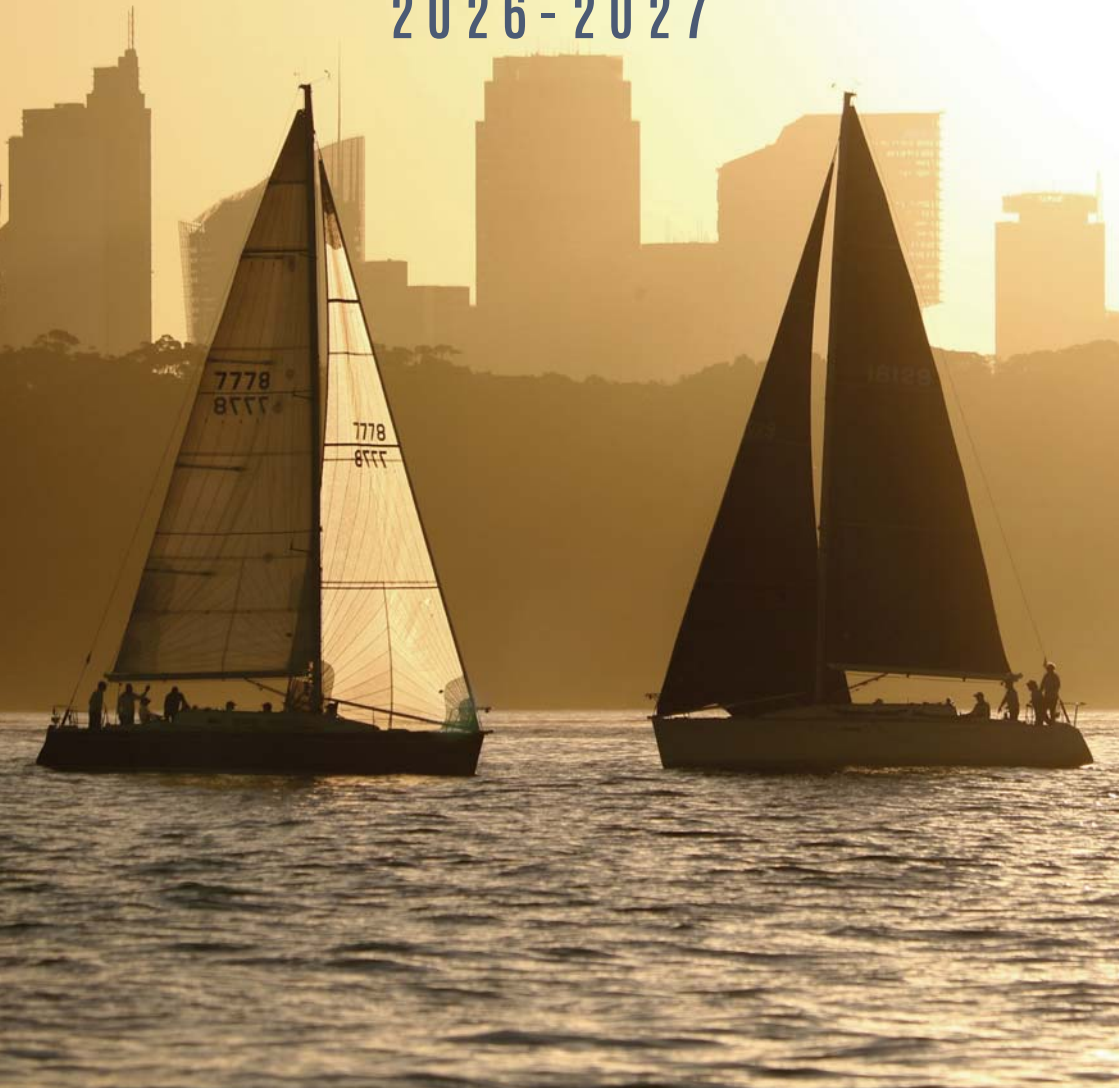




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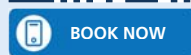
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MHYC RACE SERIES

Middle Harbour Yacht Club offers a diverse racing program with a wide range of competitions to suit different boats and sailing interests.

Weekend Racing...

OCEAN SERIES

The **Ocean Series Pointscore** includes 5 races between November and December. IRC is the principal handicap system along with ORC and PHS scores. Category 4 offshore safety is required. Entrants often use this series in preparation for the major offshore races such as the Sydney to Hobart.

INSHORE RACING

MHYC is Sydney's Premier Inshore Yacht Racing Club and offers an extensive program of races inside our magnificent Harbour.

The **Inshore Annual Pointscore** is sailed on Saturdays and includes 20 races from September to March. There are 13 inshore passage races and 9 sprint (windward-leeward) races, all of which are started and finished on the water. Handicapping is on ORC, IRC & PHS. All of the Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series races, along with the Sydney Harbour Spring Sprint Series, are included in the Inshore Annual Pointscore. For boats that are unable to sail for the full season, there are 13 races in the Spring Pointscore ending in November and 9 races in the Summer Pointscore. Alternatively, just pick and choose the racing days that suit and enter as a casual.

If you like the excitement of windward leeward racing, MHYC conducts the **Sydney Harbour Sprint Series** over 3 days from October to February followed by a Winter Series over 3 days from May to July with 3 races each day scored on IRC, ORC and PHS.

The **Combined Clubs Sunday Series** is held in conjunction with Manly Yacht Club. Sailed over 6 Sundays between September and March, it includes 4 inshore passage races and 6 sprint (windward-leeward) races. Handicapping is on ORC, IRC & PHS.

ONE DESIGN RACING

MHYC boasts a strong group of One-Design classes – J/24, Melges 20, Adams 10, Farr 40 and MC38. These classes compete within the divisional inshore race program but may also have a one-design pointscore for the annual program. Class Championships and one-design regattas are also a feature at MHYC.

FEATURE EVENT SERIES

There are 10 MHYC Feature Events held each year on Saturdays. Popular with the "occasional" racers and visitors from other clubs, an interesting series of courses are offered including the Seven Islands Race and the Chaos Cup. Boats can sail with or without spinnaker.



Midweek Racing...

PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SAILING

The MHYC Wednesday Series attracts a regular cohort of sailors for their weekly fix of sailing and socialising. As important as the racing is the after-sail barbeque, quiz, raffle and prizegiving. There is a bottle of rum for the first boat home in each division! 49 races are scheduled throughout the year and entries are invited in one or more of the 4 series or as a casual. Courses take in all parts of the outer harbour and the non-spinnaker format makes it easier to sail with fewer, or less experienced, crew.

THURSDAY NON-SPINNAKER TWILIGHT

Thursday evening Twilight Sailing at MHYC is conducted during daylight saving with starts at 6pm. A short sail in the late afternoon during the warmer months is good for the soul and the fun continues at the club after sailing for dinner and drinks and prizegiving. Monthly theme nights are lots of fun. Twilights are broken into Pre- and Post-Christmas Series and a race in the Twilight Women's Series is held each month.

FRIDAY TWILIGHT SERIES

First introduced for the 2023–2024 sailing season, this is a fun series with a development focus to encourage participation, skill development and build confidence for women, youth and those seeking an introduction to fleet racing. Held fortnightly during the daylight-saving period and starting at 6pm, two divisions sail short windward-leeward races (2 or 3 races per day) and another division sails a single passage race. This is a great way to finish the week, gliding around the harbour with or without spinnakers.

Winter Sailing...

The MHYC Winter program, running from May to August, includes pursuit and sprint racing. There are 9 races in the Sydney Harbour Sprint Series, 3 Feature Races and 4 races in the Leading Edge Series. Spinnaker and non-spinnaker entries are invited in these more relaxed series which take advantage of the often lighter breezes at this time of year.

Annual Skippers Briefing

The 2026 Skippers Briefing will be conducted via videoconference on the evening of Thursday 10 September. This is an important event that must be attended by a representative from each boat that races in any MHYC series. The briefing covers key sections and any changes to the Season Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, structure of the racing program and safety. NSW Maritime also provide a safety briefing.

Skippers and Crew Meet & Greet

For skippers looking for crew and crew looking for a regular sail, this is a great opportunity for skippers to outline their sailing program for the year to meet crew with different interests and levels of experience. The 2026 Skippers and Crew Meet & Greet will be held on the evening of Thursday 24 September.

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Clubmanship Awards

These are presented at the Annual Prize-giving presentation to members who have made an outstanding contribution to the Club during the year.

Tig Thomas Distinction Trophy

Gilbert (Tig) Thomas was not only just a great champion of our club, but also a champion sailor competing at home and overseas. The Tig Thomas Distinction Trophy is in recognition of his feats and to recognise MHYC sailing members who have competed in interclub events and major championships both in Australia and around the world.

Norman G. Booth Trophy: Awarded to a skipper or crew, other than an Annual Pointscore winner, from any Division, nominated for his/her consistent racing with the MHYC and with emphasis on enthusiasm, improvement, sportsmanship and Clubmanship throughout the season.

The R.B. Cooper Perpetual Award for Voluntary Service: Presented to a Club Member whose outstanding voluntary service is deemed to have contributed most to the affairs and wellbeing of MHYC in a membership year.

The MHYC Flag Officers Participants Award: Presented annually to the MHYC Yacht having participated in the greatest number of MHYC Events in the Winter and Summer Seasons.

Crew Member of the Year Award: Presented to an esteemed crew member, displaying the characteristics of a desirable MHYC Member, someone other crew members would aspire to emulate, and nominated from of a yacht in a division of the Annual Pointscore during the season.

The Jules Trophy for MHYC Yachtswoman of the Year is awarded to a member who sails regularly from MHYC, is enthusiastic and active participant in the sport of sailing and shows good seamanship and sportsmanlike conduct.

Perpetual Trophies

MHYC has a wealth of perpetual trophies awarded each year for success in a variety of races and series, the key ones being:

The Nigel Holman Memorial Trophy was struck by the many MHYC members and friends of the late Nigel Holman, who sadly died after a long illness in November 2007. Nigel was a member of Middle Harbour Yacht Club for over 23 years and was a keen offshore yachtsman. His various yachts, all but one named "Cuckoos Nest" carried the sail number MYC2 this reflected his membership at Manly Yacht Club, adjacent to his home in Manly. A regular and successful entrant in the major East Coast Offshore Races, Nigel was also an enthusiastic club and twilight sailor. Nigel's yacht "Cuckoos Nest" won the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's Tattersall's Cup for Overall Winner on Corrected Time in the 49th Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. It is in this spirit, that this Trophy is to be presented annually to the best placed yacht representing MHYC in the Tattersall's Cup in the annual Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

Gillawa Shield presented by the late A. J. Wildman for the best performed MHYC yacht in the CYCA Blue Water Pointscore Series on IRC.



Gillawa Plate presented to the best performed MHYC yacht in the CYCA Blue Water Pointscore on PHS.

Ocean Pointscore Trophy presented in 2009 by Pauline and Andrew Dally for annual competition in the Ocean Pointscore Series. Awarded to the winning boat in the Performance Handicap Series.

The Slandra Trophy is presented to the MHYC yacht best placed on IRC in the first CYCA Blue Water Pointscore Race of the season.

The Selo Cup is presented to the winner of Annual Pointscore in the MHYC Ocean Series on IRC.

The Premiers Cup presented annually to the winning yacht in Division 1 of the Club's IRC Inshore Annual Pointscore. The trophy was first presented in 2000 by the Premier of NSW for competition in the IRC & IMS Classes for the MHYC Coffs Coast Sail Week. In 2001 the trophy lapsed and was rededicated by the Flag Officers for the Clubs new and growing Inshore IRC Division.

The John Eyles Trophy - This Trophy was originally won by the yacht "Fujitsu Dealers" John Eyles, as First Place in IMS Division III in the 1990 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. John was a long time MHYC Member and campaigned the yacht from MHYC. In 2007 John granted the Trophy to MHYC as a token of appreciation. The Club dedicated the Trophy to the Winning Yacht in the Open Division (now Division 1) of the PHS Annual Inshore Pointscore.

Heaven Can Wait Trophy - Presented annually to the winning yacht in the Clubs No 1 Inshore Division, Annual Pointscore, on Performance Handicap. The Trophy was first presented to MHYC by Warren Johns in 1993 for Competition in the MHYC Sydney to Southport Race. The Trophy lapsed in 1995. In 2004 the Flag Officers rededicated the Trophy for the Clubs No 1 Inshore Division. From 2021, the trophy was rededicated to Division 2 of the PHS Annual Inshore Pointscore.

The Bob Murray Perpetual Trophy - Originally presented to the winner of the Division 2 PHS Inshore Annual Pointscore, from 2021 this has been awarded to PHS Division 3. The trophy was first presented in 1980 by Mrs Norma Murray in memory of her husband Bob Murray.

The Ben Nossiter Perpetual Trophy - This trophy has been re-dedicated to Ben Nossiter, in recognition of his long career and outstanding achievements at MHYC in his Adams 10, Sirius. The trophy will be awarded to the Adams 10 which has the best One Design result for all the sprint races in the Annual Pointscore.

The Asiatic Trust Trophy - This Trophy was originally awarded by the Asiatic Trust Company Ltd for annual competition in the Sydney to Vanuatu Yacht Race in the I.O.R. Division. The Vanuatu Race lapsed and the Trophy was held in Trust for many years by Middle Harbour Yacht Club on behalf of Lindsay Rose, owner of the last race winner Ruff 'N Tumble. In 2006 Lindsay Rose granted the Trophy in perpetuity to MHYC to be awarded for Annual Competition in the Adams 10 Class PHS Annual Pointscore.



For more information and the recent winners, visit mhy.com.au/sailing/keelboat-division/keelboat-trophies

HANDICAPPING AT MHYC

Middle Harbour Yacht Club uses a number of different handicapping systems to provide enjoyable and competitive racing for its members who sail a variety of different boats.

IRC

The International Rating Certificate is a rating rule to handicap different designs of keelboats allowing them to race together. A rating is not altered between races according to the individual boat's performance but is based on the physical measurements of the boat. The IRC rating rule offers Endorsed or Standard certificates. Endorsed certificates rely on the data being measured or verified by an Australian Sailing approved measurer, whilst the latter permits owner declared data. Either are accepted for club racing.

IRC handicapping is used for the premier classes in MHYC's major regattas, the Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Short Offshore Racing Championship and Sydney Harbour Regatta. It is also used for the Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series, MHYC Inshore Pointscore and Sydney Harbour Sprint Series.

ORC

ORC uses the Velocity Prediction Program (VPP) to rate boats of different characteristics. It relies on the measurement of a boat and its sails, affecting their theoretical speed. With ORC, a boat's handicap remains constant from week to week. ORC Club (ORCc) is a simplified and less expensive version of the ORC International rating system (ORCi) which is based on a complete boat measurement. It is designed for Club-level racing up to national championships. Both systems have the same rating basis and can be scored together in any races.

ORC handicapping is used for the Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series, MHYC Inshore Pointscore, Sydney Harbour Sprint Series, Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series, Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Short Offshore Racing Championship and Sydney Harbour Regatta.

OD

One Design racing is where all boats are identical or similar in design. Class-legal boats race each other without any handicap calculations, start at the same time, and the winner is the first to cross the finish line. One Design results are used for the Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Harbour Regatta and for eligible OD classes in the MHYC Inshore Series, Sydney Harbour Sprint Series and for class sanctioned regattas.

PHS

The Performance Handicap System adjusts a boat's handicap after each race based on the performance of that boat relative to other boats in that fleet. Entrants in each race have a starting handicap based on the boat's performance history. When the results are calculated for that race, an algorithm generates a new handicap for each boat to be applied in the next race.

PHS rewards consistent performance improvements and levels the playing field for older boats and less experienced crews. PHS is used for the Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series, MHYC Inshore Pointscore, Sydney Harbour Sprint Series and Friday Twilight Spinnaker Fleet Series.

Pursuit

Pursuit Handicaps are generated through the Performance Handicap System and provide a time (in whole minutes) after the race start time at which a boat is permitted to start. MHYC uses PHS to handicap boats based on their performance in previous races. It is designed to provide greater opportunity for all boats to achieve a race win, or high placing, and keep competition interesting for all the fleet.

Pursuit Handicaps are used on a progressive basis for the Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series and the Flagstaff Marine Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series. Pursuit Handicaps are allocated on a race-by-race basis for MHYC Feature Events and Charity and Corporate Regattas

MHYC WOMEN'S SAILING PROGRAM

Middle Harbour Yacht Club has an active group of women sailors who participate in every aspect of the sport and club. Its program also provides women's sailing events that provide additional opportunities for women to expand their sailing skills and experience.

Thursday Twilight Women's Pointscore

The popular Thursday Twilight Series includes twenty five races this season, six of which make up the Smithy's Waterproofing Women's Twilight Pointscore. Four divisions of yachts, from family cruisers to high tech racing machines, share the joy of racing on our spectacular harbour. Everyone enjoys returning to the lively social atmosphere of MHYC as the sun goes down to enjoy a meal, wine, and good friends.

Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series

MHYC and six other clubs are cooperating to run the Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series over the 2026–2027 season. Seven inshore passage races will include divisions for all-female crews and mixed crews with female helms.

