

Australia & New Zealand

AURUM CUP

20 & 21 June 2025

Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Sydney, Australia
Organising Authority

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 7 (or greater) Equipment Audit. Boats competing in the North Sails Pittwater to Sydney Race shall have a valid Category 5 (or greater) Equipment Audit. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 1.3 Boats entered as Non-Spinnaker shall not fly spinnakers. Only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully attached to the forestay. No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the [MHYC Event Webpage](#).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change on the water will be announced on the VHF race management channel after display of Code Flag L with one sound.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the start box flagstaff on the north-eastern corner of MHYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Information about signals ashore may be communicated via SMS via SailSys.

- 5 SCHEDULE**
- 5.1 Friday 20 June 2025**
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| North Sails Pittwater to Sydney Race | 1100hrs |
| Post race barbecue on the Harbourview Balcony | 1600hrs |
- Saturday 21 June 2025**
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| Breakfast and briefing in the MHYC Harbour View Room | 0830hrs |
| Musto Sydney Harbour Passage Race 1 | 1100hrs |
| Club Marine Sydney Harbour Passage Race 2 | 1300hrs approx. |
| Aurum Cup Prizegiving | 1600hrs approx. |
| Aurum Cup Dinner – Details TBC | |
- 5.2** A maximum of 3 races may be sailed.
- 6 CLASS FLAGS**
- The Class flag will be:
 Division 1 – Code Flag D
 Division 2 – Code Flag E
 Combined Divisions – Code Flag F
- 7 RACING AREAS**
- Racing will be on Sydney Harbour, Pittwater and the Tasman Sea.
- 8 THE COURSES**
- Courses are described in Attachment A.
- 9 MARKS**
- Marks are described in Attachment B.
- 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**
- 10.1** Boats shall pass on the safe water side of the following Cardinal Marks:
- (a) Gowlland Bombora (Dobroyd Head) – All Marks
 - (b) Sow and Pigs Reef– All Marks
 - (c) Shark Island– South and West Marks
- 10.2** Boats shall not sail in the following prohibited areas:
- (a) The area bounded by imaginary lines projected from the shore joining the West, South and East Cardinal Marks surrounding Gowlland Bombora.
 - (b) The area bounded by imaginary lines joining the North, East, South and West Cardinal Marks surrounding Sow and Pigs Reef.
 - (c) The area between AS Mark Shark Island and Shark Island is a continuing obstruction and no boat shall pass between them.
- 10.3** For the purpose of RRS 19 and 20, all Cardinal Marks surrounding the Gowlland Bombora and the Sow and Pigs Reef and all imaginary straight lines projected between such marks, shall be deemed obstructions.
- 11 THE START**
- 11.1** For the North Sails Pittwater to Sydney Race on June 20, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end laid starting mark. The start area will be in the vicinity of Taylors Point Mark (approx. 33°37.9'S 151°18.3'E).
- 11.2** For the Inshore Passage Races on June 21, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end laid starting mark.
- 11.3** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.4** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 The course will not be changed after the start.
- 12.2 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 For the North Sails Pittwater to Sydney Race on June 20, the finishing line shall be the MHYC Clubhouse Finish Line, a transit formed by aligning two orange triangles located adjacent to the MHYC Race Official's Box (approx. 33°48.4'S 151°14.9'E). The transit bears approximately 065°/245°M.
- 13.2 For the Inshore Passage Races on June 21, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

<i>Race</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>
North Sails Pittwater to Sydney Race	1600hrs on 20 June
Musto Sydney Harbour Passage Race 1	2.5 hours
Club Marine Sydney Harbour Passage Race 2	2.5 hours

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at MHYC Reception. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there or via email to sailing@mhyc.com.au within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at MHYC, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Pittwater to Sydney Passage Race will not be included in the Series Pointscore.
- 16.2 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races (no discards).
- 16.3 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Boats intending to race shall report to the committee vessel prior to their first warning signal each day, on starboard tack, with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNC'. [DP]
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 17.3 All boats shall monitor the race management channel VHF 72. [DP]
- 17.4 Each yacht shall register all members of its crew online via SailSys prior to the first race in which it competes. Failure to register a crew list before the race start time may result in a score of DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

18 EVENT ADVERTISING

Refer NOR 8.

19 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Competitors shall not dispose rubbish into the water.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Refer NOR 11.

