



NOTICE OF RACE

FOR THE

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

2008 CRUISE

SATURDAY 19 APRIL TO SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2008

CRUISE COMMITTEE

Cruise Captain: Simon Coventry, (Gannet),
Vice Commodore Malcolm Levy, (Polar Bear),
John Barclay, (Reverie), Will Hutchinson, (Freya),
Julian Farren-Price, (About Time), Bruce Gould, (Margaret Rintoul),
Julie Clarke, (Senta), and Trish Stanley (Willyama)

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

1. RULES

All racing is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005 - 2008 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended

In the event of conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

All races governed by the Notice of Race are classified Category C in accordance with RRS 79 except when advertising is prohibited under class rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 A racing entry must be of a mono hull construction.

3.2 The cruise is also open to non racing vessels of any configuration.

3.3 For the ocean/passage events all racing and non racing participants shall have a minimum crew number of three. Two of which will be over the age of 18 years.

3.4 For all inshore racing participants shall have a minimum crew number of two.

3.5 Entries will only be accepted from members of a recognized Yacht Club.

3.6 Yachting NSW has granted dispensation to RRS 46 and 55.

3.7 At least one member of the crew shall hold a Radio Operators Certificate.

3.8 Yachts entering in any offshore race/passage shall submit, with its entry a current YA Special Regulations Compliance Form, Category 4 or higher.

3.9 In addition to YA Special Regulations Category 4 the RSYS requires that yachts shall also comply with YA Special Regulations Section 4 part 4.03 for Category 3 – Jackstays, Clipping Points and Safety Lines.

3.10 Yachts entering in any offshore race/passage must have a serviceable engine capable of sustaining a speed of 5 knots in smooth water and sufficient fuel for 10 hours motoring at 5 knots.

3.11 Yachts entering in any inshore race shall submit, with its entry a current YA Special Regulations Compliance Form, Category 7 or higher.

3.12 The cruise will consist of seven races, three offshore and four inshore.

3.13 The cruise will be contested in three divisions;

- Spinnaker Division
- Non Spinnaker Division 1
- Non Spinnaker Division 2

3.14 The Race Committee reserves the right to determine the division to which a boat is allocated. As a guide performance yachts and yachts greater than 11.5 meters LOA may be placed in Non Spinnaker Division 1.

3.15 The determination of division shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 & 62)

- 3.16 Yachts racing in the 'Non Spinnaker' Divisions may not set any sails forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. Any sails set forward of a mast shall be attached to the stay in the centerline of the yacht and only one such sail may be boomed.
- 3.17 All participating yachts, competing or cruising, are required to fly the Squadron Cruise flag and if racing, their Division flag continuously from their backstays from first joining until leaving the Cruise.

4. ENTRY

Eligible yachts may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee to;

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Sailing Office
 Attention: Frances Allison
 PO Box 484
 Milsons Point 1565
 Email: allison@rsys.com.au
 Phone: 02 9017 0153
 Fax: 02 9955 3404

5. FEES

5.1 Overall Point Score	\$ 395.00
Offshore Point Score	\$ 215.00
Inshore Point Score	\$ 215.00
Casual Race Entry	\$ 65.00

5.2 Other Fees:

Non Racing Vessels	\$ 200.00
Cruise Flag	\$ 35.00
Division Flag	\$ 30.00

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Racing will be conducted from Saturday 19th to Saturday 26th April 2008 as detailed below:

STARTS		RACING & VENUES			OVERNIGHT DESTINATIONS
Date	Time	Race No.	Type of Race	Course	
Saturday 19 April	1000	1	Offshore Heat 1	Port Jackson to Broken Bay	Halletts Beach Happy Hour on the beach
Sunday 20 April	1200	2	Inshore Heat 1	Around marks in Broken Bay	Mushroom Bay (Akuna) - Raft Up & Progressive Dinner
Monday 21 April	1200	3	Inshore Heat 2	Around marks in Broken Bay	Refuge Bay – Raft Up
Tuesday 22 April	1200	4	Inshore Heat 3 (NP) Crew Race	Around Marks in Broken Bay	Waratah Bay – Raft Up
Wednesday 23 April	Lay day – Coasters Retreat				The Basin – Spit Roast

