



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE

INTERNATIONAL YNGLING CLASS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

AND

GOLD CUP

27 - 29 December 2010

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STELLA FOLKBOAT NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF YACHTING NSW INC.

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) in conjunction with the Australian International Yngling Association Inc. and the Stella Folkboat Association of Australia.

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 rules and regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Careening Cove Terrace stairs.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect and signalled as per RRS Race Signals.

3.2 After this time, displaying code flag L on the Committee Vessel may indicate any changes in the Sailing Instructions.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron main mast located on the front lawn.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	Date	International Yngling	Scheduled Warning Signals
	27/12/10	Race 1	not before 1225
	27/12/10	Race 2	As soon as practicable after Race 1
	27/12/10	Race 3	As soon as practicable after Race 2
	28/12/10	Race 4	not before 1225 hours
	28/12/10	Race 5	As soon as practicable after Race 4
	28/12/10	Race 6	As soon as practicable after Race 5
	29/12/10	Race 7	not before 1225 hours
	29/12/10	Race 8	As soon as practicable after Race 7

5.2	Date	Stella / Folkboat	Scheduled Warning Signals
	27/12/10	Race 1	not before 1225
	27/12/10	Race 2	As soon as practical after Race 1
	27/12/10	Race 3	As soon as practical after Race 2
	28/12/10	Race 4	not before 1225
	28/12/10	Race 5	As soon as practical after Race 4
	28/12/10	Race 6	As soon as practical after Race 5
	29/12/10	Non Championship Passage Race	not before 1225

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1630 hours on any day.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class flags will be:

International Yngling Class	Code Flag "F"
Stella/Folkboat Class	Code Flag "O"

7. RACING AREA

The course area for all races will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) between Kirribilli Point and Manly Cove.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 **Windward/Leeward Championship Courses.** The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration. Mark 1 will be to windward of Marks 3A/3B. Mark 2 will be laid as a distance mark and will be approximately 50 metres from Mark 1. Marks 3A/3B will be not less than 50m to windward of the Starting / Finishing line.

2 ■ ■ 1

3B ■ ■ 3A

■ Starting / Finishing line ■ Committee Vessel

- 8.2 The Race Committee may display on the Committee Vessel the approximate compass bearing from the Starting / Finishing line to Mark 1.
- 8.3 Course descriptions:
- 8.3.1 One Lap
START – 1 – 2 – FINISH
- 8.3.2 Two Laps
START – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – FINISH
- 8.3.3 Three Laps
START – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – FINISH
- 8.3.4 Four Laps
START – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – 3A/3B – 1 – 2 – FINISH
- 8.4 The number of laps shall be indicated by the corresponding numeral pennant displayed with or before the Warning Signal.
- 8.5 Marks 1 and 2 shall be left to port.
- 8.6 Marks 3A/3B are a gate. When a boat passes through the gate it must leave either Mark 3A to Port or 3B to Starboard.
- 8.7 **Non Championship Passage Race Course.**
- COURSE Start – MW – ME – SM – CI – Finish
(Approx. 12 miles)
- 8.8 **Special Conditions.** Spinnakers are not permitted. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked or attached to the forestay by a luff groove device.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3A and 3B will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.
- 9.2 The Starting / Finishing line will be a black and white checkered inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.
- 9.3 **Change of Course Mark.** The new marks will be a yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and a black band.
- 9.4 The marks for the Folkboat non championship race will be yellow cylindrical YA buoys.

The following descriptions of marks and buoys are to be read in conjunction the Chartlet attached to these Sailing instructions:

BB	Beashel Mark - YA buoy, south-west of Sow and Pigs
CB	Chowder Bay Mark - YA buoy off southern shore of Chowder Bay (the southernmost buoy of the two YA buoys in Chowder Bay)
CI	Clarke Island - Summit of Clarke Island and pile south of Clarke Island
EC	Eastern Channel - YA buoy approximately 100m west of the Eastern Channel Pile light
FD	Fort Denison
GH	Georges Head - YA buoy approximately 200m south west of Georges Head
LB	Lady Bay Mark – YA buoy off northern end of Lady Bay
ME	Manly East Mark - Easternmost YA buoy in Manly Cove
MW	Manly West Mark - YA buoy, 400m SSW of Manly Wharf
NC	Naval Buoy No. 3A - The southernmost buoy of the group of three buoys to the north west of Clarke Island
NP	Neilsen Park Mark – YA buoy approximately 100m south west of the red navigation pile off Neilsen Park
OB	Obelisk Bay Mark - YA buoy east of Obelisk Beach
PP	Point Piper Mark - YA buoy north of Point Piper
RB	Rose Bay East Mark – YA buoy in Rose Bay approximately 200m off the eastern shore of Rose Bay in front of the convent
SH	The Safe Water mark approximately 300 m south east of Bradleys Head
SI	Shark Island – Summit of Shark Island and the lighthouse north of Shark Island
SM	Shark Island Mark – YA buoy approx. 10m south east of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island
TB	Taylors Bay Mark - YA buoy in Taylors Bay

