



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE

OPENING DAY PARADE OF SAIL

Sunday 19th September 2010

CONDUCTED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 GITANA will be the start boat for the Parade of Sail. The fleet will parade past the Clubhouse declaring the official opening of the 2010-2011 Sailing Season.
- 1.2 All yachts participating in the Parade of Sail are required to motor whilst in formation.
- 1.3 Those yachts not equipped with engines wishing to participate in the parade should ask to be towed by another yacht. Owners of yachts with motors, when asked for a tow should lend assistance where possible.
- 1.4 The RSYS mark boat will be stationed near the starting line of the Parade of Sail to lend assistance.
- 1.5 Yachts shall observe instructions from the Race Committee situated on Gitana and follow the Lead boat BOOMERANG.
- 1.6 Skippers are requested to evenly space their vessels in formation rather than crossing the start line as a group. Remember this is not a race but please keep in close formation behind the boat in front.
- 1.7 All owners are reminded of their obligations under the Navigation Act. Participants are also reminded yachts must be navigated as to keep clear of urban transit tugs and ferries displaying an orange diamond shape above the wheelhouse and must not interfere with commercial shipping.

2 PRIZES

- 2.1 The Commodore will award prizes, as detailed below, on the Careening Cove terrace at 1430 hours.

- * Combination of Best Dressed Ship and Crew
- * Best Dressed Ship
- * Best Dressed Crew

- 2.2.1 The winner's names will be inscribed on perpetual trophies for each category.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA AND COURSE

- 3.1 All vessels are to assemble in the vicinity of Kirribilli Point at 1150. The parade will commence at 1200 and proceed past the Clubhouse and continue around towards Shell Cove (Kurraba Point) before returning to the pond for celebrations.
 - 3.2 The parade starting line will be between GITANA and a yellow inflatable mark. When starting boats shall leave GITANA to starboard and the yellow mark to port.
 - 3.3 Yachts are to proceed from the starting line to an orange inflatable mark (1) off the Squadron (leaving it to STARBOARD), to an orange inflatable mark (2) off Shell Cove (leaving it to PORT). All boats, after rounding mark (2) shall return to mark (1) leaving it to PORT before rafting up in the RSYS pond.
 - 3.4 Please remain in close formation, do not overtake the yacht in front of you, leave sufficient manoeuvring room for those who have yachts in tow and observe the pace set by the Lead boat.
 - 3.5 The lead boat will be acknowledged by a Sound Signal from the Commodore as she passes the Squadron.
 - 3.6 Once yachts have cleared the last mark they are requested to remain clear of the Parade until it has concluded.
- ## 4. STARTING ORDER AND SEQUENCE
- 4.1 "Boomerang" will lead the Parade of Sail.
 - 4.2 Upon arrival in the assembly area yachts are to locate the Lead boat and line up behind her whilst waiting for the starting signals. If you cannot locate the Lead boat please ask an RSYS committee boat for assistance.

Starting Sequence

Time	Meaning	Lowered	Displayed
1155	Warning Signal		W
1200	Start – (Lead boat BOOMERANG)	W	

The display of flags shall be accompanied by a sound signal.

5. **RAFT-UP IN THE POND**

Complimentary Fruit and Cheese Platter and a bottle of wine to enjoy in the Squadron Pond following the Parade will be available for collection from 1000 hrs at the Sailing Office.

