

MHYC

Skippers Briefing

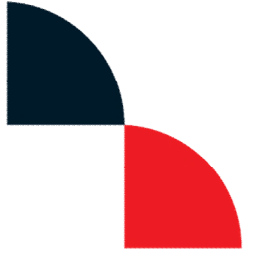
Season 2026-2027

Thursday 10 September 2026





MHYC Skippers Briefing



Agenda

- Introduction and Welcome
- NSW Maritime Briefing (BSO Frankie Oborn)
- Keelboat Safety & Managing Emergencies on the Water
- Racing Rules of Sailing & Australian Sailing Special Regulations
- SailPass Temporary Membership
- Sailing Handbook 2026-2027
- 2026-2027 MHYC Series
- Race Management
- Important Reminders





Skipper Briefing 2026–2027



- **Transport for NSW Maritime Briefing**

Frankie Oborn – Boating Safety Officer (Sydney Harbour)



Transport
for NSW





MHYC Sailing Committee



Sailing Committee

John Crawford – Chairperson / VC Racing

Sebastian Hultin – VC Youth

Phil Darling

Neil Padden

Julie Hodder

Kevin Bloor

David Staley – Sailing Manager / PRO

Ex Officio:

Commodore Rob Aldis

CEO Andrew Forbes

Divisional Representatives

VC Cruising – Gerald Nicholls

VC Youth – Sebastian Hultin

Chief Safety Auditor – Phil Darling

Special Events Chairman – Ian Box

Women's Sailing – Celina Rumbelow

Division 1 & 2 – Neil Padden

Division 3 – John Crawford

Wednesday – Julie Hodder

Thursday Twilight – Kevin Bloor

Friday Twilight – John Crawford

Adams 10 – Kim Darling

Race Management – Steve Tucker &
Toby Gursansky





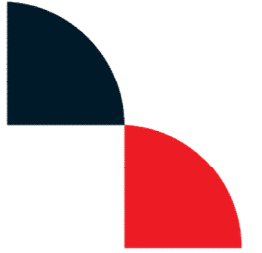
MHYC Safety & Risk Management



- Safety Audits (Owner's responsibility for ongoing compliance)
- Marine Operations Policy & Incident Management Plan
- Sailing Handbook Safety & Incident Management pages 39-43
- B-Arm T-head is the MHYC Evacuation Point
- Keelboat Safety Forum & MOB Training
- Notices to Competitors
- Race Officer is Incident Controller unless escalated
- Inform the RO of safety hazards or on-water incidents
- Reporting on-water safety incidents

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/submit-vessel-incident-reports>

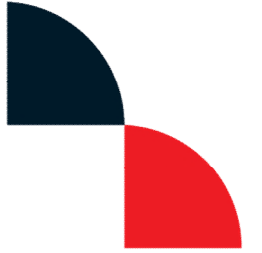




RRS & Special Regulations

- The 2025-2028 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing apply until 1 January 2029
- To download the RRS – <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/rules-hub/rrs>
- Printed copies of the Racing Rules of Sailing (laminated or unlaminated) are available at Reception
- MHYC Requirements – A current copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing (electronic or printed)
- The Australian Sailing Special Regulations apply for all MHYC races. For information – <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>





Equipment Safety Audits

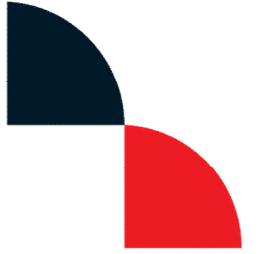
Audit Procedure

- Free Get Checked Days were conducted on 27 June and 9 August, but additional audits can be arranged
- Bookings are essential – email sailing@mhyc.com.au
- Audits conducted outside of the Get Checked Days attract the following fees:
 - \$100 for Categories 1-2
 - \$75 for Categories 3-4
 - \$50 for Categories 5-7





Equipment Safety Audits



Documents to be submitted to the MHYC Sailing Office

- Completed AS Special Regulations Audit Form (Cats 1-7)
- Completed MHYC Requirements Form
- Copy of Current Insurance Policy
- Copy of Current Registration
- Class or Rating Certificates





Inspection after Grounding

NOR 11.7 & 11.8

- Cat 1-3 – see SR 3.02.6 for procedure (qualified person to inspect)
- Cat 4-7 – MHYC requires that the yacht's person in charge inspects for any structural damage and satisfy themselves the vessel is still safe following any unintentional groundings on rocks or sand or mud, however minor
- Guidelines in SR App C "Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure"