Friday Twilight Series

Kicking off with a training evening in October, this is a fun series with a development focus to encourage participation, skill development and build confidence. Held fortnightly during the daylight-saving period and starting at 6pm, two divisions sail short windward-leeward races (2 or 3 races per day) and another division sails a single passage race. This is a great way to finish the week, gliding around the harbour with or without spinnakers. If you would like to be involved, email sailing@mhyc.com.au.

MHYC Women's Regatta

The MHYC Women's Regatta was first held in 2018 and attracts a strong fleet from a variety of clubs. The Regatta will be held on Sunday 18th October 2026 in conjunction with the Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series. It is open to mixed keelboats and one-design classes with a female helm or all female crew.

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MHYC WOMEN'S SAILING PROGRAM		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sunday, 20 September 2026		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Saturday, 3 October 2026		Ladies of the Sea (RSYS)
Sunday, 4 October 2026		Ladies of the Sea (RSYS)
Friday, 9 October 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series Training Day
Thursday, 15 October 2026	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Sunday, 18 October 2026	1100	MHYC Women's Regatta
Sunday, 18 October 2026	1300	Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Friday, 23 October 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Friday, 6 November 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Thursday, 12 November 2026	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Friday, 20 November 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Sunday, 22 November 2026		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Friday, 4 December 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Thursday, 10 December 2026	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Sunday, 13 December 2026		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Friday, 18 December 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Thursday, 14 January 2027	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Friday, 22 January 2027	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Sunday, 31 January 2027		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Friday, 5 February 2027	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Thursday, 11 February 2027	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Friday, 19 February 2027	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Sunday, 21 February 2027		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Friday, 5 March 2027	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Thursday, 11 March 2027	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Saturday, 20 March 2027		Manly Women's Challenge – OTB
Sunday, 21 March 2027		Manly Women's Challenge – Keelboat
Sunday, 21 March 2027		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Sunday, 18 April 2027		CYCA Womens Winter Series
Sunday, 30 May 2027		CYCA Womens Winter Series
Sunday, 11 July 2027		CYCA Womens Winter Series

MHYC YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

Middle Harbour Yacht Club has a rich tradition of promoting and supporting youth sailing and developing our younger sailors' skillsets and engagement in the sport. The coming season promises to be no different, with plenty of activities on and off water for our youth members.

Optimist Race Squad

MHYC hosts an Optimist Racing Squad open to sailors of all ages who wish to race in the one-design Optimist class. We welcome sailors from green, intermediate and open fleets from clubs in our area who wish to compete in regional, national and international regattas. Our race team coaches all have affiliations with the Australian Sailing Team (also head quartered at MHYC) and, as world class athletes, they teach, inspire and support our Optimist sailors to become the next generation of sailor athletes. Our team trains and competes in club racing every Sunday and our wider regatta calendar includes Combined Clubs Winter, NSWIODA team racing, NSW Youth, ACT State, NSW State, EastCoast and National Championships as well as Sail Sydney and Sail Melbourne.



Waszp and Foiling

MHYC is supporting a growing youth fleet of Waszps and expanding opportunities for both youth and adult sailors to start foiling through an expanding collaboration with the Foiling Academy. As this new frontier of sailing continues to expand, we look forwards to new challenges and opportunities for our youth members. Our Waszp race calendar includes NSW Youth, State and National Championships and NSW Sprints.



Saturday Keelboat Sailing

MHYC skippers remain committed to supporting our young sailors to improve their skillsets and keelboat sailing through an informal Saturday morning keelboat training and participation Saturday racing. Our youth members get to crew, helm and skipper various keelboats including Melges 20s, J/24s, Sydney 36s and Northshore 36s. The program is coordinated by the Vice-Commodore Youth to facilitate matching youth crews with boats and skippers in this exciting new program.

Friday Twilights

Friday Spinnaker Twilights are the perfect platform to expand skills and step up to new responsibilities and challenges in keelboat racing. We encourage our youth sailors to set aside time to participate in the Friday Twilight races at MHYC, held every fortnight during daylight saving. This is a step up from regular twilights, including spinnaker divisions and a group fleet start. We look forward to welcoming our youth sailors and their families to compete together or against each other in an accessible and yet challenging race series, followed by BBQ on the beach.

MHYC YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sunday, 6 September 2026	Optimist Travellers Trophy 2 (HHSC)
Saturday, 26 September 2026	Opti Chicks Regatta (RPAYC)
Sunday, 27 September 2026	Opti Chicks Regatta (RPAYC)
Wednesday, 30 September 2026	NSW Youth Sail Clinic (Toronto)
Thursday, 1 October 2026	NSW Youth Sail Clinic (Toronto)
Friday, 2 October 2026	NSW Youth Sail Clinic (Toronto)
Saturday, 3 October 2026	NSW Youth Championships (Toronto)
Sunday, 4 October 2026	NSW Youth Championships (Toronto)
Monday, 5 October 2026	NSW Youth Championships (Toronto)
Saturday, 24 October 2026	ACT Youth Championships (Canberra YC)
Sunday, 25 October 2026	ACT Youth Championships (Canberra YC)
Saturday, 28 November 2026	Sail Melbourne Regatta (Royal Brighton Yacht Club)
Sunday, 29 November 2026	Sail Melbourne Regatta (Royal Brighton Yacht Club)
Thursday, 10 December 2026	Sail Sydney Regatta
Friday, 11 December 2026	Sail Sydney Regatta
Saturday, 12 December 2026	Sail Sydney Regatta
Sunday, 13 December 2026	Sail Sydney Regatta
Sunday, 3 January 2027	Australian Optimist Championships (Royal Brighton YC)
Monday, 4 January 2027	Australian Optimist Championships (Royal Brighton YC)
Tuesday, 5 January 2027	Australian Optimist Championships (Royal Brighton YC)
Wednesday, 6 January 2027	Australian Optimist Championships (Royal Brighton YC)
Thursday, 7 January 2027	Australian Optimist Championships (Royal Brighton YC)
Friday, 8 January 2027	Australian Optimist Championships (Royal Brighton YC)
Saturday, 9 January 2027	Australian Optimist Championships (Royal Brighton YC)
Training will be held at MHYC every Sunday except when there are other events scheduled	



CRUISING at MHYC

The Cruisers at MHYC are a group of sailors with or without boats who enjoy meeting up, listening to interesting speakers and guide each other in the world of sailing and especially cruising. We like getting together with others to cruise in company for a day, a weekend or even longer passages. Our events are open to all members of the club.

We have adventures near and far, both together and individually. Safety is an important part of cruising, and we share best practice to make sure sailors are confident in boat handling, boat maintenance and navigation.

The Cruisers meet up monthly for a BBQ and a catchup at the club. At times we organise presentations with speakers who share their knowledge around sailing and other interesting facts around the nautical world – from fellow cruisers who are sharing their experiences to the professionals with whom we share the harbour.

Our events are on the MHYC Cruising website:

cruising.mhyc.com.au/events.

For information on upcoming events, updates and becoming a member, go to the website, look at the MHYC e-News or subscribe to the Compass Rose, our monthly newsletter.

The calendar below is an indication of what activities we will arrange for the 2026–2027 sailing season, subject to change.



WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Sat – Mon 3–5 October 2026	October Long Weekend Cruise	Pittwater
Sun 22 November 2026	Sailability parents sail day	MHyc
Friday 11 December 2026	Cruising Christmas Party	MHyc
Sat 26 Dec 2026 – Sun 3 Jan 2027	Christmas New Year Cruise	Port Stephens
Sat – Sun 6–7 February 2027	Tapas Tie Up – Australian theme	Sugarloaf Bay
Sat – Sun 13–14 March 2027	Scavenger Hunt & Tie-Up	Sydney Harbour & surrounds
Fri – Mon 26 – 29 March 2027	Easter Cruise	TBC
Sat – Mon 12–14 June 2027	King's Birthday Cruise	TBC

SAILABILITY MIDDLE HARBOUR

Sailability Middle Harbour (SMH) sails from Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC) at The Spit, Mosman. MHYC is an ideal venue for Sailability with handy access parking, easy wheelchair pontoon access and a personal transfer crane set up if required. Sailing times are from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm on the second and last Sunday of each month. Usually, each sail is for about 40 minutes. The cost is \$10.00 per sail or \$60 per year to join SMH which offers sailors a relaxing Sunday sail and the opportunity to learn to sail solo.

The Sailability Middle Harbour fleet consists of six Hansa 303 keelboats, each capable of taking out a sailor and a volunteer together. Lifejackets are provided and a safety boat is on hand.

If you would like to sail or volunteer to help, please call Sally O'Neill on 0411 886 539.



SAILABILITY MIDDLE HARBOUR CALENDAR			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sunday, 13 September 2026	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 27 September 2026	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 11 October 2026	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 25 October 2026	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 8 November 2026	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 29 November 2026	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 13 December 2026	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 10 January 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 31 January 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 14 February 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 28 February 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 14 March 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 28 March 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 11 April 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 25 April 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 9 May 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 30 May 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 13 June 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 27 June 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 11 July 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 25 July 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 8 August 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing
Sunday, 29 August 2027	0900	Hansa 303	Recreational Sailing

MHYC MAJOR REGATTAS

In addition to its busy club racing program and regularly hosting class championships and regattas, Middle Harbour Yacht Club hosts a number of major regattas which are integral to the fabric of sailing in Sydney.

Celebrating its 49th year in 2026, the **Nautilus Marine Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship** continues to meet the constant evolution of yacht racing. Always an innovative event, the Regatta has played a significant role in the transition from the IOR to IMS and then to the IRC and ORC rating systems used to handicap ocean racing. For many yacht owners and their crews, this two-day regatta sailed on passage and windward–leeward courses off Sydney's Heads is vital to their preparations for the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

The **Nautilus Marine Sydney Harbour Regatta** celebrated its twenty first year in 2026 and is the largest keelboat regatta in Sydney. Originally established as the lead event for Sydney Harbour Week, to celebrate our harbour's diversity, the Sydney Harbour Regatta has rightly earned its reputation as Sydney's 'Sailing Spectacular', providing a perfect opportunity to display to spectators the thrill and excitement that our sport offers with racing inshore and offshore on up to seven course areas.

The **MHYC Women's Regatta** will comprise two short windward–leeward races ahead of the Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series passage race in October. The regatta is open to mixed keelboats and one-design classes with a female helm or all female crew.



MHYC will conduct the following Major Regattas in 2026–2027:

DATE	EVENT	EVENT WEBSITE
Sunday, 18 October 2026	2026 MHYC Women's Regatta	www.mhyc.com.au
Saturday & Sunday 28–29 November 2026	Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship (SSORC)	www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au
Saturday & Sunday 6–7 March 2027	Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Harbour Regatta (SHR)	www.shr.mhyc.com.au

MHYC CHARITY & CORPORATE EVENTS

Middle Harbour Yacht Club is the ideal venue to host a Charity Event, Corporate or Industry Day Regatta, for fun, social racing and pre and post regatta activities in the clubhouse and on the beach.

An MHYC Regatta is a great way to enjoy a day out on the water whilst raising money for a worthy cause or providing a very special platform for networking with colleagues and clients.

Charity Regattas at MHYC have helped raise significant funds over many years for various charities. If you would like to take part as a sponsor, by entering a team, or to donate the use of your boat to help raise funds for a worthy cause, please contact MHYC Sailing Office for more information.

MHYC will host the following key Charity Events and Industry Day Regattas in 2026–2027:

DATE	EVENT	EVENT WEBSITE
Friday, 30 October 2026	SAP Partner Regatta for Redkite	www.redkite.org.au
Friday, 13 November 2026	ASX Refinitiv Regatta	www.asxrefinitivcharity.com.au
Friday, 19 February 2027	RFI Spurious Challenge	rfi.com.au/spuriouschallenge
Friday, 19 March 2027	Renewable Energy Cup	www.renewcup.org



MHYC SAILING PROGRAM 2026–2027

SEPTEMBER	Start	Event
Wednesday, 2 September 2026	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Saturday, 5 September 2026	1300	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)
Sunday, 6 September 2026		Fathers Day
Sunday, 6 September 2026		Optimist Travellers Trophy 2 (Hunters Hill SC)
Wednesday, 9 September 2026	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Thursday, 10 September 2026	1900	Annual Skippers Briefing (mandatory) online
Saturday, 12 September 2026	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)
Saturday, 12 September 2026	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Sunday, 13 September 2026	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 13 September 2026	1230	Feature Event – Commodore's Front Up! Cup
Sunday, 13 September 2026		MHYC Opening Day
Wednesday, 16 September 2026	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Saturday, 19 September 2026	1000	CYCA Summer Short Ocean Series (Passage)
Saturday, 19 September 2026	1200	MHYC Ocean Series
Sunday, 20 September 2026		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Wednesday, 23 September 2026	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Thursday, 24 September 2026	1800	Skippers & Crew Meet & Greet
Saturday, 26 September 2026	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)
Saturday, 26 September 2026	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Saturday, 26 September 2026		CYCA Blue Water Pointscore – Flinders Islet
Saturday, 26 September 2026		Opti Chicks Regatta (Royal Prince Alfred YC)
Sunday, 27 September 2026	0900	MHYC Try Sailing Day
Sunday, 27 September 2026	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 27 September 2026		Opti Chicks Regatta (Royal Prince Alfred YC)
Wednesday, 30 September 2026	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Wednesday, 30 September 2026		NSW Youth Sail Clinic (Toronto Amateur SC)



Season 2026–2027
Opening Day
Sunday, 13 September
Welcome & Sail Past
Commodore's Front Up! Cup



Try Sailing Day
Sunday, 27 September
Come along and experience the joys of sailing on Sydney Harbour. Something for all ages and abilities.
Enquiries – sailing@mhycc.com.au / 9969 1244



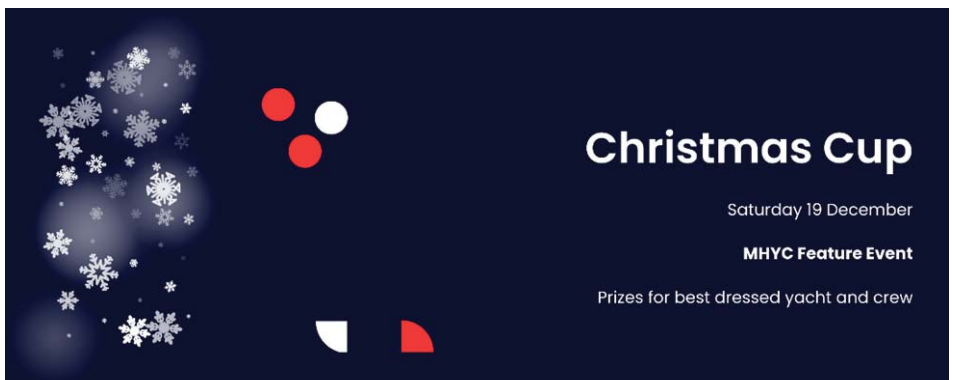
Harbour Trek
Saturday 24 October
MHYC Feature Event
Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker Entries Welcome

OCTOBER	Start	Event
Thursday, 1 October 2026	1700	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series Warm Up
1 - 2 October 2026		NSW Youth Sail Clinic (Toronto Amateur SC)
Saturday, 3 October 2026		Ladies of the Sea (RSYS)
3 - 5 October 2026		NSW Youth Championships (Toronto Amateur SC)
Sunday, 4 October 2026		Daylight Saving Begins
Sunday, 4 October 2026		Ladies of the Sea (RSYS)
Monday, 5 October 2026		Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday, 7 October 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Thursday, 8 October 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Friday, 9 October 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series Training Day
Friday, 9 October 2026		Making Waves Foundation Regatta
Saturday, 10 October 2026	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)
Saturday, 10 October 2026	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Saturday, 10 October 2026		CYCA Grand Prix Series (TP52 & Super 40)
Sunday, 11 October 2026	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 11 October 2026		CYCA Grand Prix Series (TP52 & Super 40)
Sunday, 11 October 2026		Gaffers Day (SASC)
Wednesday, 14 October 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Thursday, 15 October 2026	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Thursday, 15 October 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Saturday, 17 October 2026	1100	CYCA Summer Short Ocean Series (W/L)
Saturday, 17 October 2026	1200	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)
Saturday, 17 October 2026	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Series
Saturday, 17 October 2026		BWPS Tollgate Island (CYCA)
Saturday, 17 October 2026		CYCA Blue Water Pointscore - Tollgate Island
Saturday, 17 October 2026		CYCA Grand Prix Series (TP52 & Super 40)
Sunday, 18 October 2026	1100	MHYC Women's Regatta
Sunday, 18 October 2026		CYCA Grand Prix Series (TP52 & Super 40)
Sunday, 18 October 2026		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Wednesday, 21 October 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Thursday, 22 October 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Friday, 23 October 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Saturday, 24 October 2026	1230	Feature Event - Harbour Trek
Saturday, 24 October 2026		ACT Youth Championships (Canberra YC)
Sunday, 25 October 2026	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 25 October 2026		ACT Youth Championships (Canberra YC)
Sunday, 25 October 2026		Balmain Regatta (BSC)
Wednesday, 28 October 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Thursday, 29 October 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Friday, 30 October 2026		SAP Partner Regatta (Redkite)
Saturday, 31 October 2026	1000	CYCA Summer Short Ocean Series (Passage)
Saturday, 31 October 2026	1300	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)

