

SAP Partner Regatta

in support of



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the following;
 - the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
 - the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
 - the MHYC Safety Requirements (copies available from MHYC), and by
 - the MHYC Conditions of Entry (attached to this Notice of Race).
- 1.2 The Race will be a 'Pursuit' race with a Handicapped starting sequence.
- 1.3 The Race will be categorized as 'Non Spinnaker'. No sails shall be set forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. Only a mainsail and headsails as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the [MHYC website](#).

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions, if any, will be posted not later than 2 hours prior to the warning signal of the race.

4 SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MHYC Flagmast on the north-western perimeter of the Club premises. Signals made afloat will be displayed from an MHYC Race Management vessel.
- 4.2 Signals afloat will be as follows:
 - 1350hrs Warning Sound Signal. Course Number, Time of Day and Orange Flag displayed
 - 1400hrs Start Sound Signal
- 4.3 The failure or mistiming of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

5 THE COURSE

- 5.1 The Courses are those annexed to these Sailing Instructions (Annexe A).
- 5.2 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.
- 5.3 The attention of competitors is drawn to the MHYC NOR and those areas which are designated obstructions and prohibited areas in the vicinity of the Start and Finish lines, the Gowlland Bombora and the Sow and Pigs Reef. A boat shall not sail into an area designated a prohibited area.

6 HANDICAP PURSUIT RACE

- 6.1 The race shall be a Handicap Pursuit Race.
- 6.2 A boat shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 7. An audited Special Regulations Form for the relevant Category (or higher) shall be submitted with the entry if not already held by MHYC.
- 6.3 Handicap Pursuit Start Times will be based on time correction factors (TCFs). A boat's TCF shall be determined by the RC or its nominee.

- 6.4 Boats shall notify the MHYC Sailing Office not later than 2 days prior to a race of any change, addition or alteration to a boat's hull appendages, equipment, sail inventory or skipper/crew that may affect its performance. At the discretion of the RC, a boat that fails to comply may be either disqualified after a hearing or have its results retrospectively adjusted by applying a new TCF based on the affect on the boat's performance.
- 6.5 The TCF, and a boat's Handicap Pursuit Start Time based upon it, shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).
- 6.6 When only one boat starts and sails the course within the time limit, the RC shall not abandon the race except as provided in RRS 32.1.
- 7 THE START**
- 7.1 The start line will be between an MHYC Race Management vessel and a laid mark in the vicinity of Chinaman's Beach, Middle Harbour (approx. 0.4nm south of MHYC).
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 Until one (1) minute before her starting time, boats shall keep clear of a boat that is approaching the line to start.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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.
- 8 THE FINISH**
- 8.1 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°.
- 8.2 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 may 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.
- 17.4 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.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 All times will be recorded in minutes and whole seconds. Boats with equal finishing times shall be scored as dead heated.
- 9 TIME LIMITS**
- 9.1 The time limit will be 1700hrs on the day of racing.
- 10 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**
- 10.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two-Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.
- 10.2 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.

11 ABANDONED RACES

- 11.1 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 72 for the duration of the race.
- 12.2 Skippers approaching the MHYC Marina prior to or following the race for guest pick-up or drop-off, shall contact the MHYC Dockmaster on VHF Channel 73 for berthing instructions.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes shall be presented at a post-race presentation as per the Notice of Race.

16 RESPONSIBILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate at their own risk. Special attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: ***"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"***.
- 16.2 The Organising Authority, Event Sponsors (if applicable), and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor, and any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that the MHYC Race and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.
- 16.3 Neither MHYC, nor the event sponsor (if applicable), are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

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ANNEXE A – COURSES

Note: All marks are to be rounded to Starboard unless suffixed (Port)

COURSE 1	
Division 1 – 9.2 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – Fort Denison (Port) Finish at MHYC	Division 2 – 7.9 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – Naval Mark N3 Finish at MHYC
COURSE 2	
Division 1 – 9.8 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – AS Mark Cannae Point 2 – AS Mark Eastern Channel 3 – AS Mark Shark Island 4 – Shark Island 5 – Naval Mark N3 Finish at MHYC	Division 2 – 8.1 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – AS Mark Lady Bay 2 – AS Mark Eastern Channel 3 – AS Mark Shark Island 4 – Shark Island Finish at MHYC
COURSE 3	
Division 1 – 10.8 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – AS Mark Cannae Point 2 – Fort Denison (Port) Finish at MHYC	Division 2 – 9.2 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – Fort Denison (Port) Finish at MHYC
COURSE 4	
Division 1 – 11.1 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – AS Mark Manly West 2 – AS Mark Manly East 3 – AS Mark Cannae Point 4 – AS Mark Eastern Channel 5 – AS Mark Shark Island 6 – Shark Island 7 – Naval Mark N3 Finish at MHYC	Division 2 – 9.0 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – AS Mark Eastern Channel 2 – AS Mark Shark Island 3 – Shark Island 4 – AS Point Piper 5 – Naval Mark N3 Finish at MHYC
COURSE 5	
Division 1 – 12.2 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – AS Mark Eastern Channel 2 – Fort Denison (Port) 3 – AS Mark Manly West 4 – AS Mark Manly East Finish at MHYC	Division 2 – 10.0 miles (approx.) Start in Middle Harbour 1 – AS Mark Eastern Channel 2 – Fort Denison (Port) Finish at MHYC

ANNEXE B – COURSE CHARTLET



ANNEXE C – MARK DESCRIPTIONS & LOCATIONS

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

Previously Yachting Australia or Yachting New South Wales Marks (YA Marks), these are spar shape and yellow in colour. Locations are approximate and marks may have moved or be absent after heavy weather. All Australian Sailing Marks must be rounded to starboard.

ID	LOCATION	ID	LOCATION
CP	AS Mark Cannae Point Lat. 33-48.819 S Lon. 151-16.955 E	ME	AS Mark Manly East Lat. 33-48-193S Lon. 151-16-731E
EC	AS Mark East Channel Lat. 33-50-439S Lon. 151-16-249E	MW	AS Mark Manly West Lat. 33-48-173S Lon. 151-16-619E
LB	AS Mark Lady Bay Lat. 33-50-076S Lon. 151-16-620E	N3	Naval Mark No.3 Approx. 200m North of Clarke Island Lat. 33-51.571S Lon. 151-14.537E
<i>Note: All coordinates are approximate.</i>		SI	AS Mark Shark Island Lat. 33-51-609 Lon. 151-15-572

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
Fort Denison	Starboard Lateral mark on Southern side of Fort Denison

ANNEXE D – MHYC MARINA MAP

