



NOTICE OF RACE

FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL DRAGON CLASS
2009
NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

6 - 8 November 2009

CONDUCTED BY

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF YACHTING NEW SOUTH WALES

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

In the event of conflict between any of the rules, except the RRS, and regulations the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 ADVERTISING

The event is classified as Category C, in accordance with RRS Appendices, Section II - Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising Code.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The Regatta is open to all International Dragon Class yachts.

3.2 All owners, helmsman and crew shall be financial members of the Australian International Dragon Association.

3.3 All competitors helming or crewing a boat while racing shall conform with RRS 46 and 55.

3.4 The helmsman nominated on the entry form shall be deemed to be in charge of the yacht and no change of helmsman shall be made without the prior written consent of the Race Committee.

4 ENTRY

Entries on the attached entry form shall be received at the RSYS Sailing Office by 1400 hours on 02 November 2009.

5 ENTRY FEE

5.1 All boats are required to pay the Regatta entry fee of \$140.

5.2 All boats not already block entered in the RSYS Mini Regatta Series are required to pay an additional \$57 Mini Regatta casual entry fee.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Scheduled Time of Warning Signal	Sailing Instructions apply
06/11/09	Heat 1	1200	Spring & Summer Series
06/11/09	Heat 2	As soon as practicable after Heat 1	Spring & Summer Series
07/11/09	Heat 3	1220	Mini Regatta Series
07/11/09	Heat 4	As soon as practicable after Heat 3	Mini Regatta Series
07/11/09	Heat 5	As soon as practicable after Heat 4	Mini Regatta Series
08/11/09	Heat 6	1220	Mini Regatta Series
08/11/09	Heat 7	As soon as practicable after Heat 6	Mini Regatta Series
08/11/09	Heat 8	As soon as practicable after Heat 7	Mini Regatta Series

NB The warning signal may be timed to allow the passage of the Manly Ferry departing Circular Quay to clear the course before the start.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 For Heats 1-2 the Spring & Summer Series Sailing Instructions for the 2009 - 2010 RSYS / RPEYC Combined Sydney Harbour program shall apply.

7.2 For Heats 3-8 the Mini Regatta Sailing Instructions for the 2009 - 2010 RSYS / RPEYC Combined Sydney Harbour program shall apply.

8 RACING AREA

Races shall be conducted in Port Jackson, in the general area between Kirribilli Point and South Head.

9 COURSES

The Courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions of the 2009 - 2010 Sailing Handbook.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low-Points Scoring System as set out in Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 10.2 The Series shall consist of 8 races, 7 will count.
- 10.3 In the event of 4 or less races being completed, all will count.
- 10.4 A minimum of 3 races will constitute a Series.

11 TURNS PENALTIES

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are amended so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) and applies to infringements against other boats in the MINB and Spring Twilight regatta, except that for infringements occurring within the Two Length Zone the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). For infringements against any other boat, other than boats of the same class in the same race, the Two-Turns Penalty applies.

12 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1 YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance - Category 7 shall apply.
- 12.2 Any yacht not currently racing with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron shall lodge, with the Sailing Office by 1400 hours Monday 02 November 2009 a copy of her current completed YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form - Category 7.
- 12.3 Where there is a conflict between the relevant Class or Association Rules and the YA Special Regulations, whichever is the more stringent, shall apply.

13 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 13.1 **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.
- 13.2 **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;

13.3 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.

14 SAIL NUMBERS

- 14.1 A boat shall sail under the sail number advised on its entry form.
- 14.2 A boat shall display identical sail numbers on all its sails.
- 14.3 The use of any sail displaying a different number to that on the entry form must be notified to the Sailing Office not later than two (2) hours before the start of the race.
- 14.4 A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not notified the Sailing Office in accordance with 14.3 above may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

15 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 15.1 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"*.
- 15.2 Boats found to have interfered with the Commercial Shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

16 REGATTA OFFICE

- 16.1 The Regatta Office will be the Sailing Office of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, situated at:
33 Peel Street Kirribilli
Telephone: 02 - 9017 0150
Fax: 02 - 9955 3404
Email: sailing@rsys.com.au

- 16.2 The Official Regatta Notice Board will be located underneath the Careening Cove Terrace stairs.

17 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 17.1 Team leaders, Coaches and other support personnel or boats will not approach closer than 50 metres to any boat racing from the Warning Signal until the last boat in that race has finished, without the approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.2 The penalty for failing to comply with 17.1 above may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing party, parties, boat and or boats. (Addition to RRS 60.2)

18 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 18.1 The trophy for the winner will be presented at the NSWIDA end of Season Dinner.
- 18.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the NSWIDA committee.
- 18.3 The awarding of any prizes shall be subject to any decisions from outstanding protests and appeals.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 Competition Temporary Membership: Competition Temporary Membership of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron has been extended to all visiting yachtsmen during the Regatta.
- 19.2 Parking: The Squadron has a large underground carpark and street parking is available (take note of certain parking restrictions). Please also note that preference will be given to members in the Squadron's carpark and visiting yachtsmen are allowed only 1 car per competing yacht.

- 19.3 NO trailers will be permitted to stay in the carpark.
- 19.4 The Boatshed and Hardstand are located on the waterfront of the Squadron and accessible via the upper carpark entrance in Peel Street. The Dockmaster and Tender Driver are on duty Saturday and Sunday from 0800 to 1800 hours.
- 19.5 The Squadron will endeavour to cater for visiting boats however **please make arrangements in advance** with the Waterfront Manager, on 02-9955 7171 or direct on 02-9017 0162

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ENTRY FORM

Please return to: The Sailing Office
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Fax: 02 - 9955 3404
PO Box 484 MILSONS POINT NSW 1565

Yacht Name: _____

Sail No: _____

Owner/s: _____

Club: _____

Helmsman: _____

Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Ph (H): _____

Ph (W): _____

Ph (M): _____

Email: _____ (please print clearly)

The following document is attached:

- Copy of completed current YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Category 7 or higher (if not held by RSYS)

Entry Fee : \$140 (incl. GST) **OR** casual entries @ \$57.00 (incl. GST) each day

Mini Regatta Entry Fee: \$57 Mini Regatta casual

(All boats not block entered in the RSYS Mini Regatta Series)

RSYS House Account: _____ (available to RSYS Members only)

Cheque enclosed (payable to Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron)

VISA / MC / BANKCARD: _____ exp. _____

Name on Card: _____

I agree to be bound by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the races concerned. I have read and understand my obligations as set out in the YA Special Regulations 1.02 Owners Responsibility. I certify that the vessel entered will maintain, during period of racing, an insurance policy with a minimum of TEN million dollars (\$10,000,000) public liability cover and compliance with all current NSW Maritime requirements.

By signing this entry form I declare that I have read and understand clause 13.1 Risk Warning, clause 13.2 Competitors Declaration and clause 13.3 Responsibilities as detailed in the Notice of Race.

Signed: _____
(Entering Helmsman or Owner)

Date: _____