NOVEMBER	Start	Event
Wednesday, 4 November 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Thursday, 5 November 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Friday, 6 November 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Saturday, 7 November 2026	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)
Saturday, 7 November 2026	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Sunday, 8 November 2026	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Wednesday, 11 November 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Thursday, 12 November 2026	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Thursday, 12 November 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Friday, 13 November 2026		ASX Refinitiv Foundation Regatta
Saturday, 14 November 2026	1100	CYCA Summer Short Ocean Series (W/L)
Saturday, 14 November 2026	1200	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)
Saturday, 14 November 2026	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Series
Saturday, 14 November 2026		CYCA Blue Water Pointscore - Bird Island
Wednesday, 18 November 2026		RPEYC Centenary Regatta
Thursday, 19 November 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Friday, 20 November 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Friday, 20 November 2026		Rotary Solas Charity Regatta - CYCA
Saturday, 21 November 2026	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)
Saturday, 21 November 2026	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Sunday, 22 November 2026		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Wednesday, 25 November 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 1
Thursday, 26 November 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Saturday, 28 November 2026	1000	CYCA Summer Short Ocean Series (Passage)
Saturday, 28 November 2026	1000	MHYC Ocean Series
Saturday, 28 November 2026	1000	Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship (SSORC)
Saturday, 28 November 2026	1100	Feature Event - Seven Islands Race
28 & 29 November 2026		Sail Melbourne Regatta (Royal Brighton YC)
Sunday, 29 November 2026	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 29 November 2026	1100	MHYC Ocean Series
Sunday, 29 November 2026	1100	Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship (SSORC)



DECEMBER	Start	Event
Wednesday, 2 December 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 3 December 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Friday, 4 December 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Friday, 4 December 2026		Australian Maxi Championships (4–8 December)
Friday, 4 December 2026		CYCA Blue Water Pointscore – Cabbage Tree Island
Saturday, 5 December 2026	1300	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)
Tuesday, 8 December 2026		SOLAS Big Boat Challenge (CYCA)
Wednesday, 9 December 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 10 December 2026	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Thursday, 10 December 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Thursday, 10 December 2026		Sail Sydney Regatta
Friday, 11 December 2026		Classic Yacht Regatta (CYCA)
Friday, 11 December 2026		Sail Sydney Regatta
Saturday, 12 December 2026	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)
Saturday, 12 December 2026	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Saturday, 12 December 2026		Classic Yacht Regatta (CYCA)
Saturday, 12 December 2026		Sail Sydney Regatta
Sunday, 13 December 2026	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 13 December 2026		Classic Yacht Regatta (CYCA)
Sunday, 13 December 2026		Sail Sydney Regatta
Sunday, 13 December 2026		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Wednesday, 16 December 2026	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 17 December 2026	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Pre Xmas)
Friday, 18 December 2026	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Saturday, 19 December 2026	1230	Feature Event – Christmas Cup
Friday, 25 December 2026		Christmas Day
Saturday, 26 December 2026		Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Start (CYCA)



The banner features a dark blue background. On the left, there is a cluster of white snowflakes of various sizes. To the right of the snowflakes, there are three red circles and one white circle arranged in a small group. At the bottom right, there is a white quarter-circle and a red quarter-circle. The text is white and positioned on the right side of the banner.

Christmas Cup

Saturday 19 December

MHYC Feature Event

Prizes for best dressed yacht and crew

JANUARY	Start	Event
2 – 9 January 2027		Australian 16' & 13' Skiff Championships (MH16SC)
3 – 9 January 2027		Australian Optimist Championships (Royal Brighton YC)
Wednesday, 6 January 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 7 January 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Saturday, 9 January 2027	1100	Feature Event – Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup
Sunday, 10 January 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Wednesday, 13 January 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 14 January 2027	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Thursday, 14 January 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Saturday, 16 January 2027	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)
Saturday, 16 January 2027	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Monday, 18 January 2027		Helly Hansen Match Racing Regatta (18–22 January)
Wednesday, 20 January 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 21 January 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Friday, 22 January 2027	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Tuesday, 26 January 2027	1000	CYCA Summer Short Ocean Series (Passage)
Tuesday, 26 January 2027		Australia Day
Wednesday, 27 January 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 28 January 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Saturday, 30 January 2027	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)
Saturday, 30 January 2027	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Sunday, 31 January 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 31 January 2027		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series



Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup

Saturday 9 January

MHYC Feature Event

To the Gladesville Bridge and beyond!

FEBRUARY	Start	Event
Wednesday, 3 February 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 4 February 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Friday, 5 February 2027	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Saturday, 6 February 2027	1100	CYCA Summer Short Ocean Series (W/L)
Saturday, 6 February 2027	1200	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)
Saturday, 6 February 2027	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Series
Wednesday, 10 February 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 11 February 2027	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Thursday, 11 February 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Friday, 12 February 2027		Pittwater Regatta & NSW ORC Championship
Saturday, 13 February 2027		Pittwater Regatta & NSW ORC Championship
Sunday, 14 February 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 14 February 2027		Pittwater Regatta & NSW ORC Championship
Sunday, 14 February 2027		RANSA Regatta
Wednesday, 17 February 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 18 February 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Friday, 19 February 2027	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Friday, 19 February 2027		RFI Spurious Challenge for BlackDog
Saturday, 20 February 2027	1000	CYCA Summer Short Ocean Series (Passage)
Saturday, 20 February 2027	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)
Saturday, 20 February 2027	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Sunday, 21 February 2027		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Wednesday, 24 February 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 25 February 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Thursday, 25 February 2027		J/24 Australian Championships (25-28 Feb)
Friday, 26 February 2027		J/24 Australian Championships
Saturday, 27 February 2027		J/24 Australian Championships
Saturday, 27 February 2027	1900	Barefoot Beach Party
Sunday, 28 February 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 28 February 2027		J/24 Australian Championships



MARCH	Start	Event
Wednesday, 3 March 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 2
Thursday, 4 March 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Saturday, 6 March 2027		Sydney Harbour Regatta
Sunday, 7 March 2027		Sydney Harbour Regatta
Monday, 8 March 2027		Sydney Harbour Regatta Prizegiving
Wednesday, 10 March 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Thursday, 11 March 2027	1800	Smithy's Waterproofing Womens Helm Twilight
Thursday, 11 March 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Friday, 12 March 2027	1800	Friday Twilight Series
Friday, 12 March 2027		Property Industry Foundation Regatta – CYCA
Saturday, 13 March 2027	1100	CYCA Summer Short Ocean Series (W/L)
Saturday, 13 March 2027	1200	MHYC Ocean Series
Saturday, 13 March 2027	1230	Feature Event – March Cup
Sunday, 14 March 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Wednesday, 17 March 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Thursday, 18 March 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Thursday, 18 March 2027		Stepping Stones House Regatta – RSYS
Friday, 19 March 2027		Renewable Energy Cup
Saturday, 20 March 2027	1240	MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)
Saturday, 20 March 2027	1240	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series
Saturday, 20 March 2027		Manly Women's Challenge – OTB
Sunday, 21 March 2027		Manly Women's Challenge – Keelboat
Sunday, 21 March 2027		Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series
Wednesday, 24 March 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Thursday, 25 March 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Friday, 26 March 2027		Good Friday
Saturday, 27 March 2027		SailFest Newcastle (27–29 March)
Sunday, 28 March 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 28 March 2027		Easter Sunday
Monday, 29 March 2027		Easter Monday
Wednesday, 31 March 2027	1330	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3



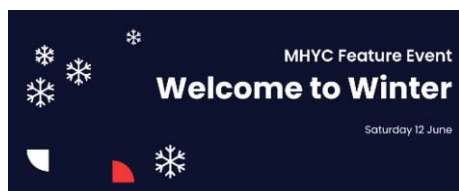
APRIL	Start	Event
Thursday, 1 April 2027	1800	Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series (Post Xmas)
Sunday, 4 April 2027		Daylight Saving Ends
Wednesday, 7 April 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Sunday, 11 April 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Tuesday, 13 April 2027		Sail Port Stephens - Commodores Cup (13 - 18 April)
Wednesday, 14 April 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Sunday, 18 April 2027		CYCA Womens Winter Series
Wednesday, 21 April 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Saturday, 24 April 2027		Sail Port Stephens - NSW IRC Champs (24-26 April)
Sunday, 25 April 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 25 April 2027	1230	Feature Event - ANZAC Day Two Up Cup
Sunday, 25 April 2027		ANZAC Day
Sunday, 25 April 2027		CYCA Winter Series
Wednesday, 28 April 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3

MAY	Start	Event
Saturday, 1 May 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series (SS1)
Sunday, 2 May 2027		CYCA Winter Series
Wednesday, 5 May 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Saturday, 8 May 2027	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Series - Winter
Saturday, 8 May 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series
Sunday, 9 May 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 9 May 2027		CYCA Winter Series
Sunday, 9 May 2027		Mothers Day
Wednesday, 12 May 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Saturday, 15 May 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series (SS2)
Sunday, 16 May 2027		CYCA Winter Series
Wednesday, 19 May 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Saturday, 22 May 2027	1230	Feature Event - Autumn Sail
Saturday, 22 May 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series
Sunday, 23 May 2027		CYCA Winter Series
Wednesday, 26 May 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Friday, 28 May 2027		X-Yachts Aurum Cup - Pittwater to Sydney Passage
Saturday, 29 May 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series (SS3)
Saturday, 29 May 2027		X-Yachts Aurum Cup - Inshore Racing
Sunday, 30 May 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 30 May 2027		CYCA Womens Winter Series



JUNE	Start	Event
Wednesday, 2 June 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 3
Saturday, 5 June 2027	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Series - Winter
Saturday, 5 June 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series
Sunday, 6 June 2027		CYCA Winter Series
Wednesday, 9 June 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 12 June 2027	1230	Feature Event - Welcome to Winter
Sunday, 13 June 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Monday, 14 June 2027		King's Birthday Holiday
Wednesday, 16 June 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 19 June 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series (SS4)
Sunday, 20 June 2027		CYCA Winter Series
Wednesday, 23 June 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 26 June 2027	0900	Free "Get Checked" Audits and ORC Measurement
Saturday, 26 June 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series
Sunday, 27 June 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 27 June 2027		CYCA Winter Series
Wednesday, 30 June 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4

JULY	Start	Event
Saturday, 3 July 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series (SS5)
Sunday, 4 July 2027		CYCA Winter Series
Wednesday, 7 July 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 10 July 2027	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Series - Winter
Saturday, 10 July 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series
Sunday, 11 July 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Sunday, 11 July 2027		CYCA Womens Winter Series
Wednesday, 14 July 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 17 July 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series (SS6)
Wednesday, 21 July 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 24 July 2027	1230	Feature Event - Christmas in July
Saturday, 24 July 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series
Sunday, 25 July 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Wednesday, 28 July 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 31 July 2027	1230	Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series (SS7)
Saturday, 31 July 2027		Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race Start (CYCA)



AUGUST	Start	Event
Wednesday, 4 August 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 7 August 2027	1230	Leading Edge Pursuit Series
Sunday, 8 August 2027	0900	Free "Get Checked" Audits and ORC Measurement
Sunday, 8 August 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Wednesday, 11 August 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Friday, 13 August 2027		Airlie Beach Race Week (August 13 - 19 TBC)
Saturday, 14 August 2027	1230	Leading Edge Pursuit Series
Wednesday, 18 August 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 21 August 2027	1230	Leading Edge Pursuit Series
Sunday, 22 August 2027		Hamilton Island Race Week (August 22 - 28 TBC)
Wednesday, 25 August 2027	1300	Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series 4
Saturday, 28 August 2027	1230	Leading Edge Pursuit Series
Sunday, 29 August 2027	0900	Sailability Middle Harbour
Friday, 3 September 2027		Magnetic Island Race Week (September 3 - 8 TBC)



MHYC Winter Sailing

Leading Edge Series

Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker Pursuit every Saturday in August

EVENTS at MHYC



The Beachfront

Your Beachfront Celebration Awaits. Enjoy the only licensed beach in NSW - the perfect spot for any occasion, with access to both the beach and the downstairs function room.

Features; Exclusive beach access to NSW's only licensed beach, BBQ facilities & flexible setup options, Indoor/outdoor flow from the function room to the sand.



MHYC SAILING BY-LAWS

1. The responsibility for developing and optimising an annual Sailing Program in keeping with the needs and interests of the Club's sailing membership shall be vested in a Committee titled 'The Sailing Committee'. This Committee shall comprise a Chairman, the Club's Chief Special Regulations Officer, the Club's Principal Race Officer, the Sailing Manager and up to four active sailing members entitled to hold office.
2. The Chairman of the Sailing Committee shall be a Flag Officer of MHYC.
3. The Chairman of the Sailing Committee may appoint representatives of the Club's sailing divisions and areas of interest to provide a link between the members and the Sailing Committee.
4. The Commodore, with the support of the Board, may alter, amend or countermand any resolution or action of the Sailing Committee.
5. The conduct and control of club racing program shall be vested in the Sailing Manager and for Major Regattas and long races shall be vested in a Special Events Committee which shall comprise a Chairman and the Sailing Manager with additional members having the appropriate knowledge.
6. Only boats owned by Life, Senior and Full Adult members shall be accepted into the Register of Boats. The Register of Boats owned by members shall be kept and all details deemed necessary shall be kept therein. A boat shall not be registered on the Club's register until launched.
7. Middle Harbour Yacht Club numbers prefixed MH are issued by the Club under the authority of Australian Sailing New South Wales. MH prefixed numbers previously allotted may be reserved for a period of six months in the event of their being temporarily out of use. A boat on the Register of the Club shall only be entitled to one set of numbers issued by or under the authority of Australian Sailing New South Wales, and application for the issue of such numbers shall be made through the Sailing Manager. Boats on the register of Middle Harbour Yacht Club, at the discretion of the owner, may be issued with un-prefixed or MH (interjoined) prefixed numbers of a size determined by the RRS Appendix G. Where the number includes a prefix or class symbol this shall be part of the number and shall be included on all sails requiring such number.

All boats shall be identified by such a number. On white sails, MH numbers shall be red in colour. Unprefixed numbers shall be black, dark blue or red. On dark or coloured sails, MH numbers shall be a clearly contrasting colour. All sail numbers shall comply with RRS Appendix G.
8. In the event of a member selling their boat to another member, joint application shall be made to the Sailing Manager for the transfer of the number where such transfer is desired.
9. In the event of a member selling their boat to a non-member, all Club distinguishing signs, both sail numbers and burgees, shall be removed from the boat and sails, and the Sailing Manager shall be advised of the sale.
10. All entrants in Club races shall comply with the sailing instructions issued by the Sailing Committee. Boats shall be a monohull and self-righting. A boat's class rules shall apply only when a boat is racing in a class fleet or event.
11. The conduct of races for class boats within the Club shall be under terms and conditions as laid down by the Sailing Committee from time to time.
12. The MHYC Bugee shall be displayed by MHYC yachts at all times while competing in a MHYC Event (refer to MHYC NOR 10).

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Boats that retire from racing must notify the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity on the designated VHF race management frequency or by calling the Sailing Office.

