

Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series 2026-2027

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.

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. Equipment Audit Forms will expire on 30 June immediately following the date of the audit unless an extension is granted by the OA. 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. This changes 63.5(c).

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

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

4.2 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:

Date	Race	Race Committee
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:

Scheduled Time	Division	Flag Displayed
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

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

(a) (DP) The following areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

(b) **Other Starting and Finishing Lines** – the starting or finishing lines of another division or another club's race.

(c) **Cardinal Marks** – the areas bounded by cardinal marks.

(d) **Moorings –** mooring areas. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

(e) **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)

(f) **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 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.

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 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:

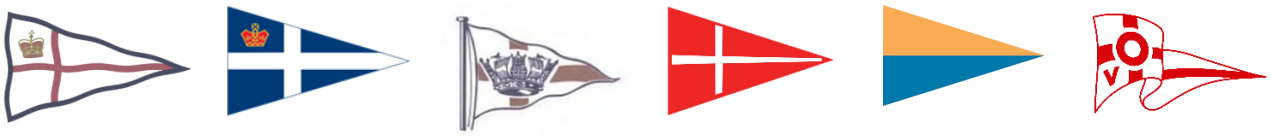
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2026-2027 Combined Clubs' Inshore Series Addendum 1

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.



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Addendum 2 – Marks and Buoys

The following descriptions of marks and buoys are to be read in conjunction with the Combined Clubs' Inshore series sailing instructions and the Chartlet set out in Addendum 2:

BB Beashel Buoy - AS buoy, south-west of Sow and Pigs
CBN Chowder Bay North Mark- AS buoy approximately 200m south- west of Georges Head
CBS Chowder Bay South Mark - AS buoy off southern shore of Chowder Bay (the southern buoy of the two AS buoys in Chowder Bay)
CP Cannae Point - AS buoy west of Cannae Point (Flagstaff)
EC Eastern Channel Mark - the southern buoy of the two AS buoys west of Watsons Bay
KP Kirribilli Point Mark - Orange inflatable mark laid east of Kirribilli Point
LB Lady Bay Mark - AS buoy off northern end of Lady Bay
ME Manly East Mark - Easternmost AS buoy in Manly Cove
MW Manly West Mark - AS buoy, 400m south-south-west of Manly Wharf
N2 Naval Buoy No. 2 - Approximately 250m north-west of Clarke Island
N3 Naval Buoy No. 3 - Approximately 200m north of Clarke Island
NP Nielsen Park Mark - AS buoy north of Steele Point
OB Obelisk Bay Mark - AS buoy east of Obelisk Beach
PP Point Piper Mark - AS buoy north of Point Piper
RB Rose Bay East Mark - AS buoy in Rose Bay approximately 200m off the eastern shore of Rose Bay in front of the convent
SM Shark Mark - AS buoy approx. 30m south-east of the Shark Island south cardinal mark. Boats shall not sail between SM and the south cardinal mark in either direction.
TB Taylors Bay Mark - AS buoy in Taylors Bay

NOTES:

Cardinal Marks – A boat shall not sail within the areas bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

AS buoys – Australian Sailing buoys referred to in these Sailing Instructions will be yellow cylindrical or spar shaped buoys and may be replaced with a different mark without warning.