

MHYC SEASON 2026–2027 NOTICE OF RACE

EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026

The organising authority is Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC)

1 RULES

- 1.1 All events for which MHYC is the Organising Authority shall be governed under:
- the rules, as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS);
 - the Rules of the respective One Design Classes;
 - the current IRC Rules, if applicable;
 - the current ORC Rules, if applicable;
- 1.2 All MHYC Events are subject to NSW Maritime Regulations, the Marine Safety Regulations 2016 and any MHYC Aquatic Licence or License Exemption issued by Transport for NSW.
- 1.3 This Notice of Race (NOR) may vary certain specific details of the RRS. The variation of any rule applies only to those details actually mentioned herein and in every other respect the RRS hold good and shall be observed.
- 1.4 The provisions of this NOR may be amended by the Notices of Race for the Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series and CYCA Summer Short Offshore Series which are posted to the MHYC [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#).

2 CHANGES TO CLASS RULES AND RACING RULES OF SAILING

- 2.1 The use of powered winches on boats which compete in MHYC events is permitted. This amends RRS 52.
- 2.2 Any changes made to a boat's hull, engine or propeller, trim or sail area or any other changes likely to result in an improvement in performance shall be notified, in writing, to the Sailing Manager at least 7 days before the race affected by the change.
- 2.3 A boat participating in a MHYC race shall not sail through the start or finish line of another division, or another club's race, wherever practicable. A boat shall not sail or motor through a MHYC finish line unless it is finishing. Where boats not racing must cross the Clubhouse Finish Line, they shall keep clear of boats that are still racing.
- 2.4 A boat shall comply with the RRS Appendix G, Identification on Sails and MHYC Sailing By-Law 3.
- 2.5 In races or divisions designated non-spinnaker, or where an individual boat has entered as non-spinnaker, only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay.
- 2.6 Boats competing in rated or class races must hold a current valid rating or class measurement certificate. Copies of the above certificates must be lodged with the Sailing Office by 1700 hours on the day preceding the boat's first race.
- 2.7 All boats competing in an IRC Division shall hold a current and valid standard or endorsed certificate. The Certificate rating shall only become effective on the date of submission to the Sailing Office.
- 2.8 IRC Rule 22.4.2 is amended in that it shall not apply for MHYC club events. In the case of Combined Club events, Regattas or Championships the host club's rules shall apply.
- 2.9 The Rules of the Adams 10 Metre Class are amended at the request of the Class such that the use of Mast Head Spinnakers is permitted in their one design or other races conducted by MHYC. These spinnakers shall conform to the following maximum measurements:

Maximum Luff	13,689mm
Maximum SMV	8,230mm
Maximum length spinnaker pole	3,727mm

- 2.10 For all Inshore Club Racing Events, RRS 55.2 is amended by adding an extra sentence to read: "Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the mast shall be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers (gennakers)".

3 AMENDMENTS TO NOTICE OF RACE OR SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to amend this NOR or the specific SIs for each event. Any amendment will be made in accordance with RRS 89.2(b) and 90.2(c).
- 3.2 Any change to this NOR or the specific SIs will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 The RC may draw attention to any Notices to Competitors that have been posted on the Official Notice Board by displaying Code Flag L from the flagmast at the MHYC Race Officials Box.
- 3.4 The RC may, at its discretion, vary the rules and this NOR if it deems that the entry of a boat in a race or series has the potential to advance the quality of racing in that race or series or contribute to the development of a class or division.

4 EVENT MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 The MHYC Sailing Handbook and its By-Laws, Schedules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions required under RRS 89.2 and 90.2.
- 4.2 The Race Committee shall be the Sailing Committee of MHYC. The RC shall have the power to co-opt additional members for specific purposes.
- 4.3 For the purpose of this NOR, Event means any MHYC on water activity for which Sailing Instructions have been published.
- 4.4 The Race Committee may at its absolute discretion form or abandon racing divisions appropriate to the entries received for an event.