RULES & REGULATIONS

To minimise the risks of racing and boating, the 'Person in Charge' and their crew, must be familiar with and comply with the Rules and Regulations as described in the current:

- Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing
- International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCS)
- Marine Safety Act 1998 and Marine Safety Regulations 2016
- NSW Maritime regulations that apply to boating on Sydney Harbour
- MHYC Sailing Handbook
- Event Sailing Instructions

BEFORE RACING

The 'Person in Charge' aboard each boat is responsible for ensuring that the boat is properly prepared and that all crew are adequately briefed or trained. The 'Person in Charge' shall:

- Ensure the boat's Safety Equipment Audit Form lodged with the club is current and appropriate for the category of the event in which the boat is racing
- Ensure that all required Safety Equipment is on board and in good working condition
- Ensure all crew members are affiliated with Australian Sailing as members of a club, or have a valid SailPass, and therefore have personal accident insurance
- Ensure that the boat's crew list is completed or updated by the commencement of each race
- Ensure the crew knows where the Safety and Life Saving Equipment is stowed and how to correctly use it
- Ensure all crew is briefed on an Incident Management Plan in the event of an incident, including roles and procedures to be followed
- Ensure all crew is familiar with the boat's Man Overboard (MOB) procedures
- Ensure appropriately experienced crew is on board to cope with the conditions likely to be experienced
- Ensure that the boat reports to the Race Committee its intention to start the race

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency Services (Police / Fire / Ambulance)	000
NSW Water Police (Marine Area Command)	000 / 9320 7499
Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW	VHF 16 / 9450 2468
Middle Harbour Volunteer Marine Rescue	9969 3270
NSW Maritime (Rozelle)	VHF 16 / 9563 8522
Australian Maritime Safety Authority	1800 627 484
Mosman Police	9969 1933
Northern Beaches Hospital	9105 5000
Royal North Shore Hospital	9926 7111
MHYC Marina	VHF 73 / 9969 1244
MHYC Sailing Office	9969 1244
MHYC Race Management	VHF 72

INCIDENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The MHYC Sailing Operations Policy outlines procedures and guidance notes for boats and crew in the event of an incident or emergency. All boats shall have their own Incident Management Plan to deal with minor incidents. For major incidents and emergencies, the following actions should be performed where appropriate:

- **Man Overboard**
Commence man overboard procedure.
Recover the man overboard.
- **Injuries**
Cease racing.
If the injury occurs on another boat, render assistance if required.
Determine the nature of the injury and render first aid.
Contact emergency services for directions if required and then contact MHYC.
At MHYC, the T-head on Marina Arm B is the Emergency Access Point.
- **Vessel in Danger**
Instruct all crew to wear personal flotation devices.
If the vessel is in immediate danger contact the emergency services.
Deploy anchor or other safety devices if appropriate.
- **Evacuation of Injured Crew**
Emergency Authority will direct you to an appropriate rendezvous.
This may be at the nearest available wharf in Sydney Harbour (see page 43).
At MHYC, the T-head on Marina Arm B is the Emergency Access Point.
- **Vessels Requiring Towing**
The MHYC Tenders are not designed, adequately equipped nor staffed to tow boats.
Requests for towing are to be directed to NSW Water Police or Marine Rescue NSW (see emergency contacts on page 39).

REPORTING MARINE INCIDENTS

A written report must be forwarded to the MHYC Sailing Office within 24 hours, setting out the particulars regardless of the type of incident.

A written report must be forward to NSW Maritime within 24 hours setting out the particulars of the incident 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.

The NSW Maritime Incident Report Form is available at:

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

The 'Person in Charge' should be aware that the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) only apply between vessels that are racing. All other recreational vessels (including sailing vessels when not racing) are governed by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea and NSW Maritime regulations.

NSW MARITIME BRIEF

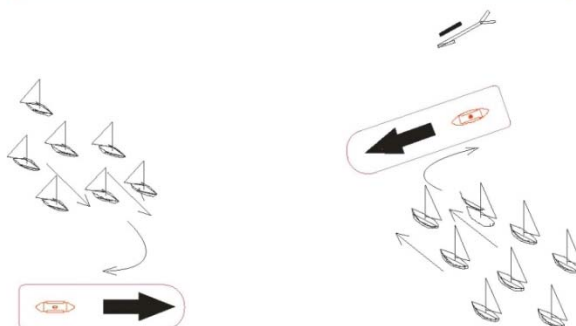
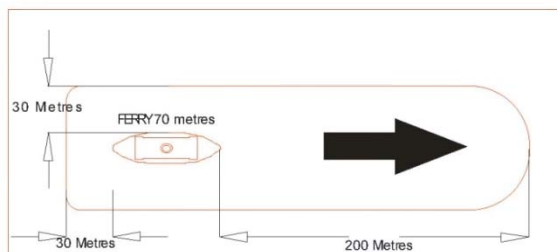
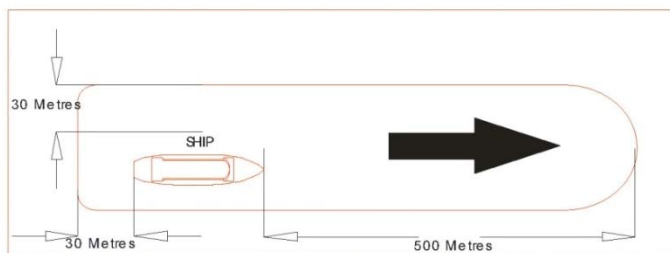
1. Be safe!
2. Observe NSW Marine Safety Regulations 2016 and note:
 - Nothing in these Rules shall exonerate any vessel, or the owner, master or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with these Rules or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.
 - In complying with these Rules due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of the vessels involved, which may make a departure from these Rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.
 - What this means is that if you're about to be involved in a collision, having stood on or given way in accordance with the Rule; every party involved is responsible in taking avoiding action to prevent a collision.
3. Local Rules require sail craft to keep out of the way of ferries displaying the orange diamond. When necessary, give priority to the Ferry and pass well clear.
4. Be mindful of larger ships' bow flare. When closing any vessel, to prevent being overrun ensure you remain within sight of the officer of the watch on the vessel's bridge. Beware of overhanging bows and other parts of a ship that might obstruct this line of sight. This means that your vessel may disappear from sight inside 200–400 m from the bows of very large ships.
5. Shipping Sound Signal meanings:
 - One short blast – I am altering course to starboard (right)
 - Two short blasts – I am altering course to port (left)
 - Three short blasts – I am operating engines astern (stopping)
 - Five (or more) short blasts – I am unsure of your intentions and I doubt whether you are taking enough avoiding action to avoid collision.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

6. Attendance at the Annual MHYC Skippers Briefing is mandatory to ensure that all competitors receive a briefing in relation to the requirement to keep clear of ships and ferries.
7. Yachts shall not navigate between moorings while racing.
8. Vessels shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority NSW escort vessel.
9. Competing yachts shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any Ferry underway.

SHIP & FERRY ACTIVATED EXCLUSION ZONE

1. Competitors shall:
 - not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated NSW Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty.
 - maintain a minimum distance of 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of any Seagoing Ship underway.
 - maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any Ferry underway.
2. Competitors are to be aware of the requirements listed in the Sydney Ports Steer Clear brochure which may be viewed online – [click here](#)



EMERGENCY EVACUATION POINTS

EMERGENCY GUIDE – PORT JACKSON

AMBULANCE | POLICE | FIRE: 000 OR 122

NSW Police Marine Area Command: 1800 658 784
 NSW RMS (Maritime): 13 12 36
 Middle Harbour Yacht Club: 9969 1244

NSW Marine Rescue Port Jackson: 9337 5033
 NSW Marine Rescue Middle Harbour: 9969 3270
 NSW Marine Rescue Terry Hills Radio: 9450 2468



AMBULANCE PICK UP POINTS

A – Manly Wharf, Manly
 B – Middle Harbour Yacht Club Marina, Mosman
 C – Taronga Zoo Wharf, Mosman
 D – Cremorne Point Wharf, Cremorne

E – Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Kirribilli
 F – Man 'O' War Steps, Opera House
 G – Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
 H – Rose Bay Public Wharf, Rose Bay

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 (Dobroyd) – 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

MHYC OCEAN POINTSCORE SERIES

Category 4 – Results on IRC, ORC & PHS

SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DATE	START TIME	CAT.	RACE FORMAT	INFORMATION
1	Saturday, 19 September 2026	1200	4	SSOS Passage Race (SSOS Race 1)	CYCA Sailing Instructions
2	Saturday, 28 November 2026	1000	4	SSORC Passage Race (SSOS Race 5 – Passage Course)	MHYC Event Sailing Instructions
3 4	Sunday, 29 November 2026	1100	4	SSORC Laid Marks (Hybrid Windward-Leeward Course)	MHYC Event Sailing Instructions
5	Saturday, 13 March 2027	1200	4	SSOS Windward-Leeward (SSOS Race 7 – Windward- Leeward Course)	CYCA Sailing Instructions

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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RULES

1.1 Refer to NOR 1 and 2.

1.2 Attention is drawn to NOR 11 – *Boats must comply with the AS Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2 – Category 4.*
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RACE DOCUMENTS

2.1 Attention is drawn to NOR 5.1

In any race which is conducted by another Club as a joint race for both that Club and MHYC, MHYC entrants will race under the conducting Club’s SIs. Any decision affecting that race made by the RC or Protest Committee of the conducting Club shall apply to the MHYC event, unless otherwise decided by the MHYC RC.
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SCORING

3.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A of the RRS shall apply.

3.2 A casual race entrant will not receive a series score. This amends RRS A2.2.

3.3 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

3.4 Five (5) races are scheduled and three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. One (1) excluded score will apply after four (4) completed races.
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DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

4.1 Refer to NOR 28.

4.2 Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 which states: *“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.*

INSHORE ANNUAL / SPRING / SUMMER SERIES POINTSCORE

Category 7 – Results on ORC, IRC & PHS for Divisions 1, 2 & 3

SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE *	DATE	START	EVENT	SIs
1	Saturday, 5 September 2026	1300	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)	MHYC Inshore
2	Saturday, 12 September 2026	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)	CCIS
3	Saturday, 26 September 2026	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)	CCIS
4	Saturday, 10 October 2026	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)	CCIS
5 6 7	Saturday, 17 October 2026	1200	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)	SHSS
8	Saturday, 31 October 2026	1300	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)	MHYC Inshore
9	Saturday, 7 November 2026	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)	CCIS
10 11 12	Saturday, 14 November 2026	1200	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)	SHSS
13	Saturday, 21 November 2026	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Spring)	CCIS
14	Saturday, 5 December 2026	1300	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)	MHYC Inshore
15	Saturday, 12 December 2026	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)	CCIS
16	Saturday, 16 January 2027	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)	CCIS
17	Saturday, 30 January 2027	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)	CCIS
18 19 20	Saturday, 6 February 2027	1200	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)	SHSS
21	Saturday, 20 February 2027	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)	CCIS
22	Saturday, 20 March 2027	1240	Inshore Annual Pointscore (Summer)	CCIS

* Race Numbers are for the Inshore Annual Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CCIS – refer to the Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series Sailing Instructions which follow on page 57 and are posted on the MHYC [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#) along with the Series Notice of Race.

MHYC Inshore – refer to the MHYC Inshore Sailing Instructions which follow on page 62 and posted on the MHYC [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#).

SHSS – refer to the Sydney Harbour Sprint Series Sailing Instructions which follow on page 69 and are posted on the MHYC [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#) along with the Series Notice of Race.

Scoring & Prizes – refer to the Keelboat Prizegiving Policies posted on the MHYC [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#).



Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series 2026-2027

COMBINED CLUBS INSHORE SERIES (CCIS) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) for the Combined Clubs Inshore Series (CCIS) is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC), Manly Yacht Club (MYC), Royal Australian Naval Sailing Association (RANSA), Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC), Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) and Vaucluse Yacht Club (VYC).

The race committee referred to in the notice of race and these sailing instructions will consist of one representative from each participating club.

Please also refer to the Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series Notice of Race which is posted on the MHYC [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#).

The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as amended.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a current valid AS Special Regulations Category 7, or higher, Equipment Audit Form. Random equipment audits may be made throughout the season. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 1.3 These sailing instructions take precedence for MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS and VYC season point score races scheduled for 12 and 26 September, 10 October, 7 and 21 November, 12 December 2026, 16 and 30 January, 20 February and 20 March 2027.
- 1.4 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail.

2. CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1000hrs on the day of the race. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before the race.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS and VYC. Notices will also be available on each club's website.
- 3.2 The race committee intends to monitor VHF channel 73 and will use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 3.3 (DP) Boats which retire from a race before finishing are required to notify the race committee on VHF channel 73, or by phoning the conducting club. Contact numbers can be located in clause 19 of these sailing instructions.
- 3.4 (DP) No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the race except in an emergency.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS and VYC on the clubs' flag masts.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The following races are scheduled:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Race Committee</i>
12 September	Race 1	RSYS
26 September	Race 2	MHYC
10 October	Race 3	RPEYC
7 November	Race 4	RSYS/VYC
21 November	Race 5	MHYC/MYC
12 December	Race 6	RANSA
16 January	Race 7	RANSA
30 January	Race 8	MHYC
20 February	Race 9	RSYS
20 March	Race 10	RPEYC

6. START TIME & CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each division and the respective division flags are:

<i>Scheduled Time</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Flag Displayed</i>
1235 hrs	Division 1	Q
1240 hrs	Division 2	K
1245 hrs	Division 3	R
1250 hrs	Non-Spinnaker Division	F

6.2 Boats intending to race are required to report to the committee vessel with their mainsails hoisted and on starboard tack before the first warning signal of the day and receive acknowledgement. Failure to observe this requirement may result in a boat being scored DNC.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

8. COURSES

8.1 Course descriptions are as described in Addendum 1.

8.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

8.3 Boats shall proceed to all marks of the course in the order listed and leave each mark on the required side.

8.4 All marks are to be passed to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.

9. SHORTENED COURSE

9.1 In the event of the course being shortened before the start, flag S will be displayed with the course signal with two sound signals. Boats are to proceed directly to the finish line after leaving the mark indicated by an asterisk (*) in the courses listed in Addendum 1.

9.2 Courses may be shortened after the start in accordance with RRS 32.

10. MARKS

10.1 Mark descriptions as per Addendum 2.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 (DP) The following areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions. Boats infringing this instruction may be subject to protest:
- a) Other Starting and Finishing Lines – the starting or finishing lines of another division or another club's race.
 - b) Cardinal Marks – the areas bounded by cardinal marks.
 - c) Moorings – mooring areas. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.
 - d) Shark Island – the areas between the AS Shark Island Mark (SM) and Shark Island or between Shark Island and the Shark Island Light (north of Shark Island)
 - e) Garden Island and Chowder Bay – the areas within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or near the naval wharf in Chowder Bay.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the course side of an orange or red inflatable buoy marked with MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS or VYC. The committee vessel will be identified by the burgee of the conducting club.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1 To assist competitors, the race committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF 73. This changes RRS 29.1 and 29.2.
- 13.2 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 13.1 above will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between the staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the course side of an orange or red inflatable buoy marked with MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS or VYC.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The absolute time limit will be 1730 hours.
- 15.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that have started and not finished by the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 60.2 and requests for redress in accordance with RRS 61.2 as amended by 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 below.
- 16.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in writing, in person or by electronic means, with the conducting club of the day.
- 16.3 The time limit for the lodging of protests or requests for redress involving an incident in the racing area will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event. This changes RRS 60.2 and 61.2.
- 16.4 Protests and requests for redress will be heard at the clubhouse of the duty or conducting club on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the Combined Clubs' race committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.

17. NSW ROADS and MARITIME SERVICES REGULATIONS

- 17.1 (NP) Boats shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Roads and Maritime Services (NSW RMS) regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW RMS regulations specify "Priority over Sail – some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal. Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the race committee in accordance with RRS 60.1.
- 17.2 (NP) All boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers and NSW Port Authority. Any boat directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 17.3 (NP) Any boats reported by NSW RMS as having contravened NSW RMS regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.2. Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.
- 17.4 Competitors are required to notify the duty club (MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS or VYC) of any contact incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a race protest or a report to NSW RMS. MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS and VYC are obliged under the terms of their Exemption Orders to prepare a report of all contact incidents occurring during racing whether or not injury or an insurance claim results.

18. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 18.1 The attention of competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in the Notice of Race clauses 15.1 – Risk Warning, 15.2 – Competitors Declaration, 15.3 – Disclaimer of Liability and 16.1 – Safety Requirements.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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- MYC email: sailing@myc.org.au or telephone: (02) 9977 4949
- RANSA email: sailing@ransa.com.au or telephone: (02) 9363 9939
- RSYS email: sailing@rsys.com.au or telephone: (02) 9017 0152
- RPEYC email: sailing@rpeyc.com.au or telephone (02) 9363 5809
- VYC email: vacluseyachtclub@gmail.com or telephone (02)9337 5775

Addendum 1 – Courses

Division	Start Area											Finish Area	Length (nm)
Course 1 – North - North East													
Div 1	Between E and W Channels	MW	ME	*N3	MW	ME	PP					Between E and W Channels	15.5
Div 2		CP	*PP	CP	PP								13
Div 3 & Non-spin		LB	PP	NP	*PP	EC	PP						9.5
Course 2 – North East													
Div 1	Between E and W Channels	MW	ME	PP	EC	*N3	LB	SM				Between E and W Channels	15.5
Div 2		CP	N3	SM	*N3	LB	SM						12.5
Div 3 & Non-spin		LB	SM	*N3	LB	SM							9
Course 3 – East													
Div 1	Vicinity Athol Bay	SM	KP	SM	PP	*CBS	LB	KP	SM	CBS		Between E and W Channels	14.0
Div 2		SM	KP	SM	PP	*CBS	SM	KP	SM	PP	CBS		12.5
Div 3 & Non-spin		SM	N2	SM	PP	*CBS	EC	SM	CBS				9.5
Course 4 – East													
Div 1	Vicinity N3	SM	KP	OB	LB	*SM	KP	SM	CBS			Between E and W Channels	14
Div 2		SM	KP	EC	*SM	KP	SM	CBS					11.6
Div 3 & Non-spin		SM	KP	EC	*SM	PP	CBS						9.1
Course 5 – South East													
Div 1	Taylors Bay	RB	KP	SM	PP	OB	RB	*KP	SM	PP	TB	Rose Bay	15.5
Div 2		RB	KP	SM	PP	TB	RB	*KP	SM	PP	TB		13.0
Div 3 & Non-spin		RB	KP	RB	SM	*CBS	SM	TB					10
Course 6 – South East													
Div 1	Taylors Bay	SM	KP	RB	PP	OB	*EC	SM	TB			Rose Bay	12.1
Div 2		SM	KP	SM	OB	*EC	SM	TB					10.9
Div 3 & Non-spin		SM	KP	*CBN	SM	TB							8.8
Course 7 – South and South West													
Div 1	Between E and W Channels	PP	CP	PP	*OB	PP	OB					Rose Bay	15.5
Div 2		SM	OB	SM	CBS	PP	*CBS	SM	OB				12.5
Div 3 & Non-spin		SM	CBN	PP	*CBS	SM	OB						10.5
Course 8 – West													
Div 1	West of Shark Island	KP	EC	SM	KP	*SM	KP	EC	SM			North of Clark Island	15.0
Div 2		KP	NP	SM	KP	*SM	KP	SM					12.5
Div 3 & Non-spin		KP	NP	SM	N3	*SM	KP	SM					10.5
Course 9 – North and North West													
Div 1	Between E and W Channels	OB	EC	PP	OB	*RB	OB	PP	OB	SM		Between E and W Channels	15.0
Div 2		OB	EC	SM	OB	*RB	CBS	PP	OB	SM			13.5
Div 3 & Non-spin		OB	EC	SM	OB	*PP	CBS	SM					9.5

NB: The Start and Finish areas described above as 'Between E and W Channels' will be in the area west of Watsons Bay.

