

APPENDIX 1 - NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Combined Sydney Harbour program – 03 September 2011 to 21 July 2012

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) and/or Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC).

1. RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 - 2012 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) except as amended herein.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between any of the *rules* or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.3 RRS 52 does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.

2. AMENDMENTS TO CLASS RULES

- 2.1 The Etchells Class Rules will be altered as follows:
Class Rule C.2.1 (a) shall be modified to allow two persons on board when racing in RSYS organised events, except for World Qualifiers, for a maximum of three races.
This change to the Class Rules is only intended to be used on an exception basis and only to enable participation by those who are genuinely without a full crew unexpectedly and at short notice. No points will be credited in respect of world qualification, club championship or any club pointscores.

3. ADVERTISING

In accordance with RRS 80 races governed by this Notice of Race are subject to the Advertising Code set out in ISAF regulation 20 except where advertising is prohibited under class rules.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 **Harbour and Offshore Racing** - The Organising Authority reserves the right to create or delete classes or divisions dependent on entries received and with reference to entries for the previous season. As a general guide, five (5) entries may be required for boats to compete as a separate class or division.
 - 4.1.1 The Short Inshore Series (SIS) is for Mixed Division boats, including the Non-spinnaker Division, wishing to race in a limited inshore series on Saturdays spread throughout the season. All inshore Mixed Division block entries in the MAIN Series are eligible to enter this pointscore for a reduced fee.
 - 4.1.2 Mini Regatta Series are open to entries from:
 - Etchells class
 - Dragon class
 - Yngling classAt least five (5) boats from each class will be ready to start each race or racing for that class may be abandoned for the day.
- 4.2 **Ladies Tuesday Twilight Series** - From five (5) minutes before a boat's start time until it finishes, a lady shall helm the boat. If the owner or the owner's representative is obliged to intervene, solely to avoid a collision, the boat must fly a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity and report details to the Race Committee at the Clubhouse.
- 4.3 **Non-Spinnaker Races** – Boats competing in the Tuesday Twilight Series (TUE), Friday Twilight Series (TWI), RPEYC Wednesday Series (WED) and 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.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1 (a) **Block Entries** - Entry Forms are available from the RSYS or RPEYC Sailing Office. For a valid entry competitors shall:
 - lodge the Entry Form by the date and time stated thereon
 - include the entry fee as detailed on the Entry Form
 - attach a current completed Yachting Australia Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form

All Competitors block entered in the MAIN, SIS or SOPS are automatically entered in the Sydney Harbour Regatta on 9-11 March 2012. All Competitors block entered in a Mini Regatta pointscore are automatically

entered in the Sydney Harbour Regatta on 10-11 March 2012 and the Autumn Championship Regatta on 31 March 2012.

- (b) **Casual Entries** - All documentation listed above in 5.1 (a) and the entry fee must be lodged at the RSYS or RPEYC Sailing Office not later than 1400 hours on the day prior to the start of the race; Sunday Series not later than 1400 hours on Friday prior to the race.

5.2 Skippers Briefing. RSYS will conduct a briefing meeting for all skippers on either 24th August or 31st August, 2011. It is compulsory for the skipper of each boat entered to attend one of these briefings. Entries will not be accepted for any race or series conducted by RSYS without satisfactory evidence that any skipper of that boat has attended one of the briefing sessions.

5.3 Risk Warning - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

5.4 Competitors Declaration - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

All competitors who sign the entry form in doing so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46;
- (b) the Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
- (c) be covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident and \$5,000,000 (five million), recommended \$10,000,000 (ten million) for the RPEYC Wednesday Series. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- (d) the person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;
- (e) the person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

5.5 Responsibilities

- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, RPEYC, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The RSYS, RPEYC, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Racing for the 2011-12 Sailing Season is scheduled to begin on 3 September 2011.

6.2 The scheduled time of the first Warning Signal, unless notified otherwise, will be:
- 1245 hours for Spring (SPR) & Summer (SUM) series

- 1155 hours for Short Ocean Pointscore (SOPS) series
- 1220 hours for Mini Regatta (MINA & MINB) series
- 1155 hours for Winter (WIN) series
- 1350 hours for Wednesday (WED) series.

6.3 For the TWI series no boat will start before 1730 hours except that for the five races scheduled from 7 October, 2011 to 4 November, 2011 and the four races scheduled from 09 March, 2012 to 30 March, 2012 when the first boat will start half an hour earlier but not before 1700 hours. For the TUE series no boat will start before 1715 hours. For the SUN series no boat will start before 1200 hours.

6.4 Full details of fixtures will be available in the RSYS/RPEYC 2011-12 Sailing Handbook (Handbook).

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be in the Handbook which will be available from the RSYS Sailing Office prior to the first race of the 2011-12 Sailing Season.

8. **RACING AREA**

8.1 **Harbour** – will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) as illustrated in the Handbook.

8.2 **Offshore** – will be as described and illustrated in the Short Ocean Pointscore Sailing Instructions in the Handbook.

