

HARDY CUP 2010 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 (a) The event will be governed by The 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS), including Appendix C.
(b) The rules for the Handling of Boats (Sailing Instructions Appendix A), which also apply to any practice sailing.
(c) Class rules will not apply.
(d) The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2 A breach of Appendix A1 is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.
- 1.3 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress (Amends RRS 62).
- 1.4 Boats may not protest another boat under NOR 8.2 (Amends RRS 60.1a).

2 ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Refer NOR 4 to 7 inclusive.
- 2.2 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Race Committee (RC) may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 2.3 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, or has replaced the skipper as per SI 2.2, the RC may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located underneath the Careening Cove Stairs at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from RSYS main mast located on the front lawn.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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).

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Amendments to the SI's made ashore will be posted at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of any race affected. Flag L over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore each day until the boats have departed for the race course.
- 5.2 Amendments made afloat will be signalled by the display of flag 3rd substitute with three sound signals. These amendments will be communicated either verbally or in writing.

- 5.3 Other restrictions or instructions may be given to boats verbally by an umpire. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.

6 BOATS AND SAILS

- 6.1 Refer NOR 13. appraisal
- 6.2 The sail combination to be used shall be signalled from the RC boat at or before the attention signal. The signals have the following meanings:
- | <u>Signal</u> | <u>Sail Combination to be used</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| No Signal | Full Sails (Main, Jib & Spinnaker) |
| Int. Code Flag 'J' | No Spinnaker to be used |

7 IDENTIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS

- 7.1 Boats will be identified by their bow numbers.
- 7.2 Refer NOR 13

8 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

Refer NOR 4

9 EVENT FORMAT

Refer Appendix C

10 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) east of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and west of South Head.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard
- 11.2 Course signals shall be displayed from the RC boat at or before the warning signal.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Course</u>	Mark W ●
No Signal	Start – W – L – W – Finish	
Code Flag 'S'	Start – W – Finish	

Mark L ●

● ----Start / Finish line---- 

- 11.3 Description of Marks
- (a) The RC will be identified by the RSYS Race Committee Burgee.
- (b) The start/finish line mark will be a black and white checked inflatable
- (c) Mark W and Mark L will be yellow inflatable marks.

(d) The change marks will be either an orange inflatable mark or a white inflatable mark.

11.4 Start/Finish Line

The Start/Finish line will be a straight line between the course side of the start/finish mark and a staff displaying a RSYS Burgee on the RC boat.

11.5 A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat ground tackle.

11.6 Abandonment and Shortening:

Rule 32 is deleted and replaced with: "After the starting signal the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical."

12 BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

12.1 Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing, whichever is later, a boat may display a green flag to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to leeward of the RC boat and notify the RO. Boats may not protest an alleged breach of this rule.

12.2 The time allowed for repairs shall be at the discretion of the RC.

12.3 After the attention signal of a flight a match may not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 12.1.

12.4 Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal, shall not be grounds for redress. (Amends RRS 62)

STARTING SCHEDULES

13.1 As per RRS C3.1, except that the Attention Signal will be raised at 7 minutes and lowered at 6 minutes.

13.2 The first Attention Signal on each race day will be no earlier than 0920 hours.

13.3 The latest time for an Attention Signal on the last day of racing will be 1700 hours.

13.4 The match warning signals shall be numeral pennants.

13.5 The flight number shall be displayed on a numeral board on the RC boat.

13.6 When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signals and starts of the following matches shall remain as originally scheduled, leaving a blank start for the pair not starting. A pink flag shall be displayed as the preparatory signal for the blank start.

13.7 When, in a knock out series, a winner of a particular series has been determined, subsequent starts shall be brought forward to eliminate blank starts. Competitors shall be advised verbally by an umpire.

13.8 Knock-out series:

(a) In a knockout series between two skippers they shall alternate assigned ends for each match. Unless designated in the pairing list, the initial assigned ends shall be determined by a draw.

(b) When a knockout series between two skippers has been decided, further matches between these two shall not be sailed.

(c) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of each series.

13.9 Terminations:

(a) The RC may terminate any round or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time schedule.

Early rounds may be terminated in favour of later rounds.

(b) Renumber RRS C10.3 to C10.3(a) and add RRS C10.3(b) as follows: When a single round robin is terminated before completion the highest score shall be determined as the average points scored per match sailed by each competitor, unless one or more competitors has completed less than one third of the scheduled matches when the entire round robin shall be disregarded and if necessary the event declared void.;

14 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE WINDWARD MARK

14.1 Change of Course Signals (Amends RRS 33 and Race Signals)

(a) Flag C and a coloured flag with repetitive sound signals means: Mark W has been replaced by the Change mark that corresponds to the coloured flag.

(b) Coloured Flags: orange flag signifies the orange mark; white flag signifies the white mark; int. code flag 'R' signifies original mark (yellow mark).