Addendum 2 – Mark Descriptions

Please refer to MHYC Appendix 1 on page 105



MHYC INSHORE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Category 7 – Results on ORC, IRC & PHS for Divisions 1, 2 & 3

1 RULES

1.1 Refer to MHYC Season 2026–2027 Notice of Race.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES

2.1 These Sailing Instructions apply for MHYC Inshore Annual Pointscore races scheduled on:

- Saturday 5 September 2026
- Saturday 31 October 2026
- Saturday 5 December 2026

2.2 One passage race is scheduled on each race day with the first warning signal at 1255hrs.

3 CLASS FLAGS & DIVISIONS

3.1 Class flags will be:

CLASS / DIVISION	CLASS FLAG
Division 1	Code Flag 'D'
Division 2	Code Flag 'E'
Division 3	Code Flag 'F'

4 THE COURSES

4.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a Course Board on the race committee vessel.

4.2 When the race committee displays Code Flag "S" at the start line, the course for each division is shortened and boats shall round the mark prefixed (*) in the course description on the required side and proceed directly to the finish.

4.3 If the race committee shortens any course in accordance with RRS 32 for specific divisions only, the class flag for those divisions for which the course is to be shortened will be flown below Code Flag "S".

5 THE START

5.1 The start will be an On Water Start in accordance with NOR 18.

5.2 Boats intending to race shall report to the committee vessel 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 'DNS'.

5.3 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.

5.4 The first Warning Signal for MHYC Inshore Series passage races shall not be made before 1255hrs.

5.5 The RC may combine a divisional start with another.

5.6 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.

5.7 When the race committee determines the Clubhouse Start and Clubhouse Finish is to be used (in accordance with NOR 16 and 17), Code Flag "O" will be displayed from the Club Flagmast not less than one hour before the scheduled start time of the race or first division.

6 THE FINISH

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 When the race committee determines the Clubhouse finish line to be used, the race committee will display Code Flag "O". This signal may be displayed at any time with 3 long sound signals. Boats shall sail the course until the final mark then proceed to the Clubhouse and finish in accordance with NOR 17.

7 TIME LIMITS

- 7.1 Unless otherwise prescribed, the time limit for each division shall be 1630hrs or 30 minutes after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes, whichever is earlier. Only those boats finishing within the time limit shall rank as finishers. This amends RRS 35.
- 7.2 Boats retiring from racing shall comply with NOR 20.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**COURSE NOTES:**

- 1) All marks are to be rounded or passed to STARBOARD except those suffixed with the letter (P) which shall be rounded or passed to PORT.
- 2) For shortened course mark (*) refer to sailing instructions 4.4 & 4.5.
- 3) Division 3 omit marks designated (x).

COURSE 1 – NORTH (approx. 13.9 nm)

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Start Camp Cove | 8. AS Mark Manly East |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 9. MH Inflatable South Reef (P) |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 10. AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 4. AS Mark Cannae Point | 11. MH Inflatable South Reef (P) |
| 5. MH Inflatable Grotto Point (P) | 12. AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 6. MH Inflatable South Reef (P) (*) | 13. MH Inflatable South Reef (P) |
| 7. AS Mark Manly West | 14. Finish Spring Cove |

COURSE 2 – NORTH (approx. 12.7 nm)

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Start Camp Cove | 7.(x) AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 8.(x) AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 9.(x) MH Inflatable South Reef (P) |
| 4. AS Mark Cannae Point | 10. AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 5. MH Inflatable Grotto Point (P) | 11. MH Inflatable South Reef (P) |
| 6. MH Inflatable South Reef (P) (*) | 12. Finish Spring Cove |

COURSE 3 – NORTH (approx. 11.9 nm)

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Start Camp Cove | 5. AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 6. AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 7. AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 4. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | 8. Finish Spring Cove |

COURSE 4 – NOR NOR EAST (approx. 15.3 nm)

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|----|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 7. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 2. | AS Mark Manly West | 8. | AS Mark Edwards Beach (*) |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly East | 9. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 4. | MH Inflatable South Reef | 10. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay | 11. | AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 6. | AS Mark Manly West | 12. | Finish Spring Cove |

COURSE 5 – NOR NOR EAST (approx. 14.0 nm)

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|----|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 7. | AS Mark Manly East (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Manly West | 8. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly East | 9. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 4. | MH Inflatable South Reef | 10. | MH Inflatable South Reef |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay | 11. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay |
| 6. | AS Mark Manly West | 12. | Finish Spring Cove |

COURSE 6 – NOR NOR EAST (approx. 10.2 nm)

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|----|-------------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 6. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. | AS Mark Manly West | 7. | MH Inflatable South Reef |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly East | 8. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay |
| 4. | MH Inflatable South Reef | 9. | Finish Spring Cove |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay (*) | | |

COURSE 7 – NORTH EAST (approx. 15.4 nm)

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|----|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 7. | AS Mark East Channel |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 8. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay |
| 3. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay | 9. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 4. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 10. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay (*) | 11. | Finish Spring Cove |
| 6. | AS Mark Cannae Point | | |

COURSE 8 – NORTH EAST (approx. 14.7 nm)

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|----|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 6. | MH Inflatable Manly Point (P) |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 7. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 3. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay | 8. | MH Inflatable Manly Point (P) |
| 4. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 9. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay (*) | 10. | Finish Spring Cove |

COURSE 9 – NORTH EAST (approx. 13.2 nm)

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|----|---------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 6. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 7. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 3. | AS Mark East Channel | 8. | AS Mark East Channel |
| 4. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay | 9. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay |
| 5. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 10. | Finish Spring Cove |

COURSE 10 – NORTH EAST (approx. 12.1 nm)

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|----|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 5. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 6.(x) | MH Inflatable Manly Point (P) |
| 3. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay (*) | 7.(x) | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 4. | MH Inflatable Manly Point (P) | 8. | Finish Spring Cove |

COURSE 11 – EAST NORTH EAST (approx. 14.4 nm)

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|----|-------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 6. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 7. | AS Mark Taylors Bay (*) |
| 3. | MH Inflatable Obelisk Bay (P) | 8. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) |
| 4. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) | 9. | MH Inflatable Obelisk Bay (P) |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Obelisk Bay (P) | 10. | Finish Spring Cove / Cannae Point |

COURSE 12 – EAST NORTH EAST (approx. 12.0 nm)

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|----|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 6. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 7. | MH Inflatable Obelisk Bay (P) (*) |
| 3. | MH Inflatable Obelisk Bay (P) | 8.(x) | MH Inflatable North Head (P) |
| 4. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) | 9.(x) | MH Inflatable Obelisk Bay (P) |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Obelisk Bay (P) | 10. | Finish Spring Cove / Cannae Point |

COURSE 13 – EAST (approx. 12.7 nm)

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|----|----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay / Grotto Point | 7. | AS Mark Edwards Beach (*) |
| 2. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) | 8. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) |
| 3. | AS Mark Rocky Point | 9. | AS Mark Rocky Point |
| 4. | AS Mark Edwards Beach | 10. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 5. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) | 11. | Finish Spring Cove / Cannae Point |
| 6. | AS Mark Rocky Point | | |

COURSE 14 – EAST (approx. 9.8 nm)

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|----|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay / Grotto Point | 6. | AS Mark Grotto Point (*) |
| 2. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) | 7.(x) | MH Inflatable North Head (P) |
| 3. | AS Mark Rocky Point | 8.(x) | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 4. | AS Mark Edwards Beach | 9. | Finish Spring Cove / Cannae Point |
| 5. | MH Inflatable North Head (P) | | |

COURSE 15 – EAST SOUTH EAST (approx. 12.9nm)

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|----|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay / Grotto Point | 7. | AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 2. | AS Mark Lady Bay | 8. | AS Mark Rocky Point |
| 3. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 9. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 4. | AS Mark Chowder Bay North | 10.(x) | AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 5. | AS Mark Rocky Point | 11.(x) | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 6. | AS Mark Edwards Beach (*) | 12. | Finish Camp Cove |

COURSE 16 — SOUTH EAST (approx. 12.6 nm)

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|----|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay / Grotto Point | 7. | AS Mark Taylor Bay |
| 2. | AS Mark East Channel | 8. | AS Mark Rose Bay |
| 3. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay | 9. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay (*) |
| 4. | AS Mark East Channel | 10. | AS Mark East Channel |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay (P) | 11. | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 6. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 12. | Finish Watsons Bay |

COURSE 17 — SOUTH EAST (approx. 11.0 nm)

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|----|----------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay / Grotto Point | 6. | AS Mark Rose Bay |
| 2. | AS Mark East Channel | 7.(x) | AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 3. | MH Inflatable Chowder Bay (P) | 8.(x) | AS Mark East Channel |
| 4. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 9. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 5. | AS Mark Chowder Bay North (*) | 10. | Finish Watsons Bay |

COURSE 18 — SOUTH (approx. 13.5 nm)

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|----|-------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start North Harbour | 6. | AS Mark East Channel |
| 2. | AS Mark East Channel | 7. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 3. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay | 8. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 4. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 9. | Finish Watsons Bay |
| 5. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay (*) | | |

COURSE 19 — SOUTH (approx. 11.3 nm)

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|-------|----------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1. | Start North Harbour | 5. | AS Mark East Channel (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark East Channel | 6. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 3.(x) | AS Mark Rose Bay | 7. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 4. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay | 8. | Finish Watsons Bay |

COURSE 20 — SOUTH WEST (approx. 12.0 nm)

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|----|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Spring Cove | 7. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 2. | AS Mark Edwards Beach | 8. | AS Mark Cannae Point (*) |
| 3. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 9. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point (P) |
| 4. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point (P) | 10. | MH Inflatable South Reef (P) |
| 5. | MH Inflatable South Reef (P) | 11. | MH Inflatable Manly Point (P) |
| 6. | MH Inflatable Manly Point (P) | 12. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 21 — SOUTH WEST (approx. 10.5 nm)

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|-------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Spring Cove | 7. | MH Inflatable Manly Point (P) (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Edwards Beach | 8. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point (P) |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly West | 9.(x) | MH Inflatable South Reef (P) |
| 4. | AS Mark Manly East | 10. | MH Inflatable Manly Point (P) |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point (P) | 11. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 6.(x) | MH Inflatable South Reef (P) | | |

COURSE 22 — WEST (approx. 13.8 nm)

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|----|------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Spring Cove / Cannae Point | 7. | MH Inflatable Edwards Beach (P) |
| 2. | MH Inflatable Edwards Beach (P) | 8. | MH Inflatable South Reef (P) |
| 3. | MH Inflatable South Reef (P) | 9. | MH Inflatable Cannae Point (P) |
| 4. | MH Inflatable Cannae Point (P) | 10. | MH Inflatable Edwards Beach (P) |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Edwards Beach (P) | 11. | MH Inflatable Cannae Point (P) |
| 6. | MH Inflatable Cannae Point (P) (*) | 12. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 23 — WEST (approx. 12.3 nm)

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|----|----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Start Spring Cove / Cannae Point | 6. | MH Inflatable Cannae Point (P) (*) |
| 2. | MH Inflatable Edwards Beach (P) | 7.(x) | MH Inflatable Edwards Beach (P) |
| 3. | MH Inflatable South Reef (P) | 8.(x) | MH Inflatable Cannae Point (P) |
| 4. | MH Inflatable Cannae Point (P) | 9. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Edwards Beach (P) | | |

COURSE 24 — NORTH WEST (approx. 13.6 nm)

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|----|----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Start Camp Cove | 7. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point |
| 2. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point | 8. | AS Mark Eastern Channel (*) |
| 3. | AS Mark Eastern Channel | 9. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point |
| 4. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point | 10. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 5. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 11. | AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 6. | AS Mark Eastern Channel | 12. | Finish Hunters Bay |

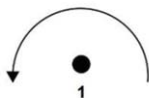
COURSE 25 — NORTH WEST (approx. 13.3 nm)

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|----|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| 1. | Start Camp Cove | 7. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point |
| 2. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point | 8. | AS Mark Eastern Channel |
| 3. | AS Mark Eastern Channel | 9.(x) | MH Inflatable Grotto Point |
| 4. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point | 10.(x) | AS Mark Eastern Channel |
| 5. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 11. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 6. | AS Mark Eastern Channel (*) | | |

COURSE 26 — NORTH WEST (approx. 10.3 nm)

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| 1. | Start Camp Cove | 6. | AS Mark Lady Bay (*) |
| 2. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point | 7. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point |
| 3. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 8. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 4. | AS Mark Lady Bay | 9. | AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 5. | MH Inflatable Grotto Point | 10. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 27 – WINDWARD LEEWARD



COURSE	COURSE DESCRIPTION (All marks to Port)
W1	Start – 1 – Finish
W2	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish

- 1) Mark 1 will be an orange or yellow inflatable buoy located approximately 0.6 to 1.2 nm to Windward of the Start/Finish Line.
- 2) Mark 2 will be an orange or yellow inflatable buoy located approximately 0.05 to 0.1 nm to Windward of the Start/Finish Line.
- 3) The Course to be sailed (W 1, 2, 3 or 4) will be displayed prior to or with the Division Preparatory Signal.
- 4) The bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed prior to or with the Warning Signal.

SYDNEY HARBOUR **SPRINT SERIES**

SYDNEY HARBOUR SPRINT SERIES (SHSS) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Please also refer to the MHYC Season 2026–2027 Notice of Race which is posted on the MHYC [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR or Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (Special Regulations) as amended.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 7 (or higher) Equipment Audit. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 1.3 RRS 51 is amended so that boats with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
- 1.4 RRS 52 is amended so that electric winches and canting keels may be adjusted using the boat's electrical system.
- 1.5 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#) online.
- 2.2 Competitors may be advised of the intended race area via email or text.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#) before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change on the water will be announced on the VHF race management channel after display of Code Flag L with one sound.
- 3.2 Competitors may be advised of a change to the sailing instructions via email or text.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Clubhouse Flagmast on the north-eastern corner of MHYC and may be repeated at other clubs.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Competitors may be advised of a postponement via email or text.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Sydney Harbour Sprint Series – Summer

- Saturday 17 October 2026 (3 races)
- Saturday 14 November 2026 (3 races)
- Saturday 6 February 2027 (3 races)

Sydney Harbour Sprint Series – Winter

- 5.2
 - Saturday 8 May 2027 (3 races)
 - Saturday 5 June 2027 (3 races)
 - Saturday 10 July 2027 (3 races)

- 5.3 A maximum of 9 races may be sailed in each series.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1155hrs each day.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be as follows:

Division 1 – Code Flag Delta (D)

Division 2 – Code Flag Echo (E)

Division 3 – Code Flag Foxtrot (F)

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of windward–leeward racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram and tables in Attachment B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed will be displayed on a Course Board on the CV, preceded by the letter 'W', to indicate the number of roundings of the Windward Mark/s.
- 8.3 The race committee may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.4 The Gate will be laid approx. 50–100m to windward of the Start Line.
- 8.5 In the event that either Gate Mark (2S or 2P) is not in place, boats shall round the sole leeward mark to port.
- 8.6 If an offset mark is laid adjacent to Mark 1, 1A or 1B, boats shall round the designated windward mark and the adjacent offset mark to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks are described in Attachment B.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall pass on the safe water side of the following Cardinal Marks:

(a) Gowlland Bombora (Dobroyd Head) – All Marks

(b) Sow and Pigs Reef– All Marks

(c) Shark Island– South and West Marks

- 10.2 Boats shall not sail in the following prohibited areas:

(a) The area bounded by imaginary lines projected from the shore joining the West, South and East Cardinal Marks surrounding Gowlland Bombora.

