

## SPRING & SUMMER SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Combined Sydney Harbour program 01 September 2018 to 17 April 2019.

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 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing except as amended herein.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a 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. In accordance with AS variation dated 12 December 2017, Etchells class boats may use anchors that comply with class rule C.5.1(a) in lieu of Special Regulations Part 1, 4.05. 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. This changes RRS Appendix A.
- 1.7 Spinnakers are not permitted in the Non-spinnaker Division. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked or attached to the forestay by a luff groove device.
- 1.8 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 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs 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 racing is postponed. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty (30) minutes' in Race Signals AP.

4.1.2 Flags N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for the Etchells, and Yngling Classes has been abandoned for the day. This changes RRS 27.3 and Race Signals.

4.2 **Signals made on the committee vessel** – will be displayed on the respective committee vessel.

4.2.1 Flags N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for the Etchells and Yngling classes has been abandoned for the day. This changes RRS 27.3 and 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:

Scheduled Time	Class or Division	Flag Displayed
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	Division 3	<b>R</b>
1305 hrs	Non Spinnaker Division	<b>F</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 and may extend west of the Sydney Harbour Bridge as far as Gladesville Bridge.

#### 7. THE COURSES

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

## INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS

COURSE 0 (N & NNE)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island WC(P) – DB – WC(P) – *DB – WC(P) – DB Finish: vicinity of Bottle and Glass Point. Approx. 12.5 nm.
COURSE 1 (NE & ENE)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island WC(P) – TB – WC(P) – TB – WC(P) – TB – WC(P) – *DB – WC(P) – DB Finish: vicinity of Bottle and Glass Point. Approx. 13.6 nm.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli RM(P) – KP(P) – RM(P) – *KP(P) – RM(P) – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 13.5 nm.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli DB(P) – KP(P) – DB(P) – KP(P) – DB(P) – *KP(P) – DB(P) – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 11.5 nm.
COURSE 4 (S)	Start vicinity of Athol Bay DB(P) – GH – RM(P) – GH – RM(P) – *GH – RM(P) – GH Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 12.5 nm.
COURSE 5 (SW)	Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DM(P) – NP – DM(P) – NP – DM(P) – *NP – DM(P) – NP Finish: vicinity of Point Piper. Approx. 13 nm.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start: vicinity of Shark Island KP(P) – RM(P) – KP(P) – *RM(P) – KP(P) – RM(P) Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 13.0 nm.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island KP(P) – PP – KP(P) – PP – KP(P) – *PP – KP(P) – PP Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 12.7 nm.
COURSE 8 Islands Races	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli N2 - FD(P) - Cockatoo Island - Snapper Island - Spectacle Island - Goat Island - *Cockatoo Island - Snapper Island - Spectacle Island Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 13 nm

## DIVISION 1

COURSES 0&1 (N & NE)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island MW – ME – *DM – MW – ME – DM Finish: vicinity of Bottle and Glass Point. Approx. 17.9 nm.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli RM(P) – KP(P) – SIM – KP(P) – SIM – *KP(P) – SIM – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 17.1 nm.
COURSE 3 (SE)	<b>Normal Finish</b> Start: vicinity of Kirribilli DB(P) – OB – RM – CB – RM – SIM – *TB – RM – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 15 nm.
COURSE 3 + Flag 'O' (SE)	<b>Kirribilli Finish</b> Start: vicinity of Kirribilli DB(P) – OB – RM – CB – RM – *SIM – TB – RM – KP(P) – RM. Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 16.9 nm.

## DIVISION 1 (cont'd)

COURSE 4 (S)	Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DB(P) – MW – ME – *NP – MW – ME Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 15.2 nm.
COURSE 5 (SW)	Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DM(P) – MW – ME – SIM – *LB – NP – LB Finish: vicinity of Point Piper). Approx. 15.5 nm.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start: vicinity of Shark Island KP(P) – SIM – KP(P) – *SIM – KP(P) – RM(P) Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 13 nm.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island KP(P) – PP – KP(P) – RM(P) – KP(P) – *PP – KP(P) – RM(P) Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 13.3 nm
COURSE 8 Islands Races	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli N2 – FD(P) – Cockatoo Island – Goat Island – *Cockatoo Island – Goat Island – Cockatoo Island Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx.15.5 nm

