



# Keelboat Sailing Forum

Wednesday 30 April 2025



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### Agenda

- Introductions and Welcome
- MHYC Series 2024-25 and 2025-26
- Club Membership
- 2025-2026 Proposed Race Fee Structure
- Open Forum



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## Pacific Rigging Wednesday Series



- Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit Series
- 50 races scheduled across 4 series year-round
- 2 divisions – Average 20 starters (S1-22, S2-20, S3-18)
- Clubhouse start and finish (unless the start is moved or race shortened)
- Sow & Pigs Reef removed at the request of NSW Maritime
- Will make some small adjustments to courses to target both divisions finishing at a similar time
- 19 November RPEYC Centenary Cup Regatta
- Suggestions welcomed until May 30



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## Thursday Twilight Series



- Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Pursuit Series
- 24 pointscore races and 1 non-pointscore race
- NPS on 3 Oct then 11 races in Pre-Christmas Series
- 13 races in Post-Christmas Series
- 6 races of Smithy's Waterproofing Women's Twilight Series
- On-water start and finish
- Race management volunteers welcomed
- Series sponsor?



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## Friday Twilight Series



- Spinnaker fleet racing with on-water start and finish
- 11 pointscore races fortnightly (was 13 in 2024-25)
- 2 spinnaker divisions and 1 cruising / non-spinnaker division
- BBQ on the Harbour View balcony afterwards
- Race management volunteers welcomed
- Series sponsor?



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## Ocean Pointscore Series



- 6 race pointscore series TBC
- CYCA Summer Short Offshore Series  
(3 race days with MHYC race management TBC)
- Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship  
(3 races over 2 race days)
- All races scored on IRC, ORC and PHS for Divisions 1 & 2



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## Annual Inshore Pointscore



- 19 race Saturday pointscore series
- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (9 races over 3 race days)
- All races scored on ORC, IRC and PHS for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 with OD results extracted for classes with 4 or more entries



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## Combined Clubs Inshore Series



- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
- OA is MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS & VYC
- MHYC race management on 27 September, 22 November (with Manly YC) & 31 January (same as 2024-25)
- Similar courses to 2024-2025



Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore



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## Sydney Harbour Sprint Series



- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (18 races) – OA is MHYC
- Inshore Pointscore includes 9 W/L races in the Spring Series
- Spring Series – November 1, December 6 & March 28
- 3 races per day starting at 1200hrs
- Starts for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 with One Design results extracted for classes with four or more entries
- Winter Series – May 9, June 13 & July 11



SYDNEY HARBOUR  
***SPRINT SERIES***

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## Combined Clubs Sunday Series



- Second year of the series run jointly by MHYC and Manly Yacht Club
- Divisions 1 & 2
- Inshore Pointscore includes 4 passage races and 6 windward leeward (sprint) races
- Passage Races – 21 September, 26 October, 16 November & 15 March starting at 1255hrs
- Sprints – 12 October and 8 February starting at 1155hrs with 3 sprint races per day



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## Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series



- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (6 races)
- OA is CYCA, MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RSYS & Balmain SC joining in 2025-2026
- MHYC race management on Sunday 19 October
- Concludes with Manly Women's Challenge on 22 March



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## Feature Events



- 10 races - every month except February (Picnic Race discontinued) & August (Leading Edge Series)
- Clubhouse start & finish pursuit race
- Spinnaker & non-spinnaker
- Two-Handed Race in conjunction with March Cup



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## Feature Events



- September 20, 2025 – **Commodore's Cup** (ABN in 2024, 10 boats in 2023)
- October 18, 2025 – **Harbour Trek** (8 boats in 2024)
- November 29, 2025 – **Seven Islands Race** (16 boats in 2024)
- December 20, 2025 – **Christmas Cup & Veterans Cup** (15 boats in 2024)
- January 10, 2026 – **Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup** (24 boats in 2025)
- February – No Race (Picnic Race ABN in 2023 & 2024)
- March 14, 2026 – **March Cup and Two-Handed Trophy** (6 boats in 2025)
- April 25, 2026 – **ANZAC Day Two Up Cup** (14 boats in 2025)
- May 23, 2026 – **Autumn Sail** (ABN in 2024 – new event)
- June 20, 2026 – **Welcome to Winter** (5 boats in 2024)
- July 18, 2026 – **Christmas in July** (5 boats in 2024)



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## Regattas



- 11 & 12 October 2025– Adams 10 Waitangi Cup – TBC
- 29 & 30 November 2025 – Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship (SSORC)
- 7 & 8 March 2026 – Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Harbour Regatta (SHR)
- 9 May – MHYC Womens Regatta 2026
- 19 & 20 June – X-Yachts Aurum Cup – TBC
- MHYC Womens Melges 20 Regatta – TBC
- Farr 40 and MC38 classes inactive