(b) The area bounded by imaginary lines joining the North, East, South and West Cardinal Marks surrounding Sow and Pigs Reef.

- 10.3 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, are deemed continuing obstructions.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made no less than 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2 When a finish mark with a black & white chequered band is laid on the starboard side of the race committee vessel, boats shall finish by passing the committee vessel to starboard and the B&W finish mark to port.
- 13.3 When a finish mark with a black & white chequered band is not laid on the starboard side of the race committee vessel, boats shall finish by passing the committee vessel to port and the yellow start mark to starboard.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1	Race Time Limit	60 mins
	Windward Mark (1 / 1A / 1B) Time Limit	20 mins
	Target Time	30–40 mins
	Finish Window	10 mins

14.2 If no boat has passed the Windward Mark within the Windward Mark time limit, the race will be abandoned for that division. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms and requests for redress shall be delivered to the MHYC Sailing Office or via email to sailing@mhyc.com.au within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 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.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 120 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at MHYC unless the Protest Committee directs otherwise.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)(2).

15.5 Breaches of Sis 14 and 17 – 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

16 SCORING

16.1 RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply.

16.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When 5 – 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Boats intending to race shall report to the committee vessel prior to their first warning signal, on starboard tack, with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNC'. [DP]

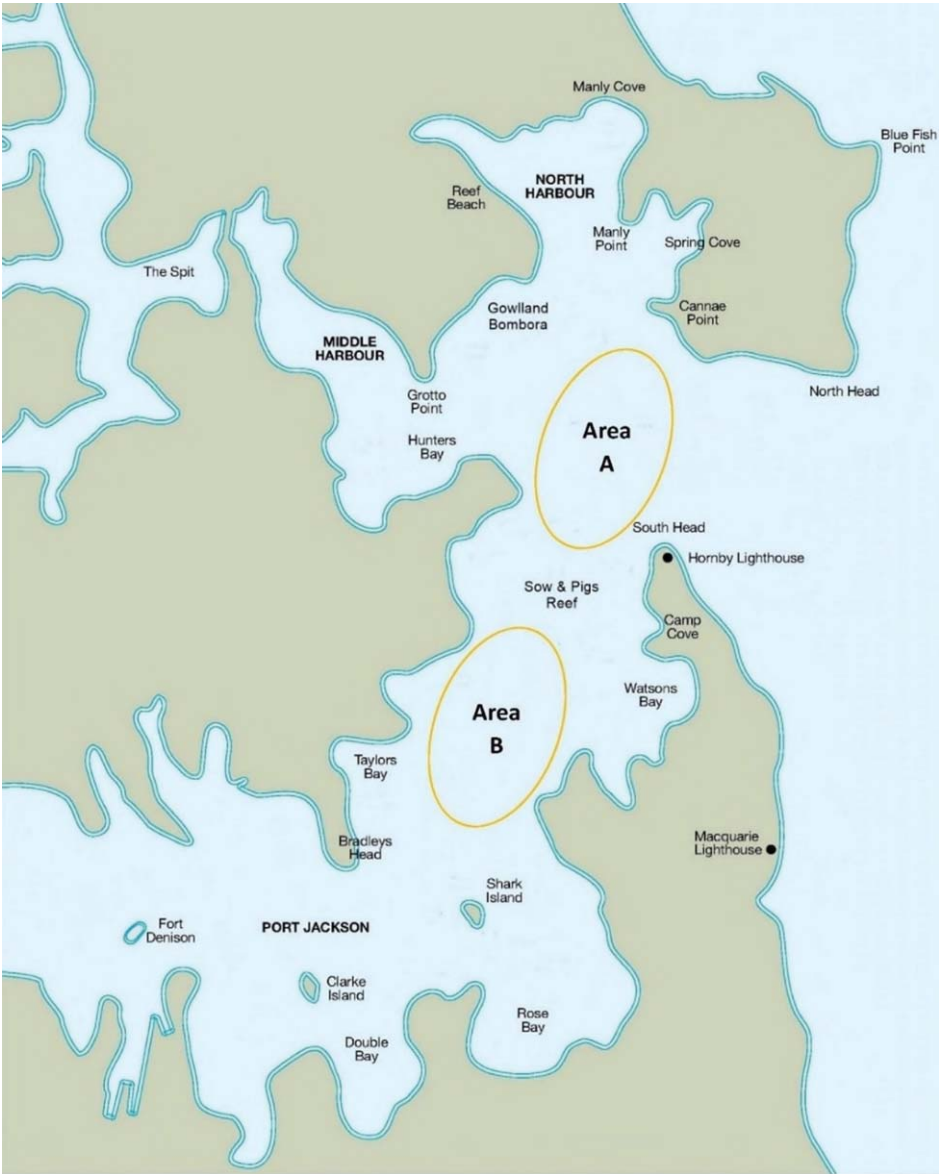
17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

17.3 All boats shall monitor the race management channel VHF 72. [DP]

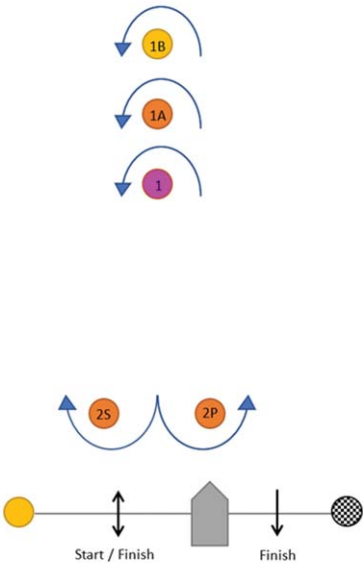
18 EVENT ADVERTISING

Competitors shall not dispose rubbish into the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

Attachment A – Approximate Windward-Leeward Race Areas



Attachment B – Windward Leeward Courses



COURSE MARKS	MARK DESCRIPTIONS
Start & Finish Mark	Yellow Inflatable Buoy
Alternative Finish Mark (if laid)	Inflatable Buoy with Black & White Chequered Band
Division 1 Windward Mark – Mark 1B	Yellow Inflatable Buoy
Division 2 Windward Mark – Mark 1A	Orange Inflatable Buoy
Division 3 Windward Mark – Mark 1	Pink Inflatable Buoy
Offset Marks (if laid)	Orange Buoys
Gates 2S & 2P	Orange Inflatable Buoys

COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE
W1	Start – 1 or 1A or 1B – Finish
W2	Start – 1 or 1A or 1B – Gate (2P/2S) – 1 or 1A or 1B – Finish
W3	Start – 1 or 1A or 1B – Gate (2P/2S) – 1 or 1A or 1B – Gate (2P/2S) – 1 or 1A or 1B – Finish

MHYC FEATURE EVENTS SERIES

Category 7 – Pursuit Results – Divisions as required

SCHEDULE OF RACES

EVENT	DATE	EVENT NAME	START TIME	INFORMATION
1	Sunday, 13 September 2026	Commodore's Front Up! Cup	1230	Event Sailing Instructions
2	Saturday, 24 October 2026	Harbour Trek	1230	Event Sailing Instructions
3	Saturday, 28 November 2026	Seven Islands Race	1100	Event Sailing Instructions
4	Saturday, 19 December 2026	Christmas Cup & Veterans Cup	1230	Event Sailing Instructions
5	Saturday, 9 January 2027	Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup	1100	Event Sailing Instructions
6	Saturday, 13 March 2027	March Cup	1230	Event Sailing Instructions
7	Sunday, 25 April 2027	ANZAC Day Two Up Cup	1230	Event Sailing Instructions
8	Saturday, 22 May 2027	Autumn Sail	1230	Event Sailing Instructions
9	Saturday, 12 June 2027	Welcome to Winter	1230	Event Sailing Instructions
10	Saturday, 24 July 2027	Christmas in July	1230	Event Sailing Instructions

FEATURE EVENT SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 This NOR shall apply in conjunction with the MHYC Notice of Race.
- 1.2 Refer to MHYC NOR 1 and 2.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with MHYC NOR 6.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All boats shall meet the Eligibility and Entry requirements of MHYC NOR 7.
- 3.2 All boats shall hold a current valid AS Special Regulation Equipment Compliance Certificate Category 7 or higher.
- 3.3 Eligible boats shall enter online and pay the required fee (as per MHYC NOR 7) via the MHYC website by 1700 hours on the Thursday preceding the event.
- 3.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Manager up to 1 hour before the published start time on the day of the event.
- 3.5 Attention is drawn to RRS 76.1 and the Race Committee's right to reject an entry.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions for each event will be available from the Sailing Office and published on the MHYC [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#) on the Thursday prior to each race.

5 DIVISIONS

- 5.1 The event is a Pursuit Handicap Race per MHYC NOR 22.
- 5.2 Divisions will be as outlined in each event Sailing Instructions.
- 5.3 For divisions and individual boats designated non-spinnaker, only a mainsail and one headsail may be used at any time. The headsail may be poled out but shall be fully hanked or attached by means of a luff groove device to the permanent forestay. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be attached forward of the point of attachment of the permanent forestay.
- 5.4 Divisional parameters may be constructed and divisions may be formed or abandoned at the discretion of the Sailing Manager or their nominee. These decisions will not be subject to protest or request for redress.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted in the waters of Lower Middle Harbour and Sydney Harbour.
- 6.2 Courses will be those annexed to the Sailing Instructions.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The Start Sequence as per MHYC NOR 22 shall be used.
- 7.2 The Start will be the Club House Start Line per MHYC NOR 16.

8 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 8.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.
- 8.2 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.

9 FINISH LINE

- 9.1 The Finish will be the Clubhouse Finish Line per MHYC NOR 17.
- 9.2 If a Committee Vessel displaying Code Flag "S" is stationed to the West or South of Grotto Point Lighthouse, AS Mark Edwards Beach shall be omitted (if applicable) and boats shall finish between the Committee Vessel and Grotto Point Lighthouse.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 There is no Series Score for the Feature Event Series. A boat's finish time shall be used for the calculation of its racing division results. The boat with the earliest finish time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes may be awarded to the first three (3) overall placegetters in each division at the discretion of the Sailing Manager at a presentation to be held at MHYC following the race.
- 10.2 Additional prizes or trophies will be as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

11 RISK WARNING & PERMISSION FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

- 11.1 Refer to MHYC NOR 28 & 29.



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PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

Category 7 – Pursuit & ORC Results

SCHEDULE OF RACES

SERIES 1			
RACE	DATE	RACE FORMAT	'COUNT UP' START TIME
1	Wednesday, 2 September 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
2	Wednesday, 9 September 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
3	Wednesday, 16 September 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
4	Wednesday, 23 September 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
5	Wednesday, 30 September 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
6	Wednesday, 7 October 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
7	Wednesday, 14 October 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
8	Wednesday, 21 October 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
9	Wednesday, 28 October 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
10	Wednesday, 4 November 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
11	Wednesday, 11 November 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
NPS	Wednesday, 18 November 2026	RPEYC Centenary Cup Regatta	Event Sls
12	Wednesday, 25 November 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
SERIES 2			
RACE	DATE	RACE FORMAT	'COUNT UP' START TIME
1	Wednesday, 2 December 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
2	Wednesday, 9 December 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
3	Wednesday, 16 December 2026	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
4	Wednesday, 6 January 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
5	Wednesday, 13 January 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
6	Wednesday, 20 January 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
7	Wednesday, 27 January 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
8	Wednesday, 3 February 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
9	Wednesday, 10 February 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
10	Wednesday, 17 February 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
11	Wednesday, 24 February 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
12	Wednesday, 3 March 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330

PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

Category 7 – Pursuit & ORC Results

SCHEDULE OF RACES

SERIES 3			
RACE	DATE	RACE FORMAT	'COUNT UP' START TIME
1	Wednesday, 10 March 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
2	Wednesday, 17 March 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
3	Wednesday, 24 March 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
4	Wednesday, 31 March 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1330
5	Wednesday, 7 April 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
6	Wednesday, 14 April 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
7	Wednesday, 21 April 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
8	Wednesday, 28 April 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
9	Wednesday, 5 May 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
10	Wednesday, 12 May 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
11	Wednesday, 19 May 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
12	Wednesday, 26 May 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
13	Wednesday, 2 June 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
SERIES 4			
RACE	DATE	RACE FORMAT	'COUNT UP' START TIME
1	Wednesday, 9 June 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
2	Wednesday, 16 June 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
3	Wednesday, 23 June 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
4	Wednesday, 30 June 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
5	Wednesday, 7 July 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
6	Wednesday, 14 July 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
7	Wednesday, 21 July 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
8	Wednesday, 28 July 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
9	Wednesday, 4 August 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
10	Wednesday, 11 August 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
11	Wednesday, 18 August 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300
12	Wednesday, 25 August 2027	Inshore Pursuit Race	1300

PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

The MHYC Sailing Committee requests that MHYC boats diligently observe the applicable Marine Regulations, Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions during Wednesday racing. In particular, the Person in Charge must ensure that a proper lookout is maintained throughout the event and that they avoid ferries, commercial shipping and recreational boating traffic.

The Race Committee may deploy an on-water observer to monitor the behaviour of boats. Boats breaching the rules will be penalised as appropriate and repeat offenders may have action taken against them by the Sailing Committee. Members are reminded of the Club's right to reject an entry or take action under the Racing Rules of Sailing in the event of gross misconduct or poor sportsmanship.

Competitors are reminded that the waters between the southern end of Clontarf Beach and Spit Bridge are designated as a navigation channel and that boats (racing under sail and packing up) are required to give way to non-racing vessels using the channel. It is recommended that as a boat approaches the clubhouse finish line, a crew member be sent to the bow as lookout.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Refer to NOR 1 and 2.
- 1.2 When the Clubhouse Start Line or Finish Line are in use, any boat under sail that is observed to enter the restricted area of moorings may be disqualified without a hearing. Refer to MHYC Season NOR 15.1 and 15.2.
- 1.3 Boats shall use only a mainsail and one headsail at any time. The headsail may be poled out but shall be fully hanked or attached by means of a luff groove device to the permanent forestay. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be attached forward of the point of attachment of the permanent forestay.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 Racing is scheduled as per the schedule of races for each Wednesday Series (1, 2, 3 & 4).

3 CLASS FLAGS & DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Entrants may be allocated to the following racing divisions appropriate to their performance and series entry numbers:

DIVISION	CODE FLAG
Division 1	Code Flag 'D'
Division 2	Code Flag 'E'
Division 3	Code Flag 'F'

- 3.2 Divisional parameters may be varied at the discretion of the race committee.
- 3.3 Divisions may be formed or abandoned at the discretion of the race committee for each scheduled series.

4 THE COURSES

- 4.1 As per the Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Course Descriptions which follow.
- 4.2 Courses may be shortened by the race committee prior to the start by displaying Code Flag 'S' prior to or with the warning signal. The display of Code Flag 'S' prior to the start shall mean the course is shortened and after rounding the mark indicated by (*) all boats should proceed directly to the finish.
- 4.3 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

5 THE START

5.1 The attention signal and start signal shall be made as follows:

OUTSIDE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING		DURING DAYLIGHT SAVING	
1250	Attention sound signal and course number displayed	1320	Attention sound signal and course number displayed
1300	Start sound signal	1330	Start sound signal

5.2 The start line will be between an MHYC Race Management vessel and a laid mark in the vicinity of Chinaman's Beach.

5.3 Prior to a boat's Preparatory Signal (deemed to be four (4) minutes before her published starting time), boats shall keep clear of the starting line and the area 50m either side.

5.4 Until one (1) minute before her starting time, boats shall keep clear of a boat that is approaching the line to start.

5.5 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.

5.6 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.

5.7 When the race committee determines the Clubhouse Start is to be used in accordance with NOR 16, Code Flag "O" will be displayed from the Clubhouse Flagmast not less than one hour before the scheduled start time of the race.

6 THE FINISH

6.1 The finish line will be the Clubhouse finish line in accordance with MHYC NOR 17, except where the race committee advises competitors via the VHF race management channel that the finish line is to be relocated.

6.2 If a Race Committee Vessel displaying Code Flag "S" is stationed to the West or South of Grotto Point Lighthouse, AS Mark Edwards Beach shall be omitted (if applicable) and boats shall finish between the Committee Vessel and Grotto Point Lighthouse.

6.3 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.

7 HANDICAPS

7.1 Starting pursuit handicap numbers will be allocated at the discretion of the Sailing Manager or their nominee and adjusted for subsequent races based on PHS calculation.

7.2 The Sailing Manager or their nominee may at their absolute discretion review any boat's 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.

7.3 Allocated pursuit handicaps shall not be the subject of protest or dispute. This amends RRS 60 & 61.

7.4 Pursuit handicaps are published on the day of racing on the MHYC website and noticeboard.

7.5 ORC results for boats with current ORCi or ORCc Non-Spinnaker ratings will be based upon the All Purpose ToT Single Number applied to each boat's elapsed time and be published separately.

8 TIME LIMIT

8.1 The time limit will be 1630 hours, or 1700 hours during daylight saving. Only those boats that have crossed the finishing line within the time limit shall rank as finishers. This amends RRS 35.

