



# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**FOR THE**

## **2009 OFFSHORE REGATTA**

**CONTESTING THE**

### **RSYS MORNA CUP**

**INCORPORATING**

**RSYS Offshore Series Race 5  
CYCA Short Offshore Pointscore Race 4**

**14 November 2009**

**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 2009-2012 (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

Telephone: 02-9017 0150

Email: [sailing@rsys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rsys.com.au)

## 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
1	Saturday 14/11/2009	1055 hours

## 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

The division starting flag will be Numeral Pennant 3.

## 8 RACING AREA

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

## 9 THE COURSE

9.1 The regatta will consist of a Passage Race to Long Reef and return.

9.2 From the Starting Line off Watsons Bay, the boats will proceed to an orange conical mark with the lettering RSYS approximately 4 miles East of Long Reef at the approximate latitude and longitude of 33° 44.42'S, 151° 24.1'E, keeping the mark to starboard and proceeding to the Finishing Line off Watsons Bay.

## 9.3 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)

<b>Start</b>	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.
<b>Finish</b>	Watsons 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 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 DNC.

10.3 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).

10.4 Start Line will be in the vicinity west of Watsons Bay between an orange flag displayed on the signal gantry of the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS at the port end.

## 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.

## 12 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

Shall be in accordance with RRS 32.

## 13 THE FINISH

13.1 Off Watsons Bay; between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS at the port end.

## 14 TURNS PENALTY

RRS 44.2 Turns Penalty will apply.

## 15 TIME LIMIT

15.1 The absolute time limit will be six hours after the 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 16 November 2009

16.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests at the RSYS on Wednesday 18 November 2009.

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.

## **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 COMMUNICATION**

- 19.1 As far as practicable the Race Committee will maintain radio communication on VHF Channel 72.
- 19.2 From 1 hour prior to the programmed starting time each day until all yachts are accounted for, the Committee Vessel will keep continuous watch on these channels. Any yachts sighting anything unusual (in particular any yacht possibly in distress, smoke signals or flares) shall report the matter at once on one of these channels until an acknowledgment is received from the Committee Vessel.
- 19.3 Retired yachts are requested to advise the Committee vessel of their withdrawal.

## **20 TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

- 20.1 **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 on PHS. A prize will be awarded to the IRC winner.
- 20.2 The above trophies and prizes will be presented at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Annual Prizegiving on 28 May 2010.

## **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.