- SailPass is a temporary membership that enables someone who is not a sailing member of an affiliated club to go sailing. To get a SailPass – [click here](#)
- Ensures all crew are affiliated with a club and boats are complying with the racing rules and regulations
- Provides personal accident insurance
- For non-members, SailPass provides a flexible, accessible, easy & affordable introduction to sailing
- Online registration is mobile friendly
- Each MHYC boat that enters any series receives a code for 10 free SailPasses
- Daily SailPass fee is \$15 for 2026-2027 with a maximum of 10 passes per year
- SailPass fees can be credited to sailing membership in that membership year



Crew Registration

- Mandatory for all races (NOR 7.4)
- Via SailSys or POB Register (Cat 7)



HOME SAILING LEARN TO SAIL MEMBERSHIP MARINA CRUISING CLUB INFO CONTACT

Sailing > Keelboat Racing > Crew Registration

CREW REGISTRATION

Crew Registration or, at a minimum for Category 7 races the number of Persons on Board (POB), is required for each MHYC race.

This is important for confirming who is on board in case of an emergency and that all crew are conforming to the rules and regulations of our sport and are insured. Crew should record their emergency contact numbers in their SailSys profile along with their Australian Sailing number.

For Safety Category 7 (inshore) events, failure to provide a crew list via SailSys or confirm the number of POB before the yacht's start time will result in a score of DSQ.

To complete the POB Register - [click here](#) To complete a full Crew Registration, go to your yacht's SailSys profile.

For Safety Category 1-6 races, a yacht is required to register all members of its crew via SailSys. Failure to register a crew list before the yacht's start time shall result in a score of DSQ.

To complete a full Crew Registration, go to your yacht's SailSys profile.

For guidance about how to use the SailSys Crew Registration and QR Code Crew Sign On functions - [click here](#)

To check an Australian Sailing Number - [click here](#)

Crew Registration QR Code

Ask your crew to scan the QR code below from your screen. They will be prompted to sign in or create a SailSys account and then be added to your crew for this boat's next race.



MHYCTest

Basic Information

Sail No.

MHYC9999

Club

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Make & Model

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Class

Keelboat

Year

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Handicaps

YRD

Technical Information

Boat Admins

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File Library

Crew Management

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Sailing Handbook & Race Docs

- Sailing Handbook – change to page ordering this year
- Sailing Handbook and Individual Race Documents online
<https://mhyc.com.au/sailing/keelboat-division/keelboat-noticeboard>
- By-Laws, Safety & Emergency Procedures
- Season Notice of Race & Series Sailing Instructions
- Inshore Pointscore (Inshore, CCIS, SHSS)
- Feature Event NOR (Individual Race SIs are not in Handbook)
- Regatta NORs and SIs (are not in Handbook)



Sailing Handbook & Race Docs

The screenshot shows the MHYC website interface. At the top, a red banner contains contact information: "75 Lower Parramatta Road, The Spit, Mosman NSW 2088", "T: (02) 9669 1244 | E: info@mhyc.com.au", and a donation link "Donate here to help upgrade the clubhouse & facilities". To the right of the banner are logos for "SailSys", "ENTRY & RESULTS", "SHORT OCEAN RACING", "SYDNEY HARBOUR RACING", "MHYC MERCHANDISE", and "SailPASS". Below the banner is the MHYC logo and a navigation menu with links: HOME, SAILING, LEARN TO SAIL, MEMBERSHIP, MARINA, CRUISING, CLUB INFO, and CONTACT. A large aerial photograph of the harbor serves as the background for the main content area, with the text "Welcome to Middle Harbour Yacht Club" overlaid. A dropdown menu is open under the "SAILING" link, listing various sailing-related topics. Three yellow arrows indicate navigation steps: Arrow 1 points to the "SAILING" link in the top navigation bar; Arrow 2 points to the "Club Racing Notice Board" item in the dropdown menu; Arrow 3 points to the "2023-2024 Racing Schedule" item in the same dropdown menu.

