

PERSEVERANCE TROPHY - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

109th GASCOIGNE CUP

Saturday 20th October 2018

Incorporating the RSYS Perseverance Trophy Series, Race 1 and CYCA SOPS, Race 2

MORNA CUP

Saturday 3rd November 2018

Incorporating the RSYS Perseverance Trophy Series, Race 2 and CYCA SOPS, Race 3

MILSON MEMORIAL CUP

Saturday 23rd March 2019

Incorporating RSYS Perseverance Trophy Series, Race 3 and CYCA SOPS, Race 9

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel St, Kirribilli, NSW, 2061, in conjunction with the CYCA & MHYC.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing as amended herein.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 4 Equipment Audit Form. In addition, all boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations 4.03 – Jackstays, Clipping Points and Static Safety Lines. Random equipment audits may be made. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 1.3 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 In the event of conflict between any of the rules and regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.6 These Sailing Instructions will take precedence for the SOPS races on 20 October, 3 November 2018 and 9 March 2019.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the RSYS Careening Cove Anchorage stairs.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect and signaled as per RRS Race Signals.
- 3.2 After this time, any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be indicated by displaying code flag L on the committee vessel and communicated on VHF channel 72.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES
Gascoigne Cup

Date of Race	Division	Scheduled Warning Signal
Saturday 20 October 2018	Division 1	1155 hrs
Saturday 20 October 2018	Division 2	1200 hrs

Morna Cup

Date of Race	Division	Scheduled Warning Signal
Saturday 3 November 2018	Division 1	1155 hrs
Saturday 3 November 2018	Division 2	1200 hrs

Milson Memorial Cup

Date of Race	Division	Scheduled Warning Signal
Saturday 23 March 2019	Division 1	1155 hrs
Saturday 23 March 2019	Division 2	1200 hrs

5 SIGNAL FLAGS AND PENNANTS

5.1 In these instructions any flags or pennants mentioned are those of the International Code of Signals. Race Signals will be as per RRS.

6 DIVISION FLAGS

6.1 Division flags will be: Division 1 Int. Code flag W
 Division 2 Int. Code flag Q

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Racing shall be conducted east of Port Jackson (Sydney Heads) between Broken Bay and Botany Bay including the waters inside Port Jackson.

8 THE COURSES and MARKS

8.1 There are three alternative courses as described below. The course to be sailed will be determined by the race committee and indicated by the corresponding numeral pennant displayed on the committee vessel prior to the first warning signal.

8.2 The starting line (SL) and finishing line (FL) for all three courses will be in the vicinity of Watsons Bay. The start and finish marks will be white inflatable marks with black tops and the lettering RSYS.

8.3 **COURSE 1 (Preferred for North, Northeast, East, Southeast, South and Southwest winds)**

8.3.1 **Course 1 Description**

SL – LB(S) - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 – FL

(PORT hand course only illustrated below – refer clause 8.3.2)



- 8.3.2 In addition to displaying the course number, the committee vessel will display a RED flag signifying Marks 1, 2 & 3 to be left to port or a GREEN flag signifying Marks 1, 2 & 3 to be left to starboard.
- 8.3.3 Mark 1 shall be approximately 2 nautical miles on bearing 090° Magnetic from outer North Head.
- 8.3.4 The race committee vessel will display on a course board before or with the first warning signal the approximate distance and magnetic compass bearing from Mark 1 to Mark 2. Mark 2 will be to windward of Mark 1.
- 8.3.5 Mark 3 is a distance mark and will be laid approximately 100 metres from Mark 2
- 8.3.6 Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be orange inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.
- 8.3.7 Mark LB is the red port lateral mark at Latitude 33.50.09S Longitude 151.16.5E (0.2nm west of Inner South Head) and shall be left to starboard when leaving the harbour.

8.4 **Course 2 (Preferred for West and Northwest winds)**

8.4.1 **COURSE 2 Description**

SL – LB(S) – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – FL

(PORT hand course only illustrated below – refer clause 8.4.2)



- 8.4.2 In addition to displaying the course number, the committee vessel will display a RED flag signifying Marks 1, 2 & 3 to be left to port or a GREEN flag signifying Marks 1, 2 & 3 to be left to starboard.
- 8.4.3 Mark 1 shall be approximately 4 nautical miles on bearing 090° Magnetic from outer North Head.
- 8.4.4 The race committee vessel will display on a course board before or with the first warning signal the approximate distance and magnetic compass bearing from Mark 1 to Mark 2. Mark 2 will be to windward of Mark 1.
- 8.4.5 Mark 3 is a distance mark and will be laid approximately 100 metres from Mark 2
- 8.4.6 Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be orange inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.
- 8.4.7 Mark LB is the red port lateral mark at Latitude 33.50.09S Longitude 151.16.5E (0.2nm west of Inner South Head) and shall be left to starboard when leaving the harbour.

