

## SPRING & SUMMER SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Combined Sydney Harbour program 03 September 2016 to 29 April 2017.

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) and/or Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC).

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) of World Sailing except as amended herein.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a current valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form. In addition, all boats which do not have navigation lights permanently fitted are required to comply with AS Special Regulations 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being activated and attached to the boat. 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 All boats must carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio must be switched on at all times and tuned to VHF Channel 73.
- 1.4 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 1.5 RRS 52 is amended so that it does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
- 1.6 The Etchells Class Rules will be altered as follows:  
Class Rule C.2.1 (a) shall be modified to allow two persons on board when racing in RSYS organised events, except for World Qualifiers, for a maximum of three races. This change to the Class rules is only intended to be used on an exception basis and only to enable participation by those who are genuinely without a full crew unexpectedly and at short notice. Boats will be scored DNC in respect of world qualification, club championship or any club pointscores (amends RRS Appendix A).
- 1.7 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 Official Notice Board underneath the Careening Cove Room stairs of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.
- 2.2 The List of Entries will be available to all entrants, and a copy will be placed on the RSYS Official Notice Board no later than two (2) hours before the start of the event. Notices in writing may also be distributed from the Committee Vessel to all starters before the event(s) by the Race Committee.

#### 3. CHANGES TO CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Organising Authority reserves the right to change this Handbook, the Calendar of Events and the Sailing Instructions. Changes will be available in writing to all entrants as per RRS 90.2.
- 3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000hrs on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. **SPECIAL SIGNALS**

4.1 **Signals made ashore** – will be displayed at RSYS on the Club flag mast.

4.1.1 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).

4.1.2 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 (amends RRS Race Signals)

4.2 **Signals made on the Committee Vessel** – will be displayed on the respective Committee Vessel.

4.2.1 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 (amends RRS Race Signals)

4.2.2 These signals will remain displayed during the entire starting sequence and the order of starting will not be altered.

#### 5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Racing is scheduled as detailed in the Calendar of Events included in this Handbook.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each class or division, and the respective class or division flags are:

<b>Scheduled Time</b>	<b>Class or Division</b>	<b>Flag Displayed</b>
1245 hrs	International Etchells	<b>Etchells Class Flag</b>
1250 hrs	Division 1	<b>Q</b>
1255 hrs	Division 2	<b>K</b>
1300 hrs	International Dragon	<b>Dragon Class Flag</b>
1305 hrs	Division 3	<b>R</b>
1310 hrs	International Yngling	<b>Yngling Class Flag</b>

Note: on Mini Regatta race days the same starting sequence and scheduled times will apply.

#### 6. **RACING AREA**

6.1 Racing will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) as illustrated in the Chartlet inside the rear cover of this Handbook.

#### 7. **THE COURSES**

7.1 The courses are detailed as follows, except where a clubhouse finish has been signalled in accordance with clause 7.6:

## INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS

COURSE 0 (N & NNE)	Start Line No. 1 – WC(P) - DB – *WC(P) – DB – WC(P) - Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 11.2 miles.
COURSE 1 (ENE)	Start Line No. 1 – WC(P) – TB – WC(P) -TB- WC(P) – TB – *WC(P) - DB – WC(P) - Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 12.3 miles.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - RM(P) - KP - RM(P) - *KP - RM(P) - KP – Finishing Line No. 3. . Approx. 13.5 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 - DB(P) - NM(P) - DB(P) - NM(P) - DB(P) - *NM(P)-DB(P) - NM(P) - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 11.5 miles.
COURSES 4&8 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - DB(P) - GH – RM(P) - GH – RM(P) - *GH – RM(P) - GH - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 12.5 miles.
COURSES 5&9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - NP - DM(P) - NP - DM(P) - *NP - DM(P) - NP - Finishing Line No. 2. Approx. 13 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - KP(P) - RM(P) - KP(P) - *RM(P) - KP(P) - RM(P) – Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 13.0 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - NM(P) - PP - NM(P) - PP - NM(P) - *PP - NM(P) - PP - Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 12.7 miles.