## DIVISION 2

COURSE 0 (N & NNE)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island MW – ME – *DM – EC – DM Finish: vicinity of Bottle and Glass Point. Approx. 14.2 nm
COURSE 1 (NE & ENE)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island CP – DM – *NP – DM – NP – DM Finish: vicinity of Bottle and Glass Point. Approx. 14.3 nm
COURSE 2 (E)	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli RM(P) – CB – EC – KP(P) – PP – *N3– SIM – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 12.7 nm.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli DB(P) – OB – RB – *KP(P) – RB – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 13.0 nm.
COURSE 4 (S)	<b>Normal Finish</b> Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DB (P) – MW – ME – NP – *CB – SIM – CB Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 11.8 nm.
COURSE 4 + Flag O (S)	<b>Kirribilli Finish</b> Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DB (P) – MW – ME – NP – CB – *SIM– CB – SIM Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 13.4 nm.
COURSE 5 (SW)	Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DM(P) – BB – N3 – EC – N3 – *BB – NP – BB Finish: vicinity of Point Piper. Approx. 13.2 nm.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start: vicinity of Shark Island KP(P) – NP – SIM – KP(P) – *RM(P) – KP(P) – RM(P) Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 13.5 nm.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island KP(P) – DB(P) – EC – SIM – KP(P) – *PP – KP(P) – PP Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 13.0 nm.

## DIVISION 2 (cont'd)

COURSE 8 Islands Races	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli N2 - FD(P) - Cockatoo Island - Snapper Island - Spectacle Island - Goat Island - *Cockatoo Island - Snapper Island - Spectacle Island Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 13 nm
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## DIVISION 3 and NON-SPINNAKER DIVISION

COURSES 0&1 (N & NE)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island BB – NP – BB – *DM – BB – SIM – PP Finish: vicinity of Bottle and Glass Point. Approx. 10.5 nm.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli RM(P) – CB – SIM – *KP(P) – SIM – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 11.5 nm.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli DB(P) – CB – RM – *KP(P) – RM – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 11.5nm.
COURSE 4 (S)	<b>Normal Finish</b> Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DB(P) – OB – NP – *CB – SIM – OB Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 10.2 nm.
COURSE 4 + Flag O (S)	<b>Kirribilli Finish</b> <i>Start: vicinity of Athol Bay</i> DB(P) – OB – NP – CB – *SIM – OB – SIM <i>Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 11.7 nm.</i>
COURSE 5 (SW)	Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DM(P) – BB – PP – *NP – PP – BB Finish: vicinity of Point Piper. Approx. 11 nm.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start: vicinity of Shark Island KP(P) – PP – KP(P) – *SIM – KP(P) – PP Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 10.2 nm.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island KP(P) – DB(P) – *RM(P) – KP(P) – DB(P) – RM(P) Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 9.2 nm.
COURSE 8 Islands Races	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli N2 - FD(P) - *Cockatoo Island - Goat Island - Cockatoo Island Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 11.5 nm

## INTERNATIONAL YNGLING CLASS

COURSE 0 (N & NNE)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island BB - *PP – BB – PP Finish: vicinity of Bottle and Glass Point. Approx. 8.8 nm.
COURSE 1 (NE & ENE)	Start: vicinity of Clarke island NP – *DB – NP – DB Finish: vicinity of Bottle and Glass Point. Approx. 8 nm.

## INTERNATIONAL YNGLING CLASS (cont'd)

COURSE 2 (E)	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli SIM – *KP(P) – SIM – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 8.5 nm.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli PP – *KP(P) – PP – KP(P) Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 7.2 nm.
COURSE 4 (S)	<b>Normal Finish</b> Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DB(P) – TB – PP – *TB - PP – CB Finish: vicinity of Woollahra Point. Approx. 7.5 nm.
COURSE 4 + Flag O (S)	<b>Kirribilli Finish</b> <i>Start: vicinity of Athol Bay</i> <i>DB(P) - TB - PP - TB - *PP - CB - PP</i> <i>Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 8.7 nm.</i>
COURSE 5 (SW)	Start: vicinity of Athol Bay DM(P) - NP - DM(P) - *NP - DM(P) – NP Finish: vicinity of Point Piper. Approx. 9.5 nm.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start: vicinity of Shark Island KP(P) - *PP - KP(P) – PP Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 7.2 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start: vicinity of Clarke Island KP(P) – DB(P) - KP(P) – *DB(P) - KP(P) – DB(P) Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 7.8 nm..
COURSE 8 Islands Races	Start: vicinity of Kirribilli N2 - FD(P) - *Goat Island - Cockatoo Island Finish: vicinity of Kirribilli. Approx. 7.5 nm

- 7.2 The course to be sailed will be:
- signalled with or before the warning signal
  - indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant
  - indicated by flag O being displayed with the appropriate numeral pennant when there is a Kirribilli Finish as per clause 7.6.
- 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 left to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be left 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 and Yngling classes. This changes RRS 27.1, 32, 40 and Race Signals.
- 7.6 **Kirribilli Finishes** - 1 September, 6 October, 10 November, 15 December 2018, 19 January, 9 February, 16 March & 6 April 2019 are designated days when races will finish in the vicinity of Kirribilli, instead of the normal finishing line. On these designated dates the race committee will display flag O with the appropriate course numeral pennant 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 the finish at Kirribilli, except where a specific course with a Kirribilli Finish is detailed in clause 7.1 above.

