

BREAKOUT SERIES

18-21 January 2021

The Organising Authority is Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and Port Stephens Yacht Club in conjunction.

The Breakout Series will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, the Tasman Sea, Pittwater, Newcastle Harbour and Port Stephens.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and:

- a) the current IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C (if applicable)
- b) the rules and regulations of each One Design Class that will be scored in the series

1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (“AS Special Regulations”) Category 4 shall apply.

1.3 The following Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will be amended:

- a) RRS 41: Is changed that, ‘whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of the Event or MHYC Websites, even if that page is not publicly available.’
- b) RRS 44.1: Is changed that ‘only a one (1) turn penalty, including one (1) tack and one (1) gybe is required, except for infringements that occur within the “zone” of a rounding mark.’
- c) RRS 51: Subject to NOR 1.7, a boat with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
- d) RRS 52: Is changed so that it ‘does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails or to the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.’ This Rule is changed to permit powered winches for boats over 14.0m LOA and as detailed in NOR 1.3.2.
- e) RRS35, A4.2 and A5: Are amended so that boats still racing at the expiration of the race time limit will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus a score of 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

1.4 IRC BOATS

All boats competing in Classes using IRC Ratings shall hold a current and valid IRC certificate. The Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing. IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) do not apply.

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- 1.5 **NON-SPINNAKER DIVISIONS**
Boats competing in the Non-Spinnaker Divisions shall use only a mainsail and one headsail (as defined by RRS50.4) at a time. The headsail shall be fully hanked or attached by means of a luff groove device to the permanent forestay..
- 1.6 **TWO-HANDED DIVISION**
RRS52 is amended to permit the use of Autohelm and/or wind powered self-steering systems for the Two-Handed Division.
- 1.7 **MOVEABLE BALLAST**
Boats shall request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be taken into account in establishing the boats handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems and for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages. RRS 51 and 52 are changed to the extent as detailed by this paragraph.
- 1.8 **CREW REQUIREMENTS**
Competing Skippers and Crew are reminded of RRS 46 and the AS Prescription that all 'Person's in Charge' and 'Crew' onboard shall be a member of a Club affiliated to its Member National Authority (MNA).
- 1.9 **AMENDMENTS TO NOTICE OF RACE**
The Organising Authority may amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Event Website: www.breakoutseries.com.au
- 1.10 **OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD & SIGNAL MAST**
The Official Notice Board is located on the www.breakoutseries.com.au. The Official Signal Masts are located:
- At MHYC on the north eastern corner of the Clubhouse
 - At RPAYC in front of the RPAYC Clubhouse
 - At RMYCBB at the Race Officer's Station
 - At NCYC in front of the NCYC Clubhouse
 - At the PSYC Starters Van near the Soldiers Point boat ramp
- 2 ADVERTISING**
- 2.1 The Organising Authority may reject the entry at any time of a boat (RRS 76.1), which, in the Organising Authority's opinion, is carrying advertising for a company or product in conflict with the event sponsors, if applicable.
- 2.2 The Organising Authority may provide sponsors decals and / or backstay flags. A boat shall display the sponsor's name and or backstay flag in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
- 3.1 The Breakout Series is open to all boats that meet the eligibility requirements set out in NOR. The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, vary these eligibility requirements if it deems that the entry of a boat in the Series has the potential to advance the quality of racing in the event.
- 3.2 The Organising Authority may cap the number of entries accepted for the series or any of the races within the series due to berthing limitations.
- 3.3 The Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.
- 3.4 General Requirements for all boats shall be as follows:
- a) shall be of a self-righting and single hulled design,
 - b) shall have an overall length (LOA) not more than 31 metres,
 - c) shall have an overall length (LOA) not less than 9 metres,

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- d) shall be on the register of a Club affiliated to its Member National Authority,
 - e) shall hold, and have also submitted to their registered Club, a completed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit for the Category specified in NOR 1.2 (Category 1, 2 & 3 accepted),
 - f) shall hold, and have also submitted to their registered Club, evidence of current marine legal liability coverage of no less than AUD \$10,000,000 by way of a certificate of currency or policy document copy.
- 3.5 All boats are required to register their crew, providing crew name and Australian Sailing Number (or SailPass number) for each race.
- 3.6 Eligible boats may enter, provide and update their crew list, and pay the entry fee online at www.breakoutseries.com.au no later than midnight on 12 January 2021 (close of entries).
- 3.7 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.8 Entry fees will be non-refundable after the 'close of entries', except in the case of a division being cancelled or if one or more races are removed from the schedule due to changes to Government Health Regulations. All requests for an entry fee refund shall be made in writing and submitted to the Organising Authority by email to sailing@mhyc.com.au.
- 3.9 In the event of a race being abandoned or removed from the schedule of racing, entry fees will not be refunded.