5 COMBINED CLUB RACES

- 5.1 In any race which is conducted by another Club as a joint race for both that Club and MHYC, MHYC entrants shall race under the conducting Club's Sailing Instructions. Any decision affecting that race made by the RC or Protest Committee of the conducting Club shall apply to the MHYC event, unless otherwise determined by the MHYC RC.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 6.2 When required by the Sailing Instructions, a boat shall display the event sponsor's name, logo, decal or backstay flag in accordance with instructions provided.
- 6.3 The RC reserves the right to reject or cancel the entry of any boat (RRS 76.1) displaying advertising or sponsorship which is in conflict with the club's objectives or those of its sponsors or supporters.

7 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 For a boat to be eligible to enter a MHYC race or series it shall:
- (a) be owned by or chartered to a current Life, Full Adult or Senior category Member or be included on the Boat Register of either MHYC or another Yacht Club affiliated with AS or a World Sailing Member National Authority;
 - (b) hold a current valid AS Special Regulation Equipment Audit Compliance for no less than the Category of event for which it is entered;
 - (c) have paid racing fees prior to competing in an event;
 - (d) have lodged evidence of current and valid marine legal liability cover with MHYC of no less than AUD \$10,000,000 by way of a certificate of currency or policy document copy. It shall be the responsibility of the boat to maintain current and valid cover for the period of the event in which it is an entry and to lodge evidence with MHYC when the cover is renewed or changed.
 - (e) shall have a minimum of two (2) persons on board.

- (f) have provided evidence when required that all regular crew sailing on board are bona fide members of MHYC, or an alternative Yacht Club affiliated with AS, or hold a valid SailPass or are affiliated with another World Sailing Member National Authority. Attention is drawn to RRS 46 and the AS Prescriptions.
- (g) All visiting boats participating in a MHYC event shall meet the requirements of NOR 8.1 or may, alternatively, have on board a member of the Club at which the boat is registered to be the Person in Charge of the boat. The member shall be a member of a Club or other organisation affiliated to a World Sailing Member National Authority.

- 7.2 The RC may at its discretion vary eligibility and entry requirements, with the exception of NOR 7.1 (c) & NOR 7.1 (e), if it deems that the entry of a boat in a race or series has the potential to advance the quality of racing in that race or series or contribute to the development of a MHYC class or division.
- 7.3 Entries shall be made online at www.mhyc.com.au and shall be lodged no less than 24 hours preceding the commencement of the race or series. Late casual entries may be accepted no later than 2 hours before the race start at the discretion of the Sailing Manager.
- 7.4 Each yacht is required to confirm the number of persons on board (POB) prior to participating in any MHYC race sailed under Safety Category 7. This must be provided by completing crew registration via SailSys or completing the POB register online prior to the boat's start time. POB information will not be accepted via the VHF Race Management Channel. Failure to provide a crew list via SailSys or confirm the number of POB before the yacht's start time may result in a score of DSQ without a hearing.
- 7.5 Each yacht competing in a MHYC race sailed under any Safety Category 1-5 is required to register all members of its crew via SailSys. Failure to register a crew list before the yacht's start time may result in a score of DSQ without a hearing.

8 PERSON IN CHARGE (AMENDS RRS 46)

- 8.1 All MHYC registered boats participating in an MHYC event shall have on board a Life, Full or Senior category Member to be the Person in Charge of the boat at all times.
- 8.2 Boats participating in MHYC events which are under charter or hire and which currently hold a valid AMSA Commercial Survey may, on prior application to the RC, seek exemption to NOR 8.1 and nominate a Coxswain or Master currently licensed by Transport for NSW as the Person in Charge (Refer MHYC NOR 8.3).
- 8.3 The Person in Charge is defined by the RC as the person nominated as skipper on the race entry form. Where it is intended for another person to be in charge of boat for a race, notification of the change (ensuring compliance against NOR 8.1 & 8.2, as applicable) shall be given in writing to the Sailing Office not less than 3 hours prior to the start of the race or to the RC prior to the warning signal.

9 HELMSPERSON

- 9.1 A boat shall only be helmed by the person(s) nominated on the entry form as the skipper or, alternatively, by a member of the crew who has sailed on the boat in at least 50% of the races in the current series.
- 9.2 Where it is intended that a person not specified in NOR 9.1 is to helm in a race, notification of the change shall be given to the Sailing Office no less than 3 hours prior to the start or to the RC prior to the warning signal.
- 9.3 The RC may make an adjustment to the handicap of a boat if it considers that the change in helmsperson is likely to result in change in the boat's performance.

