



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE

2008 OFFSHORE REGATTA

CONTESTING THE

RSYS MORNA CUP

INCORPORATING

**RSYS Offshore Series Races 4 & 5
CYCA Short Haul Pointscore Races Heat 7 & 8**

15 & 16 November 2008

CONDUCTED BY

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

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

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended.

If there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, except the RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 REGATTA OFFICE

The Regatta Office will be the RSYS Sailing Office situated at:

Address: 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli

Fax : 02-9955 3404

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4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be broadcast on race frequency VHF Channel 72 and posted on the Official Notice Board by 0850 hours on the day it will take effect.

4.2 After this time, any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be indicated by displaying code flag "third substitute" on the Committee Vessel and communicated on race frequency VHF Channel 72.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Race	Day & Date	Scheduled Warning Signal for the first Division
1	Saturday 15/11/2008	1055 hours
2	Sunday 16/11/2008	1055 hours

5.2 The starting sequence for each division will be a separate procedure.

6 SIGNAL FLAGS AND PENNANTS

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

7 DIVISION FLAGS

Start Divisions will be identified numerically and the Short Haul Division will start as Division 4.

Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of the Tasman Sea including the waters inside Port Jackson and Broken Bay / Pittwater.

9 THE COURSE

9.1 The regatta will consist of two Passage Races.

9.2 **Race 1** – From the Starting Line off Watsons Bay to the Finishing Line in Pittwater.

9.3 **Race 2** – From the Starting Line located East off Barrenjoey Head to the Finishing Line off Watsons Bay

9.4 ALTERNATE COURSE

Alternate Course 1 (Signalled by Code Flag "A" over a RED flag)

All marks are to be passed to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.

Start – MW – ME – SM – SI – FD – OB – SM – SI – **Finish** (Approximately 15 nm)

Start Vicinity of Watsons Bay.

MW Manly West YA buoy, 400m SSW of Manly Wharf.
 ME Manly East YA buoy, easternmost YA buoy in Manly Cove.
 SM Shark Island mark -YA buoy approx, 10m SE of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island.
 SI Shark Island – Summit of Shark Island and the lighthouse North of Shark Island.
 FD Fort Denison.
 OB YA Obelisk Bay buoy.
 SM Shark Island mark -YA buoy approx, 10m SE of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island.
 SI Shark Island – Summit of Shark Island and the lighthouse North of Shark Island.
Finish Watsons Bay

9.5 **Alternate Course 2** (Signalled by Code Flag "A" over a GREEN flag).

All marks are to be passed to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.

Start – SI – SAP – SI – SP(P) – GMB – Finish (Approximately 10 ½ nm)

Start Line Clareville Beach
 SI a yellow inflatable mark off NE corner of Scotland Island
 SAP a yellow inflatable mark off Sand Point
 SP a yellow inflatable mark off Stokes Point
 GMB a yellow inflatable mark off Great Mackerel Beach
Finish off Careel Bay.

10 THE START

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

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

10.2 The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the Starting Signal of the preceding class.

10.3 The starting order will be:

Division 3
 Division 4

10.4 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.

10.5 Any boat failing to observe instruction 10.4 will be scored DNC.

10.6 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal may at the discretion of the Race Committee be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

10.7 The Starting Line shall be between two orange inflatable marks on a transit with the Committee Vessel.

10.8 The Starting Lines will be positioned as follows:

10.9 **Race 1:** In the vicinity west of Watsons Bay.

10.10 **Race 2:** Approximately 0.5nm east of Barrenjoey Head.

11 RECALLS

11.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The sail number of the recalled boat may be announced on race frequency VHF Channel 72 (amends RRS 29.1).

