



**GIANT STEPS SYDNEY  
2024 AUTISM SAILING REGATTA**

**Friday 15 November**

**NOTICE OF RACE**



**MHYC**



## **Thank you for registering in the Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta and supporting children with autism.**

By donating your yacht and time you have made a huge contribution to the funds raised for this wonderful charity.

The Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta will be held at Middle Harbour Yacht Club and has become an annual event, providing companies with the perfect opportunity to 'team build' and network on Sydney Harbour in support of children with autism.

This is a wonderful opportunity for yacht owners to enjoy a Friday afternoon sail on Sydney Harbour and make a difference to children with autism.

Kind Regards

*Giant Steps Management*

For more information visit [www.giantstepsregatta.net.au](http://www.giantstepsregatta.net.au)

### **Organising Authority**

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# NOTICE OF RACE

Middle Harbour Yacht Club in conjunction with Giant Steps Sydney invites eligible boats to compete in the 2024 Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta. The Organising Authority is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC).

## 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the following;
  - the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
  - the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
  - the MHYC Safety Requirements,
  - the MHYC Conditions of Entry, and by
  - this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Race will be a 'Pursuit' race with a handicapped starting sequence.
- 1.3 The Race will be categorized as 'Non-Spinnaker'. No sails shall be set forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. Only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 50.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying.

## 2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 2.2 The Organising Authority or Giant Steps Sydney may provide sponsor's decals and/or backstay flags. A boat shall display the sponsor's name and or backstay flag in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

## 3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Race is open to boats that are a single hulled and self-righting design. All boats entering shall hold and submit the following documentation:
  - a current Category 7 (or higher) Australian Sailing Special Regulations 'Equipment Compliance Form' and be on the Register of a Sailing Club affiliated with its National Authority **or** hold a current Survey Certificate issued by NSW Roads & Maritime Services.
  - evidence of personal risk cover of no less than \$10million by way of a Certificate of Currency;
- 3.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the Registration Form and signing and dating the 'MHYC Conditions of Entry'.
- 3.3 Registration forms and all above documentation shall be submitted to [david.trayner@vsl.com](mailto:david.trayner@vsl.com) by close of entries.
- 3.4 Close of entries will be 2359 hours on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- 3.5 The Organising Authority in conjunction with Giant Steps Sydney may, at its discretion, vary these eligibility and entry requirements if it deems that the entry of a boat in this race has the potential to advance the quality of racing in this race.

#### 4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, TIMES AND SIGNALS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Entries Close	Giant Steps Sydney	2359 Hours
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Sailing Instructions Published	MHYC Website	1700 hours
	List of Competitors Published		
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Starting Handicaps Published	MHYC Website	1130 hours
	Warning Signal Course Displayed	MHYC Clubhouse	1320 hours
	Start Handicap Count Up		1330 hours
	Post-race Analysis Presentation	MHYC Clubhouse	After Racing

#### 5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be published by the Organising Authority and available from the MHYC Website [www.mhyc.com.au](http://www.mhyc.com.au) by 1700hrs on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

#### 6.0 RACING AREA

6.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Lower Middle Harbour and Sydney Harbour.

6.2 The Race will be Started and Finished at the MHYC Clubhouse.

#### 7.0 COURSES

7.1 Courses will be Inshore Harbour Passage courses and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 8.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

8.1 RRS 44.2 Two-Turns Penalty applies for breaking a Rule of RRS Part 2.

#### 9.0 DIVISIONS & HANDICAPS

9.1 Divisional parameters will be optimized at the discretion of the Organising Authority, based on the entries received. Divisions may be formed or abandoned at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

9.2 Final List of Entries, Divisions and Starting Handicaps will be published by the Organising Authority and be available from the MHYC Website [www.mhyc.com.au](http://www.mhyc.com.au) by 1700hrs on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November .

#### 10.0 TROPHIES

10.1 Trophies may be awarded to the first three (3) place getters in each division at a presentation to be held at MHYC following the race.

#### 11.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority, Giant Steps Sydney and the event Sponsor's, including their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

- 11.2 The Organising Authority, Giant Steps Sydney and Sponsors, are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 11.3 Competitors attention is drawn to **RRS 3 'Decision to Race'**.  
*"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*

## **12.0 BERTHING & MOORINGS**

- 12.1 Limited casual berthing and moorings are available to boats competing in this race. All requests for casual berthing and moorings shall be made by completing the 'Casual Berthing Registration' form available from the MHYC Website [www.mhyc.com.au](http://www.mhyc.com.au).
- 12.2 On Race Day, berthing on the outer 'T-Heads' of the Marina **will not be available**. The outer 'T-Heads' will be reserved only for pick-ups and drop-offs for boats needing to facilitate their guests and crew. Competitors are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 when approaching the Marina to temporarily tie-up for pick-ups and drop offs.

