



Keelboat Forum

22 May 2024



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Agenda

- Review of Season 2023-2024
- Sunday Racing Survey responses
- Overview of draft 2024-2025 program
- Midweek race series
- Saturday Ocean Series
- Saturday Inshore Series
- Sunday Inshore Series
- Other Series
- Summary of draft 2024-2025 racing program
- Cruising 2024-2025
- Questions & Discussion



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Review of 2023-2024 Midweek



- **Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series** – 34 of the 35 scheduled races so far have been completed. 18 series entrants and 31 boats overall. Post-race sausage sizzle, quiz & raffle.
- **Flagstaff Marine Thursday Twilight Series** – 25 of the 26 scheduled races were completed. 31 series entrants and 54 boats overall. Post-race catering by St Siandra.
- **Non-Spinnaker Pursuit Handicapping** – Adjusting race length on a daily basis and posting handicap start times 90-120 minutes before the race seems to be working.
- **Friday Spinnaker Twilight Series** – 10 of 11 scheduled races were completed. 6 series entrants, an average of 8 starters, 27 boats overall. Very social post-race activity with BYO BBQ.



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Review of 2023-2024 Saturdays



- **Inshore Pointscore** – All 21 races were completed including 7 Combined Clubs races, 9 Sprints, 3 Feature races (using elapsed times) and 2 races on Inshore Courses. 4 Div 1, 8 Div 2 & 4 Div 3 series entrants for a total of 16 series entrants and 20 overall.
- **Inshore Sprints** – rebranded as Sydney Harbour Sprint Series and increased to 3 races per day starting at 12 noon. Included in the MHYC Inshore Pointscore. Only 1 non-MHYC boat entered.
- **Ocean Series** – All 6 races were completed over 5 days. 5 series entrants and 6 boats participated overall.
- **Regattas & Championships** – Events were conducted for the MC38, Adams 10 and Farr 40 classes. The Inclusive Classes Regatta for Hansa 303, Liberty & 2.4mR was held at Easter and included Class NSW Championships and the inaugural NSW Para Sailing Championship.



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Sunday Survey responses



There were 56 responses of which 36 were from owners or skippers and 20 from crew. All crew responses were received from two boats and significantly distort the results, so these were excluded from the analysis.

Of the 11 Regular Weekend Participants:

- 2 would end their participation
- 2 would increase their regular participation
- 1 would increase their infrequent participation
- 6 would have no change to their participation
- 3 would reduce their participation



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Sunday Survey responses



Of the 19 Non-Weekend Participants:

- 4 would increase their regular participation
- 5 would increase their infrequent participation
- 7 would likely have no change to their participation

Overall, the responses to a combined Saturday and Sunday Inshore Pointscore Series suggest the loss of 2 boats who are opposed to Sunday racing and the gain of 9 boats who would increase their participation with a Sunday option.



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Sunday Survey responses



Key issues that were highlighted include:

- Courses, start / finish locations
- Divisional allocation (mismatch of MHYC & MYC divisions)
- Score on ORC and IRC as well as PHS
- Maintaining 1pm start time
- Preference for sprint races on Saturdays
- Avoid conflicting with Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series



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2024-2025 Midweek Race Series



- **Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series** – 50 scheduled races spread over 4 sub-series. Maintain post-race sausage sizzle, quiz & raffle.
- **Flagstaff Marine Thursday Twilight Series** – 25 races plus a non-pointscore warm-up 5pm start. 6 Women's Helm races (one per month). Consider alternative catering.
- **Friday Spinnaker Twilight Series** – 13 scheduled races (every two weeks). Consider alternative catering.






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2024-2025 Saturday Ocean Series

- 6 races over 5 race days
- 3 CYCA SOPS races conducted by MHYC
- 3 SSORC races






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2024-2025 Saturday Inshore Series

- **Annual Inshore Pointscore** – 20 races including 10 Combined Clubs Inshore Series races, 9 Sprints and 1 standalone race using Inshore Courses. Review of CCIS Courses.
- **Sydney Harbour Sprint Series** - 3 races per day starting at 12 noon. October 19, November 16 & March 22.



