

Race Management Team Briefing

Season 2025-2026





MHYC Season 2025-2026



Agenda

- Officiating, Training & Accreditation
- Safety & Risk Management
- Race Management Equipment
- Start Boat Familiarisation
- Racing Rules of Sailing
- Handbook & Race Documents
- Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series
- Thursday Twilight (Non-Spinnaker)
- Friday Twilight (Spinnaker)

- Saturday Inshore Series
- Combined Clubs Sunday Series
- Keelboat Regattas
- Charity & Corporate Regattas
- Offshore Keelboat Program
- Keelboat Winter Series
- Port Authority & VTS
- Race Management Summary
- Questions





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There are a number of important officiating disciplines in sailing which ensure that competition is fair and equitable:

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- Judge (Regional, National & International Accreditation)
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Updates to Officiating

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- New LearningManagement System,with new and updatedtraining courses
- ☐ Simplified accreditation and reaccreditation processes



Getting started is easy!

- 1. Enquire about volunteering as an official at your local club.
- 2. Complete an <u>e-learning</u> <u>course</u>, or attend one of <u>our face-to-face courses</u>.
- 3. Continue to build your skills and knowledge with hands-on experience.





NEW Learning Management System (LMS)



Dashboard / Australian Sailing

Welcome lan!

My certificates

Certificate	Completed date ▼
Sailing Instructor & Coach General Principles	7 Feb 2025
Introduction to Safety & Risk Management Certificate	25 Oct 2024
Essential skills course certificate	13 Oct 2023

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My Australian Sailing Profile





Current Learning



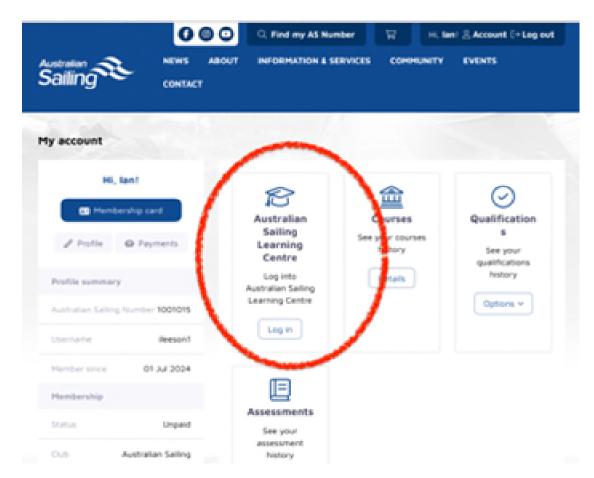




- Modern interface 32 courses across Instructor, Coach, Official and Club/Class Management roles).
- Modular learning no duplicate courses across multiple qualifications).
- □ Access to Australian Sports
 Commission & Sport Integrity
 Australia resources

NEW Learning Management System (LMS)

- Seamless Single Sign-On via Australian Sailing profile.
- ☐ Certificates automatically on individual profile within 24 hours.



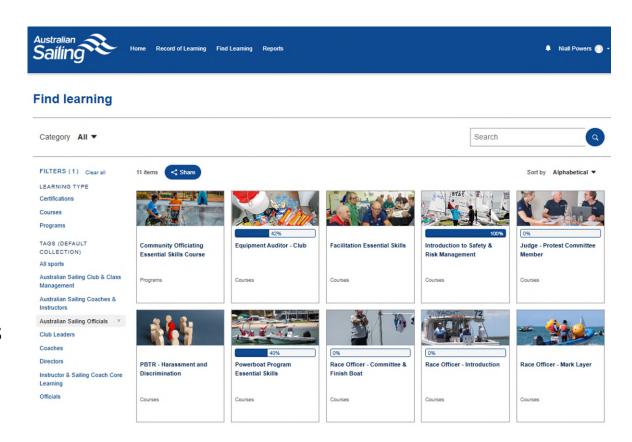
eLearning Courses for Officials

Australian Sailing Courses

- Equipment Auditor Club
- □ Race Officer Introduction
- Race Officer Committee & Finish Boat
- Race Officer Mark Layer
- □ Judge Protest Committee Member
- □ Powerboat Program Essential Skills

