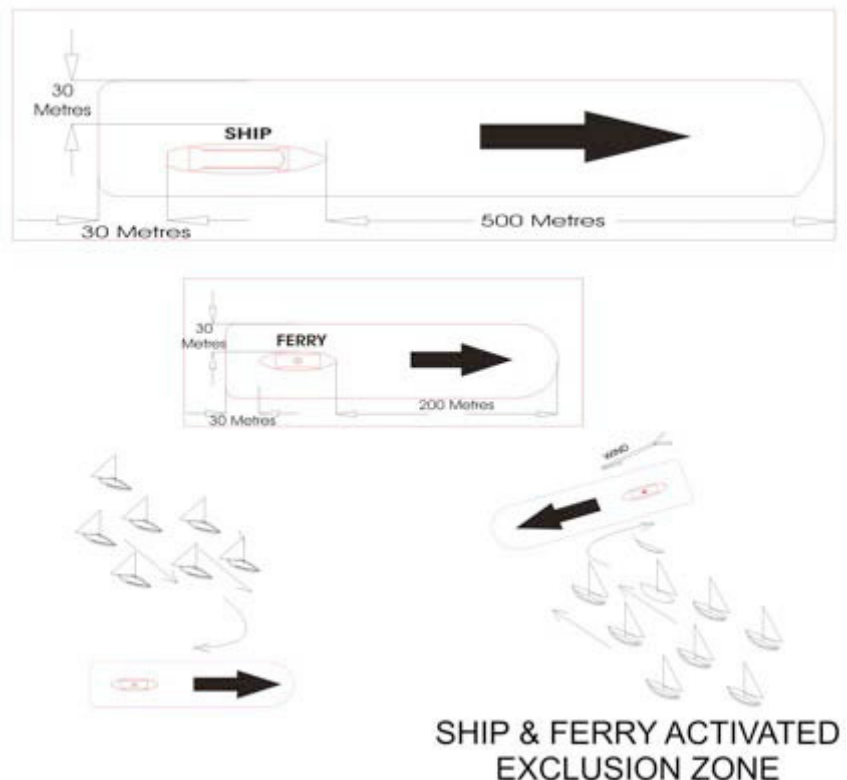
Three separate situations are referred to in Regulation 96 and these are set out in the following Table and state the conditions where a report IS required.

CONDITION 100 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SAILING EVENTS

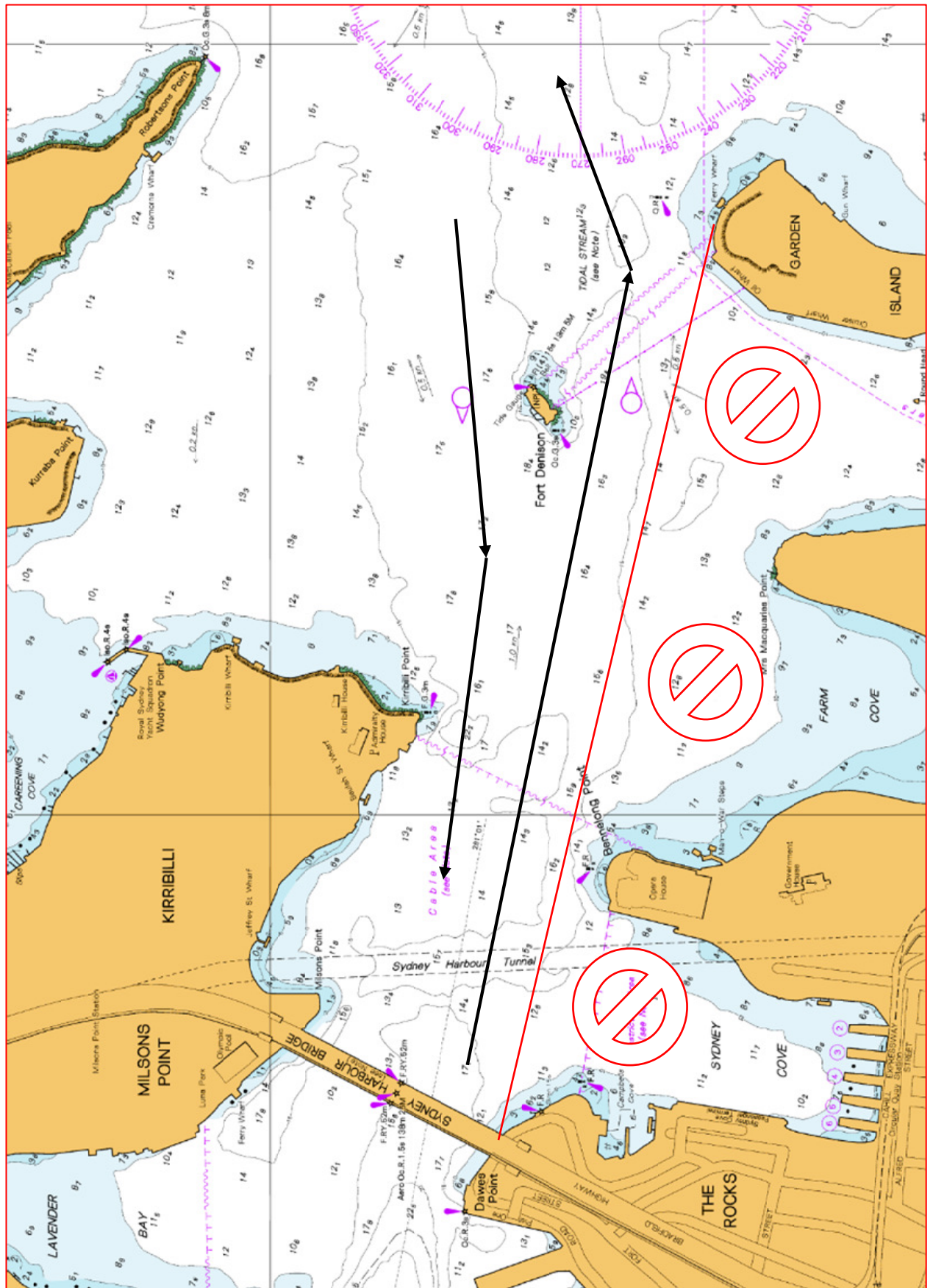
- All competitors must maintain a minimum distance of 500m from the bow of any ship and 200m from the bow of any ferry² and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.

- The Aquatic Licensee must ensure that all competitors receive a briefing in relation to the requirement to keep clear of ships and ferries.

- 1 - Oil tankers & Seagoing Cruise Ships
- 2 - Other seagoing commercial vessel or Ferry operating in accordance with an approved timetable



APPENDIX A – FORT DENISON & PROHIBITED AREAS



APPENDIX B - Chart AUS 200 Extract Showing Bedlam Point & Abbotsford Bay