- 11.2 General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The words "General Recall" may be announced several times on race frequency VHF Channel 72 (amends RRS 29.2)
- 11.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 11.1 and 11.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 11.4 When a General Recall has been signalled, the order of starting will not be altered.
- 12 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START**
Shall be in accordance with RRS 32.
- 13 THE FINISH**
- 13.1 **Race 1:**
In Pittwater approximately 300 metres Southwest (inside) of Barrenjoey Head between the signal mast on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag moored in this area and the Finish Mark. The Finish Mark is to be left to port and the Race Committee Vessel to starboard.
- 13.2 **Race 2:**
Off Watsons Bay; between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the Finish Mark. The Finish Mark is to be left to port and the Race Committee Vessel to starboard.
- 14 TURNS PENALTY**
RRS 44.2 Turns Penalty will apply.
- 15 TIME LIMIT**
- 15.1 The absolute time limit will be six hours after a Divisions starting signal.
- 15.2 A boat finishing after expiration of the time limit will be scored DNF. (Amends RRS 35)
- 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 16.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61.
- 16.2 Protest forms will be available from the RSYS Sailing Office or from the Yachting NSW website, <http://www.nsw.yachting.org.au> and must reach the Sailing Office by 1000 hours on Monday 17 November 2008
- 16.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests at the RSYS on Wednesday 19 November 2008.
- 16.4 It is the sole responsibility of parties who protest to present themselves to the hearing with such witnesses as may be required.
- 17 SCORING**
- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments:
- 17.1.1 Non Starting
A boat scored Did Not Start (DNS) shall be awarded points equal to the number of entries in the race plus one point.
- 17.1.2 Non Finishing
A boat scored Retired After Finish (RAF) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of finishers in the race plus one point.
- 17.1.3 Disqualification
Boats which are disqualified (DSQ) shall be awarded points equal to the number of entries in the race plus two points.
- 17.1.4 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.
- 17.2 One (1) completed race may be required to constitute a series.
- 18 COMMITTEE VESSELS**
The Committee Vessel at the Start and Finish of each race may display the RSYS Race Committee Burgee. The burgee is the RSYS burgee with a white border.

19 RADIO SCHEDULES

- 19.1 As far as practicable the Race Committee will maintain radio communication on VHF Channel 72.
- 19.2 Radio Schedules – **Race 1** and **Race 2**
All yachts competing shall report their positions by radio when called during the schedules on VHF Channel 72. Yachts will be called in alphabetical order.
- 19.3 Position Report – Schedules will be conducted as detailed below and all yachts will be called and are required to answer giving their position in Latitude and Longitude.

Race 1 & 2:

Radio	1st Schedule	2nd Schedule
VHF Channel 72	1505 hrs	1705 hrs

- 19.4 The Radio Relay Station will come up 2 minutes before the schedule times for position reports and request all yachts to stand by to make position reports. Yachts will be called in alphabetical order and should answer immediately when called.
- 19.5 Once having retired a yacht will be dropped from its position on the Race calling list to a secondary list which will be called after the completion of the Radio Schedule, thus the retirees do not hinder continuing racing yachts traffic.
- 19.6 Yachts shall give the following information in Position Reports:
- Name of Yacht
 - Position as at the commencement time of the schedule, in Latitude and Longitude and whether proceeding North or South
 - Wind direction and speed – *only if requested by Radio Relay Station*
 - Positions of other yachts – *only if requested by Radio Relay Station*
- 19.7 The Radio Relay Station may request some yachts to make special calls between Radio Schedule times in order to estimate when the Finishing Line should be manned.
- 19.8 Yachts failing to comply with the requirements of Position Reports whilst racing may be liable to disqualification from the series.
- 19.9 Radio Relay Station
The RSYS Committee Vessel will conduct Radio Schedules. Retired yachts are requested to report their positions and advise their intended destinations at the Radio Schedule times until they have reached port.

20 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 20.1 **Morna Cup** – The Morna Cup will be inscribed with the name of the Division 3 pointscore winner on PHS. Prizes will be awarded for the first three places of the PHS Pointscore. A prize will be awarded to the Division 3 IRC pointscore winner.
- 20.2 The above trophies and prizes will be presented at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Annual Prizegiving on 29 May 2009.
- 20.3 **52nd Paul Royle Memorial Trophy** – CYCA Short Haul Race 7 contenders shall be eligible for the 51st Paul Royle Memorial Trophy.

21 RESPONSIBILITIES

All competitors taking part in this regatta are reminded of their obligations as set out clause 15.1 Risk Warning, clause 15.2 Competitors Declaration and clause 15.3 Responsibilities as detailed in the Notice of Race.