7.7 **Islands Races** – 8 December, 16 February and 2 March are designated Islands Races, taking competitors west of the Harbour Bridge. On these designated dates, the race committee will signal course 8 with the start and finish in the vicinity of Kirribilli. Competitors' attention is drawn to clause 10 Areas that are Obstructions in these sailing instructions and to Appendix 9 in this Handbook.

## 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 leaving the mark indicated by an asterisk (\*) in the courses listed in clause 7.1. This changes 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 109 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. This changes RRS 34.

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

10.1 **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the areas 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 (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.

10.4 **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.

10.5 **Spectacle and Snapper Islands**

- Boats shall not sail between the naval barges and their moorings/piles or between the barges or their moorings/piles and the shore at Spectacle Island. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.
- Boats shall not sail between the western tip of Spectacle Island and the first of the naval moorings/piles to the north east. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.
- Boats shall not sail through the area between Spectacle and Snapper Islands. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.

- 10.6 **Goat Island** – boats shall not sail between Goat Island and the Red Channel Marker north west of the island. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.
- 10.7 **Circular Quay** – boats shall not enter the waters of Sydney Cove, south of a straight line between the northern tip of Bennelong Point and the northern face of the southern pylons of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.
- 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, as amended herein.
- 12.2 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed, except at the discretion of the race committee.
- 12.3 Any race not completed on the scheduled day will not be re-sailed.
- 13. THE START**
- 13.1 Starting signals will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 13.2 The Starting Lines will be in the following locations or as advised by the race committee:
- N, NNE, NE, ENE and NW winds – in the vicinity of Clarke Island
  - W winds. – in the vicinity of Shark Island
  - E and SE winds and Islands Races – in the vicinity of Kirribilli
  - S and SW winds – in the vicinity of Athol Bay.
- 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. This changes 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. This changes RRS 63.
- 13.9 There may be more than one RSYS or RPEYC race committee vessels on the water. It is the obligation of each skipper to identify the correct location of the 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. This changes RRS 29.
- 14.4 When a black flag or a U flag has been displayed, and there has been no general recall, any boat identified as BFD or UFD may be advised on VHF Channel 73. This changes RRS 30.3 and 30.4.
- 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, except where a course is designated to finish at Kirribilli as per clause 7.6:
- Courses 0 and 1 – in the vicinity of Bottle and Glass Point
  - Courses 2, 3 and 4 – in the vicinity of Woollahra Point
  - Course 5 – in the vicinity of Point Piper
  - Courses 6, 7, Islands Races and those with a Kirribilli finish as per clause 7.6 – in the vicinity of Kirribilli.
- 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 will 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. This changes 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). This changes RRS 35.

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

- 19.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by clauses 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. This changes 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. This changes RRS 63.1 and 63.3 (b).

## **20. SCORING**

20.1 **Scoring System** - the Low Point 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**

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.

Boats that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of pointscore boats entered in the series.

### **20.1.2 Non Finishing**

For one design fleets (Etchells and Ynglings), boats that did not finish (DNF) or retired (RET) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of pointscore boats that came to the starting area.

For mixed fleet divisions (Divisions 1, 2, 3 and the Non-spinnaker Division), 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.

### **20.1.3 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.

### **20.1.4 Abandonment**

When a race is abandoned and not re-sailed, the race will be declared void.

## **20.2 RSYS Pointscores**

### **20.2.1 Mixed Divisions (1, 2, 3 and the Non-spinnaker Division)**

- 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.
- Boats competing in the mixed division racing shall:
  - drop their worst five (5) scores in the MAIN series
  - drop their worst three (3) scores in the SPR series and their worst two (2) scores in the SUM series
- Boats entered in the SIS shall drop any two (2) scores.

#### 20.2.2 Etchells 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.
- The Etchells class shall:
  - drop their worst two (2) scores in the MAIN series
  - drop their worst (1) score in each of the the SPR and SUM series
- The Etchells Club Championship shall consist of races from both Spring/ Summer and Mini Regattas. Races selected are detailed in the 2018-2019 Calendar of Events.
- For the Etchells Club Championship, RRS Appendix A is changed so that:
  - in the event of five (5) or less races being completed, all races will count
  - in the event of six (6) to ten (10) races being completed, a boat shall drop its worst score (1 drop)
  - in the event of eleven (11) to sixteen (16) races being completed, a boat shall drop its worst two scores (2 drops).

#### 20.2.3 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
- The Yngling class shall:
  - drop their worst two (2) scores in the MAIN series
  - drop their worst (1) score in each of the SPR and SUM series
  - drop their worst two (2) scores in the 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 its worst (1) score 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 or Yngling owner who has entered for the season and who purchases a replacement Etchells 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. This changes 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 will 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 DSQ. This changes 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. 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.
- 23.6 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 when entering.
- 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 when entering.
- 24.3 The use of any sail displaying a different number 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 or which has illegible sail numbers 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 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

**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.