## **13.0 TENDER SERVICE**

- 13.1 On Race Day, the Organising Authority may provide a Tender Service for boats competing in this race who are moored in the immediate area around the Club. Competitors are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 when requiring this service.

## **14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 14.1 For further information contact...

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## BOAT REGISTRATION FORM

### BOAT DETAILS

Boat's Name:

Sail No.:

Design / Class:

LOA:

Team / Group Name:

NSW Maritime Reg#:

No. of own Crew including Skipper:

Max No. of Guests:

Tick - Boat is participating as a: Competing Boat [ ] or Spectator Boat / Other [ ]

### OWNER DETAILS or CHARTER COMPANY DETAILS

Owner Name / Charter Company:

Member at which Club:

*If Charter Company*

Primary Contact:

Position:

Address:

Suburb:

Post Code:

Phone #:

Fax #:

Email Address:

### PERSON IN CHARGE (SKIPPER) / CREW DETAILS

Skipper Name:

YA No.:

Email Address:

Phone #:

### EXTRACT FROM NOTICE OF RACE

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## MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2024

The owner/charterer:

1. Acknowledges that this entry is made subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, as they may be amended;
2. Acknowledges that all races will be governed by the current versions of the governing documents listed in NOR 1 except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions;
3. Acknowledges and accepts the risks, including the risk of harm to persons, associated with:
  - (a) The perils of the sea;
  - (b) The seaworthiness or otherwise of any boat participating in any race comprising part of this regatta or series;
  - (c) The participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in any such race, including participation as skipper, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; and
  - (d) The defaults, acts and omissions, including negligent defaults, acts and omissions, of the MHYC and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members, and the crews of all boats;
4. Acknowledges and accepts that MHYC:
  - (a) Does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea;
  - (b) Is not in a position to take precautions against the risk of harm to persons arising from the perils of the sea;
  - (c) Is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to boats and crews during the course of any such race;
  - (d) Does not certify the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any boat;
5. Agrees:
  - (a) To release, hold harmless and indemnify MHYC, their officers, employees, agents, volunteers, members and its sponsors from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person, arising from loss of life or injury to persons, or loss or damage to property, howsoever caused, including by negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:
    - (i) participation by the boat or any other boat in any race comprising part of this regatta or series;
    - (ii) the conduct or course of any such race in any respect including any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any boat or the death of or injury to any person; or
    - (iii) any of the matters referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4;
  - (b) That the benefit of paragraph 5(a) is held on trust by MHYC for its sponsors and for the respective officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members of MHYC and its sponsors;
  - (c) that participation by the boat and crew in any race comprising part of this regatta or series is agreed by MHYC on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the boat and that MHYC is not responsible for the boat or its crew; and
  - (d) It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or not to start any race comprising this regatta or series, or, once having started, whether to continue to race;
6. Acknowledges and agrees that the contract formed by the acceptance of its entry by MHYC, is governed by the law of New South Wales and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of any express or implied warranty to this regatta or series and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded;
7. Agrees that if the owner/charterer or any person on the owner's/charterer's behalf requests the Race Committee or any officer, employee or volunteer of MHYC to arrange for special assistance because the boat has become disabled, or for any other reason, then the owner/charterer indemnifies MHYC and its officers, employees and agents in respect of any liability, cost or expense which may thereby be incurred;
8. Acknowledges that MHYC owns all media rights in this regatta or series and grants MHYC, at no cost, the unconditional, perpetual right to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, likenesses and biographical information relating to the crew, and photographs, video footage and audio records taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after any race comprising part of this regatta or series; and
9. Confirms that:
  - (a) The information with respect to the boat on the Registration Form (or already held by MHYC, or supplied as required to MHYC from time to time under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions) is or will be correct and up-to-date as at the date supplied;

- (b) Subject to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Organising Authority will be advised immediately in writing or by acknowledged facsimile or email, of any change to that information;
- (c) No alteration likely to affect the rating/handicap of the boat has been made since the boat was last measured/raced and that if any such alteration is made then MHYC will be notified immediately, in writing or by acknowledged facsimile or email to the Sailing Office. Alterations if any shall be made from the date of receipt with the Sailing Office.

**I hereby declare that I have read and acknowledge the Middle Harbour Yacht Club Conditions of Entry**

Owner / Charterer Owner (1) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Owner / Charterer Owner (2) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_