8.3 **Manly Circle** – will be an area centred on a point approximately two miles east of Queenscliff Head.

9. **COURSES**

The courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions for each series in the Handbook.

10. **SCORING**

10.1 **Scoring System** - the Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies to all series except for FRI series, and amendments will be detailed in the respective series Sailing Instructions.

10.2 **Pointscores** - Pointscores and the number of races discarded will be as detailed in the Sailing Instructions for each series.

10.2.1 For Dragon and Yngling classes competing in Mini Regattas, including the Sydney Harbour Regatta and the Autumn Championship Regatta, the first race will be the SPR, SUM and MAIN series pointscore race for that day.

For the Etchells class no Mini Regatta race will count towards the SPR, SUM, MAIN or Handicap series pointscores.

10.2.1 All series pointscores are open to block entries only.

10.2.2 No boat will be eligible to enter a pointscore after the number of discard races for that pointscore has been sailed.

10.3 **Boats competing in other events** - Upon written application to the RSYS Sailing Committee prior to the regatta, a boat which starts in its State, National or World Championship may receive points for any series race thereby missed equal to the boat's average points. The number of races eligible will be determined by the Sailing Committee (Amends RRS 62). Average points will be calculated as per RRS Appendix A 10 (a).

10.3.1 All boats entered in a mixed division pointscore, which enters the Gascoigne Cup, Morna Cup or Milson Cup may receive points for any series race thereby missed equal to the boat's average points.

10.3.2 All other requests for redress shall be made under RRS 62.

11. **ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE**

11.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to onboard skill level should be notified in writing to reach the RSYS Sailing Office not later than 1400 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes; Sunday Series not later than 1400 hours on Friday; to RPEYC not later than the start of the race for WED series. 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.

- 11.2 Supplying a new rating certificate to RSYS or RPEYC will not be accepted as compliance with the requirement of clause 11.1.
- 11.3 When rating changes apply, the altered rating certificate must be lodged with the RSYS Sailing Office not later than 1400 hours on the day prior to the start of the race affected by the change. A boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2
- 11.4 It is the Skippers obligation to declare any change in or addition to the sail wardrobe including new and replacement sails.

12. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR HELMSMAN

- 12.1 To be eligible for pointscores, boats must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole of that series except that an Etchells, Dragon or Yngling owner who has entered for the season and who purchases a replacement Etchells, Dragon or Yngling during the season may on written application to RSYS Sailing Committee prior to using the replacement boat request the nominated boat on the Entry Form be changed to reflect the replacement boat.
- 12.2 A maximum of two (2) helmsmen may be detailed on the Entry Form. Any change of helmsman from those listed on the Entry Form must be notified to the RSYS Sailing Office not later than 1400 hours on the day prior to the race and may result in a change of handicap.

13. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 13.1 Harbour Racing – Category 7 (YA Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2). All boats which do not have navigation lights permanently fitted are additionally required to comply with YA Special Regulations 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being attached to the boat.
- 13.2 Offshore – Category 4 (YA Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2).
- 13.3 Random equipment audits may be made throughout the Season. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 13.4 Yachts shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 13.5 All Etchells class boats competing in the Manly Circle shall carry the following additional equipment, beyond the Category 7 requirement:
- PFD to the standard AS4758-2008 level 100 or Types 1 (AS1512) or 2 (AS1499)
 - Bouyant rescue quoit with 15 metres of line or lifebuoy with 30 metres of line
 - Flares – 2 red and 2 orange
 - V-Sheet
 - Compass and chart of area (approaches to Sydney Harbour)
 - Water – 2 litres per person
 - An operating VHF radio and to monitor channel 69 during all races.

14. RADIO CONTACT

The Race Committee and Sailing Office may be contacted on VHF Channel 73 during inshore racing and VHF Channel 72 during offshore races.

15. PRIZES

RSYS & RPEYC prizes and trophies will be as described in Appendix 2 of the Handbook.

16. CLASSIFICATION

- 16.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to determine the division to which a boat is allocated at any time during the season.
- 16.2 Such determination shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 & 62)

17. MINIMUM DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Skippers and crew are required to be appropriately dressed at all times while racing. The minimum standard of dress is shorts and T-shirt.

18. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 18.1 No litter shall be disposed of overboard

- 18.2 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Maritime Authority regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Maritime 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”*. Attention is drawn to the guidelines published in Appendices 7 and 8 of this Handbook.
- 18.3 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 18.4 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW 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.
- 18.5 Any yachts reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. (amends RRS 63.1).
- 18.6 The attention of any competitors, involved in an accident, is drawn to the requirements of NSW Maritime as published in Appendix 5 of this Handbook. Competitors are also required to notify the Sailing Office of any contact incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW Maritime. RSYS is 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.
- 19. FURTHER INFORMATION**
For further information please contact the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Sailing Office on (02) 9017 0150 or email sailing@rsys.com.au.