## DIVISION 1

COURSES 0&1 (N & NE)	Start Line No. 1 - MW - *ME - DM - MW - ME - Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 17 miles.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - SP(P) – NM(P) – SI - SM – N3 –KP - SI – SM – *NM(P) - SP(P) – NM(P) – Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 15.5 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	<b>Normal Finish</b> Start Line No. 3 - DB(P) - OB - RM - CB - RM - SM – SI - *TB – RM- NM(P) - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 15 miles.
COURSE 3 Code Flag ‘O’ (SE)	<b>Kirribilli Finish</b> <i>Start Line No. 3 - DB(P) - OB - RM - CB - RM - SM – *SI - TB – RM- NM(P) - RM - Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 16.9 miles.</i>
COURSE 4 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - DB (P) - MW - ME - *SP – MW - ME - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 16 miles.
COURSE 5 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - MW - ME - DB - *LB - NP - LB – Finishing Line No. 2. Approx. 16 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - KP(P) - DM(P) – SI - SM - KP(P) – DM(P) - SI - *SM - KP(P) – RM(P) – Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 13 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - KP(P) - DM(P) – SI - SM - RM - CB - RM - CB – SI -SM - *RM - KP(P) - RM – Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 15 miles.

### Alternate Courses

COURSE 8 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - DB(P) - OB - SP - OB - PP - OB - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 13 miles.
COURSE 9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - LB - SM - LB - PP - LB - Finishing Line No. 2. Approx. 13.5 miles.

### DIVISION 2

COURSE 0 (N & NNE)	Start Line No. 1 - MW - *ME - DM - LB - Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 13.8 miles.
COURSE 1 (ENE)	Start Line No. 1 - CP - DM - *EC - DM - EC - Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 14.2 miles
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - SP(P) - CB - EC - NM(P) - SI - SM - *N3 - SI - SM - NM(P) - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 13.8 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 - DB(P) - OB - RB - *NM(P) - RB - NM(P) - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 13.0 miles.
COURSE 4 (S & SSE)	<b>Normal Finish</b> Start Line No. 4 - DB (P) - MW - ME - SP - *CB - RM(P) - CB - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 12.6 miles.
COURSE 4 + Code Flag O (S & SSE)	<b>Kirribilli Finish</b> <i>Start Line No. 4 - DB (P) - MW - ME - SP - CB - *SP - CB - SI - SM - Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 13.3 miles.</i>
COURSE 5 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - BB - N3 - EC - N3 - *BB - SP - BB - Finishing Line No. 2. Approx. 14.2 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - KP(P) - DM(P) - NP - SM - KP(P) - *RM(P) - KP(P) - RM(P) - Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 14.0 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - KP(P) - DB(P) - EC - RM - KP(P) - *PP - KP(P) - PP - Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 13.0 miles.

### Alternate Courses

COURSE 8 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - DB(P) - OB - SP - OB - SP - OB - SP - OB - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 13.8 miles.
COURSE 9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - OB - SM - SI - LB - PP - LB - Finishing Line No. 2. Approx. 13.5 miles.

### DIVISION 3

COURSES 0&1 (N & NE)	Start Line No. 1 - BB - SP - LB - SP - *BB - PP - SP - Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 10.3 miles.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - SP(P) - CB - BB - DM - *NM(P) - SP(P) - NM(P) - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 11.5 miles.

COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 – DB(P) - CB - RM - *NM(P) - RM - NM(P) – Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 11.5 miles.
COURSES 4 & 8 (S & SSE)	<b>Normal Finish</b> Start Line No. 4 - DB(P) - OB - SP - *CB - SI - SM - OB - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 10.0 miles.
COURSES 4 & 8 + Code Flag O (S & SSE)	<b>Kirribilli Finish</b> <i>Start Line No. 4 - DB(P) - OB - SP - CB - SI - *SM - OB - SP - Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 11.2 miles.</i>
COURSES 5 & 9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - BB - SP - *EC - PP - BB - Finishing Line No. 2. Approx. 10 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - NM(P) - SP(P) - KP(P) - DM(P) – *SP(P) - NM(P) - SP(P) - Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 12.2 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - KP(P) - DB(P) - SP - *RM - KP(P) - DM(P) - RM - Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 10.0 miles.