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MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

HOME SAILING LEARN TO SAIL MEMBERSHIP MARINA CRUISING CLUB INFO CONTACT

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Club Racing Notice Board

2023-2024 Racing Schedule

2023-2024 Racing Schedule

Results

MHYC Keelboat Trophies

Protests

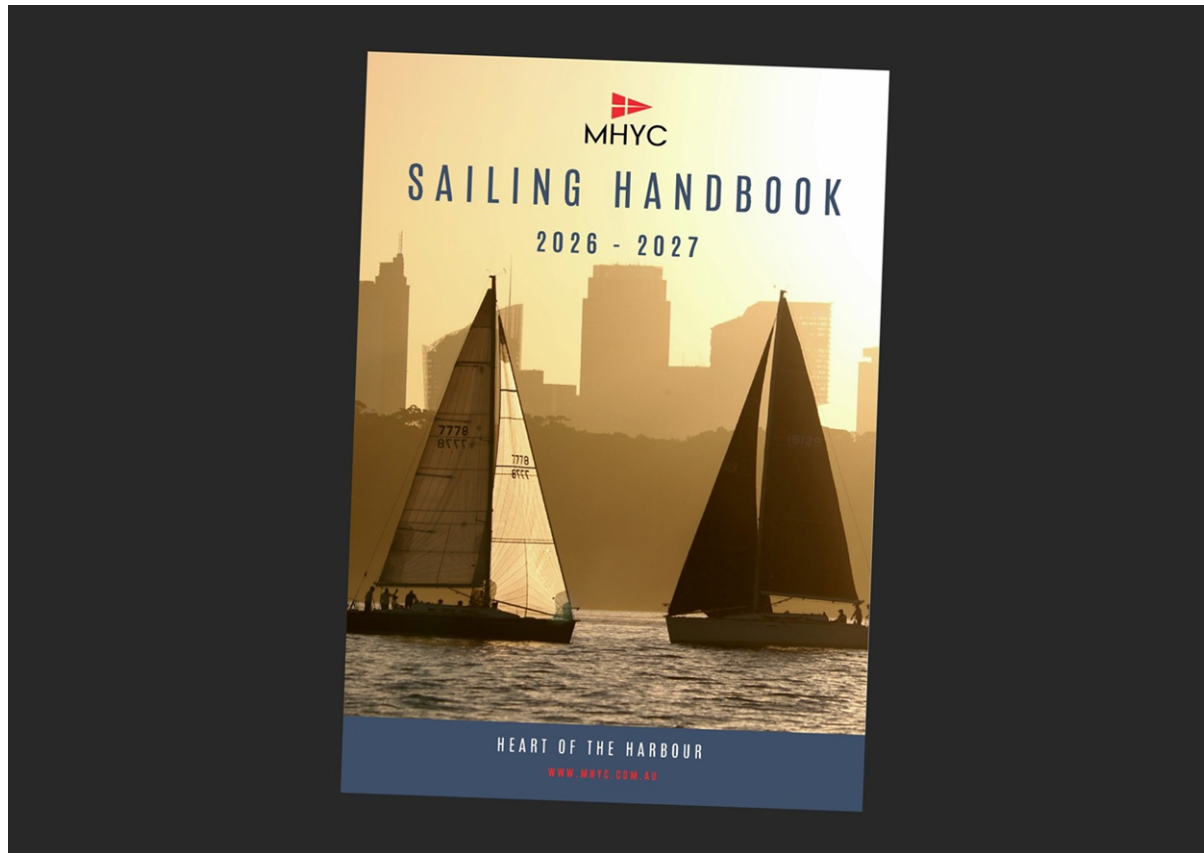
Special Regulations

Handicapping at MHYC

Welcome to Middle Harbour Yacht Club

NOTE
New MHYC
website target
launch date is
1 October

Sailing Handbook 2026-2027





Sailing Handbook 2026–2027



Important Pages & Information (different pages!)

- Page 39 Safety and Emergency Procedures & Contacts
- Page 40 Incident & Emergency Management Plan
- Page 40 Reporting Marine Incidents
- Page 41 NSW Maritime Brief
- Page 42 Ship & Ferry Exclusion Zone
- Page 43 Harbour Evacuation Points

Emergency on the Water

Call 000

NSW Water Police





Sailing Handbook 2026–2027

Key Changes to the Handbook

- Page order has been changed
- Schedule of Races Table for Inshore ORC/IRC/PHS (p56) refers to Combined Club Inshore (p57), MHYC Inshore (p62) and Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (p69) Sailing Instructions
- Sunday Combined Series not included in 2026–2027
- New Clubhouse Start & Finish Line (NOR 16 & 17)





Series Information

- **Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series**
 - Some course changes
 - Addition of Division 3 courses
 - If Code Flag "S" is displayed at the finish, results will be based upon each boat's current PHS handicap applied to its elapsed time.
- **Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series**
 - Non Pointscore on 1st October
 - 6 races of Smithy's Waterproofing Women's Twilight Series
 - If Code Flag "S" is displayed at the finish, results will be based upon each boat's current PHS handicap applied to its elapsed time.





Series Information

- **Friday Twilight Series**

- Training session on 9 October then 9 sessions sailed fortnightly
- 2 sprint divisions (up to 3 races) and 1 passage division (1 race per day)
- On-water start and finish, spinnaker or non-spinnaker
- BYO BBQ on the Harbour View Balcony or Beach afterwards





Series Information



- **Annual Inshore Pointscore**
 - 22 Saturday pointscore races
 - Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
 - Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (9 races over 3 race days)
 - MHYC Inshore Races (3 races)
 - All races scored on ORC, IRC and PHS for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 with OD results extracted for classes with 4 or more entries
 - MHYC Race Management on 26 September, 21 November (with Manly YC) & 30 January





Feature Events



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| • Sunday, 13 September | 1230 | Commodore's Front Up! Cup |
| • Saturday, 24 October | 1230 | Harbour Trek |
| • Saturday, 28 November | 1100 | Seven Islands Race |
| • Saturday, 19 December | 1230 | Christmas Cup & Veterans Cup |
| • Saturday, 9 January | 1100 | Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup |
| • Saturday, 13 March | 1230 | March Cup |
| • Sunday, 25 April | 1230 | Two Up Cup |
| • Saturday, 22 May | 1230 | Autumn Sail |
| • Saturday, 12 June | 1230 | Welcome to Winter |
| • Saturday, 24 July | 1230 | Christmas in July |





Regattas



- Sunday 18 October – MHYC Womens Regatta
- 28 & 29 November – Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship
- 25 – 28 February – J/24 Australian Championships
- 6 & 7 March – Sydney Harbour Regatta





Charity & Corporate Regattas



- Friday, 30 October – SAP Partner Regatta (Redkite) – CHS
- Friday, 13 November – ASX Refinitiv Regatta – OWS
- Friday, 19 February – RFI Spurious Challenge for Black Dog – CHS
- Friday, 19 March – Renewable Energy Cup – OWS

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





MHYC Winter Program

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| • Saturday, 8 May | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Series |
| • Saturday, 22 May | 1230 | Feature Event – Autumn Sail |
| • Saturday, 5 June | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Series |
| • Saturday, 12 June | 1230 | Feature Event – Welcome to Winter |
| • Saturday, 10 July | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Series |
| • Saturday, 24 July | 1230 | Feature Event – Christmas in July |
| • Saturday, 7 August | 1230 | Leading Edge Series |
| • Saturday, 14 August | 1230 | Leading Edge Series |
| • Saturday, 21 August | 1230 | Leading Edge Series |
| • Saturday, 28 August | 1230 | Leading Edge Series |





Online Entry



SailSys Entry System

- Entries for 2026–2027 are now open – [click here](#)



Middle Harbour Yacht Club
MHYC

[Club Email](#)
[Club Website](#)

Race Entry
Entrants & Results
Past Results

Individual Series		
Series 1 and Annual Block - Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker 2025/26	Next Race: Race 2, 10th September 2025	Enter
Series 2 - Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 3rd December 2025	Enter
Series 3 - Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 11th March 2026	Enter
Series 4 - Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 3rd June 2026	Enter
Commodore's Front Up Cup 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 14th September 2025	Enter
Harbour Trek 2025-2026	Next Race: Race 1, 25th October 2025	Enter
Seven Islands Race 2025/2026	Next Race: Race 1, 29th November 2025	Enter
Christmas & Veterans Cup 2025/26 (Incorporating Dogs Bowl and Inshore Race)	Includes: Veterans Cup (Boats 30 year +), Old Farts Dogs Bowl (Boat and Skipper 90 year+) Next Race: Race 1, 20th December 2025	Enter
Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup 2025/26	Includes: Non Spinnaker Next Race: Race 1, 10th January 2026	Enter
March Cup 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 14th March 2026	Enter





Online Entry



SailSys Entry System (cont'd)

- Discounted entry for MHYC Members & Block Series Entries
- Discounted casual race fees for online entry
- Check or update your contact details (email and mobile) in the boat profile to enable notifications via SailSys
- Daily Crew Registration via SailSys is available





