

SUNDAY TWILIGHT 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 the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

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. 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 Spinnakers are not permitted in the Non-Spinnaker Open 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.
- 1.7 Spinnakers may be flown by boats in the Combined One Design Division.
- 1.8 Due to the handicap start a boat may use prohibited propulsion until four minutes prior to her starting time. A boat that uses prohibited propulsion after this time to arrive at the start line shall carry out a minimum 360 degree turn (including one tack & one gybe), keeping clear of all other boats, after ceasing to use such propulsion and before starting. This changes RRS 42.1.
- 1.9 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 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. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as detailed in the Notice of Race and Calendar of Events included in this Handbook.

- 5.2 The list of entries shall show each boat's starting time and division.

- 5.3 It is the responsibility of all boats to check their start times before each race and any boat not receiving written notification should consult the official list of entries displayed on the Official Notice Board at the RSYS.

- 5.4 The official time will be available from the Sailing Office or from the race officials or by dialling the Telstra recorded time service on 1194.

- 5.5 The starting time of the limit boat in the Non-Spinnaker Division will be no earlier than 1630 hours and for the Combined One Design Division no earlier than 1645 hours.

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 foldout page of this Handbook.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 **Non-Spinnaker Open Division:** Starting Line – N2(P) – BB – SIM– Finishing Line. Approx. 6.5 nm.

Combined One Design Division: Starting Line – N2(P) – CB – PP – Finishing Line. Approx. 5 nm.

- 7.2 Boats shall proceed to all marks shown in clause 7.1 above in the order listed and leave each mark on the required side.

- 7.3 Leave all marks to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be left to PORT.

- 7.4 **Shortened Course** – indicated by flag S displayed from the Club flag mast no later than five minutes before the start of the first boat. To assist competitors, an additional flag S may be displayed from the Careening Cove Terrace. In the event that a shortened course is signalled, the shortened course detailed below shall be sailed. This changes RRS 32 and Race Signals.

Non-Spinnaker Open Division: Starting Line – N2(P) – SIM – Finishing Line. Approx 4.5 miles.

Combined One Design Division: Starting Line – N2(P) – PP – Finishing Line. Approx. 3.1 nm.

8. MARKS AND BUOYS

Marks and buoys will be as described in the list on page 109 of the Squadron Handbook.

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.
- 9.5 At all times boats shall avoid interfering with the Neutral Bay ferry service.

10. HANDICAPS

- 10.1 The handicaps will apply at the start and will determine the start time for each boat. Handicaps are subject to adjustment after each race has been finalised.
- 10.2 When flag “S” is displayed at the start in accordance with clause 7.4 above, race results will be calculated using TCF handicaps. The elapsed time will be based on each boat’s start time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first. This instruction shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 & 60.2.

11. POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT

- 11.1 Postponement and abandonment signals as described in RRS 27.3, 32 and Race Signals will be displayed on the Club flag mast. This changes RRS 27.3 and 32.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The Starting Line will be located off the RSYS Clubhouse and will be between two (2) orange inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS. Boats are required to start between these marks in the direction of the first mark of the course.
- 12.2 There will be no warning or other starting signals displayed by the race committee. It is the responsibility of each boat to start no earlier than its official starting time. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.3 Boats shall not pass through the Starting Line in either direction unless they are officially starting. A boat that infringes this clause will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 63 and Appendix A.
- 12.4 The starting area is to be kept clear except for boats within four minutes of their start time. Skippers preparing to set sails or practising starting manoeuvres should be aware of their potential to interfere with boats starting. It is recommended that skippers prepare for racing in the area to the east of the start line.

13. RECALL

13.1 There will be no recall signals. It is the responsibility of each boat to determine whether she is over the Starting Line before her starting time. This changes RRS 29.

13.2 A boat that infringes clause 13.1 above and fails to restart to the satisfaction of the race committee will be scored as OCS.

14. RETIREMENT

14.1 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 club on 9955 7171.

15. THE FINISH

15.1 The Finishing Line off the RSYS Clubhouse will be between two (2) orange inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

15.2 When finishing, boats shall cross the Finishing Line leaving the eastern mark to starboard and the western mark to port.

15.3 After finishing and clearing the Finishing Line, boats shall not cross the Finishing Line in either direction. A boat that infringes this clause will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 63 and Appendix A.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 1900 hours.

16.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that have started and not finished by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by clauses 17.2, 17.3 and 17.4 below.

17.2 Protests should be lodged on the World Sailing prescribed form available from the Sailing Office. All protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office.

17.3 If the RSYS Sailing Office is closed, protests may be placed in the Sailing Office letter box.

17.4 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event. This changes RRS 61.

17.5 Protests will be heard at the RSYS Clubhouse on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the race committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.

17.6 Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.

17.7 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).

18. SCORING

18.1 **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:

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.

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.

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 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 **Races dropped** - Boats shall drop any one (1) race.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded as per Appendix 1 in this Handbook.

19.2 Prizes for each race will be presented to eligible placegetters on the RSYS Careening Cove Anchorage Terrace after the finish of each race.

20. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

20.1 No litter shall be disposed of overboard.

20.2 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.

20.3 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the race committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

20.4 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.

20.5 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.

20.6 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.

21. SAIL NUMBERS

- 21.1 A boat shall sail under the sail number advised when entering.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 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.
- 21.4 A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not notified the Sailing Office in accordance with clause 21.3 or which has illegible sail numbers may be subject to protest by the race committee.

22. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 22.1 **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.
- 22.2 **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.
- 22.3 **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, 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, 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.

23. MINIMUM DRESS REQUIREMENTS

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

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1 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.