8.2 Boats not finishing within the time limited will be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

8.3 Competitors who retire from the race, or who will not finish within the time limit, are required to advise the RC on VHF Ch72 or the MHYC Sailing Office either in person or by telephone on 02 9969 1244.

8.4 Competitors who fail to notify the RC of their retirement will receive a penalty of 5 minutes added to their starting number handicap in the following race. This amends RRS 60.5(b).

8.5 The time limit for notifying the RC shall be no later than 30 minutes after the time limit of the race.

9 PROTESTS

9.1 Protests shall be in accordance with MHYC NOR 24.

10 SCORING

10.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A of the RRS shall apply.

10.2 RRS A5.3 applies except that the score of DNC for boats which did not come to the starting area is scored the number of starters who are series entrants plus 2.

10.3 Seven (7) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. One (1) excluded score will apply after every five (5) completed races, up to a maximum of two (2) excluded scores. The number of scheduled races for each series is as follows:

Series 1 12 Races

Series 2 12 Races

Series 3 13 Races

Series 4 12 Races

10.4 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

10.5 A casual race entrant will not receive a series score. This amends RRS A2.2.

10.6 A boat's points shall not be transferred with a change of ownership or division.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes may be awarded at a post-race presentation. Prizes not collected at that time shall be forfeited.

11.2 Additional prizes may be awarded.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS – BBQ & RAFFLE

Each week, the first boat across the line from either division shall be responsible for the post-race barbecue. The first boat across the line in the other division shall be responsible for selling the post-race raffle tickets. Where a boat cannot be present for their duty, responsibility will fall to the next placed boat.



PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

DIVISION 1 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COURSE NOTES:

- 1) All marks are to be rounded or passed to STARBOARD except those suffixed with the letter (P) which shall be rounded or passed to PORT.
- 2) For shortened course mark (*) refer to SI 4.2 & 4.3.

Course 1 (9.2 nm / 8.0 nm)

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Start | 6. AS Mark East Channel |
| 2. AS Manly Mark West | 7. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) |
| 3. AS Manly Mark East | 8. AS Mark Taylors Bay |
| 4. AS Cannae Point | 9. Finish |
| 5. AS Mark Lady Bay | |

Course 2 (9.5 nm / 7.2 nm)

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Start | 6. AS Mark Eastern Channel (*) |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 7. AS Mark Manly West |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 8. AS Mark Manly East |
| 4. AS Mark Cannae Point | 9. Finish |
| 5. AS Mark Lady Bay | |

Course 3 (10.0 nm / 8.7 nm)

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start | 5. AS Mark Point Piper |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 6. Naval Mark N3 |
| 3. AS Mark Shark Island | 7. Finish |
| 4. Shark Island (*) | |

Course 4 (10.3 nm / 8.4 nm)

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Start | 6. AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 2. AS Mark Eastern Channel | 7. AS Mark Lady Bay (*) |
| 3. AS Mark Obelisk Bay | 8. AS Mark Eastern Channel |
| 4. AS Mark Rocky Point | 9. AS Mark Chowder Bay South |
| 5. AS Mark Edwards Beach | 10. Finish |

Course 5 (11.2 nm / 9.0 nm)

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start | 6. Naval Mark N3 (*) |
| 2. AS Mark Rose Bay | 7. AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 3. AS Mark Shark Island | 8. AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 4. Shark Island | 9. Finish |
| 5. AS Mark Point Piper | |

Course 6 (10.6 nm / 6.6 nm)

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Start | 6. AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 7. AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. AS Mark Eastern Channel | 8. AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 4. AS Mark Nielson Park | 9. Finish |
| 5. AS Mark Chowder Bay South (*) | |

PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

DIVISION 1 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course 7 (10.7 nm / 7.9 nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1. | Start | 5. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. | AS Mark Shark Island | 6. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. | Shark Island | 7. | Finish |
| 4. | Naval Mark N3 (*) | | |

Course 8 (12.2 nm / 10.6 nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start | 6. | AS Mark Rose Bay |
| 2. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 7. | AS Mark Shark Island |
| 3. | Naval Mark N3 | 8. | Shark Island |
| 4. | Fort Denison (P) (*) | 9. | Finish |
| 5. | Shark Island | | |

Course 9 (12.9 nm / 9.5 nm)

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|----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 1. | Start | 8. | AS Mark Lady Bay (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Lady Bay | 9. | AS Mark Rocky Point |
| 3. | AS Mark Rocky Point | 10. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 4. | AS Mark Edwards Beach | 11. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 5. | AS Mark Manly West | 12. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 6. | AS Mark Manly East | 13. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 7. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 14. | Finish |

Course 10 (14.1 nm / 12.4 nm)

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|----|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start | 7. | AS Mark Taylor Bay |
| 2. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 8. | AS Mark Rose Bay |
| 3. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay | 9. | AS Mark Shark Island |
| 4. | AS Mark Shark Island | 10. | Shark Island |
| 5. | Shark Island | 11. | Finish |
| 6. | AS Mark Point Piper (*) | | |

Course 11 (14.2 nm / 12.4 nm)

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|----|--------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1. | Start | 6. | AS Mark Manly East (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Manly West | 7. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly East | 8. | AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 4. | Naval Mark N3 | 9. | Finish |
| 5. | AS Mark Manly West | | |

Course 12 (15.5 nm / 13.0 nm)

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|----|--------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start | 6. | Fort Denison (P) (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Manly West | 7. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly East | 8. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 4. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 9. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 5. | Naval Mark N3 | 10. | Finish |

PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

DIVISION 2 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COURSE NOTES:

- 1) All marks are to be rounded or passed to STARBOARD except those suffixed with the letter (P) which shall be rounded or passed to PORT.
- 2) For shortened course mark (*) refer to SI 4.2 & 4.3.

Course 1 (8.3 nm / 7.2 nm)

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Start | 6. AS Mark East Channel (*) |
| 2. AS Manly Mark West | 7. AS Mark Nielsen Park |
| 3. AS Manly Mark East | 8. AS Mark Chowder Bay North |
| 4. AS Mark Cannae Point | 9. Finish |
| 5. AS Mark Lady Bay | |

Course 2 (8.4 nm / 6.1 nm)

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Start | 5. AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 6. AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. AS Mark Lady Bay | 7. Finish |
| 4. AS Mark Eastern Channel (*) | |

Course 3 (8.6 nm / 8.0 nm)

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start | 4. AS Mark Point Piper |
| 2. AS Mark Shark Island | 5. Naval Mark N3 |
| 3. Shark Island (*) | 6. Finish |

Course 4 (8.4 nm / 6.2 nm)

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Start | 5. AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 2. AS Mark Eastern Channel | 6. AS Mark Grotto Point (*) |
| 3. AS Mark Obelisk Bay | 7. AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 4. AS Mark Rocky Point | 8. Finish |

Course 5 (9.6 nm / 7.3nm)

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start | 4. AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 2. AS Mark Shark Island | 5. AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 3. Shark Island (*) | 6. Finish |

Course 6 (8.6 nm / 6.0 nm)

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start MHYC | 5. AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 6. AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. AS Mark Eastern Channel | 7. AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 4. AS Mark Chowder Bay South (*) | 8. Finish MHYC |

PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

DIVISION 2 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course 7 (9.6 nm / 7.3 nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1. | Start MHYC | 4. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. | AS Mark Shark Island | 5. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. | Shark Island (*) | 6. | Finish MHYC |

Course 8 (10.6 nm / 8.9 nm)

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|----|-------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start MHYC | 5. | AS Mark Rose Bay |
| 2. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 6. | AS Mark Shark Island |
| 3. | Naval Mark N3 (*) | 7. | Shark Island |
| 4. | Shark Island | 8. | Finish MHYC |

Course 9 (11.4 nm / 8.0 nm)

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|----|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 1. | Start MHYC | 7. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. | AS Mark Lady Bay | 8. | AS Mark Rocky Point |
| 3. | AS Mark Rocky Point | 9. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 4. | AS Mark Edwards Beach | 10. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 5. | AS Mark Manly West | 11. | Finish MHYC |
| 6. | AS Mark Manly East (*) | | |

Course 10 (12.1 nm / 10.1 nm)

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|----|---------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start MHYC | 7. | Shark Island |
| 2. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 8. | AS Mark Rose Bay |
| 3. | AS Mark Chowder Bay North | 9. | AS Mark Shark Island |
| 4. | AS Mark Shark Island | 10. | Shark Island |
| 5. | Shark Island (*) | 11. | Finish MHYC |
| 6. | AS Mark Point Piper | | |

Course 11 (13.0 / 10.2 nm)

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|----|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start MHYC | 5. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. | AS Mark Manly West | 6. | AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly East | 7. | Finish MHYC |
| 4. | Naval Mark N3 (*) | | |

Course 12 (12.9 nm / 11.4 nm)

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|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1. | Start MHYC | 5. | Naval Mark N3 (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Manly West | 6. | Fort Denison (P) |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly East | 7. | Finish MHYC |
| 4. | AS Mark Rose Bay | | |

PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

DIVISION 3 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COURSE NOTES:

- 1) All marks are to be rounded or passed to STARBOARD except those suffixed with the letter (P) which shall be rounded or passed to PORT.
- 2) For shortened course mark (*) refer to SI 4.2 & 4.3.

Course 1 (7.7 nm / 6.2 nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Start | 6. | AS Mark East Channel |
| 2. | AS Manly Mark West | 7. | AS Mark Chowder Bay North |
| 3. | AS Manly Mark East | 8. | Finish |
| 4. | AS Mark Cannae Point | | |
| 5. | AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | | |

Course 2 (7.4 nm / 5.2 nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1. | Start | 4. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. | AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | 6. | Finish |

Course 3 (7.3 nm / 5.6 nm)

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|----|--------------------------|----|--------------|
| 1. | Start | 4. | Shark Island |
| 2. | AS Mark Neilsen Park (*) | 5. | Finish |
| 3. | AS Mark Shark Island | | |

Course 4 (6.6 nm / 5.3 nm)

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|----|---------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1. | Start | 6. | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 2. | AS Mark Eastern Channel | 7. | AS Mark Rocky Point |
| 3. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay | 8. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 4. | AS Mark Rocky Point | 9. | Finish |
| 5. | AS Mark Edwards Beach (*) | | |

Course 5 (8.5 nm / 7.2 nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1. | Start | 4. | AS Mark Point Piper (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Shark Island | 5. | Naval Mark N3 |
| 3. | Shark Island (*) | 6. | Finish |

Course 6 (7.8 nm / 5.0 nm)

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|----|-----------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start | 5. | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 2. | AS Mark Lady Bay | 6. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 3. | AS Mark Eastern Channel (*) | 7. | Finish |
| 4. | AS Mark Chowder Bay South | | |

PACIFIC RIGGING WEDNESDAY NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

DIVISION 3 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course 7 (8.0 nm / 5.6 nm)

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|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1. | Start | 4. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 2. | AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | 5. | Finish |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly West | | |

Course 8 (9.6 nm / 8.1 nm)

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|----|-------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start | 5. | AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. | Naval Mark N3 (*) | 6. | Shark Island |
| 3. | Shark Island | 7. | Finish |
| 4. | AS Mark Rose Bay | | |

Course 9 (8.7 nm / 7.1 nm)

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|----|-----------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1. | Start | 5. | AS Mark Cannae Point (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Lady Bay | 6. | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 3. | AS Mark Rocky Point | 7. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 4. | AS Mark Edwards Beach | 8. | Finish |

Course 10 (10.0 nm / 7.6 nm)

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|----|-------------------------------|----|------------------|
| 1. | Start | 7. | AS Mark Rose Bay |
| 2. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 8. | Finish |
| 3. | AS Mark Chowder Bay North (*) | | |

Course 11 (12.2 nm / 9.5 nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start | 4. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. | AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 3. | Naval Mark N3 (*) | 6. | Finish |

Course 12 (12.0 nm / 10.3 nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1. | Start | 4. | Naval Mark N3 (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. | Fort Denison (P) |
| 3. | AS Mark Rose Bay | 6. | Finish |



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THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

Category 7 – Pursuit Results for Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4

SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DATE	START TIME
TWILIGHT WARM-UP NON-POINTSORE		
1	Thursday, 1 October 2026	1700
PRE-CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT POINTSCORE		
2	Thursday, 8 October 2026	1800
3	Thursday, 15 October 2026	1800
4	Thursday, 22 October 2026	1800
5	Thursday, 29 October 2026	1800
6	Thursday, 5 November 2026	1800
7	Thursday, 12 November 2026	1800
8	Thursday, 19 November 2026	1800
9	Thursday, 26 November 2026	1800
10	Thursday, 3 December 2026	1800
11	Thursday, 10 December 2026	1800
12	Thursday, 17 December 2026	1800
POST-CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT POINTSCORE		
13	Thursday, 7 January 2027	1800
14	Thursday, 14 January 2027	1800
15	Thursday, 21 January 2027	1800
16	Thursday, 28 January 2027	1800
17	Thursday, 4 February 2027	1800
18	Thursday, 11 February 2027	1800
19	Thursday, 18 February 2027	1800
20	Thursday, 25 February 2027	1800
21	Thursday, 4 March 2027	1800
22	Thursday, 11 March 2027	1800
23	Thursday, 18 March 2027	1800
24	Thursday, 25 March 2027	1800
25	Thursday, 1 April 2027	1800

SMITHY'S WATERPROOFING WOMEN'S HELM TWILIGHT SERIES

Category 7 – Pursuit Results for Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4

SCHEDULE OF RACES

* WOMEN'S TWILIGHT POINTSCORE		
1	Thursday, 15 October 2026	1800
2	Thursday, 12 November 2026	1800
3	Thursday, 10 December 2026	1800
4	Thursday, 14 January 2027	1800
5	Thursday, 11 February 2027	1800
6	Thursday, 11 March 2027	1800

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

The MHYC Sailing Committee requests that MHYC boats diligently observe the applicable Marine Regulations, Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions during Twilight racing. In particular, the Person in Charge must ensure that a proper lookout is maintained throughout the event and that they avoid ferries, commercial shipping and recreational boating traffic.

The Race Committee may deploy an on-water observer to monitor the behaviour of boats. Boats breaching the rules will be penalised as appropriate and repeat offenders may have action taken against them by the Sailing Committee. Members are reminded of the Club's right to reject an entry or take action under the Racing Rules of Sailing in the event of gross misconduct or poor sportsmanship.

Competitors are reminded of NOR 2.3 which states in part: A boat shall not sail or motor through a MHYC finish line unless it is finishing. The on-water finish line is activated when the Blue Flag is displayed on the Race Committee Vessel.

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. For races incorporating the Smithy's Waterproofing Women's Helm Series, the nominated female helmsperson shall be at the helm for no less than 50% of the race.
- 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'.
- 1.4 Only a mainsail and one headsail may be used at any time. The headsail may be poled out but shall be fully hanked or attached by means of a luff groove device to the permanent forestay. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be attached forward of the point of attachment of the permanent forestay.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 Racing is scheduled as per the Schedule of Races for the Flagstaff Marine Thursday Twilight Series.

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
Division 1	Code Flag 'D'
Division 2	Code Flag 'E'
Division 3	Code Flag 'F'
Division 4	Code Flag 'G'

4 THE COURSES

- 4.1 As per the Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Course List.
- 4.2 All marks shall be rounded or passed to starboard except those marks that are suffixed with (P) which shall be rounded or passed to port.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Courses may be shortened on the water for one or more divisions by the Race Committee displaying Code Flag "S" and the class flag/s for the divisions to be shortened. Boats shall finish between the Committee Vessel and the nearby rounding mark.

5 HANDICAPS

- 5.1 Starting times 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 noticeboard.
- 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 & 61.

6 THE START

- 6.1 The start sequence will be a Count Up sequence start per MHYC NOR 22.

START TIME	
1750	Attention Signal – Orange Flag and Course Number displayed accompanied by a Sound Signal.
1800	Start Signal accompanied by a Sound Signal.

- 6.2 The start line will be between an MHYC Race Management vessel and a laid mark in Hunters Bay Balmoral or, alternatively, in The Sound.
- 6.3 Prior to a boat's Preparatory Signal (deemed to be four (4) minutes before her published starting time), boats shall keep clear of the starting line and the area 50m either side.
- 6.4 Until one (1) minute before her starting time, boats shall keep clear of a boat that is approaching the line to start.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 When the race committee determines the Clubhouse Start is to be used in accordance with NOR 16, Code Flag "O" will be displayed from the Club Flagmast not less than one hour before the scheduled start time of the race.

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 Hunters Bay, Balmoral or The Sound except where the race committee advises competitors via the VHF race management channel that the finish line is to be relocated.
- 7.2 If Code Flag "S" is displayed at the finish or when the course is shortened after the start, results will be based upon each boat's current PHS handicap applied to its elapsed time.
- 7.3 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 Race Committee Vessel not less than ten minutes before the scheduled start time.

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 The time limit for notifying the RC of a boat's retirement shall be no later than 30 minutes after the time limit of the race. This amends NOR 20.
- 8.4 Competitors who fail to notify the RC of their retirement may receive a penalty of 5 minutes in the next race.

