

2021 Sydney Harbour Combined Club's Winter Series

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '[DP]' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing applicable to Category 7 races.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at RANSA, RPEYC and RSYS. Notices may also be made available to competitors on each club's website.
- 3.2 The List of Entries will be placed on the clubs' websites and official notice boards no later than 2 hours before the start of each race.
- 3.2 The race office shall be the Race or Sailing Office of any of the participating clubs as follows:
- RANSA email: office@ransa.com.au or telephone: (02) 9363 9939
RSYS email: sailing@rsys.com.au or telephone: (02) 9017 0152
RPEYC email: secretary@rpeyc.com.au or telephone (02) 9363 5809
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at RANSA, RPEYC and RSYS.
- 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	Full Series	Half Series	Host Club
Sat 1 May	Race 1	Race 1	RSYS
Sat 8 May	Race 2		RANSA
Sat 15 May	Race 3	Race 2	RSYS
Sat 22 May	Race 4		RPEYC
Sat 29 May	Race 5	Race 3	RANSA
Sat 5 Jun	Race 6		RPEYC
Sat 12 Jun	Long weekend no racing		
Sat 19 Jun	Race 7	Race 4	RSYS
Sat 26 Jun	Race 8		RANSA
Sat 3 Jul	Race 9	Race 5	RPEYC
Sat 10 Jul	Race 10		RSYS
Sat 17 Jul	Race 11		RANSA
Sat 24 Jul	Race 12	Race 6	RPEYC

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each division and the respective class flags are as follows

Scheduled Time	Division	Flag Displayed
1225 hrs	Division 1	Q
1230 hrs	Division 2	D
1235 hrs	Division 3	C
1240 hrs	Non-spinnaker Division 1	H
1245 hrs	Non-spinnaker Division 2	J

5.3 Divisions may be deleted or combined at the discretion of the race committee depending on the number of entries received.

6 RACING AREA

6.1 Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

7 COURSES

7.1 Courses are described in Appendix 1.

8.2 Courses will be signalled by numeral pennant.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks are described in Appendix 1.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Cardinal Marks – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are obstructions.

10.2 Moorings – Except for Naval moorings, boats shall not sail within mooring areas.

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 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 obstructions.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

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

11.4 The race committee may advise competitors of recalls on VHF 73. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 In addition to the penalties prescribed in RRS 44, a boat that may have broken a rule may take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The race time limit is 1630.

15.2 Boats that have started and have not retired or finished before the race time limit shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 The protest time limit is 1000 on the first working day after the race.

16.2 Protests or requests for redress may be delivered to any one of the race offices, which will pass them on to the relevant club to arrange the hearing.

16.3 Hearing request forms are available from the race offices and at [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/protestform-\[976\].doc](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/protestform-[976].doc).

16.4 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 ARBITRATION

17.1 Arbitration may take place in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [NP] Boats shall comply with the following with regard to commercial shipping.

(a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the Seagoing Ship

(b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the Orange Diamond.

- (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- (d) Boats reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be scored DNE (Did Not Enter) without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 [DP] Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 18.4 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.5 Boats shall report any incident involving Injury or Significant Damage likely to costs more than \$5000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 20.1 The Committee Vessel will be identified by the applicable Club burgee.

Appendix 1 - Courses

COURSE 1 – NORTH and NORTH EAST									
Class/Fleet	Start Area							Finish Area	Length (nm)
Division 1	Point Piper	LB	N2	BB	SIM	N2		Athol Bay	11
Division 2	Point Piper	BB	N2	EC	SIM	N2		Athol Bay	9
Division 3	Point Piper	NP	N2	NP	SIM	N2		Athol Bay	8
Non-spinnaker Div 1	Point Piper	BB	N2	EC	SIM	N2		Athol Bay	9
Non-spinnaker Div 2	Point Piper	NP	N2	NP	SIM	N2		Athol Bay	8
COURSE 2 – WEST and NORTH WEST									
Class/Fleet	Start Area							Finish Area	Length (nm)
Division 1	Shark Island	LM1	RB	N2	RB	LM1	SIM	Robertson Point	12
Division 2	Shark Island	LM1	PP	N2	PP	LM1	SIM	Robertson Point	10
Division 3	Shark Island	N2	PP	N2	PP	LM1	SIM	Robertson Point	9
Non-spinnaker Div 1	Shark Island	LM1	PP	N2	PP	LM1	SIM	Robertson Point	10
Non-spinnaker Div 2	Shark Island	N2	PP	N2	PP	LM1	SIM	Robertson Point	9
COURSE 3 – EAST and SOUTH EAST									
Class/Fleet	Start Area							Finish Area	Length (nm)
Division 1	Robertson Point	RB	LM1	SIM	LM1	SIM	LM1	Vicinity of N2	11
Division 2	Robertson Point	PP	LM1	PP	LM1	SIM	LM1	Vicinity of N2	9
Division 3	Robertson Point	N2	LM1	N2	LM1	SIM	LM1	Vicinity of N2	8
Non-spinnaker Div 1	Robertson Point	PP	LM1	PP	LM1	SIM	LM1	Vicinity of N2	9
Non-spinnaker Div 2	Robertson point	N2	LM1	N2	LM1	SIM	LM1	Vicinity of N2	8
COURSE 4 – SOUTH & SOUTH WEST									
Class/Fleet	Start Area							Finish Area	Length (nm)
Division 1	Athol Bay	N2(P)	OB	SIM	OB	SIM	TB	Vicinity of N2	11
Division 2	Athol Bay	N2(P)	GH	SIM	OB	SIM		Vicinity of N2	9
Division 3	Athol Bay	N2(P)	CB	SIM	OB	SIM		Vicinity of N2	8
Non-spinnaker Div 1	Athol Bay	N2(P)	GH	SIM	OB	SIM		Vicinity of N2	9
Non-spinnaker Div 2	Athol Bay	N2(P)	CB	SIM	OB	SIM		Vicinity of N2	8

Mark Descriptions

The following are descriptions of marks and buoys

- BB - Beashel Mark - AS buoy south-west of Sow and Pigs.
- CB - Chowder Bay Mark - AS buoy off the southern shore of Chowder Bay (the southernmost buoy of the two AS buoys in Chowder Bay).
- EC - Eastern Channel Mark - AS buoy approximately 100m north of the Eastern Channel Pile light.
- GH - Georges Head Mark - AS buoy approx 200m south west of Georges Head.
- LB - Lady Bay Mark - AS buoy off northern end of Lady Bay.
- LM1 - Laid Mark Orange inflatable buoy marked with either RANSA, RPEYC or RSYS located south west of Robertson Point.
- NP - Neilson Park Mark - AS buoy approximately 100m south west of the red navigation pile off Neilson Park.
- N2 - Naval Buoy No. 2 - Approximately 250m North West of Clarke Island.
- OB - Obelisk Bay Mark - AS buoy east of Obelisk Beach.
- PP - Point Piper Mark - AS buoy north of Point Piper
- RB - Rose Bay East Mark - AS buoy in Rose Bay approximately 200m off the eastern shore of Rose Bay in front of the convent.
- SIM - Shark Island Mark - AS buoy approx. 30m south east of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island (leave Shark Island to starboard).
- TB - Taylors Bay Mark - AS buoy in Taylors Bay.
- Starting Mark – an orange inflatable buoy marked with either RPEYC, RANSA or RSYS.
- Finishing Mark – an orange inflatable buoy marked with either RPEYC, RANSA or RSYS.