14.2 (a) When a change of course is made for the first leg, the signal shall be displayed from the RC boat with the preparatory signal for each match affected. The preparatory signal shall be followed by a series of repetitive sound signals.

(b) When a change of course is signalled after the first leg it shall be displayed from a boat in the vicinity of Mark L

15 TIME LIMIT

A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF (Amends RRS 35 and A5).

16 COACH BOATS

Refer NOR 14

17 PRIZES

Refer NOR 16

18 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 18.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.
- 18.2 Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with SI Appendices A and B.
- 18.3 The penalty for breaking this SI is at the discretion of the PC and may include exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of any prizes or the withholding of deposits. (Amends C6.6)

19 DISCLAIMER

- 19.1 All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 19.2 The RSYS, the International Sailing Federation, the RC and any sponsors are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

APPENDIX A – HANDLING OF BOATS

A1 PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by the RC otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- (a) Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- (b) The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- (c) The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.
- (d) Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- (e) Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- (f) Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- (g) Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while "AP" is displayed ashore.
- (h) Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- (i) Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- (j) Perforating sails, even to attach tell-tales.
- (k) Radio transmission (including mobile telephones) whilst racing.

- (l) Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging.
- (m) Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting.
- (n) Using a reef line as an outhaul.
- (o) The use of electronic instruments other than compass and watches.
- (p) Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the foresail.
- (q) Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- (r) Other than registered crew, making adjustments to sails, fittings and running rigging.
- (s) The use of shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gibing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard is prohibited.

A2 PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS

- A2.1 Taking on board the following equipment:
- basic hand tools
 - adhesive tape
 - line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
 - marking pens
 - tell tale material
 - watch, timers and hand held compass
 - shackles and clevis pins
 - Velcro tape
- A2.2 Using the items in A2.1 to:
- prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
 - prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
 - mark control settings
 - make minor repairs and permitted adjustments

A3 MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS

- A3.1 The completion of a written maintenance report before leaving the Elliott rigging area and submitting it to the OA, even if no maintenance, damage or loss is recorded. Reports shall include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future matches. Failure to submit a damage report on any day of racing will result in a \$50 deduction from the crew's damage deposit.
- A3.2 At the end of each sailing day:
- (a) folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
 - (b) cleaning the boat (cabin and decks) and removal of all rubbish
- A3.3 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.
- A3.4 Complying with any regulation, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.

- A3.5 A breach of items A3.1 and A3.2 will be considered as damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.
- A3.6 Boats may not protest an alleged breach of a rule in A3.

APPENDIX B – EQUIPMENT LIST

B1 GENERAL

The following non-fixed items, provided by the OA, are to be carried on board at all times in their designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported on the daily maintenance report.

B2 SAILS and SAILING EQUIPMENT

- Mainsail and set of battens
- Headsail
- Spinnaker
- One spinnaker pole
- One spinnaker sheets
- One headsail sheet
- Tiller extension
- Boat identification flags – 2x Yellow, 2x Blue
- Y flag
- Green damage flag
- Red Flag

B3 SAFETY GEAR – to be kept secured under front hatch

- One bucket and lanyard
- Two paddles
- Tow rope
- Four life jackets

APPENDIX C – EVENT FORMAT

C1 STAGE ONE – DOUBLE ROUND ROBIN

- C1.1 All skippers will sail a Double Round Robin – each skipper sails each of the other skippers twice.
- C1.2 The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for Stage 2.

C2 STAGE TWO – SEMI FINAL KNOCKOUT

- C2.1 The highest ranked skipper from Stage 1 shall select their opponent when requested to do so by the race committee. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.

- C2.2 The higher ranked skipper from Stage 1 in each match shall be given a choice of boat or first prestart entry side when requested to do so by the race committee.
- C2.3 The first two skippers to score two points shall proceed to Stage 4. Their opponents shall proceed to Stage 3.

C3 STAGE THREE: PETIT FINAL KNOCKOUT

- C3.1 The highest ranked skipper from Stage 1 shall be given a choice of a boat or first prestart entry side when requested to do so by the race committee.
- C3.2 The first skipper to score two points shall be awarded third place, the other fourth place.

C4 STAGE FOUR: FINAL KNOCKOUT

- C4.1 The highest ranked skipper from Stage 1 shall be given a choice of a boat or first prestart entry side when requested to do so by the race committee.
- C4.2 The first skipper to score three points shall be awarded first place, the other second place.

APPENDIX D – TEAMS

Representing Club	Skipper
Pymatuning Yacht Club	Maegan Ruhlman
Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron	Adrian Short
Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron	William Tiller
Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club	Josh Junior
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club	Peter Nicholas
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club	David Gilmour
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia	Evan Walker
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia	William Mackenzie
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron	David Chapman
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron	Jordan Reece