23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Refer NOR 12.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Refer NOR 13.

25 PRIZES

Refer NOR 14.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Refer NOR 15.

27 INSURANCE

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

Attachment A – Courses

Coastal Course	Start	Description	Finish Area
Coastal Passage Race	Vicinity Taylors Point - Pittwater	Combined Division: Start – Barrenjoey Head – North Head – Grotto Point - Finish (22.4nm approx.)	MHYC Clubhouse Middle Harbour
Inshore Courses	Start Area	Description	Finish Area
1	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point	Division 1: Start – MW – ME – CP – EC – SIM – SI – CI – GP – CP - Finish (12.2nm approx.)	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point
		Division 2: Start – MW – ME – CP – EC – SIM – SI - GP – CP - Finish (10.4nm approx.)	
2	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point	Division 1: Start – MW – ME – CP – EC – SIM – SI - GP – CP - Finish (10.4nm approx.)	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point
		Division 2: Start – MW – ME – CP – EC – GP – CP - Finish (7.8nm approx.)	
3	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point	Division 1: Start – LB – CBS – CBN - SIM – SI – CI – GP – LB - Finish (11.0nm approx.)	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point
		Division 2: Start – LB – CBS – CBN - SIM – SI – GP – LB - Finish (9.5nm approx.)	
4	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point	Division 1: Start – LB – CBS – CBN - SIM – SI – GP – LB - Finish (9.5nm approx.)	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point
		Division 2: Start – LB – CBS – CBN - SIM – SI – Finish (7.2nm approx.)	
5	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point	Division 1: Start – LMNH – RP – EB – CP - OB – RP – EB – LMNH - Finish (11.2nm approx.)	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point
		Division 2: Start – LMNH – RP – EB – CP - OB – RP – EB – GP - Finish (9.1nm approx.)	
6	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point	Division 1: Start – LMNH – RP – EB – CP - OB – RP – EB – GP - Finish (9.1nm approx.)	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point
		Division 2: Start – LMNH – RP – EB – CP - OB – Finish (7.4nm approx.)	
7	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point	Division 1: Start – EB – LMNH – EB - MW – ME – CP – EB – LMNH - Finish (11.6nm approx.)	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point
		Division 2: Start – EB – MW – ME – LB – EB – LMNH - Finish (9.7nm approx.)	
8	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point	Division 1: Start – EB – MW – ME – LB – EB – LMNH - Finish (9.7nm approx.)	Hunters Bay / Grotto Point
		Division 2: Start – EB – LMNH – GP - MW – ME – LMNH - Finish (7.6nm approx.)	
NOTES: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All marks are rounded or passed to starboard• When rounding AS Mark Shark Island (SIM), boats shall not pass between the AS Mark and Island (refer SI 10.2c). Both the AS Mark and Shark Island shall be rounded or passed to starboard.			

Attachment B – Marks

ID	LOCATION	ID	LOCATION
Start & Finish	Laid Inflatable Marks Yellow or Orange	LB	AS Mark Lady Bay Lat. 33-50-076 Lon. 151-16-620
CBN	AS Mark Chowder Bay (North) Lat. 33-50-343 Lon. 151-15-613	LMNH	Laid Inflatable Mark North Head Lat. 33-49-500 Lon. 151-17-400 approx.
CBS	AS Mark Chowder Bay (South) Lat. 33-50-533 Lon. 151-15-343	ME	AS Mark Manly East Lat. 33-48-193 Lon. 151-16-731
CI	Clarke Island	MW	AS Mark Manly West Lat. 33-48-173 Lon. 151-16-619
CP	AS Mark Cannae Point Lat. 33-48-819 Lon. 151-16-955	OB	AS Mark Obelisk Bay Lat. 33-49-845 Lon. 151-15-981
EB	AS Mark Edwards Beach Lat. 33-49-292 Lon. 151-15-299	RP	AS Mark Rocky Point Lat. 33-49-424 Lon. 151-15-299
EC	AS Mark East Channel Lat. 33-50-439 Lon. 151-16-249	SI	Shark Island
GP	AS Mark Grotto Point Lat. 33-49-052 Lon. 151-16-039	SIM	AS Mark Shark Island Lat. 33-51-609 Lon. 151-15-572
NOTE: The Australian Sailing (AS) Marks in Sydney Harbour are Yellow Spar Marks			