

NOTICE OF RACE
&
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE
YOUTH MINI MATCH RACING SERIES

Conducted in association with
2008 TRANS TASMAN CHALLENGE

2-4 MAY 2008

CONDUCTED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

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

1. RULES

All races shall 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 rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code as detailed in RRS 79.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the RSYS, under the Careening Cove stairs. Notices in writing may also be distributed to competitors before the event(s) by the Race Committee from the committee vessel.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0900 hours on the day it will take effect and signaled as per RRS Race Signals, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4.2 After this time, any change to the Sailing Instructions will be indicated by displaying code flag "L" on the Committee Vessel.

5. SIGNALS

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the main flag mast located on the RSYS front lawn.

5.2 Flag AP with two sounds indicates the race is postponed. The first Warning Signal will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after the AP is lowered. (Amends RRS Race Signals)

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Three races each day are scheduled for Saturday 3 May. The Warning Signal will be made as soon as practicable after completion of racing in the Trans Tasman Challenge on that day.

Date	Event	Time
2/05/08	Competitors' Briefing	0900
3/05/08	Race 1	As soon as practicable after Race 6 of Trans Tasman Challenge
3/05/08	Race 2	As soon as practicable after Race 1
3/05/08	Race 3	As soon as practicable after Race 2

7. FLAGS, PENNANTS AND RACE COMMITTEE BURGEES

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

8. CLASS FLAG

8.1 The class flag shall be Code Flag "E".

8.2 The identification flags for each team to be displayed from the backstay of each boat will be:

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron – YELLOW
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron – BLUE

9. BOATS AND SAILS

9.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 6s.

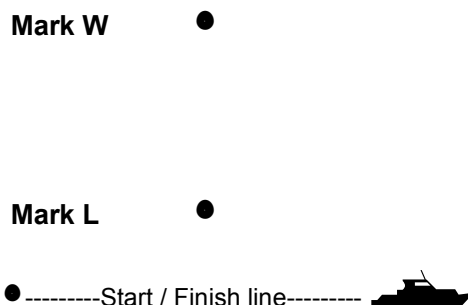
9.2 When Code Flag F is displayed from the Race Committee Vessel before or with the Warning Signal, boats shall not fly spinnakers during that race. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked on.

10. RACING AREA

This event will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour (Port Jackson), between Kirribilli Point and South Head.

11. THE COURSES

11.1 Course Configuration (not to scale):



11.2 Courses and course signals:

- One Lap – START - W – FINISH (indicated by Numeral Pennant 1)
- Two Laps – START - W – L - W – FINISH (indicated by Numeral Pennant 2).
- Marks W (Windward Mark) and L (Leeward Mark) shall be rounded to Starboard.
- The course to be sailed will be indicated by the respective numeral pennant being displayed before or with the Warning Signal

11.3 Description of Marks:

- (a) The Race Committee Vessel will be identified by the RSYS Race Committee burgee (RSYS burgee surrounded by a white border).
- (b) The start/finish line mark will be black and white checked marks.
- (c) Mark W and Mark L will be a yellow inflatable inflatable mark.

11.4 Start/Finish Line:

The Start/Finish Line will be between the aft side of the signal gantry on the Race Committee Vessel and the course side of a black and white checkered inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

12. THE START

The race shall be started by using RRS 26.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-turns penalty is replaced by a One-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction (changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2).

14. ABANDONMENT

If the race is abandoned it may be re-sailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. TIME LIMIT

The absolute time limit shall be 40 minutes and no boats will be finished after that time.

16. PROTESTS

Protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office within 1 hour after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race of the day (changes RRS 61.3). ISAF forms are available at the RSYS Sailing Office.

17. SCORING

17.1 The races scheduled for Saturday 3 May will be a best of three races.

18. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 18.1 Waterways Authority 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"*.
- 18.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

19. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 19.1 **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.
- 19.2 **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 2005-2008 (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 46 and 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.
- 19.3 **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.
 - (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.