



Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series 2017

Sailing Instructions

The organising authority is the Royal Australian Naval Sailing Association (RANSA), Sydney Amateur Sailing Club (SASC), Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC) & Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing (WS) as amended.
- 1.2 The series is open to all boats of mono hull construction who shall have a current valid 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 attached to the boat.
- 1.3 All boats should carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio should be switched on at all times and tuned to the race committee frequency.
- 1.4 Non-spinnaker divisions are not permitted to fly spinnakers. 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. 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 Yachts shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 1.6 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Boards at RANSA, SASC, RPEYC & RSYS. Notices will also be available to competitors on each club's website.
- 2.2 The List of Entries will be placed on the Official Notice Boards no later than two (2) hours before the start of the event.

3 CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Organising Authority reserves the right to change the schedule of events should it be deemed necessary. Changes will be available in writing to all entrants as per SI 2.1.
- 3.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to alter these Sailing Instructions. Changes will be available in writing to all entrants as per SI 2.1.
- 3.3 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000hrs on the day of the race. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before the race.

4 SPECIAL SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore – will be displayed at RANSA, SASC & RSYS on the club flag masts. 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)
- 4.2 Signals made on the Committee Vessel – will be displayed on the respective duty Committee Vessel.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The following races are scheduled;

Date	Race No.	Committee	Vessel	Notes
Sat 6 May	Race 1	SASC	Capt. Amora	
Sat 13 May	Race 2	RSYS	Mischief	
Sat 20 May	Race 3	SASC	Capt. Amora	
Sat 27 May	Race 4	RSYS	Mischief	
Sat 3 June	Race 5	RSYS	Mischief	SASC Social Event
Sat 10 June	Long weekend no racing			
Sat 17 June	Race 6	RANSA	RANSA One	
Sat 24 June	Race 7	SASC	Capt. Amora	RANSA Social Event
Sat 1 July	Race 8	RSYS	Mischief	
Sat 8 July	Race 9	SASC	Capt. Amora	
Sat 15 July	Race 10	RANSA	RANSA One	
Sat 22 July	Race 11	SASC	Capt. Amora	RSYS Social Event
Sat 29 July	Race 12	RSYS	Mischief	
Sat 5 August	Race 13	RANSA	RANSA One	
Sat 12 August	Race 14	RANSA	RANSA One	
Sat 19 August	Race 15	RANSA	RANSA One	

6 START TIME & CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each division and the respective division flag are;

Scheduled Time	Division	Flag Displayed
1220 hrs	Super 30	B
1225 hrs	Division 1	Q
1230 hrs	Division 2/ Sportsboat	D
1235 hrs	Division 3	E
1240 hrs	Classics	C
1245 hrs	Non-spinnaker	H

6.2 Additional divisions may be added or existing divisions deleted from those shown above, depending on the number of entries received.

7 RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

8 COURSES

8.1 Course descriptions as per Appendix 1 at the conclusion of the SI's.

8.2 The course to be sailed will be;

- Signalled with or before the warning signal
- Indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

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

8.4 All marks are to be passed to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.

9 MARKS

Mark descriptions as per Appendix 1 at the conclusion of the SI's.

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 YA 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 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the orange inflatable buoy marked with either SASC, RANSA or RSYS.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- 12.2 To assist competitors, the Race Committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF 73 (amends RRS 29.2 & 29.3).
- 12.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 12.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.

13 RETIREMENT

Boats which retire from a race before finishing are required to notify the Race Committee by direct contact or on VHF 73, or by phoning the appropriate race committee vessel of the day, RANSA 0424 484 513, SASC 0419 625 883 or the RSYS 0404 499 970.

14 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the orange inflatable buoy marked with either SASC, RANSA or RSYS

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44 shall apply to all division and all classes.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The absolute time limit for each race will be **1630 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), (amends RRS 35).

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by 17.2, 17.3 and 17.4 below.
- 17.2 Protests should be lodged on the WS prescribed form available from the respective clubs websites and offices. All protests shall be lodged at the duty club of the day (RANSA, SASC & RSYS).
- 17.3 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event. (Amends RRS 61)
- 17.4 Protests will be heard at the clubhouse of the duty or conducting club on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the relevant Combined Clubs Race Committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.
- 17.5 Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply. NOR 12.2 & SI 18.2 amends Appendix A.
- 18.2 The following series shall comprise of;
- RANSA Trophy (15 races) – a boat shall drop any three (3) races.
 - RSYS Trophy (12 races) – a boat shall drop any two (2) races.
 - SASC Trophy (6 races) – a boat shall drop any one (1) race, except if fewer than six races are completed, no score will be excluded.

19 ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

- 19.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to on-board skill level should be notified in writing to either RANSA, SASC, RPEYC or RSYS no later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap and a boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 19.2 It is the skipper's obligation to declare any change in or addition to the sail wardrobe including new and replacement sails.