### INTERNATIONAL DRAGON

COURSE 0 (N & NNE )	Start Line No. 1 - WC(P) - DM - WC(P) - *SP - EC - Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 9.6 miles.
COURSE 1 (ENE)	Start Line No. 1 - NP - DM - *NP - DM - NP - Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 9.2 miles
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - RM(P) - KP - RM(P) - *N3 - RM(P) - N3- Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 10.0 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 - DB(P) - NM(P) - DB(P) - *NM(P) - DB(P) - NM(P) - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 9.0 miles.
COURSE 4&8 (S & SSE)	<b>Normal Finish</b> Start Line No. 4 - DB(P) - CB - RM(P) - *CB - RM(P)- CB - Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 8.7 miles.
COURSE 4&8 + Code Flag O (S & SSE)	<b>Kirribilli Finish</b> <i>Start Line No. 4 - DB(P) - CB - RM(P) - CB - *SP - CB - SP - Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 9.7 miles.</i>
COURSE 5&9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - SP - DM(P) - SP - DM(P) - *SP - DM(P) – SP - Finishing Line No. 2. Approx. 9.4 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - NM(P) - PP - NM(P) - *PP - NM(P) – PP.-. Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 9.5 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - NM(P) – DB(P) - NM(P) – DB(P) - NM(P) - *DB(P) – NM(P) – DB(P) – Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 10.5 miles.

## INTERNATIONAL YNGLING CLASS

COURSE 0 (N & NNE)	Start Line No. 1 – BB - *DB – BB - DB – SP – Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 10 miles.
COURSE 1 (ENE)	Start Line No. 1 - NP - DB - NP - *DB - NP – DB - SP – Finishing Line No. 4. Approx. 10.5 miles.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 – RM(P) – *NM(P) – RM(P) - NM(P) – Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 9.5 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 - DM(P) - KP(P) - DM(P) - KP(P) - DM(P) - *KP(P) - DM(P) - KP(P) – Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 9 miles.
COURSES 4&8 (S & SSE)	<b>Normal Finish</b> Start Line No. 4 - DB(P) - TB - PP - *TB - PP – CB- Finishing Line No. 3. Approx. 7.5 miles.
COURSES 4&8 + Code Flag O (S & SSE)	<b>Kirribilli Finish</b> <i>Start Line No. 4 - DB(P) - TB - PP - TB - *PP – CB – SP – Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 8.5 miles.</i>
COURSES 5&9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - SP - DM(P) - SP - DM(P) - *SP - DM(P) – SP - Finishing Line No. 2. Approx. 9.3 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - KP(P) - PP - KP(P) - *PP - KP(P) – PP – Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 10 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - NM(P) – DB(P) - NM(P) – DB(P) - NM(P) - *DB(P) - NM(P) – DB(P)- Finishing Line No. 1. Approx. 10.7 miles.

- 7.2 The course to be sailed will be:
- signalled with or before the warning signal
  - indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.
- 7.3 Boats shall proceed to all marks of the relevant course in the order listed and leave each mark on the required side.
- 7.4 All marks are to be passed to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.
- 7.5 The Race Committee may change the course signalled, display Flag S, Flag Y or Flag Y over Second Substitute before, with or shortly after the warning signal. When a signal is displayed with a class or division flag it is to apply to that class or division only. Flag Y over Second Substitute indicates RRS 40 shall apply to the Etchells, Dragon and Yngling classes (amends RRS 27.1, 32, 40 and Race Signals).
- 7.6 **Kirribilli Finishes** - On designated dates 10 September, 15 October, 12 November, 10 December 2016, 21 January, 18 February, 18 March & 1 April 2017, races will finish at Kirribilli at Finishing Line No. 1, instead of the normal designated finishing line for each course. This will be indicated by displaying flag O from the Committee Vessel with or before the warning signal. Boats are to leave the last mark of their respective course on the required side and proceed directly to Finishing Line No. 1, except where a specific course with a Kirribilli finish is detailed in clause 7.1 above.