10 FLAGS AND PENNANTS

- 10.1 The MHYC Burgee shall be displayed by a MHYC Registered Vessel at all times whilst competing in a MHYC Event.
- 10.2 A visiting vessel competing in a MHYC event as a casual entrant may display the burgee of the club at which the boat is registered.

11 SAFETY & AS SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- 11.1 Boats must comply with the following AS Special Regulations from Part 1 Section 2;
 - a) Offshore Races - Category 4
 - b) Inshore Races - Category 7
- 11.2 All keelboats competing in MHYC races shall have a current valid AS Special Regulations Audit Compliance Form, a copy of which shall be lodged with the Sailing Manager by 1700 hours on the day preceding a boat's first race.
- 11.3 In addition, all keelboats shall carry the items and equipment listed in the MHYC Special Regulations Equipment Requirements Audit Form.
- 11.4 The RC may provide exemptions from the above Equipment Requirement.
- 11.5 All keelboats competing in MHYC races shall monitor the race management channel. The race management channel is VHF 72 except where an alternative VHF channel is specified.
- 11.6 All crew on deck of Keelboats entered as Two-Handed shall wear a lifejacket which complies with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5 (minimum Level 50).
- 11.7 Owners and skippers are warned that many areas of Sydney Harbour have shallows and rocks where groundings are possible. Groundings may be "soft" (in sand or mud) or "hard" (against rocks) but in all cases there may be significant damage done to the structure of the vessel. Such damage may be obvious, such as keel movement or cracks in the internal structure, or it may be more difficult to see.
- 11.8 Owners and skippers have a responsibility after any unintentional grounding to inspect the vessel and ensure that there is no damage which would detract from its structural integrity and safety. For vessels in Categories 1-3, this is a requirement under Australian Sailing Special Regulation 3.02.6. For vessels in Categories 4-7, it is a MHYC requirement that the person in charge satisfies themselves of the continuing structural integrity and safety of the vessel after any grounding, however minor. The "Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure" in Appendix C to Part 1 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations could serve as a guide in this inspection.

12 AS SPECIAL REGULATIONS - EQUIPMENT AUDITS

- 12.1 Audits for MHYC Members will take place at a pre-arranged time through the Sailing Office and bookings are essential. Audits may be conducted on most days, subject to the availability of an accredited Equipment Auditor.
- 12.1.1 Audits conducted outside of pre-arranged Get Checked days will be subject to the following service fees:
 - (a) \$100 for Categories 1-2
 - (b) \$75 for Categories 3-4
 - (c) \$50 for Categories 5-7.
- 12.2 Equipment Audits shall only be completed on the official form as provided by AS and on the MHYC Requirements form as provided by MHYC.
- 12.3 All gear shall be laid out for inspection. Where equipment is not adequately laid out, the Equipment Auditor may refuse to continue the audit. The boat's 'Owner' or 'Person in Charge' shall be in attendance during the audit.
- 12.4 Where a boat has 'outstanding items' still required as part of its audit, it shall be ineligible to race. Outstanding items shall be presented with the audit form for sign off to an accredited Equipment Auditor or the MHYC Sailing Office.
- 12.5 Under AS Special Regulations 2.02.2, every boat may be subject to a 'spot check' equipment audit. A boat whose equipment is found to be non-complying or whose 'Owner' or 'Person in Charge' acts unreasonably in preventing a 'spot check', may be penalised under regulation 2.02.3.

13 CARDINAL MARKS AND HARBOUR ISLANDS

- 13.1 Boats shall pass on the safe water side of the following Cardinal Marks:
- (a) Gowlland Bombora (Dobroya) – All Marks
 - (b) Sow and Pigs Reef – All Marks
 - (c) Shark Island – South and West Marks
- 13.2 Boats shall not sail in the following prohibited areas:
- (a) The area bounded by imaginary lines joining the West, South and East Cardinal Marks surrounding Gowlland Bombora and from the West and East Cardinal Marks projected to the shore.
 - (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.
 - (d) The Area between the Port Lateral Mark (Lighthouse) to the North of Shark Island and Shark Island is a continuing obstruction and no boat shall pass between them.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 When rounding Shark Island, Clarke Island, Fort Denison, Gowlland Bombora or Sow and Pigs Reef, competitors must give inside overlapped boats room to pass on the safe water side of the cardinal mark on the western side of Shark Island, the safe water side of the lateral mark on the northern side of Shark Island, the safe water side of the lateral mark on the southern side of Clarke Island, the safe water side of the lateral mark on the southern side of Fort Denison, the safe water side of all cardinal marks for Gowlland Bombora and the safe water side of all cardinal marks for Sow and Pigs Reef. Failing to give room and thereby forcing another boat to pass these cardinal and lateral marks on the unsafe water side will be considered a gross breach of RRS 2.

14 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 14.1 Boats shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence Shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to Marine Safety Regulations regarding right of way of vessels entering and leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds, vessels engaged in towing, and to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Boats found to have interfered with Commercial or Defence Shipping may be subject to protest by the race committee. Boats are responsible for any damage they may cause to Navigation Marks in the Port and shall in the event of such damage report the incident to NSW Maritime.
- 14.2 The attention of all Competitors is drawn to NSW Maritime Brief and Ship & Ferry Activated Shipping Zone, in respect of competitors interaction with Commercial Shipping and Ferries on Sydney Harbour. Compliance with these directions is mandatory.
- 14.3 Competing boats and crew are deemed by this NOR to have been advised of NSW Maritime requirements applicable to events conducted by MHYC and boats and crew breaching these requirements will be subject to action under RRS Part 5, Section A.

15 CLUBHOUSE START AND FINISH RESTRICTED AREAS

- 15.1 The areas of moored boats on both sides of the Spit Channel between the Spit Bridge and Clontarf Point are out of bounds to boats under sail. These restricted areas are defined as the area between the imaginary lines that define the swing mooring boundaries and the adjacent shoreline and for the purpose of RRS 19 and 20 these lines shall be deemed continuing obstructions.
- 15.2 When the Clubhouse Start Line and/or Clubhouse Finish Line are in use, any boat under sail that is observed to enter a restricted area may be disqualified without a hearing.
- 15.3 The Spit Channel is a navigation channel and boats sailing in the vicinity of the start and finish are required to give way to vessels using the channel.

16 CLUBHOUSE START

- 16.1 The Clubhouse Start line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on a MHYC Race Management Vessel berthed near the B-Arm T-Head, or the Clubhouse Flagmast, and a laid yellow buoy to the east of the Spit Channel with a transit bearing approximately 065° / 245°.
- 16.2 The Clubhouse Pre-Start area is defined as the area between the start line and the extension of the D-Arm outer walkway (northern marina arm).
- 16.3 When the Clubhouse Start Line is in operation, no boat shall enter the Pre-Start Area before her Preparatory Signal unless transiting the area under motor.
- 16.4 Any boat observed to breach NOR 16.3 shall be awarded a 45% scoring penalty (SCP).

17 CLUBHOUSE FINISH

- 17.1 The Clubhouse Finish Line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on a MHYC Race Management Vessel berthed near the B-Arm T-Head, or the Clubhouse Flagmast, and a laid yellow buoy to the east of the Spit Channel with a transit bearing approximately 065° / 245°.
- 17.2 After finishing and before lowering her sails a boat shall proceed immediately to the north of the extension of the D-Arm outer walkway (northern marina arm). When returning to a berth or mooring a boat shall not cross to the south of this transit unless under motor and with her sails stowed and any boat observed to breach this shall be awarded a 45% scoring penalty (SCP).
- 17.3 Boats are reminded of their obligation under RRS 23 and, in particular once finishing, to keep clear of boats that are still racing. A boat that is observed to interfere with a boat still racing or with the operation of the Clubhouse Finish Line may be disqualified without a hearing.

18 ON WATER START

- 18.1 For all races except the Wednesday and Thursday Pursuit Series, boats intending to race shall report to the Committee Vessel (CV) prior to their Warning signal, on starboard tack, with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 18.2 An inner distance mark may be located near the CV and boats shall leave this mark on the same hand as the CV when starting. No boat shall pass between the distance mark and the CV.
- 18.3 The Race Committee may position a vessel or vessels on the start line extensions at the port and/or starboard end for the purpose of identifying boats OCS at the start.
- 18.4 Following a General Recall, the RC may change the order of divisional starts. This amends RRS 29.2.
- 18.5 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.
- 18.6 Competitors' attention is drawn to the Australian Sailing prescription for pursuit handicap starts that a boat's Preparatory Signal is deemed made four minutes before the boat's starting time.
- 18.7 Unless otherwise specified in the Sailing Instructions, a boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. A boat doing so will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

19 ON WATER FINISH

- 19.1 The finish line will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 19.2 Boats shall not pass through the finish line when the CV is on station, except when finishing.

20 RETIREMENT

- 20.1 Boats retiring from racing shall inform the Committee Vessel by hail or on the race management channel at the earliest opportunity. Should this be impractical, boats shall advise the Sailing Office, in person or by telephone 9969 1244, as soon as practicable.
- 20.2 Unless specified otherwise in the Sailing Instructions, a boat which does not advise of its retirement within 60 minutes of retiring may be scored points equal to DNC.

21 HANDICAPS

- 21.1 The following ORC Ratings will be applied for the MHYC Inshore Series:
- a) For the Sprint Races– Single Number Time on Time Windward/Leeward
 - b) For the Inshore Passage Races – Single Number Time on Time All Purpose
- 21.2 For races other than Pursuit Handicap races, boats will be assigned an arbitrary PHS handicap being a Time Correction Factor (TCF). A boat's elapsed time shall be multiplied by its TCF to obtain its corrected time for the race. A boat's corrected time shall be used to determine its place. After imposition of percentage penalties, if any, the boat with the lowest place shall be the winner. In determining an arbitrary handicap for a boat in its initial race or its first race in a new pointscore series, the RC may seek the assistance of the appropriate Divisional Representative or outside parties.
- 21.3 The RC shall document and use a consistent method to determine the PHS handicapping during a series. The selection of the reference boat(s) and the maximum shift in TCF's shall remain constant for the series.
- 21.4 The RC may at its absolute discretion review any boat's arbitrary handicap where they are of the opinion that due to anomaly, error or circumstance, the handicap is deemed unfair or unreasonable.
- 21.5 A boat may not seek redress in respect of the assignment of PHS handicaps. This amends RRS 61.4(b).

22 PURSUIT HANDICAP RACES

- 22.1 For Pursuit Handicap races, the following applies unless otherwise stated in the Sailing Instructions for the event.
- 22.2 The RC or its nominee will allocate a Start Time in whole minutes to a boat as its starting signal. This will be displayed as time of day or as described in the event Sailing Instructions.
- 22.3 Boats may start once their allocated start time has been displayed on the race management vessel start clock. In the absence or failure of the start clock, competitors shall refer to GPS or Internet time.
- 22.4 A boat is racing from her Preparatory Signal which is 4 minutes before her allocated starting signal / Allocated Start Time.
- 22.5 A boat not racing shall stay well clear of the Start Line and, where applicable, stay outside of the Clubhouse pre-start area (see NOR 16.2 and 16.3). Attention is drawn to RRS 23.
- 22.6 Boats are advised that the RC may not record a boat that starts more than 5 minutes after their Allocated Start Time as starting.
- 22.7 There will be no recall signals. A boat recorded as OCS will be penalised 5 minutes plus the difference between her nominated start time and actual start time. This amends RRS 28.1 and 29.1.
- 22.8 Boats will be scored in the order of crossing the finishing line, including any penalties incurred under NOR 22.5, 22.6 & 22.7 and NOR 16 & 17 (if applicable).

23 RACE RESULTS AND SERIES SCORES

- 23.1 Race results may be posted on the Official Notice Board and the MHYC website.

24 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 24.1 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 24.2 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.
- 24.3 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
- 24.4 The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent protest committee or may observe and give testimony to the protest committee. This changes RRS 63.3(a).
- 24.5 Notices of protest will inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 24.6 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2.

