

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE

M30 Australian Championship

01 - 03 FEBRUARY 2008

CONDUCTED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

1 RULES

The regatta shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the 2005 - 2008 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Category 4 and the M30 Class Rules, except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located under the RSYS Careening Cove Terrace stairs.

3 REGISTRATION AND WEIGH-IN

3.1 Registration and Weigh-in shall take place from 0800 to 0900 on Friday 1st February at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Alternative weigh-in times no earlier than Thursday, 31st January may be advised by the Organising Authority or Class representative.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagstaff, located in front of the clubhouse.

4.2 Code flag "AP" with two sound signals (one when lowered) when displayed ashore means "races not started are postponed". The Warning Signal shall not be made less than 30 minutes after the “AP” is lowered ashore. This alters RRS Race Signals

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect and signaled as per RRS Race Signals.

5.2 After this time, any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be indicated by displaying code flag L on the Committee Vessel and communicated on VHF Channel 72.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1	Date of Race		Scheduled Time of Warning Signal
	01 February 2008	Up to 3 W/L races	1055 hours
	02 February 2008	Up to 3 W/L races	1055 hours
	03 February 2008	Up to 3 W/L races	1055 hours

7 SIGNAL FLAGS AND PENNANTS

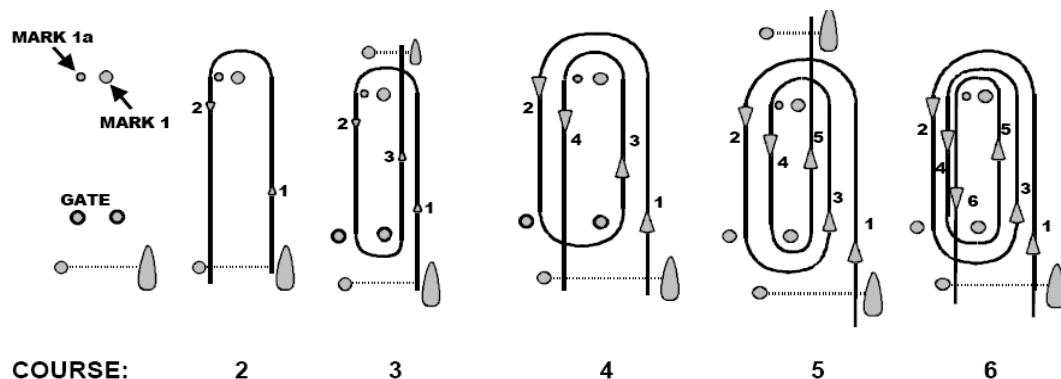
7.1 In these instructions any flags or pennants mentioned are those of the International Code of Signals. Race Signals will be as per RRS.

7.2 The Class flags will be International Code Flag “O”.

8 RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted in the waters of Port Jackson and east of Port Jackson.

9 THE COURSE



- 9.1 The courses shall be windward / leeward.
- 9.2 A board displaying the course and approximate compass bearing from the mid-point of the starting line to Mark 1 shall be displayed by the Race Committee Boat.
- 9.3 Mark 1 shall be laid to windward of the start line. Mark 1a shall be laid to port of Mark 1.
- 9.4 The Gate may be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line. (Note: The Gate may be laid after the starting signal)
- 9.5 Yachts shall sail between the Gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either Gate mark. If only one Gate mark is set, yachts shall round the mark to port.
- 9.6 The course shall be indicated by the respective numeral pendant displayed with the warning signal on the Committee Vessel

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark 1, 1a and the Gate marks shall be orange conical buoys.
- 10.2 The start / finish mark shall be a black and white cylindrical buoy.
- 10.3 The change mark(s) as per SI 13 shall have a black band.
- 10.4 All orange inflatable marks will display RSYS lettering.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Starting signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26, amended as follows;

Signal	Flag & sound	Minutes before start signal
Warning	"0" ↑: 1 sound	5
Preparatory	"P" ↑: 1 sound	4
One Minute	"P" ↓: 1 long sound	1
Starting	"0" ↓: 1 sound	0

- 11.2 Boats shall report to the Committee Vessel prior to the first Warning Signal on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted to confirm its intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored as DNS.
- 11.3 The start shall be between the Start / Finish Mark and the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Race Signal Vessel.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her Starting Signal shall be scored DNS.
- 11.5 A Boat may use prohibited propulsion after its Preparatory Signal to arrive at the start line, provided it shall cease using such propulsion 100 metres from the start line. It shall then immediately carry out a 360 degree turn while keeping clear of all other boats, and if the Start Signal has been made, start.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The sail number of the recalled boat will be announced on Race Frequency VHF Channel 72 (amends RRS 29.1).
- 12.2 General Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The words "General Recall" will be announced several times on Race Frequency VHF Channel 72 (amends RRS 29.2).
- 12.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 10.1 and 10.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 12.4 When a General Recall has been signaled, the order of starting will not be altered.

