



NOTICE OF RACE
&
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE
2007 - 08 SAILING SEASON
VARUNA TROPHY

12 APRIL 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
- The Rules of the respective Class Association, where applicable
- The Sailing Instructions as published in the RSYS/RPEYC 2007-2008 Sailing Handbook except where specifically modified below.

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

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

3.2 The List of Entries will be available to all entrants, and a copy will be placed on the Official Notice Board no later than two (2) hours before the start of the event. Notices in writing may also be distributed to all starters before the event(s) by the Race Committee from the committee vessel.

3.3 No change of Helmsman from that listed on the Season Entry Form will be permitted.

4. ALTERATIONS TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to alter these Sailing Instructions. Alterations will be available in writing to all entrants as per RRS 88.2.

4.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000hrs on Saturday 12 April 2008.

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)

5.3 Flag signal N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for the Etchells, Dragons and Yngling Classes has been abandoned for the day.

5.4 **Signals made on the Committee Vessel** - Flag signal N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for the Etchells, Dragons and Yngling Classes has been abandoned for the day. This signal will remain displayed during the entire starting sequence.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The race is scheduled for Saturday 12 April 2008, with the Warning Signal not before 1255 hours.

7. DIVISIONS

The race shall be sailed in one Division.

8. 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.

9. CLASS / FLEET FLAG

The Varuna Fleet flag shall be Code Flag "V".

10. RACING AREA

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

11. COURSES

11.1 The course to be sailed will be signaled with or before the warning signal and indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

11.2 Boats shall proceed to all marks of the relevant course in the order listed and leave each mark on the required side.

11.3 Pass all marks to STARBOARD unless mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.

11.4 When the short course signal is displayed boats are to proceed directly to the finishing line after rounding the mark indicated by an asterisk (*) in the courses listed in clause 11.5.

11.5 COURSE 1 Start - TB – PP – NC - EC - *NC - EC – PP - Finish
(N) (Approx. 13 miles)

COURSE 2 Start - EC – PP - NC - EC - *NC - EC - PP - NC - Finish
(NE) (Approx. 14 miles)

COURSE 3 Start - WM(P) - TB - NP - NC - RB - *NC - PP - Finish
(E) (Approx. 10.5 miles)

COURSE 4 Start - WM(P) - BB – SM - CI - AN4 - *WM(P) - BB - SM - Finish
(S/SE) (Approx. 12 miles)

COURSE 5 Start - WM(P) - EC - NC - EC - *CI - NP - NC - Finish
(SW) (Approx. 13.5 miles)

COURSE 6 Start - WM(P) - EC - RB - NC - *NP - SM - Finish
(W) (Approx. 10 miles)

COURSE 7 Start - WM - SM - TB - NP - *NC - WM - NC - Finish
(NW) (Approx. 9.5 miles)

12. MARKS AND BUOYS

12.1 Descriptions

CI Clarke Island - Summit of Clarke Island and pile light south of Clarke Island.

EC Eastern Channel Pile Light Mark - YA buoy approximately 100 meters west of the light.

NC Naval Buoy No 3A - Orange naval buoy to the north west of Clarke Island.

AN4 Athol Naval Buoy No4 – Pancake shipping buoy in Athol Bay

BB Beashel Mark - YA buoy, south-west of Sow and Pigs

PP Point Piper Mark - YA buoy north of Point Piper

RB Rose Bay East Mark – YA buoy in Rose Bay approximately 100m north west of the red can buoy in front of the convent on the eastern shore.

NP Neilsen Park Mark – YA buoy approximately 100m south west of the red navigation pile off Neilsen Park.

SI Shark Island - Light north of Shark Island yellow YA mark approx 10 metres south east of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island.

SM Shark Island Mark – YA buoy approx. 10m south east of the south cardinal mark off SI.

TB Taylor Bay Mark - YA buoy in Taylor Bay.

WM Orange Inflatable Mark with the lettering RSYS, laid in an endeavour to provide a windward leg from the starting line.

13. THE START

13.1 The scheduled Warning Signal shall be at 1255 hours.

13.2 The race shall be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the Starting Signal.

13.3 The Starting Line will be in the leeward segment of the area between Kirribilli Point, Bradleys Head, Point Piper and Clark Island.

13.4 The Starting Line will be between an orange flag displayed on the signal gantry located aboard the committee vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44 shall apply

15. ABANDONMENT

If the race is abandoned it may be resailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

16. THE FINISH

16.1 The finishing line is off the RSYS Clubhouse and is the transit of a yellow light / inverted orange triangle mounted above the Careening Cove Terrace and the dayglo panel on the vertical column of the southernmost boat crane on the hardstand area.

16.2 The limits of the Finishing Line will be Kurraba Point and a black and white checked inflatable mark laid east of the Neutral Bay ferry lanes. The black and white checked mark may not be precisely on the transit as described in 16.1 above.

16.3 When a course is shortened at a mark, the finishing line will be between a race committee vessel displaying flag "S" and the near by mark. The committee vessel when on station may display a blue flag.

17. TIME LIMIT

The absolute time limit shall be 1700 hours. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). (Amends RRS 35)

18. PROTESTS

18.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by 18.2, 18.3 and 18.4 below.

18.2 Protests should be lodged on the ISAF prescribed form available from the respective clubs. All protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office.

18.3 If the RSYS Sailing Office is closed, protests may be placed in the Protest Box beside the Official Notice Board.

18.4 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event. (Amends RRS 61)

18.5 Protests will be heard at the clubhouse of the conducting club on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the relevant Race Committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.

18.6 Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.

19. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

19.1 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".*

19.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2(c).

20. RESPONSIBILITIES

20.1 **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.

20.2 **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;

20.3 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.