Australian Sports Commission Courses

- Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport
- Community Officiating Essential Skills
- □ Facilitation Essential Skills
- PBTR Harassment & Discrimination



Update to Club Race Officer Accreditation



■ New course: "Race Officer – Introduction"

- e-learning now covers required knowledge for a club-level RO
- Automatic RPL for existing 'Club Race Officers'

☐ Grandfathered Club ROs expired 30 June 2025

- \circ To keep going as before \rightarrow don't need to do anything
- To refresh or expand knowledge → do e-learning
- To officiate at higher level events → Regional or National RO

■ Benefits of e-learning

- Role-specific
- Short, free, always available
- Learners can pick and choose to suit themselves

Re-accreditation: Entry level courses

For officials holding one of our entry-level accreditations, re-accreditation is no longer required. This covers the following accreditations:

- ☐ Club Equipment Auditor
- Protest Committee Member
- □ Race Officer Mark Layer
- □ Race Officer Committee & Finish Boat
- □ Race Officer Introduction

Re-accreditation: Other courses

All other officials now have more ways to re-accredit – they can re-accredit by doing any one of the following three things:

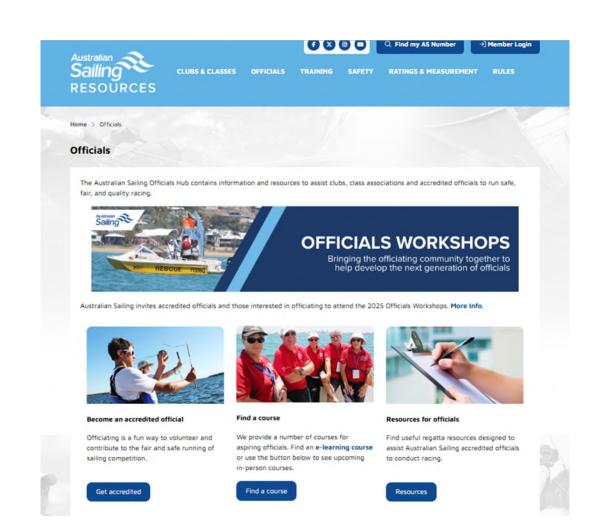
- □ Submitting an Event Log of their experience over the last four years (meeting certain criteria), **or**
- Obtaining a Practical Assessment from another accredited official, or
- Attending (or presenting) an Australian Sailing course in their discipline.

This upgrade is all about adding options – no re-accreditation options have been removed for any discipline.

Officials Hub –

- ☐ Information about Officiating Pathways
- Access to eLearning
- Face-to-face course finder
- Resources for officials (Specific resources & regatta management templates)
- □ FAQ's for Officials & Accreditation

https://www.sailingresources.org.au/officiating





Race Management Development, Training and Accreditation



World Sailing International Race Officials - resource centre

Disciplines include Race Officer, Judge, Umpire, Measurer, Para Classifier etc.

Other Courses

- First Aid
- Marine Radio Operator

Club Based Courses

Flags & Signals

Informal Training

As Required





Safety & Risk Management



- Safety Category Compliance
- Marine Operations Policy
- Incident Management Plan
- Notices to Competitors
- Race Officer is Incident Controller unless escalated
- Race Management Boats Safety Equipment
- Inform of safety hazards or on-water incidents
- Report any damaged or missing equipment
- Look after yourself, other volunteers and the equipment





Race Management Equipment



- Primary Start Boat Caribbean 35 Name TBC, fit-out in progress
- Primary Course Boat / Secondary Start Boat Arvor 28 Jack Stening
- RHIBs:
 - VSR 5.4m VSR
 - Highfield 4.2m Julie Hodder
- Buoys & Tackle