Race Management & Safety

- **Race Management Volunteers** – Steve Tucker, Toby Gursanscky, Rob Armstrong, Fernando Calero, Brad Hair, Bryan Moore, Sue Morris, Rob Ogilvie, Chris Saunders, Tracy Saunders-Murray, Renee Spinks, Robert Warnes, Diana Omuoyo, Simone Baran, Conrad Slack, Glynne & Gill Attersall, Keigo Takahara
- **Accredited Protest Committee Members** – Kerry Burke, Rob Armstrong, Geoff Charters & Catherine Rofe
- **Accredited Safety Equipment Auditors** – Phil Darling, Tony Levett, Michael McEvoy, Bryan Moore, Evan Hodge, Glynne Attersall, Andrew Forbes, Peter Lewis, Matt Miles, Dallas O'Brien, Catherine Rofe & Niclas Westling
- **MHYC Sailing Office**
Sailing Manager & Principal Race Officer – David Staley
Sailing Administrators – Catherine Rofe & Kathy Johnston (KJ)





Race Management Volunteers

- Competitor's Race Management Scheme (NOR 27 on p51) – let Catherine or KJ know the preferred date/s your boat would like to provide one or more volunteers to assist the team
- Regatta weekends have a high demand for volunteers
- Take the time to help out – you would be surprised what you learn when you volunteer for race management
- On Water and Onshore roles, Saturdays, Sundays & Midweek
- Informal and formal training opportunities are available (race management & officiating, powerboat handling, radio etc.)





Reminders – Race Documents

- Dispose of previous Sailing Handbooks / courses and refer only to courses and documentation published in the 2026-2027 edition
- Read the By-Laws, Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions
- Notices to Competitors are posted on the [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#)





Reminders – Clubhouse Start

- Clubhouse Start and Finish Restricted Areas (NOR 15.1) – No sailing in the moorings
- Spit Channel (NOR 15.3) – Boats racing or sailing in the vicinity of the start / finish are required to give way to vessels using the channel
- Clubhouse pre-start area (NOR 16.3) – Remain outside the pre-start area between the D Arm extension to Start Line before your Preparatory Signal (4 minutes before start time) unless transiting under motor
- Clubhouse finish (NOR 17) – Remain outside the pre-start area and only return through this area under motor with sails stowed
- RRS 23 – If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing
- Advise Race Committee if retiring (NOR 20)





Reminders – On Water Start

- Report in at the Start Boat (NOR 18.1) except for Wednesday & Thursday Pursuit Races
- Do not sail through the finish line unless finishing (NOR 19.2)
- Do not sail through MHYC or other clubs' active start and finish lines (when orange or blue flags are displayed) unless starting or finishing (NOR 2.3)
- Advise Race Committee if retiring (NOR 20)





Reminders – Safety & Information



- Race management and safety information is transmitted on VHF Channel 72 for most MHYC Series
- Race management and safety information is transmitted on VHF Channel 73 for the Combined Clubs Inshore Series
- Alternative race management frequencies may be advised
- Recommended that the Race Management Channel be monitored from 30 minutes before the first warning signal until the conclusion of racing





Reminders – Safety Compliance

- Flares no longer a MHYC requirement for Category 7 boats but they are recommended
- It is the owners' responsibility to maintain ongoing compliance with the boat's Audited Safety Category (NOR 11.3)
- Spot audits may be conducted to check:
 - Fire Extinguishers (SR 4.04)
 - Life Jackets (SR 5.01)
 - Engine in service (MHYC Req's)
 - VHF Radio (NOR 11.5)
 - Any other required items





Reminders – Incident Reports

- A written incident report must be forward to NSW Maritime within 24 hours if one of the following applies:
 - The incident has resulted in the death, or injury to, a person
 - The incident has result in damage in excess of \$5000 to a vessel or any other property
 - Damage or risk to the environment has occurred
- Incident Report Form online (MHYC or NSW Maritime website)
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/submit-vessel-incident-reports>
- Other incidents can be reported using the MHYC Incident Report form on the Noticeboard – <https://mhyc.com.au/sailing/keelboat-division/keelboat-noticeboard>





Reminders – Events



MHYC Season Opening Day

10.30am this Sunday 13 September

- Welcome & Morning Tea
- Sail Past & Matt Pyne Cup for best dressed boat
- Commodore's Front Up! Cup Feature Event
- Prizegiving & Live Music

Skippers & Crew Meet & Greet

6pm Thursday 24 September

- Skippers can present their program – email sailing@mhyc.com.au
- Crew looking for a regular sail are encouraged to come along





Questions





Thankyou!

Good luck for Season 2026-2027

