

## WINTER SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Combined Sydney Harbour program – 06 September 2008 to 25 July 2009

**1. RULES**

The General Sailing Instructions, included in this Handbook, form part of these Sailing Instructions except as amended herein.

**2. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Races are scheduled as detailed in the Calendar of Events included in the Handbook.

**3. WARNING SIGNALS AND TIMES** (to be read in conjunction with RRS 26)

3.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each division is:

Scheduled Time	Division	Flag Displayed
1155 hrs	Division 1	Q
1200 hrs	Division 2	K
1205 hrs	Non-spinnaker	H

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

**4. COURSES**

- 4.1 COURSE 1 (N) Start – TB – SI – SM – PP – BB – \*PP – EC – SM – N3 – Finish (Approx. 13 miles)
- COURSE 2 (NE) Start – EC – SM – N3 – EC – \*NC – EC – SM – N3 – Finish (Approx. 14 miles)
- COURSE 3 (E) Start – WM(P) – TB – NP – NC – SI – SM - \*NC – SI - SM – Finish (Approx. 10.5 miles)
- COURSE 4 (S/SE) Start – WM(P) – BB – SI – SM – TB – SI – SM – \*N3 – BB – SM – Finish (Approx. 12 miles)
- COURSE 5 (SW) Start – WM(P) – EC – NC – EC – \*CI – NP – CI – Finish (Approx. 13.5 miles)
- COURSE 6 (W) Start – WM(P) – EC – RB – \*CI – NP – SM – Finish (Approx. 10 miles)
- COURSE 7 (NW) Start – WM – SI – SM – TB – NP – \*NC – FD – NC – Finish (Approx. 9.5 miles)

- 4.2 The course to be sailed will be:
- signalled with or before the warning signal
  - indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.
- 4.3 Boats shall proceed to all marks of the relevant course in the order listed and leave each mark on the required side.
- 4.4 All marks are to be passed to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.
- 4.5 The Race Committee may change the course signal, display Flag S or Flag Y before with or shortly after the warning signal. When a signal is displayed with a Division Flag it is to apply to that division only. (Amends RRS 27.1, 40 and Race Signals)

**5. SHORTENED COURSE**

- 5.1 When Flag S is displayed in accordance with clause 4.5 the course to be sailed is shortened and boats are to proceed directly to the Finishing Line after rounding the mark indicated by an asterisk (\*) in the course listed in clause 4.1. (Amends RRS 32 and Race Signals)
- 5.2 The Race Committee may elect to send one division on the full course and the other on the short course.
- 5.3 Courses may also be shortened after the start in accordance with RRS 32.

**6. MARKS AND BUOYS**

Marks and buoys will be as described in the list on page 44 of this Handbook.

**7. ASSISTANCE IN RECORDING STARTERS**

Boats are requested to sail past the starboard side of the Committee Vessel prior to their starting sequence to assist identification of starters in all events. In so doing, boats must keep clear of boats already in their starting sequence.

**8. THE START**

The Starting Line will be in the leeward segment of the area between Kirribilli Point, Bradleys Head and Point Piper.

The Starting line will be between the orange flag on the port side of the Committee Vessel at the forward end of the cockpit and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS. An Inner Distance Mark (IDM), Flag U, may be positioned near the Committee Vessel. When the IDM is laid, boats shall leave it to starboard when starting. No boat shall pass between the IDM and the Committee Vessel from the course side of the line during its starting sequence.

The Race Committee may change the line by moving one of the Starting Line marks up to the lowering of the preparatory signal. (Amends RRS 27.2)

## **9. RECALLS**

- 9.1 Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- 9.2 To assist competitors, the Race Committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF 73. (Amends RRS 29.2 & 29.3)
- 9.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 9.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.

## **10. THE FINISH**

- 10.1 The Finishing Line will be off the RSYS Clubhouse and will be the extension of the transit of a yellow light / inverted orange triangle mounted above the Careening Cove Terrace and the dayglo panel on the vertical column of the southernmost boat crane on the hardstand area.
- 10.2 The limits of the Finishing Line will be Kurraba Point and the black and white checked inflatable mark laid east of the Neutral Bay ferry lanes. Boats shall leave this black and white checked mark to port when finishing and are requested not to manoeuvre in the area after finishing. The black and white checked mark may not be precisely on the transit described in 10.1 above.
- 10.3 The Committee Vessel when on station may display a blue flag.

## **11. TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1 The absolute time limit for each race will be 1530 hours.
- 11.2 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). (Amends RRS 35)

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1 **Scoring System** - The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments:
  - 12.1.1 Non Starting  
A boat scored Did Not Start (DNS) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in that race plus one point.
  - 12.1.2 Non Finishing  
Boats which start and retire (RAF) or are otherwise scored Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore finishers in the race plus one point.
  - 12.1.3 Disqualification  
Boats which are disqualified (DSQ) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in the race plus two points.

12.1.4 Abandonment

When a race is abandoned after the start and not re-sailed, boats that started shall be awarded zero points. When a race is abandoned before the start, all boats entered shall be awarded zero points.

12.2 **Races Dropped** - Boats shall drop any three (3) races. (Amends RRS Appendix A)

**13. PRIZES**

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

14.2 Prizes for series pointscores will be awarded at the Winter Series Prizegiving on 25 July 2009 as per Appendix 2 in this Handbook.