## **8. SHORTENED COURSE**

- 8.1 When flag S is displayed in accordance with clause 7.5 the course to be sailed is shortened and boats are to proceed directly to the finishing line after rounding the mark indicated by an asterisk (\*) in the courses listed in clause 7.1 (amends RRS 32 and Race Signals).
- 8.2 The Race Committee may elect to send some classes or divisions on the full course and others on the short course.

## **9. MARKS AND BUOYS**

- 9.1 Marks and buoys are as described in the list on page 122 of this Handbook.
- 9.2 When a mark is missing or out of position the Race Committee shall, if possible;
- replace it in its correct position, or
  - substitute one of similar appearance, or
  - replace it with a buoy or vessel displaying Flag M (amends RRS 34).

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the area bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.
- 10.2 **Moorings** – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.
- 10.3 **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the AS Shark Island Mark (SM) and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.
- 10.4 **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or near the naval wharf in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

## **11. ASSISTANCE IN RECORDING STARTERS**

- 11.1 Boats are requested to sail past the starboard side of the Committee Vessel prior to their starting sequence to assist race officials identifying starters in all events. In so doing, boats must keep clear of boats already in their starting sequence.

## **12. POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT**

- 12.1 Postponement and abandonment shall be in accordance with RRS 27.3 and RRS 32.
- 12.2 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed, except at the discretion of the Race Committee when notified.
- 12.3 Any race not completed on the scheduled day will not be re-sailed.

## **13. THE START**

- 13.1 Races will be started by using RRS26.

- 13.2 The Starting Lines will be as follows:  
No. 1 - Off Clarke Island - for use in N, NNE, NE, ENE and NW winds.  
No. 2 - Off Shark Island - for use in W winds.  
No. 3 - Off Kirribilli - for use in E and SE winds.  
No. 4 - In Athol Bay - for use in SSE, S and SW winds.
- 13.3 The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.
- 13.4 The Race Committee may change the line by moving one of the Starting Line marks up to the lowering of the Preparatory flag (amends RRS 27.2).
- 13.5 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal may, at the discretion of the Race Committee, be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 13.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 13.7 Except as provided in clauses 4 and 12, if one boat in any class or division appears at the start that boat is entitled to sail the course and receive a result.
- 13.8 For boats that have rounded the first mark of the course, the Starting Line and one metre on the course side of the Starting Line shall rank as an obstruction and shall not be crossed until five (5) minutes after the last start. Any boat which fails to observe this instruction shall be scored DSQ without a hearing (amends RRS 63).
- 13.9 There may be more than one RSYS or RPEYC Race Committee vessel on the water. It is the obligation of each skipper to identify the correct location of the Race Committee vessel.
- 14. RECALLS**
- 14.1 Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- 14.2 In the event of a general recall, the order of starting will not be altered.
- 14.3 To assist competitors the Race Committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF Channel 73 (amends RRS 29).
- 14.4 When a black flag has been displayed, and there has been no general recall, any boat identified as BFD may be advised on VHF Channel 73 approximately one minute after the start (amends RRS 30.3).
- 14.5 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 14.3 or 14.4 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 15. RETIREMENT**
- 15.1 To assist the Race Committee, boats which retire from a race before finishing are required to notify the Race Committee by direct contact or on VHF Channel 73 or by phoning the Sailing Office on 9017 0152.



## **16. THE FINISH**

- 16.1 The Finishing Lines will be as follows:  
No. 1 – Off Kirribilli  
No. 2 – Off Point Piper  
No. 3 – Off Woollahra Point  
No. 4 – North of Clark Island.
- 16.2 The Finishing Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4 When the Committee Vessel is on station, the Finishing Line and one metre on either side of the Finishing Line shall rank as an obstruction and boats shall not cross it from either direction unless finishing. Any boat which fails to observe this instruction shall be scored DSQ without a hearing (amends RRS 63).

## **17. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 17.1 RRS 44 shall apply to all divisions and classes, except as amended in clause 17.2 for the Etchells and Yngling classes.
- 17.2 For the Etchells and Yngling classes, RRS 44.1 is amended so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) and applies to infringements against other boats in the same race, except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). For infringements against any boat in another race the Two-Turns Penalty applies.

