

FRIDAY TWILIGHT SERIES

Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker - Category 7 – Results on PHS

SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE DAY	DATE	START TIME
Training	Friday, 9 October 2026	1800
1	Friday, 23 October 2026	1800
2	Friday, 6 November 2026	1800
3	Friday, 20 November 2026	1800
4	Friday, 4 December 2026	1800
5	Friday, 18 December 2026	1800
6	Friday, 22 January 2027	1800
7	Friday, 5 February 2027	1800
8	Friday, 19 February 2027	1800
9	Friday, 12 March 2027	1800

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 Refer to NOR 1 and 2.
- 1.2 The nominated helmsperson of each boat shall be at the helm when starting and finishing.
- 1.3 Boats shall carry navigation lights and shall illuminate them after official sunset. Boats not illuminating navigation lights after official sunset will be scored 'DNF'.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 Racing is scheduled as per the Schedule of Races for the Friday Twilight Series.
- 2.2 One passage race is scheduled for each race day.
- 2.3 Up to three sprint races may be conducted on each race day.

3 CLASS FLAGS & DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Entrants may be allocated to racing divisions appropriate to their performance and entry numbers.
- 3.2 Class flags will be as follows:

CLASS / DIVISION	CODE FLAG
Passage Division	Code Flag 'D'
Sprint Division 1	Code Flag 'E'
Sprint Division 2	Code Flag 'F'

4 THE COURSES & MARKS

- 4.1 Passage and Windward-Leeward Courses are as per the Friday Twilight Series Course Descriptions attached. The course number will be displayed prior to each division's preparatory signal.
- 4.2 Passage Courses may be shortened by the Race Committee prior to the start by displaying Code Flag "S" prior to or with the attention signal. The display of Code Flag "S" shall mean the Course is shortened and upon rounding the mark suffixed (*) all boats should proceed directly to the finish.

- 4.3 Windward–Leeward Courses shall use Laid Marks unless advised otherwise by the Race Committee via the VHF Race Management Channel 72.
- 4.4 Courses may be shortened on the water for one or more divisions by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 32.
- 4.5 Australian Sailing (AS) Fixed Marks are described in Appendix 1.
- 4.6 Laid Marks for Windward–Leeward Courses shall be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.
- 4.7 The Start & Finish Mark shall be a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 4.8 If the Race Committee has laid an alternative Finish Mark for the Passage Division on the opposite side of the Race Committee Vessel, it shall be a pink inflatable buoy.

5 HANDICAPS & DIVISIONS

- 5.1 PHS handicaps will be allocated at the discretion of the Sailing Manager or their nominee and adjusted for subsequent races based on PHS calculation.
- 5.2 The Sailing Manager or his nominee may at their absolute discretion review any boat's time handicap where they are of the opinion that due to anomaly, error or change of racing trim or equipment, the handicap is considered unfair or unreasonable.
- 5.3 Allocated handicaps shall not be the subject of protest or dispute. This amends RRS 60 & 61.
- 5.4 Handicaps are published on the day of racing on the MHYC website and SailSys Entrants List.
- 5.5 Entrants will be allocated to racing divisions appropriate to the number of entries and the relative speed of entries. Division allocation is subject to the receipt of entries and shall be structured by the Sailing Manager at their absolute discretion.
- 5.6 Allocation to Divisions shall not be the subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. This amends RRS 60 and 61.

6 THE START

- 6.1 The start will be an On Water Fleet Start in accordance with RRS 26 and NOR 18.
- 6.2 The starting line will be located in Outer Middle Harbour, Hunters Bay or The Sound.
- 6.3 Boats shall report to the committee vessel prior to the warning signal, on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNS'.
- 6.4 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the start mark.
- 6.5 The first Warning Signal for Friday Twilight Fleet Series races shall not be made before 1755hrs.
- 6.6 The RC may combine a divisional start with another.
- 6.7 Prior to her Preparatory Signal, a boat shall keep clear of the starting line and all boats about to start or which have started. Attention is drawn to RRS 23.

7 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the finish mark located in Outer Middle Harbour, Hunters Bay or The Sound . A separate finish mark may be laid for the Passage Division finish line.
- 7.2 When the race committee determines the Clubhouse Finish is to be used (in accordance with NOR 17), Code Flag "O" will be displayed from the committee vessel with or prior to the warning signal for the first division.

8 TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 The time limit will be 1945 hours, except that:
 - During the months of November and February, the time limit will be 2000 hours
 - During the months of December and January, the time limit will be 2015 hours
- 8.2 Only boats that have finished within the time limit shall rank as finishers. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored DNF.
- 8.3 Competitors who fail to notify the RC of their retirement within 30 minutes of the race time limit may be scored DNC in accordance with NOR 20.2.

9 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 9.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two-Turns Penalty RRS 44.2 shall apply.
- 9.2 For an infringement of any other rule or requirement, the Scoring Penalties of RRS 44.3 shall apply. The penalty shall be computed as a percentage of the number of entries in the relevant division.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 Protests shall be in accordance with NOR 24.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes may be awarded at a post-race presentation appropriate to entries received in each division. Prizes not collected at the presentation will be forfeited.
- 11.2 Series winners may be awarded at a presentation on the final night of racing.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 A boat's finish time shall be used for the calculation of its racing division results on PHS handicap.
- 12.2 The Low Point System, Appendix A of the RRS shall apply.
- 12.3 RRS A5.3 applies except that DNC is scored the number of starters plus 2.
- 12.4 A casual race entrant will receive a series score in accordance with RRS A2.2.
- 12.5 Up to twenty seven (27) Sprint and nine (9) Passage pointscore races are scheduled. 10 Sprint Races and 4 Passage Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.6 One (1) excluded score will apply after every four (4) completed races, up to a maximum of six (6) excluded scores for Sprint Races and a maximum of two (2) excluded scores for Passage Races.
- 12.7 A boat's points will not be transferred with a change of ownership or division.

PASSAGE DIVISION COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*All marks shall be rounded or passed to **STARBOARD**. For shortened course mark (*) refer to SI 4.2.*

North/South	
1	Start – MW – ME – EC* – MW – ME – Finish (approx. 8.1nm / 5.5nm)
2	Start – MW – ME – OB* – MW – ME – Finish (approx. 7.2nm / 4.7nm)
3	Start – MW – ME – OB* – CP – Finish (approx. 6.1nm / 4.5nm)
East	
4	Start – CP – EB – GP – CP – OB* – EB – GP – Finish (approx. 8.2nm / 6.5nm)
5	Start – CP – EB – GP* – OB – Finish (approx. 5.2nm / 3.8nm)
South-East	
6	Start – LB – GP – BB – RP – EB – GP* – BB – Finish (approx. 8.5nm/6.4nm)
7	Start – LB – BB – GP* – LB – Finish (approx. 5.2nm/3.3nm)
West	
8	Start – RP – EB – CP – EB – CP* – EB – GP – Finish (approx. 7.8nm/6.2nm)
9	Start – RP – EB – GP – EB – GP* – CP – Finish (approx. 4.7nm/3.2nm)

SPRINT DIVISIONS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All marks shall be rounded or passed to **PORT**.

Windward-Leeward	Sprint Division 1	Sprint Division 2
Course W1	Start – 1a – Finish	Start – 1 – Finish
Course W2	Start – 1a – 2 – 1a – Finish	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish
Course W3	Start – 1a – 2 – 1a – 2 – 1a – Finish	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish

SPRINT DIVISIONS COURSE DIAGRAM