13 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

Any change in the course will be in accordance with RRS 33.

14 SHORTENING AFTER THE START

- 14.1 If flag S is displayed on or near a mark designated boats shall round/pass the mark as required (looping not necessary) and proceed directly to the finish (Amends RRS 32).
- 14.2 If IC flag S and a 'blue' flag are displayed on a Committee Vessel near a rounding mark of the course, then designated boats shall finish by passing between the Committee Vessel and the nearby mark of the course. (Refer to RRS 32 and RRS Race Signals)

15 THE FINISH

The Finishing Line is the line between the staff displaying the orange flag on the port side of the Committee Vessel and the course side of a black and white checkered inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

16 TURNS PENALTY

The RRS 44.2 Turns Penalty will apply.

17 TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 The absolute time limit will be two hours after the starting signal, or within twenty five minutes of the first boat to finish, whichever is the earliest.
- 17.2 Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points, but no more points than the number of starters. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61.
- 18.2 Protests must reach the RSYS Sailing Office within one and a half hours of the completion of the last race of the day.
- 18.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests at the RSYS on the evening of the race.
- 18.4 It is the sole responsibility of parties who protest to present themselves to the hearing with such witnesses as may be required.

19 ARBITRATION

- 19.1 At the option of the protest committee a short arbitration hearing may be heard prior to a protest hearing (affecting Rule 63). After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat shall meet with the arbitrator, no witnesses shall be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration shall be lodged with the Protest Committee.
- 19.2 Boats that accept fault at an arbitration hearing shall be penalised by having her race score increased by a 40% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) but not more than a DSQ. All other boats scores shall remain the same. Once accepted by all parties, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal and the protest shall be withdrawn. This alters RRS 60.1, 62 and 66.
- 19.3 The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or Protest Committee.

20 COMMITTEE VESSELS

The Race Committee Vessel at the Start and Finish may display the RSYS Race Committee Burgee. The Burgee is the RSYS Burgee with a white boarder.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

As far as practicable the Race Committee Vessel will maintain radio communication on VHF Channel 72

22 BOATS RETIRING

A boat that retires shall notify the Committee Vessel or the Sailing Office of the club conducting the race of its retirement; as soon as possible by whatever means is available. If Search and Rescue operations are unnecessarily instituted due to the Boat failing to make timely contact, the Boat will be subject to action by the Race Committee under RRS 60.2(c) whereby a report will be made to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.1(a) – Allegation of Gross Misconduct.

23 ENTRIES

- 23.1 All competitors helming or crewing while racing shall comply with RRS 46 and 55.
- 23.2 The helmsman nominated on the entry form shall be deemed to be in charge of the boat and any change of helmsman must have the written consent of the Race Committee and the Class Representative. Replacement helmsman must be an ISAF 1 ranked amateur.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 All trophies and prizes will be presented at RSYS as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Sunday February 3rd 2008.
- 24.3 Prizes shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall and for individual race winners.

25 RESPONSIBILITIES

All competitors contest this race under their obligations as detailed in clause 13.1 Risk Warning, clause 13.2 Competitors Declaration and clause 13.3 Responsibilities of the Notice of Race.

26 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 26.1 No litter shall be disposed of overboard.
- 26.2 NSW Maritime Regulations specify that boats shall not interfere with the commercial shipping of the Port. *“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”.*
- 26.3 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 26.4 Attention is drawn to the requirements of NSW Maritime as published in Appendices 5, 7 and 8 of the 2007-2008 RSYS Sailing Handbook.
- 26.5 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Maritime Authority Special Regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing.
- 26.6 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.
- 26.7 Any yachts reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime Regulations shall be disqualified. (amends RRS 63.1)