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The Organising Authority is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club.

1.0 RULES

1.1 The Race will be governed by the following;
- the current Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- the current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS)
- the current MHYC Conditions of Entry *(attached to the Notice of Race)*

1.2 The Race will be conducted as a 'Pursuit' race with a handicapped starting sequence.

1.3 The Race will be categorized as 'Non Spinnaker'. 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.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is the Event Webpage.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted two (2) hours prior to the Warning Signal.

4.0 SIGNALS

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MHYC Flagmast on the northeastern corner of the Clubhouse.

4.2 Signals made on the water will be displayed from the MHYC Race Committee Vessel.

4.3 Signals will be made as follows:

DATE	SIGNAL	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 13 November	Attention Signal	MHYC Race Committee Vessel	1250hrs
	Starting Signal	MHYC Race Committee Vessel	1300hrs

5.0 RACING AREAS

5.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour (Lower Middle Harbour, North Harbour, The Sound and Eastern Port Jackson).

5.2 The Race will be Started and Finished in the vicinity of Hunters Bay, Balmoral.

6.0 COURSES

6.1 Courses will be Inshore Harbour Passage courses as detailed in Appendix A.

6.2 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

7.0 MARKS

7.1 Marks of the course will consist of nominated Harbour Islands and AS (Australian Sailing) race marks. AS Marks are described as yellow spar buoys.

7.2 A Course Chartlet of Mark locations is attached as Appendix B.

7.3 A table of Mark Descriptions and approximate coordinates is attached as Appendix C.

8.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1 For the purpose of RRS 19 and 20, all Cardinal Marks surrounding the Gowlland Bombora, the Sow and Pigs Reef and imaginary straight lines projected between such marks, shall be deemed as obstructions.

9.0 STARTING HANDICAP (NUMBER)

9.1 All boats will be allocated a Pursuit Start Time by the Organising Authority by 1100hrs on Friday 13 November 2026. The starting handicap will be based on a time correction factor (TCF), which shall be determined by the Organising Authority or its nominee.

9.2 The TCF and a boat's Pursuit Start Time based on it, shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1).

9.3 Boats shall notify the Organising Authority (MHYC Sailing Office) no 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 Organising Authority, 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 effect on the boat's performance.

10.0 THE START

10.1 The race will be started as a Pursuit format with boats starting no earlier than their allocated start time. This amends RRS 26.

10.2 The Starting Line will be between a flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the course side of an inflatable mark.

10.3 The time of day in hours, minutes and seconds will be displayed onboard the Race Committee Vessel via a digital electronic display. Boats shall not start before their Pursuit Start Time has been displayed.

10.4 A boat's Preparatory Signal is deemed to be made four minutes before its allocated Pursuit Start Time is displayed. Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence.

10.5 There will be no recalls. A boat deemed to have started prematurely that has not returned and started correctly shall be penalized 5 minutes plus the difference between her starting handicap and her starting time applied to her finish time. This amends RRS 29.

11.0 THE FINISH

11.1 The Finishing Line will be between the Committee Vessel flagmast displaying a blue flag and the course side of an inflatable mark. Finish times will be recorded in minutes and whole seconds.

12.0 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit for all boats will be 1630hrs.

12.2 A boat that does not finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

12.3 After one boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit, the Race Committee shall not abandon the race. This amends RRS 32.

13.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

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

13.2 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.

14.0 SCORING

14.1 A boat's finish time will 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 and all other boats will then be scored in the order of their finishing time. Boats with equal finishing times will be scored as dead heated.

14.2 All results will be subject to the application of Alternate Penalties, if any.

15.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 72 from 1245hrs and for the duration of the race.

16.0 PRIZES

16.1 Trophies may be awarded to the first three (3) place getters in each division at a presentation to be held at MHYC following the race.

17.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority, the ASX Charity Foundation and Sponsors, including their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the race.

17.2 The Organising Authority, the ASX Charity Foundation and Sponsors are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

17.3 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 3.0 Decision to Race.
"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Additional Information

BERTHING & MOORINGS

On Race Day, berthing on the outer 'T-Heads' of the Marina will not be available.
The outer **T-Heads will be reserved only for pick-ups and drop-offs**.
Boats are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 on approach to the Marina, where they will be expected to 'Standby', until temporary berthing space becomes available on the T-Heads.