Race Management Equipment





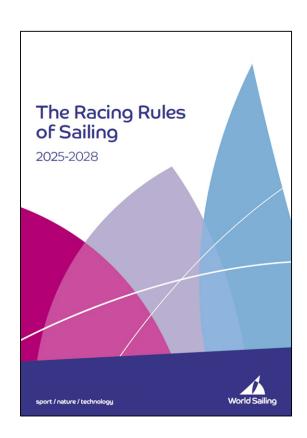






Racing Rules of Sailing





• Season 2025-2026 uses RRS 2025-2028



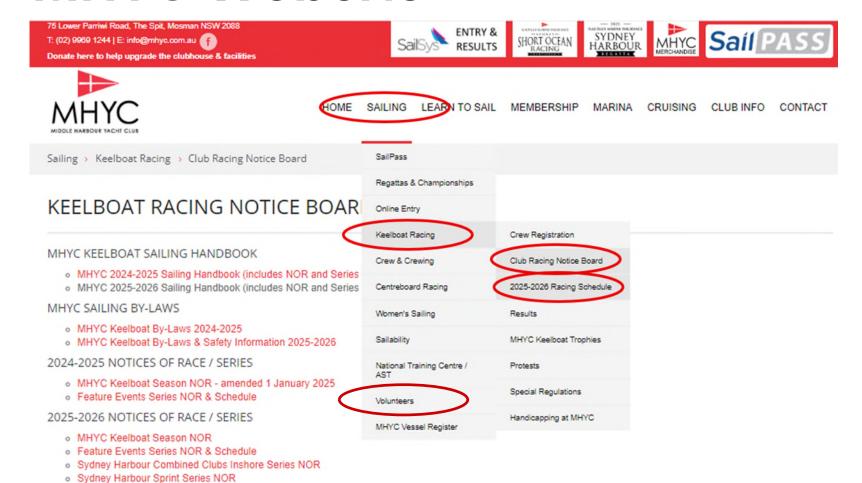


Handbook & Race Documents



- Online Race Documents
 https://mhyc.com.au/sailing/keelboat-division/keelboat-noticeboard
- Sailing Handbook
- By-Laws, Safety & Emergency Procedures
- Season Notice of Race & Series Sailing Instructions
- Annual Inshore Pointscore (CCIS, SHSS, Inshore)
- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series webpage NOR, SIs & Results
- Combined Clubs Sunday Series webpage NOR, SIs & Results
- Feature Event NOR & Individual SIs
- Regatta NORs and SIs







KEELBOAT RACING NOTICE BOARD

MHYC KEELBOAT SAILING HANDBOOK

- MHYC 2024-2025 Sailing Handbook (includes NOR and Series SIs)
- MHYC 2025-2026 Sailing Handbook (includes NOR and Series Sis) coming soon

MHYC SAILING BY-LAWS

- MHYC Keelboat By-Laws 2024-2025
- MHYC Keelboat By-Laws & Safety Information 2025-2026

2024-2025 NOTICES OF RACE / SERIES

- MHYC Keelboat Season NOR amended 1 January 2025
- Feature Events Series NOR & Schedule

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- Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series NOR coming soon

2024-2025 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series SIs & Schedule amended 1 January & 19 February 2025
- Leading Edge Series SIs & Schedule amended 1 January 2025

2025-2026 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- · Ocean Series Sis & Schedule
- Inshore Series SIs & Schedule
- Inshore Series Sailing Instructions for 6 September 2025
- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series SIs
- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series Sis
- Combined Clubs Sunday Series NOR & Sts
- Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series SIs & Schedule
- Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series SIs & Schedule
- Friday Twilight Spinnaker Series SIs & Schedule
- Leading Edge Series Sis & Schedule
- e CYCA Summer Short Offshore Series SIs & General Conditions coming soon
- Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series SIs coming soon

2025-2026 FEATURE EVENT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Opening Day Sail Past Instructions for 14 September (Matt Pyne Cup)
- Commodore's Front Up Cup! on 14 September
- Harbour Trek on October 25
- Seven Islands Race on November 29
- Christmas Cup (and Veterans Cup) on December 20
- Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup (inc Cook of the Club) on January 10
- March Cup on March 14
- ANZAC Day Two Up Cup on April 25
- Autumn Sail on May 23
- Welcome to Winter on June 20
- Christmas in July on July 18

2024-25 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- NTO 202 30 11 Million o manore Series Scoring & Prizes
- NTC-2024-10-12-1 Reminder to Competitors Clubhouse Start and Finish
- NTC-2024-10-13-1 Amendment to Appendix 1 of the MHYC Sailing Handbook
- NTC-2024-11-14-2 Amendment to MHYC Season Notice of Race Eligibility
- NTC-2024-12-12-1 Amendments to MHYC Race Documents
- NETO 2005 Device Commend and Medinesday and Thursday Sailing Instructions Sow and Pigs Reef

2025-2026 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

LOCATION OF RACING MARKS

- Mark Descriptions
- Harbour Marks Chartlet

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIAL REGULATIONS

. To view amendments to the Australian Sailing Special Regulations - click here.

