



NOTICE OF RACE

FOR THE

2009 OFFSHORE REGATTA

CONTESTING THE

RSYS MORNA CUP

INCORPORATING

RSYS SOPS Race 5

CYCA SOPS Race 4

14 November 2009

CONDUCTED BY

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

The organising authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.

1 RULES

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) as amended.
In the event of conflict between any of the *rules* or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 ADVERTISING

This event is classified as Category C in accordance with RRS 79 except when advertising is prohibited under class rules.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The Regatta is open to all mono - hull yachts with a current YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form, Category 4 or higher. Such form shall be lodged with the attached entry form. In addition, all yachts must comply with YA Special regulation 4.03 – Jackstays.

3.2 All Competitors helming or crewing a boat while racing shall conform to RRS 46 & 55.

3.3 The helmsman nominated on the entry form shall be deemed to be in charge of the boat and no change of helmsman shall occur without the prior written consent of the Race Committee.

3.4 **IRC Result:** For a boat to be eligible for an IRC result it must lodge a current IRC Certificate with the attached entry form.

4. ENTRY

4.1 All boats already block entered in the RSYS SOPS or CYCA SOPS pointscore are not required to complete the attached entry form or pay the entry fee.

4.2 All other boats are to complete the attached entry form and pay the appropriate entry fee.

4.3 Entries on the attached form must be received at the RSYS Sailing Office by 1400 hours on Wednesday 11 November 2009.

5 ENTRY FEE

Regatta Entry Fee is \$100.00 for the race.

6 DIVISIONS

6.1 Entries will race under PHS handicap and may also nominate to race under IRC rating.

6.2 A minimum of five entries is required before any division will be contested.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1

DATE OF RACE	RACE NO.	SCHEDULE START TIME	DESCRIPTION	TIME LIMIT
15/11/08	1	1100 hours	Port Jackson to Long Reef and return – approx 21 Miles Start – Off Watsons Bay Finish – Off Watsons Bay	1700 hours

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be available from the Sailing Office of the RSYS and will be posted on the RSYS website at www.rsys.com.au by Friday 06 November 2009.

9 REGATTA OFFICE

9.1 The Regatta Office will be the RSYS Sailing Office situated at 33 Peel Street Kirribilli
Telephone: (02) 9017 0150 Fax: (02) 9955 3404 Email: sailing@rsys.com.au

9.2 The Official Regatta Notice Board will be located under the RSYS Careening Cove Terrace stairs.

10 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of the Tasman Sea including the waters inside Port Jackson.

11 COURSES

The Regatta will consist of a Passage Race to Long Reef and return. The course will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12 SCORING

12.1 The Low Point Scoring System as set out in Appendix A of the RRS shall apply 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 Retirement

Boats which are scored Retire After Finish (RAF) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore finishers in the race plus one.

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, boats which started shall be awarded zero points. When a race is abandoned before the start, all boats entered shall be awarded zero points.

13 TURNS PENALTY

The RRS 44.2 Turns Penalty will apply.

14 RADIO CONTACT

14.1 All boats are requested to maintain a listening watch on VHF 72 for the duration of the race.

14.2 All competing boats, prior to the first warning signal, shall notify the Race Committee (on VHF 72) of their intention to race by reporting their sail number and number of persons on board (POB), and receive a reply repeating these details correctly. The Race Committee may use VHF 72 to broadcast information to competitors.

14.3 Any boat failing to observe instruction 14.2 shall be scored DNS.

15 RESPONSIBILITIES

15.1 **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 conducted by the Organising Authority of whatever nature. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

15.2 **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 (RRS).

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 and the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 55;
- (b) the Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
- (c) adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance 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

of 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;

15.3 **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, sponsors, any Class Association, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The RSYS, sponsors, any Class Association, 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.

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.

16 **COMMERCIAL SHIPPING**

- 16.1 Waterways Authority Regulations specify that boats shall not interfere with the commercial shipping of the Port.
- 16.2 Boats found to have interfered with Commercial Shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

17 **TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

- 17.1 **Morna Cup** – The Morna Cup will be inscribed with the name of the winner on PHS. Prizes will be awarded for the first three places of the PHS result. A prize will be awarded to the IRC winner.
- 17.2 The above trophies and prizes will be presented at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Annual Prizegiving on 28 May 2010.

18 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 18.1 Details of an informal social function will be communicated to competitors prior to the event.



2009 SPRING OFFSHORE REGATTA ENTRY FORM

14 November 2009

The Sailing Office

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
PO Box 484 Milsons Point NSW 1565

Fax: (02) 9955 3404
Email: sailing@rsys.com.au

Boat Name: _____ Sail Number: _____

Owner Name: _____

Helmsman Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ Phone: H: _____

W: _____

F: _____

Email Address: _____

Class/Type of Boat: _____

Colour of Deck: _____ Colour of Hull: _____

Please enter my boat as indicated:

Morna Cup- PHS IRC

The following documents are attached (if not currently held by the RSYS):

- Copy of yacht's 2009/2010 YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form, minimum Category 4 (if not previously lodged with RSYS)
- Copy of valid IRC Rating Certificate

Entry Fees : *N.B. Boats block entered in the RSYS SOPS or Main/SIS Inshore series or the CYCA SOPS series are exempt from the entry fee*

Regatta Entry: \$100.00

- RSYS House Account: _____
- Cheque enclosed (payable to Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron)
- VISA/MC: _____ exp. _____

Name on card: _____

I agree to be bound by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the races concerned. I have read and understand my obligations as set out in the YA Special Regulations 1.02 Owners Responsibility. I certify that the vessel entered will maintain, during period of racing, an insurance policy with a minimum of TEN million dollars (\$10,000,000) public liability cover and compliance with all current NSW Waterways requirements.

By signing this entry form I declare that I have read and understand clause 15.1 Risk Warning, clause 15.2 Competitors Declaration and clause 15.3 Responsibilities as detailed in the Notice of Race.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____