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2024-2025 Sunday Inshore Series



- 11 scheduled races over 7 race days (2 sprint days)
- Separate to Saturday Inshore Pointscore
- Race management shared with Manly Yacht Club
- Courses to be developed with MYC but mainly based on existing MHYC courses
- 1pm start time with start / finish in the vicinity of The Sound
- MHYC Divisions 1 & 2 will sail as Division 1, MHYC Division 3 will sail as Division 2
- MHYC boats will be scored on PHS, ORC and IRC
- No conflict with Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series
- Only 1 race on the same weekend as a Saturday race



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2024-2025 Series



Feature Events

- 11 standalone Feature Events
- Commodore's Cup & Opening Day on 21 September
- Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker pursuit races

Winter Series

- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series in May, June & July (9 races)
- Leading Edge Series in August (5 races)
- MHYC yachts encouraged to enter CYCA Winter Series (Sunday) or Combined Clubs Winter Series (Saturday). Both series include 12 races



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Summary of Racing Program



- Wednesday Non-Spinnaker similar to 2023-2024
- Thursday Twilights similar to 2023-2024
- Friday Twilights have 2 extra races
- Saturday Ocean Series similar to 2023-2024
- Saturday Inshore Series has similar number of races , but CCIS races have increased by 3, Sprints are before and after Christmas and Feature Events have been excluded
- Sunday Inshore Series – New standalone series with Manly Yacht Club. Avoids weekends with MHYC or SHWKS races
- Winter – Sprints and Leading Edge only
- Feature Events & Regattas similar to 2023-2024



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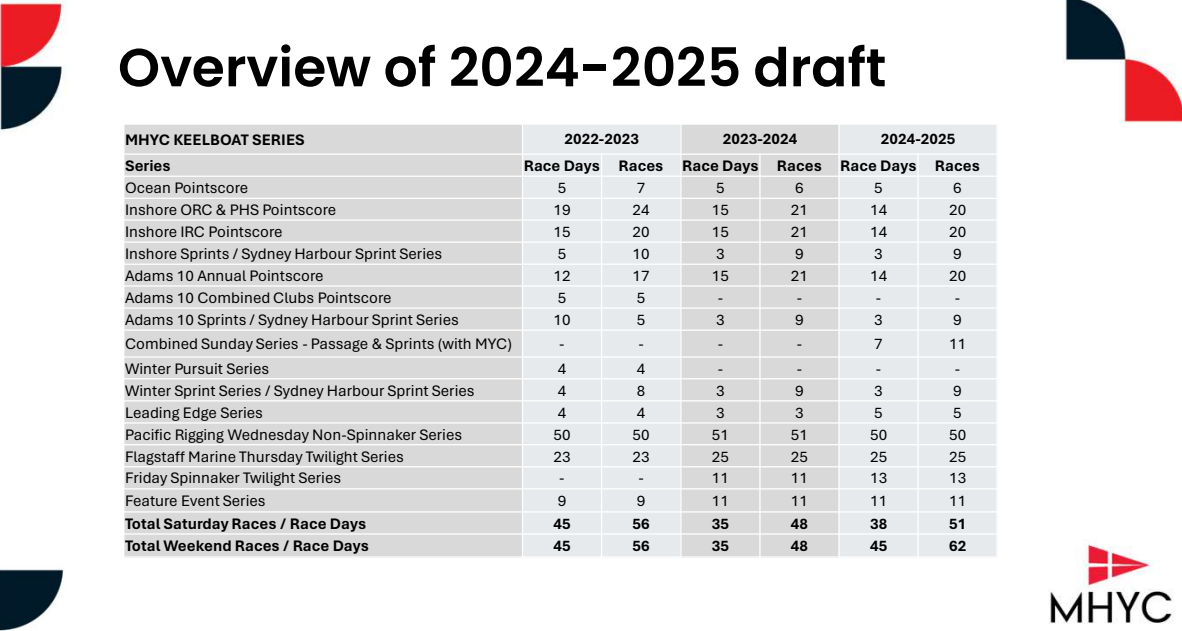
Cruising 2024-2025



When	What	Where
21 September 2024, Saturday	MHYC Opening Day 18.00 Cruising get together at MHYC	MHYC
5-7 October 2024, Saturday - Monday	October long weekend cruise	Pittwater
3 November 2024 Sunday	Make A Wish, Charity regatta	MHYC
26-27 October 2024, Saturday - Sunday	Tapas Tie-up	Sugarloaf Bay
16 December 2024, Friday	Cruising Xmas party	MHYC
1 – 7 January 2025, Wednesday to Tuesday	New Year's Cruise Destination	TBC
8-9 March 2025, Saturday – Sunday	Cruising Get together and safety training	Sydney Harbour
18 – 21 April 2025, Friday – Monday	Easter Cruise	Shellharbour
03 May 2025, Saturday	MHYC Annual prizegiving ceremony	MHYC
7-9 June 2025, Saturday – Monday	King's Birthday weekend	Pittwater
12-13 July 2025, Saturday - Sunday	Xmas in July cruise, following Club Xmas-in-July race	Sydney Harbour