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

- 12.1.1 For the Thursday Twilight Pointscore, a boat's finish time shall be used for the calculation of its racing division results. The boat with the earliest finish time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
- 12.1.2 For the Thursday Twilight Women's Pointscore, a boat's elapsed time shall be used for the calculation of its racing division results. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
- 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 who are series entrants plus 2.
- 12.4 A casual race entrant will not receive a series score. This amends RRS A2.2.
- 12.5 Thursday Twilight Annual Series
- a) Twenty four (24) pointscore races are scheduled and ten (10) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - b) One (1) excluded score will apply after every four (4) completed races, up to a maximum of six (6) excluded scores.
- 12.6 Thursday Twilight Pre-Christmas Pointscore
- a) Eleven (11) pointscore races are scheduled and five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - b) One (1) excluded score will apply after every four (4) completed races, up to a maximum of two (2) excluded scores.
- 12.7 Thursday Twilight Post-Christmas Pointscore
- a) Thirteen (13) pointscore races are scheduled and five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - b) One (1) excluded score will apply after every four (4) completed races, up to a maximum of three (3) excluded scores.
- 12.8 Thursday Twilight Women's Pointscore (Female Helms)
- a) Six (6) pointscore races are scheduled and two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - b) One (1) excluded score will apply after four (4) completed races.
- 12.9 A boat's points will not be transferred with a change of ownership or division.

THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*For port rounding mark (P) refer to SI 4.2.
For shortened course mark (*) refer to SI 4.3.*

Division 1

COURSE 1 (approx. 5.2nm / 3.5nm)

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 6. AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 7. AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 4. AS Mark Cannae Point (*) | 8. Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 2 (approx. 5.2nm / 4.0nm)

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Taylors Bay |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | |

COURSE 3 (approx. 5.6nm / 4.7nm)

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Lady Bay (*) |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 5. AS Mark East Channel |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 6. Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 4 (approx. 6.1nm/3.5nm)

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 6. AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. AS Mark Obelisk Bay (*) | 7. Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 5 (approx. 6.9nm / 5.7nm)

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. Naval Mark N3 |
| 2. AS Mark Shark Island (*) | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Point Piper | |

COURSE 6 (approx. 8.1nm / 6.4nm)

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 6. AS Mark Shark Island |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 7. Shark Island |
| 4. AS Mark Lady Bay | 8. Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 7 (approx. 8.3nm / 6.7nm)

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. Fort Denison (P) |
| 2. AS Mark Shark Island | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. Naval Mark N3 (*) | |

THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

For port rounding mark (P) refer to SI 4.2.
For shortened course mark () refer to SI 4.3.*

Division 2

COURSE 1 (approx. 4.7nm / 3.5nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark East Channel |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. | AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 3. | AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | 6. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 2 (approx. 4.6nm / 3.1nm)

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|----|--------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 3. | AS Mark Taylors Bay |
| 2. | AS Mark East Channel (*) | 4. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 3 (approx. 5.0nm / 4.5nm)

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|----|--------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 4. | AS Mark Chowder Bay North |
| 2. | AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. | AS Mark East Channel (*) | | |

COURSE 4 (approx. 5.0nm / 3.5nm)

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|----|--------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 5. | AS Mark Rocky Point |
| 2. | AS Mark Manly West | 6. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly East | 7. | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 4. | AS Mark Cannae Point (*) | 8. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 5 (approx. 6.6nm / 5.6nm)

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|----|----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 3. | AS Mark Point Piper |
| 2. | AS Mark Rose Bay (*) | 4. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 6 (approx. 7.6nm / 5.6nm)

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 5. | AS Mark East Channel (*) |
| 2. | AS Mark Manly West | 6. | AS Mark Nielsen Park |
| 3. | AS Mark Manly East | 7. | AS Mark Taylors Bay |
| 4. | AS Mark Lady Bay | 8. | Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 7 (approx. 7.2nm / 5.5nm)

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|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1. | Start Hunters Bay | 4. | Naval Mark N3 |
| 2. | AS Mark Lady Bay | 5. | Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. | AS Mark Shark Island (*) | | |

THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*For port rounding mark (P) refer to SI 4.2.
For shortened course mark (*) refer to SI 4.3.*

Division 3

COURSE 1 (approx. 4.0nm / 3.5nm)

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | |

COURSE 2 (approx. 4.2nm / 3.2nm)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Chowder Bay South |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark East Channel (*) | |

COURSE 3 (approx. 4.7nm / 3.3nm)

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East (*) | |

COURSE 4 (approx. 4.5nm / 2.5nm)

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 6. AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 3. AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | 7. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 4. AS Mark Rocky Point | |

COURSE 5 (approx. 6.2nm / 4.0nm)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Point Piper |
| 2. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Shark Island | |

COURSE 6 (approx. 7.0nm / 5.4nm)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 5. AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 6. Shark Island |
| 3. AS Mark East Channel | 7. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 4. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | |

COURSE 7 (approx. 6.5nm / 5.9nm)

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Point Piper |
| 2. AS Mark Rose Bay | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Shark Island (*) | |

THURSDAY TWILIGHT NON-SPINNAKER SERIES

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*For port rounding mark (P) refer to SI 4.2.
For shortened course mark (*) refer to SI 4.3.*

Division 4

COURSE 1 (approx. 3.5nm / 3.2nm)

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East (*) | |

COURSE 2 (approx. 3.9nm / 3.0nm)

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 3. AS Mark Chowder Bay South |
| 2. AS Mark East Channel (*) | 4. Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 3 (approx. 4.0nm / 3.6nm)

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Obelisk Bay |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | |

COURSE 4 (approx. 3.4nm / 3.3nm)

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 5. Finish Hunters Bay |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East (*) | |

COURSE 5 (approx. 5.7nm / 3.1nm)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 3. AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. AS Mark East Channel (*) | 4. Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 6 (approx. 5.7nm / 4.0nm)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 4. AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 5. Shark Island |
| 3. AS Mark Nielsen Park (*) | 6. Finish Hunters Bay |

COURSE 7 (approx. 6.0nm / 5.5nm)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start Hunters Bay | 3. AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. AS Mark Rose Bay (*) | 4. Finish Hunters Bay |

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.*

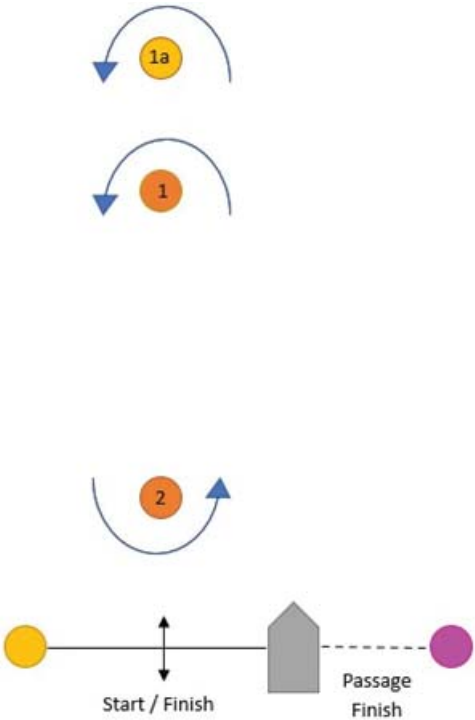
North/South	
1	Start – MW – ME – EC* – MW – ME – Finish (approx. 8.1nm / 5.5nm)
2	Start – MW – ME – OB* – MW – ME – Finish (approx. 7.2nm / 4.7nm)
3	Start – MW – ME – OB* – CP – Finish (approx. 6.1nm / 4.5nm)
East	
4	Start – CP – EB – GP – CP – OB* – EB – GP – Finish (approx. 8.2nm / 6.5nm)
5	Start – 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



LEADING EDGE SERIES

Category 7 – Pursuit Results – Divisions as required

SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DATE	RACE FORMAT	'COUNT UP' START TIME
1	Saturday, 7 August 2027	Inshore Pursuit	1230hrs
2	Saturday, 14 August 2027	Inshore Pursuit	1230hrs
3	Saturday, 21 August 2027	Inshore Pursuit	1230hrs
4	Saturday, 28 August 2027	Inshore Pursuit	1230hrs

LEADING EDGE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 As per NOR 1 and 2.
- 1.2 For boats entered as non-spinnaker, only a mainsail and one headsail may be used at any time. The headsail may be poled out but shall be fully hanked or attached by means of a luff groove device to the permanent forestay. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be attached forward of the point of attachment of the permanent forestay.

2 DIVISIONS

- 2.1 Yachts will be allocated to Divisions appropriate to the number of entries received for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker categories, based on yachts performance.
- 2.2 Division allocation is subject to the receipt of entries and shall be structured by the Sailing Manager at their absolute discretion. Allocation to Divisions shall not be the subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. This amends RRS 60 and 61.

3 CLASS FLAGS

- 3.1 Class Flags for the Leading Edge Series Races are as follows:

CLASS / DIVISION	FLAG
Division 1	Code Flag 'D'
Division 2	Code Flag 'E'

4 THE COURSE

- 4.1 The course of the day will be selected from those listed in 'Leading Edge Series Courses', which is attached to these Sailing Instructions. A course number will be displayed with or prior to the Attention Signal signifying the course selected for the day.
- 4.2 Courses may be shortened at the discretion of the Sailing Manager. Should Code Flag "S" be displayed with the Attention Signal, the race will automatically be shortened and all yachts should proceed to the finish line after having rounded the mark indicated by an asterisk (*).
- 4.3 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

5 THE START

- 5.1 The attention signal shall not be made before 1220hrs.
- 5.2 The start line will be the Clubhouse Start in accordance to MHYC NOR 16.

- 5.3 The start shall be a count-up start in accordance with NOR 22.

START SEQUENCE	
1220	Attention Sound Signal and course number displayed
1230	Start Sound Signal

- 5.4 There will be no individual recall signals. A boat on the course side of the starting line for her designated start time will be penalised 5 minutes plus the difference between her nominated start time and actual start time unless she returns and restarts. This amends RRS 29.

6 THE FINISH

- 6.1 The finish line will be the Clubhouse finish line in accordance with MHYC NOR 17.
- 6.2 If a Committee Vessel displaying Code Flag "S" is stationed to the West or South of Grotto Point Lighthouse, AS Mark Edwards Beach shall be omitted (if applicable) and boats shall finish between the Committee Vessel and Grotto Point Lighthouse.

7 HANDICAPS

- 7.1 Starting handicap times will be allocated at the discretion of the Sailing Manager or their nominee and adjusted for subsequent races based on PHS calculation.
- 7.2 The Sailing Manager or their nominee may at their absolute discretion review any boat's 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.
- 7.3 Allocated handicaps shall not be the subject of protest or dispute. This amends RRS 60 & 61.
- 7.4 Handicaps are published on the day of racing on the MHYC website and noticeboard.

8 TIME LIMIT

- 8.1 The time limit shall be 1530 hours. However, if the leading yacht finishes within the time limit, then other yachts will be timed in until 1600 hours. Boats not finishing within the time limit or extension shall be ranked DNF.
- 8.2 Boats retiring from racing comply with NOR 20.

9 PROTESTS

- 9.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in accordance with NOR 24.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A of the RRS including A5.3 shall apply.
- 10.2 There are four (4) races scheduled in the Leading Edge Series. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. No scores shall be excluded.
- 10.3 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.
- 10.4 RRS A5.3 applies except that DNC is scored the number of starters plus 2.
- 10.5 A casual race entrant will receive a series score in accordance with RRS A2.2.
- 10.6 A boat's points shall not be transferred with a change of ownership or division.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes may be awarded at a post-race presentation. Prizes not collected at that time shall be forfeited.

LEADING EDGE SERIES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COURSE NOTES:

1. All Marks shall be rounded or passed to Starboard
2. Division 2 boats shall omit marks noted (x)
3. All divisions please refer to shortening course SI 4.2 (*)

Course 1 (Div 1 – 9.7nm, Div 2 – 8.5nm approx.)

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Start at MHYC | 7. AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 8. AS Mark Cannae Point (*) |
| 3. AS Mark Grotto Point | 9. (x) AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 4. AS Mark Manly West | 10. (x) AS Mark Lady Bay |
| 5. AS Mark Manly East | 11. Finish at MHYC |
| 6. AS Mark Cannae Point | |

Course 2 (Div 1 – 10.9nm, Div 2 – 9.9nm approx.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Start at MHYC | 5. AS Mark East Channel |
| 2. AS Mark Lady Bay | 6. (x) AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 3. AS Mark Grotto Point | 7. (x) AS Mark East Channel |
| 4. AS Mark Lady Bay (*) | 8. Finish at MHYC |

Course 3 (Div 1 – 11.0nm, Div 2 – 10.0nm approx.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Start at MHYC | 5. AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 6. (x) AS Mark Chowder Bay South |
| 3. AS Mark Lady Bay | 7. Finish at MHYC |
| 4. AS Mark Chowder Bay South (*) | |

Course 4 (Div 1 – 11.6nm, Div 2 – 10.6nm approx.)

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Start at MHYC | 7. AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 2. AS Mark Cannae Point | 8. (x) AS Mark Rocky Point |
| 3. AS Mark Rocky Point | 9. (x) AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 4. AS Mark Edwards Beach | 10. (x) AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 5. AS Mark Manly West | 11. Finish at MHYC |
| 6. AS Mark Manly East (*) | |

Course 5 (Div 1 – 11.8nm, Div 2 10.6nm approx.)

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Start at MHYC | 5. AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. AS Mark Manly West | 6. AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. AS Mark Manly East | 7. (x) AS Mark East Channel |
| 4. AS Mark East Channel (*) | 8. Finish at MHYC |

Course 6 (Div 1 – 12.5nm, Div 2 10.1nm approx.)

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Start MHYC | 4. (x) Fort Denison (P) |
| 2. AS Mark Rose Bay (*) | 5. Finish at MHYC |
| 3. AS Mark Point Piper | |



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APPENDIX 1

MARK DESCRIPTIONS & LOCATIONS

FIXED AUSTRALIAN SAILING (AS) MARKS, NAVAL MARKS & LAID MARKS

Australian Sailing (AS) Marks are spar shaped and yellow in colour. Locations are approximate and marks may have moved or be absent after heavy weather. All AS Marks must be rounded or passed to starboard.

ID	LOCATION	ID	LOCATION
BB	AS Mark Beashel Buoy (previously AS Mark Sow & Pigs) Lat. 33–50.332 S Lon. 151–16.185 E	MW	AS Mark Manly West Lat. 33–48.173 S Lon. 151–16.619 E
CBN	AS Mark Chowder Bay (North) Lat. 33–50.343 S Lon. 151–15.613 E	N2	Naval Mark No.2 Approx. 250m NW of Clarke Island Lat. 33–51.628 S Lon. 151–14.200 E
CBS	AS Mark Chowder Bay (South) Lat. 33–50.533 S Lon. 151–15.343 E	N3	Naval Mark No.3 Approx. 200m North of Clarke Island Lat. 33–51.571 S Lon. 151–14.537 E
CP	AS Mark Cannae Point Lat. 33–48.819 S Lon. 151–16.955 E	NP	AS Mark Nielsen Park Lat. 33–50.906 S Lon. 151–15.951 E
EB	AS Mark Edwards Beach Lat. 33–49.292 S Lon. 151–15.242 E	OB	AS Mark Obelisk Bay Lat. 33–49.845 S Lon. 151–15.981 E
EC	AS Mark East Channel Lat. 33–50.439 S Lon. 151–16.249 E	PP	AS Mark Point Piper Lat. 33–51.758 S Lon. 151–15.077 E
GP	AS Mark Grotto Point Lat. 33–49.052 S Lon. 151–16.039 E	RB	AS Mark Rose Bay Lat. 33–51.742 S Lon. 151–15.978 E
KP	Laid Orange Inflatable Mark approx. 700m East of Kirribilli Point Lat. 33–51.090 S Lon. 151–13.618 E	RP	AS Mark Rocky Point Lat. 33–49.424 S Lon. 151–15.299 E
LB	AS Mark Lady Bay Lat. 33–50.076 S Lon. 151–16.620 E	SM	AS Mark Shark Island Lat. 33–51.609 S Lon. 151–15.572 E
ME	AS Mark Manly East Lat. 33–48.193 S Lon. 151–16.731 E	TB	AS Mark Taylor Bay Lat. 33–50.898 S Lon. 151–14.922 E

Note: All coordinates are approximate.

HARBOUR ISLAND MARKS

Harbour Islands Locations as per Chart AUS200.

NAME	LOCATION
Shark Island	West Cardinal Mark on the Western side of Shark Island Port Lateral Mark (lighthouse) on the Northern side of Shark Island
Clarke Island	Starboard Lateral Mark on the Southern side of Clarke Island
Fort Denison	Starboard Lateral mark on Southern side of Fort Denison
Sow & Pigs Reef	Area bounded by Cardinal Marks surrounding Sow and Pigs Reef



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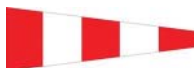
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