## **18. TIME LIMIT**

- 18.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 1800 hours or the official sunset time, whichever is the earlier.
- 18.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that have not finished by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) (Amends RRS 35).

## **19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 19.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4 below.
- 19.2 Protests should be lodged on the World Sailing prescribed form available from the respective clubs. All protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office.
- 19.3 If the RSYS Sailing Office is closed, protests may be placed in the Sailing Office letter box.
- 19.4 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event. (Amends RRS 61)
- 19.5 Protests will be heard at the clubhouse of the conducting club on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the relevant Race Committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.

- 19.6 Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.
- 19.7 Any boat which lodges a protest and which is not represented at the protest hearing without informing the protest committee by 1000 hours on the day of hearing shall be scored DNE for the race to which the protest related. (Amends RRS 63.1 and 63.3 (b))

## **20. SCORING**

20.1 **Scoring System** - the Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments and those detailed in clause 11 of the Notice of Race:

### 20.1.1 Non Starting

A boat scored Did Not Start (DNS, DNC or OCS) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore block entries once they are finalised as per clauses 11.3 and 11.4 of the Notice of Race plus one point.

### 20.1.2 Non Finishing

For one design fleets (Etechells Dragons and Ynglings), boats which are scored Retired (RET) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore starters in the race plus one point.

For mixed fleet divisions (Divisions 1, 2 and 3), boats which are scored Retired (RET) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore finishers in the race plus one point.

### 20.1.3 Disqualification

Boats which are disqualified (DSQ, BFD or DNE) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore block entries once they are finalised as per clauses 11.3 and 11.4 of the Notice of Race plus one point.

### 20.1.4 Abandonment

When a race is abandoned after the start and not re-sailed, boats that started shall be awarded zero points. When a race is abandoned before the start, all boats entered shall be awarded zero points.

## 20.2 **RSYS Pointscores**

### 20.2.1 Mixed Divisions (1, 2 and 3)

- The MAIN Series pointscore will be a combination of the SPR & SUM Series.
- The MAIN, SPR and SUM pointscores will be based on PHS handicap results for mixed divisions.
- The SIS pointscore will be based on PHS handicap results.
- The IRC pointscore will be based on IRC handicap results.
- A boat competing in the mixed division racing shall;
  - drop any five (5) races in the MAIN series
  - drop any three (3) in the SPR series and any two (2) in the SUM series.
- Boats entered in the SIS shall drop any two (2) races

### 20.2.2 Etechells Class

- Results are awarded from 'scratch' based results.
- Handicap results may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

- The MAIN Series shall include all SPR & SUM races but will not include scores from the Mini Regatta Pointscore Series.
- The RSYS SPR & SUM pointscores shall be scored as separate series.
- A boat competing in the Etchells class shall;
  - drop any two (2) races in the MAIN series.
  - drop any one (1) race in the SPR series and there will be no drops in the SUM series.
- The Etchells Club Championship shall consist of races from both Spring/ Summer and Mini Regattas. Races selected are detailed in the 2016-2017 Calendar of Events. The Etchells Club Championship shall;
  - In the event of five (5) or less races being completed, all races will count. This changes RRS Appendix A.
  - In the event six (6) to ten (10) races being completed, a boat shall drop her worst score (1 drop). This changes RRS Appendix A.
  - In the event eleven (11) to thirteen (13) races being completed, a boat shall drop her worst two scores (2 drops). This changes RRS Appendix A.

#### 20.2.3 Dragon Class

- Results are awarded from 'scratch' based results.
- Handicap results may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- The MAIN Series races shall include all SPR & SUM races but will not include scores from the Mini Regatta or Gold Cup Series.
- The RSYS SPR & SUM pointscores shall be scored as separate series and will not include scores from the Mini Regatta or Gold Cup Series.
- Dragon class shall;
  - drop any two (2) races in the MAIN series.
  - drop any one (1) race in the SPR series and there will be no drops in the SUM series.
  - drop any two (2) races in their Handicap series.