TENDER SERVICE

On Race Day, the Organising Authority will provide a regular MHYC Tender Service for boats moored in the immediate area around the Club. Boats are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 for this service.

WATER TAXI SERVICE

On Race Day, a service may be provided for boats in Hunters Bay who are limited by draft to enter Middle Harbour. Boats are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 for this service.

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APPENDIX A - COURSES

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

COURSE 1	
Division 1 – 6.9 miles (approx.) Start in Hunters Bay 1 - AS Mark Shark Island 2 - Shark Island 3 - Naval Mark N3 Finish in Hunters Bay	**Division 2 – 5.7 miles (approx.)** Start in Hunters Bay 1 - AS Mark Shark Island 2 - Shark Island Finish in Hunters Bay
COURSE 2	
Division 1 – 8.0 miles (approx.) Start in Hunters Bay 1 - Fort Denison (Port) Finish in Hunters Bay	**Division 2 – 6.6 miles (approx.)** Start in Hunters Bay 1 - Naval Mark N3 Finish in Hunters Bay
COURSE 3	
Division 1 – 9.5 miles (approx.) Start in Hunters Bay 1 - AS Mark Cannae Point 2 – Fort Denison (Port) Finish in Hunters Bay	**Division 2 - 8.0 miles (approx.)** Start in Hunters Bay 1 - Fort Denison (Port) Finish in Hunters Bay
COURSE 4	
Division 1 – 10.8 miles (approx.) Start in Hunters Bay 1 - AS Mark Manly West 2 - AS Mark Manly East 3 - AS Mark Cannae Point 4 - AS Mark Eastern Channel 5 – Naval Mark N3 6 – Fort Denison (Port) Finish in Hunters Bay	**Division 2 – 9.5 miles (approx.)** Start in Hunters Bay 1 - AS Mark Cannae Point 2 - AS Mark Eastern Channel 3 – Fort Denison (Port) Finish in Hunters Bay
COURSE 5	
Division 1 - 12.7 miles (approx.) Start in Hunters Bay 1 - AS Mark Shark Island 2 - Shark Island 3 – Naval Mark N3 4 - Fort Denison (Port) 5 - AS Mark Manly West 6 - AS Mark Manly East 7 - AS Mark Cannae Point 8 - AS Mark Lady Bay Finish in Hunters Bay	**Division 2 - 11.2 miles (approx.)** Start in Hunters Bay 1 - AS Mark Shark Island 2 - Shark Island 3 – Naval Mark N3 4 - Fort Denison (Port) 5- AS Mark Grotto Point 6 - AS Mark Lady Bay Finish in Hunters Bay

APPENDIX B – MARK CHARTLET



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APPENDIX 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
BB	AS Mark Beashel Buoy (previously AS Mark Sow & Pigs) Lat. 33-50-332 Lon. 151-16-185	**MW**	AS Mark Manly West Lat. 33-48-173S Lon. 151-16-619E
CBN	AS Mark Chowder Bay (North) Lat. 33-50-343S Lon. 151-15-613E	**N2**	Naval Mark No.2 Approx. 250m NW of Clarke Island Lat. 33-51.628S Lon. 151-14.200E
CBS	AS Mark Chowder Bay (South) Lat. 33-50-533S Lon. 151-15-343E	**N3**	Naval Mark No.3 Approx. 200m North of Clarke Island Lat. 33-51.571S Lon. 151-14.537E
CP	AS Mark Cannae Point Lat. 33-48-819S Lon. 151-16-955E	**NP**	AS Mark Nielsen Park Lat. 33-50.945 Lon. 151-15.927
EB	AS Mark Edwards Beach Lat. 33-49-292S Lon. 151-15-299E	**OB**	AS Mark Obelisk Bay Lat. 33-49-845 Lon. 151-15-981
EC	AS Mark East Channel Lat. 33-50-439S Lon. 151-16-249E	**PP**	AS Mark Point Piper Lat. 33-51-758 Lon. 151-15-077
GP	AS Mark Grotto Point Lat. 33-49-052S Lon. 151-16-039E	**RB**	AS Mark Rose Bay Lat. 33-51-742 Lon. 151-15-978
KP	Laid Orange Inflatable Mark approx. 700m East of Kirribilli Point Lat. 33-51-090 Lon. 151-13-618	**RP**	AS Mark Rocky Point Lat. 33-49-424 Lon. 151-15-299
LB	AS Mark Lady Bay Lat. 33-50-076S Lon. 151-16-620E	**SI**	AS Mark Shark Island Lat. 33-51-609 Lon. 151-15-572
ME	AS Mark Manly East Lat. 33-48-193S Lon. 151-16-731E	**TB**	AS Mark Taylor Bay Lat. 33-50-898 Lon. 151-14-922