4. DIVISIONS & HANDICAP CATEGORIES

- 4.1 The Breakout Series will be conducted in the following groups and divisions, using the nominated handicap systems. Additional classes or divisions may be accepted upon written request to the Organising Authority prior to 1800hrs on 5 January 2021.

Group	Divisions	Handicap
Performance	Up to three divisions depending on entries	IRC & PHS
Two-Handed	One division subject to a minimum of 5 entries	PHS
Non-Spinnaker	Up to two divisions depending on entries	PHS

5. DOCUMENTATION

- 5.1 Evidence of the Safety Audit & Insurance documentation as described in NOR 3.4(e) & (f) shall be submitted by midnight on 12 January, 2021(close of entries) if not already held by a boat's registered Club or Class Association. Documentation shall be submitted via email to sailing@mhyc.com.au.
- 5.2 A boats rating certificate shall not be changed after midnight on 12 January, 2021, except as result of a rating protest or to correct a rating error.
- 5.3 All entrants are required to provide COVIDSafe Crew Registration including skipper and crew contact details including Australian Sailing Numbers (or SailPass numbers) online prior to the boat's start time for each race. Boats not complying with this requirement shall be scored DNC. This changes RRS 63.

6 FEES

- 6.1 Fees are as follows:
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| Series Entry Fee (includes all races below) | \$240 |
| Sydney to Pittwater Race on January 18 | \$60 |
| Pittwater to Newcastle Race on January 19 | \$60 |
| Newcastle to Port Stephens Race on January 20 | \$60 |
| Port Stephens Islands Race on January 21 | \$60 |
- Entry fees include complimentary berthing at RPAYC / RMYCBB and NCYC, but booking is essential. Port Stephens berthing should be booked at the earliest opportunity.*

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7 SCHEDULE

Date	Activity	Time
January 12, 2021	Close of Entries	2400hrs
January 16, 2021	Start Lists & Handicaps published	1700hrs
January 16, 2021	Sailing Instructions published	1700hrs
January 17, 2021	Competitor Briefing (via Zoom)	1900hrs
January 18, 2021	Start of Sydney to Pittwater Race	1200hrs
January 19, 2021	Start of Pittwater to Newcastle Race	1000hrs
January 20, 2021	Start of Newcastle to Port Stephens Race	1100hrs
January 21, 2021	Start of Port Stephens Islands Race	1200hrs
January 21, 2021	Series Prizegiving	1900hrs

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1700hrs on January 16, 2021 on the Event Website www.breakoutseries.com.au.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be coastal / inshore passage races as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

10.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A of the RRS, shall apply. Boats whose sail numbers are not registered with the Organising Authority may not be recorded as finishers (amends RRS A5).

10.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 (a) When fewer than three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 BERTHING

To arrange berthing, contact:

- Middle Harbour Yacht Club
www.mhyc.com.au/marina/marina-a-moorings
- Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club
www.rpayc.com.au/marina/waterfront-facilities
- Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay
www.royalmotor.com.au/marina/casual-berthing
- Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club
www.ncyc.net.au/marina-commercial-centre/marina-info
- Port Stephens
Soldiers Point Marina - www.soldiersptmarina.com.au/bookings
D'Albora Marinas Nelson Bay - marina.dalboramarinas.com.au/MarinaMasterWeb/portal?action=contact&location=AKB
Anchorage Marina www.anchoragemarina.com.au/berthing-booking-enquiry/

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

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13 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

15 PRIZES

15.1 Race prizes will be awarded to the 1st placed finishers for divisions with a minimum of six (6) entries.

15.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed finishers for divisions with a minimum of six (6) entries.

15.3 Prizes for divisions with less than six entries, and any additional prizes, may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16 COVIDSAFE PROCEDURES

16.1 In accordance with NOR 3.5, all boats are required to register their crew, providing crew name and Australian Sailing Number (or SailPass number) for each race.

16.2 While ashore at a Breakout Series Host Club, all competitors shall abide by the CovidSAFE directives of that club.

16.3 Skippers are responsible for CovidSAFE practices while crew are aboard.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19 MEDIA RIGHTS

Conditions of entry include a requirement that the Person in Charge of the boat and crew:
a) Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the Regatta and may exercise those rights as it sees fit.

b) Grant the Organising Authority and Event Partners the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please view the Event Website www.breakoutseries.com.au or contact:

- Breakout Series Secretariat - sailing@mhyc.com.au 9969 1244
- Middle Harbour Yacht Club - sailing@mhyc.com.au 9969 1244
- Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club - sailing@rpayc.com.au 9998 3700
- Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay – alisdair@rmyc.com.au 9997 5511
- Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club - sailing@ncyc.net.au 4940 8188
- Port Stephens Yacht Club - PSYC_vicecommodore@outlook.com 0417 544 230

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