20 COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 The Race Frequency is VHF channel 73.
- 20.2 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 73, or by phoning the appropriate race committee vessel of the day, RANSA 0424 484 513, SASC 0419 625 883 or the RSYS 0404 499 970.
- 20.3 No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the race except in an emergency.
- 20.4 The Race Committee may use the radio (VHF 73) to advise competitors of race information.

21 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 21.1 Risk Warning – As per NOR 13.1
- 21.2 Competitors Declaration – As per NOR 13.2
- 21.3 Disclaimer of Liability – As per NOR 13.3

22 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 22.1 No litter shall be disposed of overboard
- 22.2 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence 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.* 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 amends RRS 63.1). Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.
- 22.5 Competitors are required to notify the duty club (RANSA, SASC or RSYS) of any contact incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW Roads and Maritime Services. RANSA, SASC & RSYS are 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.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Series prizes shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each division of each series.
- 23.2 Presentation times for series awards will be advised closer to the time.
- 23.3 Weekly prizes may be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each division at the discretion of each club in the combined winter series.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

- RANSA email: office@ransa.com.au or telephone: (02) 9363 9939
- SASC email: racing@sasc.com.au or telephone: (02) 99531433
- RSYS email: sailing@rsys.com.au or telephone: (02) 9017 0152
- RPEYC email: secretary@rpeyc.com.au or telephone (02) 9363 5809

Appendix 1 – Courses

COURSE 1 – NORTH EAST										
Class/Fleet	Start Area								Finish Area	Length (nm)
Super30/ Div 1	Point Piper	LB	N2	BB	SIM	N2			Athol Bay	11
Div 2/ Sportsboat	Point Piper	LB	N2	BB	SIM	N2			Athol Bay	11
Div 3/ Div 4	Point Piper	BB	N2	EC	SIM	N2			Athol Bay	9
Classics	Point Piper	BB	N2	EC	SIM	N2			Athol Bay	9
Non-spinnaker	Point Piper	BB	N2	EC	SIM	N2			Athol Bay	9
COURSE 2 - WEST										
Class/Fleet	Start Area								Finish Area	Length (nm)
Super30/ Div 1	Shark Island	N2	LB	N2	BB	SIM	N3		Robertson Point	12
Div 2/ Sportsboat	Shark Island	N2	LB	N2	BB	SIM	N3		Robertson Point	12
Div 3/ Div 4	Shark Island	N2	BB	N2	EC	SIM	N3		Robertson Point	10
Classics	Shark Island	N2	BB	N2	EC	SIM	N3		Robertson Point	10
Non-spinnaker	Shark Island	N2	BB	N2	EC	SIM	N3		Robertson Point	10
COURSE 3 - NORTH										
Class/Fleet	Start Area								Finish Area	Length (nm)
Super30/ Div 1	Shark Island	OB	RB	OB	SIM	TB			Vicinity of N2	11
Div 2/ Sportsboat	Shark Island	OB	RB	OB	SIM	TB			Vicinity of N2	11
Div 3/ Div 4	Shark Island	OB	RB	OB	SIM				Vicinity of N2	9
Classics	Shark Island	OB	RB	OB	SIM				Vicinity of N2	9
Non-spinnaker	Shark Island	OB	RB	OB	SIM				Vicinity of N2	9
COURSE 4 – SOUTH / SE										
Class/Fleet	Start Area								Finish Area	Length (nm)
Super30/ Div 1	Vicinity of N3	LM1 (p)	OB	RB	OB	SIM	TB		Vicinity of N2	11
Div 2/ Sportsboat	Vicinity of N3	LM1 (p)	OB	RB	OB	SIM	TB		Vicinity of N2	11
Div 3/ Div 4	Vicinity of N3	LM1 (p)	OB	RB	OB	SIM			Vicinity of N2	9
Classics	Vicinity of N3	LM1 (p)	OB	RB	OB	SIM			Vicinity of N2	9
Non-spinnaker	Vicinity of N3	LM1 (p)	OB	RB	OB	SIM			Vicinity of N2	9

Mark Descriptions

The following descriptions of marks and buoys are to be read in conjunction with the Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions.

- BB - Beashel Mark - YA buoy, south-west of Sow and Pigs.
- CI - Clarke Island - Summit of Clarke Island and pile south of Clarke Island.
- EC - Eastern Channel - YA buoy approximately 100m west of the Eastern Channel Pile light.
- LB - Lady Bay Mark – YA buoy off northern end of Lady Bay.
- LM1 - Laid Mark Orange inflatable buoy marked with either RANSA, SASO or RSYA located at the entrance Double Bay and east Darling Point.
- N2 - Naval Buoy No. 2 – Approximately 250m North West of Clarke Island.
- N3 - Naval Buoy No. 3 – Approximately 200m North of Clarke Island.
- OB - Obelisk Bay Mark, YA buoy east of Obelisk Beach.
- RB - Rose Bay East Mark, YA buoy in Rose Bay approximately 200m off the eastern shore of Rose Bay in front of the convent.
- SIM - Shark Island Mark, YA buoy approx. 10m south east of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island (leave Shark Island to starboard).
- TB - Taylors Bay Mark, YA buoy in Taylors Bay.