



2016-17 VARUNA TROPHY RACE

8 April 2017

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel St, Kirribilli, NSW, 2061.

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 All races shall be governed by:

- the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing as amended
- The Rules of the respective Class Association, where applicable
- The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions as published in the current RSYS/RPEYC Sailing Handbook except where specifically modified below.

1.2 If there is conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the RSYS, under the Careening Cove Anchorage stairs.

3.2 No change of Helmsman from that listed on the Season Entry Form will be permitted.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000hrs on Saturday 8 April 2017.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the main flag mast located on the RSYS front lawn.

5.2 Flag AP with two sounds indicates the race is postponed. The first Warning Signal will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after the AP is lowered. (Amends RRS Race Signals)

5.3 Flag signal N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for the Etchells, Dragons and Yngling Classes has been abandoned for the day.

5.4 **Signals made on the Committee Vessel** - Flag signal N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for the Etchells, Dragons and Yngling Classes has been abandoned for the day. This signal will remain displayed during the entire starting sequence.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The race is scheduled for Saturday 8 April 2017, with the Warning Signal not before 1255 hours.

7. DIVISIONS

The race shall be sailed as one Division.

8. CLASS / FLEET FLAG

The Varuna Fleet flag shall be Code Flag "V".

9. RACING AREA

This event shall be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour (Port Jackson), between Kirribilli Point and South Head.

10. COURSES

10.1 The course to be sailed will be signaled with or before the warning signal and indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

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

10.3 Pass all marks to STARBOARD unless mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.

10.4 When the short course signal is displayed boats are to proceed directly to the finishing line after rounding the mark indicated by an asterisk (*) in the courses listed in course table 10.5.

- 10.5 **COURSES**
- COURSE 1 (N) Start – TB – SI – SM – PP – NP – *PP – NP – SM – N2 – Finish (Approx. 9 miles)
- COURSE 2 (NE) Start – NP– SM – N2 – NP – *N2 – NP – SM – N2 – Finish (Approx. 11 miles)
- COURSE 3 (E) Start – WM(P) – TB – NP – N2 – SI – SM – *N2 – SI – SM – Finish (Approx. 10 miles)
- COURSE 4 (S/SE) Start – WM(P) – NP – SI – SM – TB – SI – SM – *N2 – NP – SM - Finish (Approx. 10 miles)
- COURSE 5 (SW) Start – WM(P) – NP – N2 – NP – *CI – NP – CI – Finish (Approx. 11 miles)
- COURSE 6 (W) Start – WM(P) – NP – RB – *CI – NP – SM – Finish (Approx. 9 miles)
- COURSE 7 (NW) START – WM – SI – SM – TB – SI – *SM – CB – PP – Finish (Approx. 10 miles)

11. **MARKS AND BUOYS**

Mark Descriptions;

- CB** Chowder Bay Mark – YA buoy off the southern shore of Chowder Bay.
- CI** Clarke Island - Summit of Clarke Island and pile light south of Clarke Island.
- EC** Eastern Channel Pile Light Mark - YA buoy approximately 100 meters west of the light.
- N2** Naval Buoy No 2 – Approximately 150m north west of Clarke Island.
- AN4** Athol Naval Buoy No4 – Pancake shipping buoy in Athol Bay
- BB** Beashel Mark - YA buoy, south-west of Sow and Pigs
- PP** Point Piper Mark - YA buoy north of Point Piper
- RB** Rose Bay East Mark – YA buoy in Rose Bay approximately 100m north west of the red can buoy in front of the convent on the eastern shore.
- NP** Nielsen Park Mark – YA buoy approximately 100m south west of the red navigation pile off Nielsen Park.
- SI** Shark Island - Lighthouse north of Shark Island and a yellow YA mark approx. 10 metres south east of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island.
- SM** Shark Island Mark – YA buoy approx. 10m south east of the south cardinal mark off SI.
- TB** Taylor Bay Mark - YA buoy in Taylor Bay.
- WM** Orange Inflatable Mark with the lettering RSYS, laid to provide a windward leg from the starting line.

12. **THE START**

- 12.1 Scheduled Warning Signal is 1255 hours.
- 12.2 The race shall be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the Starting Signal.
- 12.3 The Starting Line will be in the leeward segment of the area between Kirribilli Point, Bradleys Head, Point Piper and Clark Island.
- 12.4 The Starting Line will be between an orange flag displayed on the committee vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

13. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44 shall apply

14. **THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line will be in the vicinity of Kurraba Point.
- 14.2 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark.
- 14.3 When the committee vessel is on station it will be on the starboard end of the line when viewed from the last mark of the course and may display a blue flag.
- 14.4 When a course is shortened at a mark, the finishing line will be between a race committee vessel displaying flag "S" and the near by mark. The committee vessel when on station may display a blue flag.

15. **TIME LIMIT**

The absolute time limit shall be 1630 hours. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish, DNF (amends RRS 35).

16. **PROTESTS**

- 16.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 below.

- 16.2 Protests should be lodged on the ISAF prescribed form available from the respective clubs. All protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office.
- 16.3 If the RSYS Sailing Office is closed, protests may be placed in the in the Sailing Office letter box.
- 16.4 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event or advised by the RSYS sailing office (amends RRS 61).
- 16.5 Protests will be heard at the clubhouse on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the relevant Race Committee. The hearing time will be advised to all parties involved.
- 16.6 Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.

17. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 17.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Maritime Authority regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Maritime 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"*. Attention is drawn to the guidelines published in the appendices of this Handbook.
- 17.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 17.3 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 17.4 Any yachts reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1). Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.

18. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 18.1 **Risk Warning** - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.
- 18.2 **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020. All competitors who sign the entry form in doing so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Yachting and the Sailing Instructions, including:
 - (a) RRS 46;
 - (b) the Australian Yachting Special Regulations;
 - (c) being covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident and \$5,000,000 (five million), recommended \$10,000,000 (ten million) for the RPEYC Wednesday Series. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
 - (d) the person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;
 - (e) the person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- 18.3 **Disclaimer of Liability**
 - (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, RPEYC, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
 - (b) The RSYS, RPEYC, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
 - (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Yachting Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.