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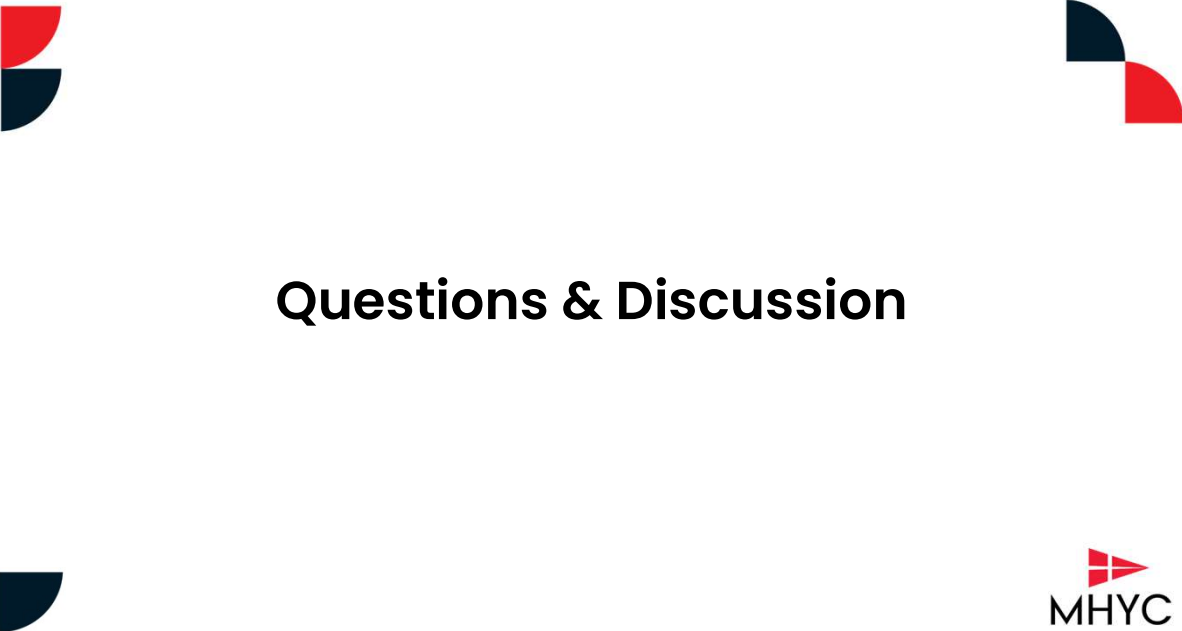


Overview of 2024-2025 draft


MHYC KEELBOAT SERIES	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Race Days	Races	Race Days	Races	Race Days	Races
Ocean Pointscore	5	7	5	6	5	6
Inshore ORC & PHS Pointscore	19	24	15	21	14	20
Inshore IRC Pointscore	15	20	15	21	14	20
Inshore Sprints / Sydney Harbour Sprint Series	5	10	3	9	3	9
Adams 10 Annual Pointscore	12	17	15	21	14	20
Adams 10 Combined Clubs Pointscore	5	5	-	-	-	-
Adams 10 Sprints / Sydney Harbour Sprint Series	10	5	3	9	3	9
Combined Sunday Series - Passage & Sprints (with MYC)	-	-	-	-	7	11
Winter Pursuit Series	4	4	-	-	-	-
Winter Sprint Series / Sydney Harbour Sprint Series	4	8	3	9	3	9
Leading Edge Series	4	4	3	3	5	5
Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series	50	50	51	51	50	50
Flagstaff Marine Thursday Twilight Series	23	23	25	25	25	25
Friday Spinnaker Twilight Series	-	-	11	11	13	13
Feature Event Series	9	9	11	11	11	11
Total Saturday Races / Race Days	45	56	35	48	38	51
Total Weekend Races / Race Days	45	56	35	48	45	62



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Questions & Discussion



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