RESULTS

TAXABLE IN

SAILING POLICIES & INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- MHTC Accident Having recigiving Po
- MHYC Sailing Operations Policy
- MHYC Sailing Incident Management Plan
- MHYC CovidSAFE Salling Policy
- MHYC Crew Registration Policy

INCIDENT REPORTING

- MHYC Incident Report Form
- NSW Maritime Incident Reporting

ANNUAL SKIPPERS BRIEFING

- 2024-2025 MHYC Skippers Briefing Recording (1 hour)
- 2024-2025 MHYC Skippers Briefing PowerPoint Slides

PRESENTATIONS

- Keelboat Sailing Forum Presentation April 2025
- Keelboat Safety Forum Presentation October 2023 (inc. harbour hazards)
- Keelboat Safety Forum Presentation October 2024 (inc. scienarios)
- Flags & Signals Powerpoint Presentation
- Navigation Presentation Julie Hodder July 2022

USEFUL LINKS

- MHYC 2024-2025 Sailing Handbook (includes NOR and Series SIs)
- Online Entry
- Special Regulation Audit Forms
- SailSys Crew Registration and QR Code How To
- Protest Log
- MHYC Vessel Register
- MHYC Vessel Register Application Form
- World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing
- Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing Hub
- ORC Club Information (Updated 8 February 2024)
 ORC Club Presentation 20 October 2021 (1 hour)
- Disposal of Out of Date Flares
- Tidal Charts



KEELBOAT RACING SCHEDULE

Schedule of Races for the 2024-2025 Sailing Season

- MHYC 2024-2025 Sailing Program PDF Document
- MHYC 2024-2025 Sailing Program Filterable Excel Spreadsheet
- Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series
- · Leading Edge Series

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- MHYC Ocean Series
- MHYC Inshore Series (including Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series & Sydney Harbour Sprints Series)
- MHYC Feature Event Series
- · Combined Clubs Sunday Series
- Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series
- Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series
- Friday Twilight Spinnaker Fleet Series
- Leading Edge Series
- · Charity & Corporate Regattas



VOLUNTEERS

Like all community based clubs, MHYC relies upon a large group of volunteers to conduct its sporting and social program.

The roles for volunteers at a sailing club are numerous and diverse, suiting people with a wide range of skills and interests.

MHYC conducts a busy program of club racing and regattas through the year (about 700 races by division) and volunteers are sought for both on-water and onshore roles. A Competitors Volunteer Scheme operates which provides 1 or 2 crew from competing yachts to help support the race management team. The club also supports volunteers with accredited and non-accredited training.

Middle Harbour's Race Management Team have a proud history of providing club members and vistors with some of the best racing in and off shore of Sydney Harbour.

Every week Middle Harbour requires Volunteers to assist with running racing for our Members. Tasks include:

- Mark Laying
- Recorders / Scribes
- Flag operations
- Powerboat operators
- Race Officers

Rain, hall, or shine, the Middle Harbour Team provides its Members and visitors with superb racing courses. For additional information or to register your interest in volunteering at MHYC, phone 8969 3103 or email sailing@mhyc.com.au, no experience is required just the will to learn and enjoy yourself on Sydney Harbour.