25 SCORING AND AVERAGE POINTS

- 25.1 Scoring will be as specified in the Sailing Instructions for each event.
- 25.2 A boat which misses a race of any MHYC Series in which she is an entrant through competing in a State or National Championship or in any other Major Regatta or Series as endorsed by the MHYC Sailing Committee, shall be entitled to redress being average points.
- 25.3 Requests for average points shall be lodged in writing within 7 days of the event and accompanied by a copy of the result sheet of the event. The maximum number of requests for average points for boats competing in any series other than the CYCA Summer Short Offshore Series (SSOS) shall be limited to two (2) race days per series.
- 25.4 Boats competing in CYCA SSOS races conducted on the same day as MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore races will automatically have average points awarded for the MHYC Inshore race. Boats competing in CYCA SSOS races are not required to lodge a request for average points.
- 25.5 Points shall be the average of points over the entire series in which the average points are awarded.
- 25.6 The calculation of average points will not include races where a redress of average points has already been awarded. Average points will be rounded to one decimal place.

26 RUBBISH

- 26.1 Competitors shall not dispose rubbish into the water. Refer to RRS 47.

27 COMPETITOR'S RACE MANAGEMENT SCHEME

- 27.1 Each Boat competing in a Spring, Summer, Annual, Wednesday or Twilight Series is required to provide a minimum of two crew per annum to assist the MHYC Race Management Team.
- 27.2 Boats are invited to contact the Sailing Office early in the season with their preferred dates and a roster will be maintained by the Sailing Office.
- 27.3 Skippers are to advise the Sailing Office no later than two days prior to the event of their crew's name. They need to be ready to depart the marina two hours before the scheduled start time and will normally return by 1630 (although this can vary depending on the conditions). They should be adequately prepared for a day on the water. A light lunch and drinks will be provided.
- 27.4 A boat that is unable to compete in a scheduled Pointscore Race due to a crew member assisting with Race Management duties under the Race Management Scheme shall be entitled to apply to the Sailing Committee for average points. The application shall be lodged no later than two days prior to the event and supported by the boat's Divisional Representative. If awarded, average points shall be the average of points over the entire series in which the average points are awarded.
- 27.5 A boat that fails to provide a member of their regular crew capable of performing the tasks expected or failure of the crew to arrive in time or adequately prepared is a breach of NOR 27.1 and shall result in the boat being issued a 45% scoring penalty in that day's race or the next race in which the boat competes.

28. RISK WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- This risk warning is issued by the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (the Club) pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons participating in events and activities at the club, both on land and on water (activities). All persons participating in events and activities at the club shall agree as follows:
- 28.1 In the case of an emergency, authorise the club, where it is impractical to communicate with me, to arrange for me to receive such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I also undertake to pay or reimburse costs which may be incurred for medical attention, ambulance transport and medication while I am attending the club.
- 28.2 I understand that although the club and its officers, volunteers and service providers attempt to minimise any risk of personal injury within practical boundaries, accidents do happen and all physical activities carry the risk of personal injury. I acknowledge that there is an inherent risk of personal injury in the activities undertaken at the club.

- 28.3 I acknowledge and accept that regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to a significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. These risks may include, but are not limited to:
- a. the extremes of weather and sea conditions;
 - b. the potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting collisions;
 - c. the sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall all be thrown overboard;
 - d. the possibility that participants may be injured by the equipment on any boat or vessel;
 - e. the absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available;
 - f. exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 28.4 I acknowledge and accept that the club warns participants that regardless of its best intentions, the club, its officers, volunteers and service providers may be unable to attend and render any assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider all risks before deciding to participate in any on water event.
- 28.5 I acknowledge and agree that:
- a. I have read and understood this Risk Warning and Disclaimer of Liability, and I accept it;
 - b. I participate in activities entirely at my own risk and responsibility;
 - c. the decision to participate in any activity at the club, including activities on the water, is mine and mine alone;
 - d. the club, its officers, volunteers and sponsors will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after any activity including any on water event;
 - e. the club, its officers, volunteers and sponsors shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat used by me, the adequacy of its equipment or its insurance arrangements.