#### 20.2.4 Yngling Class

- Results are awarded from 'scratch' & 'handicap' based results. Additional handicap results may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- The MAIN Series races shall include all SPR & SUM races but will not include scores from the Mini Regatta Series.
- The RSYS SPR & SUM pointscores shall be scored as separate series and will not include scores from the Mini Regatta Series.
- Yngling class shall;
  - drop any two (2) races in the MAIN series.
  - drop any one (1) race in the SPR series and any one (1) race in the SUM series.
  - drop any two (2) races in their Handicap series.

#### 20.3 RPEYC Pointscores and Races Dropped

Except for the Nettle Gold Cup, points are awarded on the same system as set out for the Scoring System in clause 20 above, except that a boat shall drop only one (1) race in the Season pointscore, and the first race of each Etchells mini regatta will count towards the RPEYC pointscore.

20.4 A boat's pointscore will not be transferred following a change of ownership or a change in division except that an Etchells, Dragon or Yngling owner

who has entered for the season and who purchases a replacement Etchells, Dragon or Yngling during the season may carry his points over from his previous boat provided application to the RSYS Sailing Committee is made prior to using the replacement boat.

- 20.5 Supplementary pointscores may be established.  
20.6 All series pointscores are open to block entries only.
- 20.7 No boat will be eligible to enter a pointscore after the number of discard races for that pointscore has been sailed.
- 20.8 **Boats competing in other events** – Upon written application to the RSYS Sailing Committee prior to the regatta, a boat which starts in its State, National, World Championship or an event of significant national or interclub importance, as determined by the sailing committee, may receive average points for any series race/s thereby missed. The number of races eligible will be determined by the Sailing Committee (Amends RRS 62). Average points will be calculated as per RRS Appendix A10 (a).
- 20.9 All boats entered in a mixed division pointscore and which enter the Gascoigne Cup, Morna Cup or Milson Cup may receive points for any series race thereby missed equal to the boat's average points.

## **21. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 All boats participating in any race shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio must be switched on at all times and boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 73.
- 21.2 Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information. Failure to follow this procedure will result in a boat being scored Did Not Compete (DNC), (amends RRS 63).

## **22. PRIZES**

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded as per Appendix 1 in this Handbook.
- 22.2 Prizes will be awarded at the respective RSYS and RPEYC Annual Prizegivings.

## **23. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

- 23.1 No litter shall be disposed of overboard.
- 23.2 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to Roads and Maritime Services regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. Roads and Maritime Services 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.

- 23.3 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 23.4 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht 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.
- 23.5 Any yachts reported by Roads and Maritime Services as having contravened Roads and Maritime Services 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.
- 23.6 The attention of any competitors, involved in an accident, is drawn to the requirements of Roads and Maritime Services as published in Appendix 4 of this Handbook. Competitors are also required to notify the Sailing Office of any contact incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to Roads and Maritime Services. RSYS is obliged under the terms of its Aquatic Licence to prepare a report of all contact incidents occurring during racing whether or not injury or an insurance claim results.

## **24. SAIL NUMBERS**

- 24.1 A boat shall sail under the sail number advised on its entry form.
- 24.2 A boat shall display identical sail numbers on its sails, and sail numbers shall be clearly legible. All spinnakers shall display the sail number stated on the boat's entry form.
- 24.3 The use of any sail displaying a different number to that on the entry form must be notified to the Sailing Office not later than two (2) hours before the start of the race.
- 24.4 A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not notified the Sailing Office in accordance with clause 24.3 may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

## **25. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 25.1 **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.
- 25.2 **Competitors Declaration** – the attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in clause 20.2 of the Notice of Race.

25.3 **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, any Class Association, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The RSYS, RPEYC, sponsors, any Class Association, 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 Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner’s Responsibility.

**26. MINIMUM DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

26.1 Skippers and crew are required to be appropriately dressed at all times while racing. The minimum standard of dress is shorts and T-shirt.

**27. INSURANCE**

27.1 Boats shall have adequate current Third Party Property Liability insurance cover and Third Party Personal Liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

