



# Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Winter Series 2020

## Sailing Instructions

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

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS) as amended.
- 1.2 This series will be sailed as a **Non-Spinnaker event for ALL Divisions** until such time that the Australian Government, review Stage 2 of the current COVID-19 restrictions, at which point consideration will be undertaken by the Combined Clubs Race Committee to modify these restrictions.
- 1.3 **All boats are required to submit a COVID Crew Contacts Form** via the conducting club's website prior to 1000 hours on each day that the boat intends on racing in this series. Boats not complying with this requirement shall be scored DNC for the relevant race. This changes 63.1.
- 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. The forestay is as defined in the current World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing. Coutu boats or similar craft are exempted from this provision where the forestay is integrated in the headsail luff.
- 1.5 While racing there is a requirement to maintain 1.5m social distancing where reasonably practical.
- 1.6 Yachts shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes 63.7.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at RANSA, SASC and RSYS on the club flag masts. Flag AP with two sounds indicates the race is postponed.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The following races are scheduled:

Date	RANSA/RSYS	SASC	Race Committee
Sat 13 June	Race 1	Race 1	RSYS
Sat 20 June	Race 2	Race 2	RANSA
Sat 27 June	Race 3	Race 3	SASC/RPEYC
Sat 4 July	Race 4	Race 4	RSYS
Sat 11 July	Race 5		SASC/RPEYC
Sat 18 July	Race 6	Race 5	RANSA
Sat 25 July	Race 7		SASC/RPEYC
Sat 1 Aug	Race 8	Race 6	RSYS
Sat 9 Aug	Race 9		RSYS

## 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
1225 hrs	Division 1	Q
1230 hrs	Division 2	D
1240 hrs	Classics	C
1245 hrs	Non-spinnaker Div 1	H
1250 hrs	Non-spinnaker Div 2	V

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 are as per Appendix 1 at the conclusion of these 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 these SI's.

## 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 the cardinal mark south of 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 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 course side of an orange inflatable buoy marked with either SASC, RANSA or RSYS. The Committee Vessel will be identified by the applicable Club burgee.

- 11.3 Boats intending to race are required to report to the Race Officials aboard the Committee Vessel before the start and receive acknowledgement. Failure to observe this requirement may result in a boat being scored DNC.

## **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 This changes RRS 29.1 and 29.2.
- 12.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 12.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **13 RETIREMENT**

- 13.1 Boats which retire from a race before finishing shall notify the Race Committee by direct contact, on VHF 73 or by phoning the appropriate Duty Club of the day:
- RANSA telephone: 0424 484 513
  - SASC telephone: 0419 625 883
  - RSYS telephone: 0418 645 032

## **14 THE FINISH**

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

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44 shall apply to all divisions.

## **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). 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 17.2, 17.3 and 17.4 below.
- 17.2 Protests should be lodged on the WS prescribed form available from the respective club websites and offices. All protests shall be lodged in person or by electronic means with the duty club of the day (RANSA, SASC or RSYS).
- 17.3 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event. This changes RRS 61.
- 17.4 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 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A9 and the amendments detailed in clauses 18.2, 18.3 and 18.4 below.
- 18.2 Pointscores and the number of races discarded are as follows;
- RANSA and RSYS Series (9 races) – a boat shall drop any two (2) races.
  - SASC/RPEYC Series (6 races) – a boat shall drop anyone (1) race, except if fewer than five races are completed, no score will be excluded.
- 18.3 All Pointscores are open to block entries only. This changes RRS Appendix A2.2.
- 18.4 Scoring System
- (a) Non Starting  
Boats that come to the starting area but do 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 come to the starting area.  
Boats that do 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.
- (b) Non Finishing  
A boat 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.
- (c) Disqualification  
Boats which are disqualified (DSQ or DNE) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore block entries plus one point.

## **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 obligation of the Person in Charge 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 Boats which retire from a race before finishing are required to notify the Race Committee by direct contact (as indicated below) or on VHF channel 73.
- RANSA Committee Vessel on 0466 799 194
  - SASC Committee Vessel on 0419 625 883
  - RSYS Committee Vessel on 0418 645 032
- 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 channel 73) to advise competitors of race information.

## **21 RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 21.1 Risk Warning – As per notice of race 14.1
- 21.2 Competitors Declaration – As per notice of race 14.2 & 14.3
- 21.3 Disclaimer of Liability – As per notice of race 14.4
- 21.4 COVID-19 Requirements - “It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that they have read, understood and comply with the relevant Club’s COVID-19 protocols including but not limited to hygiene, distancing and crew recording and tracing requirements”.

## **22 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 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.
- 22.3 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.
- 22.4 Competitors are required to notify the duty club (RANSA, SASC/RPEYC 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/RPEYC & RSYS are obliged under the terms of their Exemption Orders 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:office@ransa.com.au) or telephone: (02) 9363 9939
- SASC email: [racing@sasc.com.au](mailto:racing@sasc.com.au) or telephone: (02) 9953 6597
- RSYS email: [sailing@rsys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rsys.com.au) or telephone: (02) 9017 0152
- RPEYC email: [secretary@rpeyc.com.au](mailto:secretary@rpeyc.com.au) or telephone (02) 9363 5809