MHYC Race Management Team Resources:

- Race Management Team Briefing September 2024
- Race Management Flags & Signals Presentation October 2024
- Marine Operations Policy for Keelboat & Centreboard Racing 2025-2025
- Keelboat Sailing Incident Management Plan 2025-2025
- Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 including Australian Sailing Prescriptions
- · MHYC Codes of Behaviour
- MHYC Volunteer Policy





Position Descriptions:

- Race Officer (on water)
- Start/Finish Boat Driver
- Timekeeper
- Recorder
- Signals
- Course Boat Driver
- Course Boat Crew / Mark Layer
- Safety Boat Driver
- Safety Boat Crew
- · Race Officer (clubhouse)
- Race Management Assistant (clubhouse)

Australian Sailing provides a Race Officials Hub where you can learn about different officiating roles including:

- Race Officer
- Judge
- Umpire
- Measurer
- · Safety Equipment Auditor
- Para Classifier





Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series



- Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series
- Pursuit racing
- 49 races scheduled across 4 series year-round
- 2 divisions
- Average 20 starters
- Clubhouse start and finish (unless shortened on-water)
- Race management volunteers welcomed





Thursday Twilight Series



- Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series
- Pursuit racing
- 24 pointscore races and 1 non-pointscore race
- NPS on 2nd 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





Friday Twilight Series



- Friday Twilight Spinnaker Series
- Fleet racing
- 11 pointscore races fortnightly during daylight saving
- 2 spinnaker divisions and 1 cruising / non-spin division
- On-water start and finish
- BBQ on the Harbour View balcony afterwards
- Race management volunteers welcomed





Annual Inshore Pointscore



- 20 race Saturday pointscore series
- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (9 races over 3 race days)
- MHYC Inshore Race (1 race with separate sailing instructions on 6 September)
- All races scored on ORC, IRC and PHS for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 with OD results extracted for classes with 4 or more entries





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
- 2024-2025 courses are unchanged
- Division 0 for sportsboats added and first warning earlier:

Scheduled Time	Division	Flag Displayed
1230 hrs	Division 0	J
1235 hrs	Division 1	Q
1240 hrs	Division 2	K
1245 hrs	Division 3	R
1250 hrs	Non-Spinnaker Division	F



Combined Clubs Inshore Series

Kirribilli Point (KP)

Transit Points:

- Centre of the Harbour Bridge & southern most chimney located on Admiralty House (Photo 1)
- Light on Fort Denison & tall white residential block units at Kings Cross (Photo 2)

Latitude:

33°51.090'

Longitude: 151°13.618'

Photo 1:

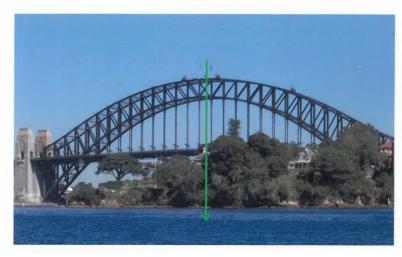
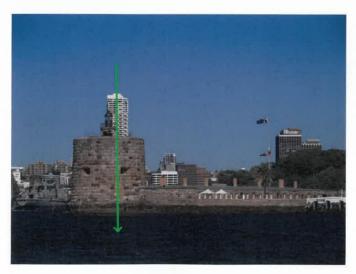


Photo 2:







Sydney Harbour Sprint Series



- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (18 races) OA is MHYC
- Inshore Pointscore includes 9 W/L races 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







Combined Clubs Sunday Series



- Jointly run by MHYC and Manly Yacht Club
- Inshore Pointscore includes 4 passage races and 6 windward leeward (sprint) races
- Passage Races 21 September, 26 October, 16 November* and 15 March* starting at 1255hrs
- Sprints 12 October* (with Waitangi Cup) and 8 February
- 3 sprint races per day starting at 1155hrs
- Starts for Divisions 1 & 2 (and Adams 10s on 12 October)





Feature Events



- 10 races (every month except February & August)
- Clubhouse start & finish pursuit race (spinnaker & non-spin)





Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series



- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (6 races)
- OA is CYCA, MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RSYS & BSC (Balmain have joined for 2025-2026)
- MHYC race management on Sunday 19 October in conjunction with the MHYC Womens Regatta (2 sprints followed by the SHWKS passage race)