NOTES:

Cardinal Marks – A boat shall not sail within the area bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

YA buoys – YA buoys referred to in these Sailing Instructions will be yellow, spherical, cylindrical or spar shaped buoys but may be replaced with a different mark without warning.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be between an orange flag displayed on the committee vessels signal gantry located at the starboard end and the course side of a black and white checkered inflatable mark at the port end.
- 10.2 The Start Sequence will be as per RRS 26.
- 10.3 The Warning Signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the Starting Signal of the preceding class.
- 10.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. (This changes rule A4.1.)

11. ABANDONMENT

- 11.1 Abandoned races will be resailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 11.2 Any race not completed on the scheduled day may be resailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

12. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 12.1 The Race Committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33 subject to the following amendments.
- 12.2 When the next leg of the course is changed, the Race Committee will lay a new mark as described in clause 9.3 and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable.
- 12.3 In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, Marks 1 and 2 will be replaced by a new single Mark 1 and boats will round the new Mark 1 and proceed directly to Marks 3A/3B.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finishing Line will be between an orange flag displayed on the committee vessels signal gantry located at the port end and the course side of a black and white checkered inflatable mark at the starboard end.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

For both classes rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The absolute time limit will be 90 minutes for each race from a class's official Starting Signal except for the Folkboat non championship race which will have a time limit of 150 minutes.
- 15.2 A boat finishing after expiration of the time limit will be scored DNF (Amends RRS 35).
- 15.3 If a boat retires, the helmsmen shall be responsible for notifying the Race Committee Vessel or the RSYS Sailing Office as soon as possible after retiring.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61.
- 16.2 The protest time limit will be one hour after the finish time of the last boat in the final race of the day.
- 16.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests at RSYS each day.
- 16.4 A protest hearing schedule will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- 16.5 It is the sole responsibility of parties who protest to present themselves to the hearing with such witnesses as may be required.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments:
 - 17.1.1 Non-starting
A boat scored Did Not Start (DNS) shall be awarded points equal to the number of entries in the race plus one point.
 - 17.1.2 Non-finishing
A boat scored Retired After Finish (RAF) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of finishers in the race plus one point.

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

17.1.4 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.

18. SERIES

18.1 International Yngling

18.1.1 The series shall consist of 8 races, 7 will count.

18.1.2 In the event of 7 races being completed, 6 will count.

18.1.3 In the event of 6 or less races being completed, all will count.

18.1.4 A minimum of 3 completed races will constitute the Series.

18.2 Stella / Folkboat

18.2.1 The series shall consist of 6 races, 5 will count.

18.2.2 In the event of 5 or less races being completed, all will count.

18.2.3 A minimum of 3 completed races will constitute the Series.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

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

20. SUPPORT VESSELS

20.1 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.

20.2 The penalty for failing to comply with 20.1 above may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing party, parties, boat and or boats. (addition to RRS 60.2)

21 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats may haul out without restrictions.

22 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

22.1 International Yngling Class

22.1.1 Prizes will be as set out in the NOR.

22.2 Stella / Folkboat Class

22.2.1 Prizes will be as set out in the NOR.

23. RESPONSIBILITIES

23.1 **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.

- 23.2 **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 2009-2012 (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) 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;

23.3 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.

24. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 24.1 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"*.
- 24.2 Boats found to have interfered with the Commercial Shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 24.3 Attention is drawn to the requirements of NSW Maritime as published in Appendices 5, 7 and 8 of the 2010-2011 RSYS Sailing Handbook.
- 24.4 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Maritime Authority Special Regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing.
- 24.5 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of

the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.

- 24.6 Any yachts reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime Regulations shall be disqualified. (Amends RRS 63.1)

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 Competition Temporary Membership: Competition Temporary Membership of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron has been extended to all visiting yachtsmen during the Regatta.
- 25.2 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. Car parking on Fridays between 3:30 pm and 7:30pm and on Saturdays and Sundays is restricted to members only.
- 25.3 **NO** trailers will be permitted to stay in the carpark.
- 25.4 The Boatshed and Hardstand are located on the waterfront of the Squadron and accessible via the upper carpark entrance in Peel Street.
- 25.5 The Squadron will endeavour to cater for visiting boats however **please make arrangements in advance** with the Dockmaster on 02-9017 0162.
- 25.6 The Regatta Office will be the RSYS Sailing Office situated at:
Address: 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli Fax: (02) 9955 3404
Telephone: (02) 9017 0150 Email: sailing@rsys.com.au

