



# Notice to Competitors

**NTC 2021-09-10-1**

## IN THE EVENT OF GROUNDING

The 2021-2022 MHYC Notice of Race section 11, Safety & Special Regulations (Sailing Handbook p 37), is amended with the addition of the following:

11.7 Owners and skippers are warned that many areas of Sydney Harbour have shallows and rocks where groundings are possible. Groundings may be “soft” (in sand or mud) or “hard” (against rocks) but in all cases there may be significant damage done to the structure of the vessel. Such damage may be obvious, such as keel movement or cracks in the internal structure, or it may be more difficult to see.

11.8 Owners and skippers have a responsibility after any unintentional grounding to inspect the vessel and ensure that there is no damage which would detract from its structural integrity and safety. For vessels in Categories 1-3, this is a requirement under Australian Sailing Special Regulation 3.02.6. For vessels in Categories 4-7, it is a MHYC requirement that the person in charge satisfies themselves of the continuing structural integrity and safety of the vessel after any grounding, however minor. The “Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure” in Appendix C to Part 1 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations could serve as a guide in this inspection.

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