Club & Class Regattas



- 11 & 12 October Adams 10 Waitangi Cup (with Combined Clubs Sunday Series Sprints on Sunday)
- Sunday 19 October MHYC Womens Regatta
- 1 & 2 November J/24 NSW Championships (with Sydney Harbour Sprint Series on Saturday)
- 29 & 30 November Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship
- Saturday 15 November Melges 20 Open Sprints
- Saturday 7 February Melges 20 Womens Sprints
- 7 & 8 March Sydney Harbour Regatta
- Friday & Saturday 19 & 20 June X-Yachts Aurum Cup





Charity & Corporate Regattas



- Friday, 31 October SAP Partner Regatta (Redkite) CHS
- Friday, 14 November ASX Refinitiv Regatta OWS
- Sunday, 23 November Make A Wish Foundation Cruise
- Friday, 20 February RFI Spurious Challenge CHS
- Friday, 20 March Renewable Energy Cup OWS





Offshore Keelboat Program



- 29 & 30 November Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship* (CYCA offshore mark laying)
- Saturday, 21 February CYCA Summer Short Offshore Series (Passage)* (MHYC inshore start / finish boat)
- 7 & 8 March Sydney Harbour Regatta (MHYC offshore mark laying)

* MHYC Ocean Series





MHYC Winter Program



Saturday, 9 May 2026	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Series
 Saturday, 23 May 2026 	1230	Feature Event - Autumn Sail
 Saturday, 13 June 2026 	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Series
 Saturday, 20 June 2026 	1230	Feature Event - Welcome to Winter
Saturday, 11 July 2026	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Series
 Saturday, 18 July 2026 	1230	Feature Event - Christmas in July
 Saturday, 1 August 2026 	1230	Leading Edge Series
 Saturday, 8 August 2026 	1230	Leading Edge Series
 Saturday, 15 August 2026 	1230	Leading Edge Series
 Saturday, 22 August 2026 	1230	Leading Edge Series
 Saturday, 29 August 2026 	1230	Leading Edge Series





Weekdays

- Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series Clubhouse Start & Finish unless conditions dictate on-water start or race shortening (Jack Stening with 1-2 crew if required)
- Thursday Twilights On Water Start and Finish
 (Jack Stening & count-up clock with 3 crew) 25 race days October to April
- Friday Spinnaker Twilights On Water Start and Finish
 (Caribbean 35 with 3 -4 crew) 11 race days October to March
- Charity & Corporate Regattas on 14 November & 20 March (Caribbean 35 with 3 -4 crew & Jack Stening with driver)
- Sydney Hobart Start on 26 December (Pin & Start Boats)







Weekends – Start/Finish and Course Boats (11 Saturdays & 4 Sundays)

- Saturday, 11 October 2025
- Sunday, 12 October 2025
- Sunday, 19 October 2025
- Saturday, 1 November 2025
- Sunday, 2 November 2025
- Saturday, 15 November 2025
- Saturday, 6 December 2025
- Saturday, 31 January 2026

- Saturday, 7 February 2026
- Saturday, 7 March 2026
- Sunday, 8 March 2026
- Saturday, 28 March 2026
- Saturday, 9 May 2026
- Saturday, 13 June 2026
- Saturday, 11 July 2026







Weekends – Start/Finish Boat Only (6 Saturdays & 4 Sundays)

- Saturday, 6 September 2025
- Saturday, 27 September 2025
- Sunday, 19 October 2025
- Sunday, 16 November 2025
- Saturday, 22 November 2025
- Saturday, 29 November 2025
- Sunday, 30 November 2025

- Saturday, 21 February 2026
- Sunday, 15 March 2026
- Saturday, 20 June 2026







Weekends – Course Boat Only (2 Saturdays)

- Saturday, 29 November 2025 (Jack Stening)
- Saturday, 10 January 2026 (Caribbean 35)





Port Authority & VTS



- Port Authority have been advised of MHYC events which cross the Sydney Harbour shipping corridor for the 2025-2026 season
- Daily Vessel Movements
 https://www.portauthoritynsw.com.au/port-operations/sydney-harbour/sydney-harbour-daily-vessel-movements
- For any racing with laid marks, advise VTS via VHF Ch 13 or 9296 4003 before laying marks and following removal



Questions







Thankyou!