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## Charity & Corporate Regattas



- Friday, 31 October 2025      SAP Partner Regatta – Redkite (CH)
- Friday, 14 November 2025      ASX Refinitiv Foundation Regatta (OW)
- Friday, 20 February 2026      RFI Spurious Challenge (CH)
- Friday, 20 March 2026      Renewable Energy Cup (OW)

*Support through providing a boat, skipper and crew for hosting charity guests is greatly appreciated*



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## MHYC Winter Program



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|----------------------------|------|--|
| • Saturday, 9 May 2026     | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Winter Series (OW) |
| • Saturday, 23 May 2026    | 1230 | MHYC Feature Race – Autumn Sail          |
| • Saturday, 13 June 2026   | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Winter Series (OW) |
| • Saturday, 20 June 2026   | 1230 | MHYC Feature Race – Welcome to Winter    |
| • Saturday, 11 July 2026   | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Winter Series (OW) |
| • Saturday, 18 July 2026   | 1230 | MHYC Feature Race – Christmas in July    |
| • Saturday, 1 August 2026  | 1230 | Leading Edge Pursuit Series              |
| • Saturday, 8 August 2026  | 1230 | Leading Edge Pursuit Series              |
| • Saturday, 15 August 2026 | 1230 | Leading Edge Pursuit Series              |
| • Saturday, 22 August 2026 | 1230 | Leading Edge Pursuit Series              |
| • Saturday, 29 August 2026 | 1230 | Leading Edge Pursuit Series              |



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## Winter Program



### Combined Clubs Winter Series

- Saturday 2 May to Saturday 25 July 2026
- 12 races starting at 1230hrs

### CYCA Winter Series

- Sunday 19 April to Sunday 12 July 2026
- 9 Open fleet and 3 Women's Helm races starting at 1130hrs



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## Input & Suggestions via Div Reps



- Vice Commodore Racing – Mitch White
- Vice Commodore Youth – Sebastian Hultin
- Chief Special Regulations Auditor – Phil Darling
- Special Events Chairman – Ian Box
- Division 1 & 2 Representative – Neil Padden
- Division 3 / Friday Twilight Representative – John Crawford
- Cruising Captain – Gerald Nicholls
- Women's Sailing – Katie O'Mara
- Wednesday Division Representative – Julie Hodder
- Thursday Twilight Division Representative – TBC
- Adams 10 Representative – Kim Darling
- Farr 40 Representative – Gordon Ketelbey
- Race Management Representatives – Steve Tucker & Toby Gursanscky



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## Input & Suggestions via Div Reps



- Suggestions welcomed until May 30
- June – Finalisation of schedule & race documentation
- July – Layout of Sailing Handbook
- August – Printing of Sailing Handbook
- September – Season 2025-2026 commences



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## Club Membership



### Membership

- Connects you to your sailing community
- Should be at the club where you mostly participate
- Helps ensure that the boats you sail on comply with the rules
- Helps support the bodies which organise sailing, provide a voice to government and supply the structure, rules and safety framework of your sport – Local Clubs, Member National Authorities, World Sailing



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## Club Membership



### MHYC Membership Categories

• Club Full	Boat owner/skipper	\$987
• Club Crew	Sailing member 26 yrs +	\$430
• Club Crew	Sailing member 18-25 yrs	\$288
• Club Youth	Sailing member up to 17 yrs	\$89
• Club General	Social Membership only	\$147
• SailPass	Sailing crew day access	\$15



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## Crew Membership



### Clubs of convenience

- Some sailors will join an affiliated club where they never (or rarely) participate to take advantage of a low annual fee
- Does not support the club where they sail and places a greater burden on the members of that club
- If you sail primarily at MHYC, you should be a member of MHYC

### Unaffiliated Sailors / Non-Members

- May participate in recreational sailing but are not permitted to race
- Australian Sailing Prescription to RRS 46



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## SailPASS



- SailPass is a temporary membership that enables someone who is not a sailing member of an affiliated club to go sailing.
- For non-members, SailPass provides a flexible, accessible, easy & affordable introduction to sailing
- Ensures all crew are affiliated with a club and boats are complying with the racing rules and regulations
- Provides personal accident insurance
- Online registration is mobile friendly
- Daily SailPass fee is \$15 for 2024-2025
- Limited to 10 days each year
- Each MHYC boat that enters any series receives a code for 10 free SailPasses



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## MHYC Race Fees Restructure