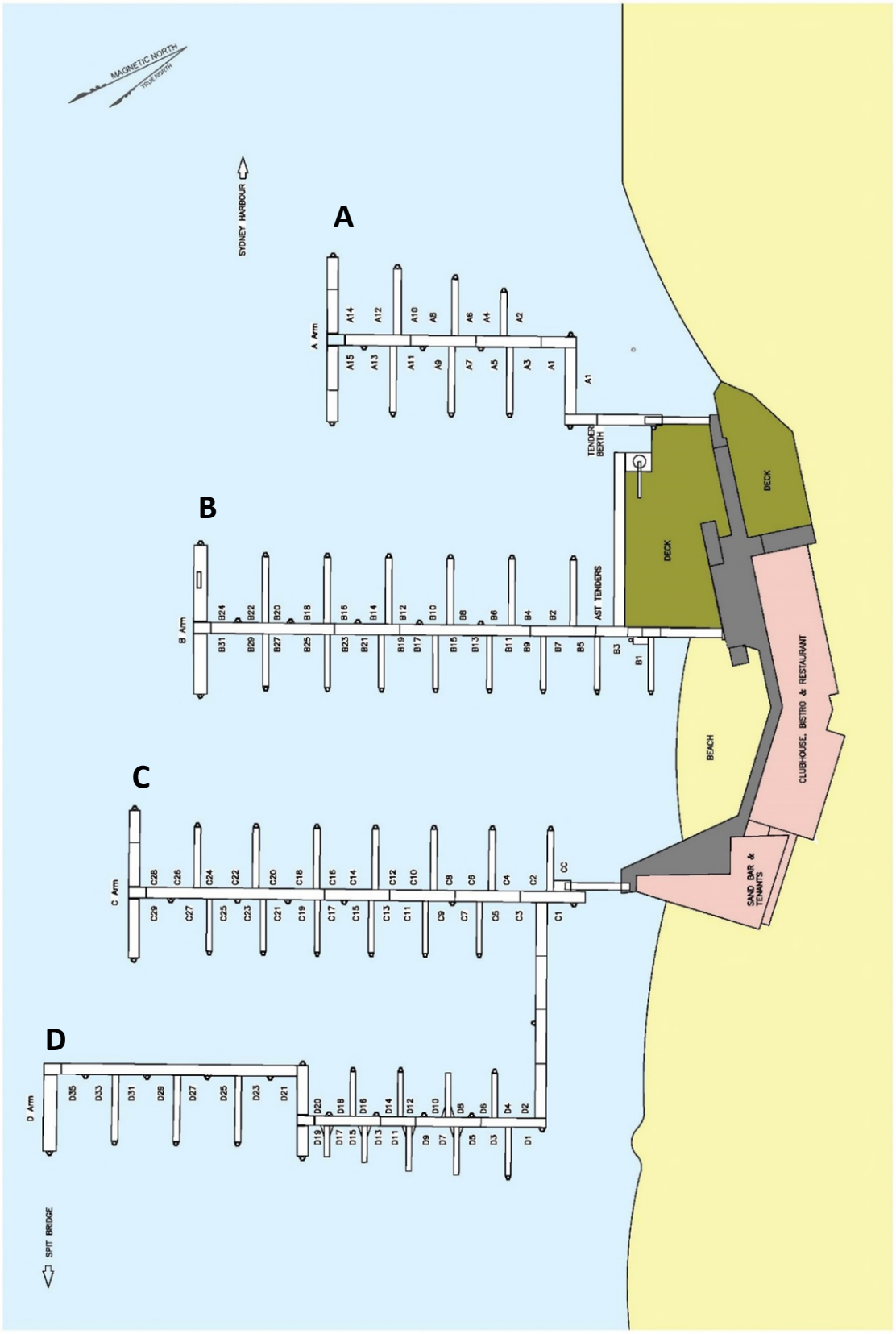
Note: All coordinates are approximate.

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

APPENDIX D – MHYC MARINA MAP



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Jambo	Robert Carr
Making Waves Kayle	Making Waves Foundation
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