29. PERMISSION FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

The Club uses photographic images (including video and sound recording) of members and SailPass holders, including children, to promote the Club. This may include illustrations for printed materials as well as on the Club website or in social media utilized by the Club. By participating in an MHYC event, competitors automatically grant to the Club and its sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the event without compensation. If a photograph, video or sound recording is published on the Club's website or in social media you need to be aware that the image can be copied and used by other web users and therefore the Club has no control over its subsequent use and disclosure. You are not required to grant permission. This is a matter entirely within your discretion. If you do not give the Club permission to use photographs or video of you and/or your child in this manner, please notify the Club in writing at the earliest opportunity.

2026-2027 RACE AND SERIES ENTRY FEES

** Block Entry includes race entry fee exemption for all MHYC Feature Events*

OCEAN SERIES (CAT 4 – IRC / ORC / PHS)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Non- Member Series	Member Series
Ocean Series Pointscore 5 Races	4	\$70	\$65	\$260	\$182
INSHORE SERIES (CAT 7 – ORC / IRC / PHS)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Non- Member Series	Member Series
Inshore Annual Pointscore Block Entry * 22 Races incl. CCIS, MHYC & SHSS Races	16	\$70	\$65	\$1,040	\$728
Inshore Spring Pointscore 13 Races incl. CCIS, MHYC & SHSS Races	9	\$70	\$65	\$585	\$410
Inshore Summer Pointscore 9 Races incl. CCIS, MHYC & SHSS Races	7	\$70	\$65	\$455	\$319
Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (CCIS) 10 Races	10	\$70	\$65	\$650	\$455
Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (SHSS) – Summer 9 Races	3	\$70	\$65	\$195	\$137
FEATURE EVENTS SERIES (CAT 7 – PurHC)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Non- Member Series	Member Series
Feature Events Series Includes all Feature Races	10	\$70	\$65	\$650	\$455
Commodores 'Front Up' Cup	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
Harbour Trek	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
7 Islands Race	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
Christmas Cup & Veterans Cup	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
March Cup	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
ANZAC Day 'Two Up' Cup	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
Autumn Sail	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
Welcome to Winter	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
Christmas in July	1	\$70	\$65	–	–
WINTER SERIES (CAT 7)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Non- Member Series	Member Series
Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (SHSS) – Winter 9 Races (ORC / IRC / PHS)	3	\$70	\$65	\$195	\$137
Leading Edge Pursuit Series 4 Races (PurHC)	4	\$70	\$65	\$260	\$182

2026-2027 RACE AND SERIES ENTRY FEES

** Block Entry includes race entry fee exemption for all MHYC Feature Events*

PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER PURSUIT SERIES (CAT 7 - PurHC & ORC)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Non-Member Series	Member Series
Wednesday Series Block Entry * Includes Series 1, 2, 3 & 4	49	\$70	\$65	\$3,185	\$2,230
Wednesday Series 1	12	\$70	\$65	\$780	\$546
Wednesday Series 2	12	\$70	\$65	\$780	\$546
Wednesday Series 3	13	\$70	\$65	\$845	\$592
Wednesday Series 4	12	\$70	\$65	\$780	\$546
THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES (CAT 7 - PurHC)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Non-Member Series	Member Series
Thursday Twilight Series Block Entry * Includes Annual, Pre & Post Christmas and Women's Helm Series	25	\$70	\$65	\$1,625	\$1,138
Thursday Twilight Series Pre Christmas Includes Twilight Women's Helm Series	12	\$70	\$65	\$780	\$546
Thursday Twilight Series Post Christmas Includes Twilight Women's Helm Series	13	\$70	\$65	\$845	\$592
Smithy's Waterproofing Thursday Twilight Women's Helm Series	6	\$70	\$65	\$390	\$273
FRIDAY TWILIGHT SERIES (CAT 7 - PHS)	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Non-Member Series	Member Series
Friday Twilight Series	9	\$70	\$65	\$585	\$410
SAILING 10 PASS	Race Days	Casual	Casual (online)	Non-Member	Member
Casual Race in Any Series Pre-Paid	10	-	-	\$750	\$750