Thursday 24 April	1200	5	Offshore 2	Heat	Off Barrenjoey Head	Official Function at RMYC
Friday 25 April	1200	6	Inshore 4	Heat	Around Marks in Pittwater/Broken Bay	Pinta Bay – Raft Up
Saturday 26 April	1000	7	Offshore 3	Heat	Broken Bay to Port Jackson	Return to RSYS: Unofficial Get-together Careening Cove
<i>NOTE: This program will be flexible. Courses and destinations may be changed daily to suit the weather and passage events i.e. if adverse weather prevails.</i>						

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the RSYS Sailing Office by Friday 28 March 2008.

8. REGATTA OFFICE

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Sailing Office:
 PO Box 484 Ph: 02-9017 0153
 Milsons Point 1565 Fax: 02-9955 3404
 Email: allison@rsys.com.au

9. RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted between Port Jackson and Broken Bay, including the waters inside Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour), and Broken Bay (Pittwater/Hawkesbury).

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Racing will consist of both Inshore and Offshore courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 Alternative courses will be available to meet any changes in the program necessitated by the weather.

11. SCORING

11.1 Scoring System

The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments;

11.1.1 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.

11.1.2 Non Finishing

A boat scored Retired After Finish (RAF) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore finishers in the race plus one point.

11.1.3 Disqualification

Boats which are disqualified (DSQ) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in the race plus two points.

11.1.4 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.

11.2 Pointscores

11.2.1 All pointscores are open to block entries only.

11.2.2 Series Pointscores will be as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2.3 All races constitute a series.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will transmit and receive race information on VHF channel 69.

13. PRIZES

13.1 In the overall pointscore for each division there will be one prize awarded for five starters, two prizes for ten starters and three prizes for fifteen or more starters. In all other pointscores and in all individual races, all placings shall count. A prize will be awarded for first, second and third place in each individual race.

13.2 Sailing Races - Prizes will be awarded for the following events:

Pointscores	Spinnaker Division	Non Spinnaker Division 1	Non Spinnaker Division 2
Overall (Perpetual Trophies)	New York Yacht Club Trophy	Windsong Trophy	Bob Tinning Trophy
Ocean Races – Cat 4 (Races 1, 5, & 7)	Cruise Captain's Trophy	Cruise Captain's Trophy	Cruise Captain's Trophy
Inshore Races – Cat 7 (Races 2, 3, & 6)	Commodore's Trophy	Commodore's Trophy	Commodore's Trophy
Ocean Races 1 & 5 (lowest aggregate corrected time)	N/A	Alan Payne Memorial Trophy	Alan Payne Memorial Trophy

Individual Races	Spinnaker Division	Non Spinnaker Division 1	Non Spinnaker Division 2
Race 1	Vice Commodore's Trophy	Rear Commodore's Trophy	Rear Commodore's Trophy
Race 2	Club Treasurer's Trophy	Club Treasurer's Trophy	Club Treasurer's Trophy
Race 3	Club Captain's Trophy	Club Captain's Trophy	Club Captain's Trophy
Race 4 Non Pointscore (Crew Race)	Associate's Committee Trophy	Associate's Committee Trophy	Associate's Committee Trophy
Race 5	Cruise Committee Trophy	Cruise Committee Trophy	Cruise Committee Trophy
Race 6	Past Cruise Captain's Trophy	Past Cruise Captain's Trophy	Past Cruise Captain's Trophy
Race 7	RSYS Cruise Trophy	RSYS Cruise Trophy	RSYS Cruise Trophy
Participants Medallion	A Medallion to record participation will be awarded to all racing and cruising competitors.		

- 13.3 Where there are not enough entries to constitute a Spinnaker division the New York Yacht Club Trophy may be reallocated at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14.1 **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 or harm.
- 14.2 **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 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;

14.3 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.