### Objectives

- Attract and retain active racing yachts in the MHYC Marina
- Incentivise existing Marina Berth and Mooring holders to race regularly
- Encourage series entries over casual entries
- Draft only – subject to change



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## Proposed Race Fees Structure



MHYC Club Keelboat Racing proposed pricing structure for 2025-2026				General Entry	Discount 15%	Discount 30%	2024-2025
OCEAN SERIES (CAT 4)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Series	Member Series	MHYC Berth and Mooring Holder Series	Member Series
Ocean Series Pointscore 6 Races	5	\$65	\$60	\$260	\$221	\$182	\$255
INSHORE SERIES (CAT 7)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Series	Member Series	Berth Holder Series	Member Series
Inshore Annual Pointscore Block Entry * 20 Races incl. CCIS & SHSS (ORC / IRC / PH5)	14	\$65	\$60	\$728	\$619	\$510	\$714
Inshore Spring Pointscore 11 Races incl. CCIS & SHSS (ORC / IRC / PH5)	7	\$65	\$60	\$364	\$309	\$255	\$357
Inshore Summer Pointscore 11 Races incl. CCIS & SHSS (ORC / IRC / PH5)	7	\$65	\$60	\$364	\$309	\$255	\$357
Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (CCIS) 10 Races (ORC / IRC / PH5)	10	\$65	\$60	\$520	\$442	\$364	\$510
Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (SHSS) 9 Races (ORC / IRC / PH5)	3	\$65	\$60	\$156	\$133	\$109	\$153
Combined Clubs Sunday Series (CCSS) 11 Races (ORC / IRC / PH5)	7	\$65	\$60	\$364	\$309	\$255	\$357
WINTER SERIES (CAT 7)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Series	Member Series	Berth Holder Series	Member Series
Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (SHSS) - Winter 9 Races (ORC / IRC / PH5)	3	\$65	\$60	\$156	\$133	\$109	\$153
Leading Edge Series 5 Races (PurHC)	5	\$65	\$60	\$260	\$221	\$182	\$255

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## Proposed Race Fees Structure



MHYC Club Keelboat Racing proposed pricing structure for 2025-2026				General Entry	Discount 15%	Discount 30%	2024-2025
PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES (CAT 7)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Series	Member Series	Berth Holder Series	Member Series
Wednesday Series Block Entry * Includes Series 1, 2, 3 & 4	50	\$65	\$60	\$2,600	\$2,210	\$1,820	\$2,550
Wednesday Series 1	13	\$65	\$60	\$676	\$575	\$473	\$663
Wednesday Series 2	12	\$65	\$60	\$676	\$575	\$473	\$612
Wednesday Series 3	13	\$65	\$60	\$676	\$575	\$473	\$663
Wednesday Series 4	12	\$65	\$60	\$676	\$575	\$473	\$612
FLAGSTAFF MARINE THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES (CAT 7)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Series	Member Series	Berth Holder Series	Member Series
Thursday Twilight Series Block Entry * Includes Pre, & Post Christmas and Women's Series	24	\$65	\$60	\$1,248	\$1,061	\$874	\$1,224
Thursday Twilight Series Pre Christmas Includes Twilight Women's Series	11	\$65	\$60	\$715	\$608	\$501	\$561
Thursday Twilight Series Post Christmas Includes Twilight Women's Series	13	\$65	\$60	\$845	\$718	\$592	\$663
Thursday Twilight Women's Series	6	\$65	\$60	\$390	\$332	\$234	\$270
FRIDAY TWILIGHT SPINNAKER SERIES (CAT 7)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Series	Member Series	Berth Holder Series	Member Series
Friday Twilight Series	13	\$65	\$60	\$676	\$575	\$406	\$663

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## Proposed Race Fees Structure

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FEATURE EVENTS SERIES (CAT 7)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Series	Member Series	Berth Holder Series	Member Series
Feature Events Series Includes all Feature Races	10	\$65	\$60	\$520	\$442	\$312	\$528
Commodore's 'Front Up' Cup	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
Harbour Trek (#)	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
7 Islands Race	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
Christmas Cup & Veterans Cup (#)	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup (%)	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
March Cup (%) (#)	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
ANZAC Day 'Two Up' Cup (#)	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
Autumn Sail	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
Welcome to Winter	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
Christmas in July	1	\$65	\$60	-	-	-	
SAILING 10 PASS	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Series	Member Series	Berth Holder Series	Member Series
Casual Race in Any Series Pre-Paid 10 Races with \$50 discount	10	-	-	\$650	\$600	\$600	\$540

NOTE \* Block Series Entry includes free entry to all Feature Events

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## Open Forum / Questions



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