8.5 **COURSE 3**

8.5.1 **Course 3 Description:**

SL – MW – ME – SIM – N2 – OB – FL (Approximately 15 nm)

8.5.2 All marks are to be left to starboard.

8.5.3 **Description of Marks**

- SL Starting line in the vicinity of Watsons Bay.
- LB Red port lateral mark at Lat 33.50.09S Long 151.16.5E (0.2nm west of Inner South Head)
- MW Manly West AS buoy, 400m SSW of Manly Wharf.
- ME Manly East AS buoy, easternmost AS buoy in Manly Cove.
- SIM Shark Island mark - AS buoy approx, 10m SE of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island. The area between the Shark Island Mark (SIM) and Shark Island is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.
- N2 Naval Buoy No.2 - approximately 250m NW of Clarke Island
- OB AS buoy Obelisk Bay.
- FL Finishing line in the vicinity of Watsons Bay.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

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

9.2 **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.

9.3 **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the AS Shark Island Mark (SIM) and Shark Island or between Shark Island and the Shark Island Light (north of Shark Island). These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

9.4 **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by 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.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be in the vicinity of Watsons Bay between an orange flag displayed on the signal gantry of the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a white inflatable mark with a black top and the lettering RSYS at the port end.

10.2 All boats shall report to the committee vessel prior to the first scheduled warning signal on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted to confirm its intention to race. Boats shall advise the number of people on board and receive an acknowledgment from the committee vessel. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.

10.3 Starting signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26.

10.4 The warning signal for Division 2 shall be made with or after the starting signal for Division 1.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.6 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

- 10.7 A boat may use prohibited propulsion after its preparatory signal to arrive at the start line, provided it shall cease using such propulsion 100 metres from the start line. It shall then immediately carry out a 360 degree turn while keeping clear of all other boats, and if the start signal has been made, start.

11 RECALLS

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The sail number of the recalled boat may be announced on VHF Channel 72. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 11.2 General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The words “general recall” may be announced several times on VHF Channel 72. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 11.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clauses 11.1 and 11.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 11.4 When a General Recall has been signaled, the order of starting will not be altered.

12 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 12.1 Any change in the course will be in accordance with RRS 33. The new laid mark will be identified with a black band.

13 SHORTENING AFTER THE START

- 13.1 RRS 32.2 applies except as amended by clause 13.2 below.
- 13.2 If flag ‘S’ is displayed on or near a mark, boats shall round/pass the mark as required (looping not necessary) and proceed directly to the finish.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be in the vicinity of Watsons Bay.
- 14.2 When viewed from the course side, the finishing line shall be between an orange flag displayed on the signal gantry of the committee vessel located at the starboard end and the course side of a white inflatable mark with a black top and the lettering RSYS at the port end.

15 TURNS PENALTIES

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The absolute time limit will be six hours after a division’s starting signal or at 1800 hours, whichever is later.
- 16.2 A boat finishing after the expiration of the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

17 PROTESTS

- 17.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61.
- 17.2 Protests must reach the RSYS Sailing Office by 1000 hours on the Monday following the race.
- 17.3 The protest committee will hear protests at the RSYS on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the race committee.
- 17.4 A protest hearing schedule will be posted on the RSYS website www.rsys.com.au on the Monday following the race.
- 17.5 It is the sole responsibility of parties who protest to present themselves to the hearing with such witnesses as may be required.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will apply subject to the following amendments:
- 18.1.1 Non Starting
Boats that came to the starting area but did not start, including boats that are DNS or OCS, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of pointscore boats that came to the starting area.

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- 18.1.2 Non Finishing
Boats that did not finish (DNF) or retired (RET) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish.
- 18.1.3 Disqualification
Boats that are disqualified (DSQ, BFD, UFD or DNE) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of pointscore boats entered in the series.
- 18.1.4 Abandonment
When a race is abandoned and not re-sailed, the race will be declared void.
- 18.2 The races covered by these sailing instructions will form part of the CYCA SOPS series as detailed in the Calendar of Events in this Handbook.
- 18.3 The races covered by these sailing instructions constitute the RSYS Perseverance Trophy, and all three races will count towards the trophy.

19 COMMITTEE VESSELS

- 19.1 The race committee vessel at the start and finish may display the RSYS race committee burgee. The burgee is the RSYS burgee with a white boarder.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 For safety reasons boats are requested to maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16 for the duration of the race.
- 20.2 The race committee will monitor for the duration of the race VHF Channel 72. The race committee may also use this channel to relay general race information.

21 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1 A boat that retires shall notify the committee vessel or the RSYS sailing office of its retirement as soon as possible by whatever means is available. If Search and Rescue operations are unnecessarily instituted due to the boat failing to make timely contact, the boat will be subject to action by the race committee under RRS 60.2(c) whereby a report will be made to the protest committee requesting action under RRS 69.1(a) – Allegation of Gross Misconduct.

22. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 22.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defense shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW 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. NSW 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 in this Handbook.

- 22.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the race committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 22.3 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.
- 22.4 Any yachts reported by NSW Roads and Maritime Services as having contravened NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor. This changes RRS 60.1.

23. PRIZES

- 23.1 Refer to NOR Clause 13.

24. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 24.1 **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.

- 24.2 **Competitors Declaration** – the attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in clause 14.2 of the Notice of Race.

24.3 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, CYCA, MHYC, 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, CYCA, MHYC, 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 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

25. INSURANCE

- 25.1 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 dollars) for each separate incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing.