

SPRING & SUMMER SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Combined Sydney Harbour program – 01 September 2007 to 26 July 2008

1. RULES

The General Sailing Instructions, included in this Handbook, form part of these Sailing Instructions except as amended herein.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Racing is scheduled as detailed in the Calendar of Events included in this Handbook.

3. WARNING SIGNALS AND TIMES (to be read in conjunction with RRS 26)

The scheduled time of the warning signal for each class or division is:

Scheduled Time	Class or Division	Flag Displayed
1245 hrs	International Etchells	E
1250 hrs	Division 1	Q
1255 hrs	Division 2	K
1300 hrs	International Dragon	D
1305 hrs	Division 3	R
1310 hrs	Division 4	V
1315 hrs	International Yngling	F
1320 hrs	Non-Spinnaker Division	H

Note: on Mini Regatta race days the same starting sequence and scheduled times will apply.

4. COURSES

4.1 The courses are detailed in clause 4.6.

4.2 The course to be sailed will be:

- signaled with or before the warning signal
- indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

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

4.4 All marks are to be passed to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.

4.5 The Race Committee may change the course signaled, display Flag S or Flag Y before, with or shortly after the warning signal. When a signal is displayed with a class or division flag it is to apply to that class or division only. (Amends RRS 27.1, 32, 40 and Race Signals)

4.6 Courses

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS

COURSE 0 (N & NNE)	Start Line No. 1 - BB - WS - BB - *WS - BB - WS - Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass Rocks). Approx. 11 miles.
COURSE 1 (NE & ENE)	Start Line No. 1 - LBS(P) - TB - LBS(P) - *TB - LBS(P) - WS - Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass Rocks). Approx. 11 miles.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - RW(P) - KP - RW(P) - *KP - RW(P) - KP - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 14 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 - E1(P) - NM(P) - E1(P) - NM(P) - E1(P) - *NM(P) - E1(P) - NM(P) - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 13 miles.
COURSES 4&8 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - E2(P) - GH – RS(P) - GH – RS(P) - *GH – RS(P) - GH - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 13 miles.
COURSES 5&9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - NP - DM(P) - NP - DM(P) - *NP - DM(P) - NP - Finish (Vicinity Point Piper). Approx. 12.5 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - KP(P) - WS(P) - KP(P) - WS(P) - KP(P) - *WS(P) - KP(P) - WS(P) - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 14 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - NM(P) - PP - NM(P) - PP - NM(P) - *PP - NM(P) - PP - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 13 miles.

DIVISION 1

COURSES 0&1 (N & NE)	Start Line No. 1 - MW - ME - *DM - MW - ME - DM - Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass Rocks). Approx. 16.5 miles.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - SP(P) - TB - EC - N3B - SP(P) - *KP – SI – SM - KP - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 15 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 - E2(P) - OB - RB - CB - RB - SM – SI - *TB – RS - NM(P) - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 16 miles.
COURSE 4 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - E2 (P) - MW - ME - *SP - MW - ME - SP - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 16 miles.
COURSE 5 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - MW - ME - E2 - *LBS - NP - LBS - Finish (Vicinity Point Piper). Approx. 16 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - KP(P) - DM(P) - EC - SM - KP(P) – DM(P) - EC - *SM - KP(P) - RW(P) - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 16 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - KP(P) - DM(P) - EC - RS - CB - RS - CB - EC - *RS - KP(P) - RS - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 16 miles.

Alternate Courses

- COURSE 8 (S & SSE) Start Line No. 4 - E2(P) - OB - SP - OB - WS – OB
- Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 10 miles.
- COURSE 9 (SW) Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - OB - SM – SI - LBS(P) - WS - LBS(P)
- Finish (Vicinity Point Piper). Approx. 12.5 miles.

DIVISION 2

- COURSES 0&1 (N & NE) Start Line No. 1 - MW - ME - *DM - EC – DM
- Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass Rocks). Approx. 14 miles.
- COURSE 2 (E) Start Line No. 3 - SP(P) - NM(P) – SI - SM – NM(P) – SP(P) - *NM(P) –
SI
– SM - NC - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 14.5 miles.
- COURSE 3 (SE) Start Line No. 3 - E2(P) - OB - RB - *OB - RB - NM(P)
- Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 14. miles.
- COURSE 4 (S & SSE) Start Line No. 4 - E2 (P) - MW - ME - SP - *CB – RS(P) - CB
- Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 14 miles.
- COURSE 5 (SW) Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - BB - NC - *EC - N3 – BB
- Finish (Vicinity Point Piper). Approx. 14 miles.
- COURSE 6 (W) Start Line No. 2 - KP(P) - DM(P) - NP - SM - KP(P) - *RW(P) - KP(P)
- RW(P) - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 14.5 miles.
- COURSE 7 (NW) Start Line No. 1 - KP(P) - E2(P) - EC - RS – KP(P) - *PP - KP(P) - PP
- Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 14 miles.

Alternate Courses

- COURSE 8 (S & SSE) Start Line No. 4 - E2(P) - OB - SP - OB - WS – OB
- Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 10 miles.
- COURSE 9 (SW) Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - OB - SM – SI - LBS(P) - WS - LBS(P)
- Finish (Vicinity Point Piper). Approx. 12.5 miles.

DIVISION 3

- COURSES 0&1 (N & NE) Start Line No. 1 - LBS(P) - WS - OB - *SP - LBS(P) – SP
- Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass Rocks). Approx. 10.5 miles.
- COURSE 2 (E) Start Line No. 3 - SP(P) - NM(P) - *EC - SM - NM(P)
- Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 11 miles.
- COURSE 3 (SE) Start Line No. 3 - E2(P) - CB - RS - *OB - RS - NM(P)
- Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 11 miles.

COURSES 4&8 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - E2(P) - OB - SP - *OB - WS – OB - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 11 miles.
COURSES 5&9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - BB - SP - *EC - WS – BB - Finish (Vicinity Point Piper). Approx. 11 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - KP(P) - DM(P) - SP(P) - KP(P) - *RW(P) - KP(P) - RW(P) - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 12 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - KP(P) - E2(P) - SP(P) - *PP - NM(P) - PP - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 9.5 miles.

INTERNATIONAL DRAGON

COURSE 0 (N & NNE)	Start Line No. 1 - CB - WS - CB - WS - CB - *WS - CB - Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass). Approx. 10 miles.
COURSE 1 (NE & ENE)	Start Line No. 1 - NP - DM - NP - *DM - NP – DM - Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass). Approx. 12 miles.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - WS(P) - KP - WS(P) - *KP - WS(P) - KP - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 11.5 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 - DM(P) - NM(P) - E1(P) - NM(P) - *E1(P) - NM(P) - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 9.5 miles.
COURSES 4&8 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - E2(P) - CB - RW - WS - CB - RW – WS - *CB – RW - WS - CB - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 12.5 miles.
COURSES 5&9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - SP - DM(P) - SP - DM(P) - *SP - DM(P) - SP - Finish (Vicinity Point Piper). Approx. 11.5 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - NM(P) - PP - NM(P) - PP - NM(P) - *PP - NM(P) - PP - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 13.5 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - NM(P) - E1 - NM(P) - E1 - NM(P) - *E1 - NM(P) - E1 - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 11.5 miles.

INTERNATIONAL YNGLING CLASS

COURSE 0 (N & NNE)	Start Line No. 1 - CB - WS - CB - WS - CB - *WS - CB – WS - Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass). Approx. 10 miles.
COURSE 1 (NE & ENE)	Start Line No. 1 - NP - E1 - NP - *E1 - NP - E1 - Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass). Approx. 12 miles.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - WS(P) - NM(P) - WS(P) - *NM(P) - WS(P) - NM(P) - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 12 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 - DM(P) - KP(P) - DM(P) - KP(P) - DM(P) - *KP(P) - DM(P) - KP(P) - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 10.5 miles.

COURSE 4&8 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - E2(P) - TB - PP - TB - PP - *TB - PP – CB - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 10 miles.
COURSE 5&9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - SP - DM(P) - SP - DM(P) - *SP - DM(P) - SP - Finish (Vicinity Point Piper). Approx. 11.5 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - KP(P) - PP - KP(P) - *PP - KP(P) – PP - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 10.5 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - NM(P) - E1 - NM(P) - E1 - NM(P) - *E1 - NM(P) - E1 - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 11.5 miles.

DIVISION 4 AND NON-SPINNAKER DIVISION

COURSES 0&1 (N & NE)	Start Line No. 1 - BB - NC - BB - *RW - DM - Finish (Vicinity Bottle and Glass Rocks). Approx. 10 miles.
COURSE 2 (E)	Start Line No. 3 - SP(P) - TB - NP - DM - *NM(P) - SP(P) - N3 - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 10.5 miles.
COURSE 3 (SE)	Start Line No. 3 - E2(P) - TB - SP - *NM(P) - E2(P) - NM(P) - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 10 miles.
COURSES 4&8 (S & SSE)	Start Line No. 4 - E2(P) - TB – RB - SM - WS - *CB – SM - WS - TB - Finish (Vicinity Woollahra Point). Approx. 9.5 miles.
COURSES 5&9 (SW)	Start Line No. 4 - DM(P) - EC - WS - *OB - SM – SI - EC - Finish (Vicinity Point Piper). Approx. 10.5 miles.
COURSE 6 (W)	Start Line No. 2 - NM(P) - DM(P) - *SP(P) - NM(P) - SP(P) - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 9.5 miles.
COURSE 7 (NW)	Start Line No. 1 - KP(P) - DM(P) – KP(P) - *E2(P) - NP - PP - CI - Finish (Vicinity Kirribilli). Approx. 10 miles.

5 SHORTENED COURSE

- 5.1 When flag S is displayed in accordance with clause 4.5 the course to be sailed is shortened and boats are to proceed directly to the finishing line after rounding the mark indicated by an asterisk (*) in the courses listed in clause 4.6. (Amends RRS 32 and Race Signals)
- 5.2 The Race Committee may elect to send some classes or divisions on the full course and others on the short course.

6. MARKS AND BUOYS

Marks and buoys are as described in the list on page 44 of this Handbook.

7. ASSISTANCE IN RECORDING STARTERS

Boats are requested to sail past the starboard side of the Committee Vessel prior to

their starting sequence to assist race officials identifying starters in all events. In so doing, boats must keep clear of boats already in their starting sequence.

8. THE START

- 8.1 The Starting Lines will be as follows:
No. 1 - Off Clarke Island - for use in N, NNE, NE, ENE and NW winds.
No. 2 - Off Shark Island - for use in W winds.
No. 3 - Off Kirribilli - for use in E and SE winds.
No. 4 - In Athol Bay - for use in SSE, S and SW winds.
- 8.2 The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the port side of the Committee Vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS. An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) Flag U, may be positioned near the Committee Vessel. When the IDM is laid, boats shall leave it to starboard when starting. No boat shall pass between the IDM and the Committee Vessel from the course side of the line during its starting sequence.
- 8.3 The Race Committee may change the line by moving one of the Starting Line marks up to the lowering of the Preparatory flag. (Amends RRS 27.2)
- 8.4 For boats that have rounded the first mark of the course, the Starting Line and one metre on the course side of the Starting Line shall rank as an obstruction and shall not be crossed until five (5) minutes after the last start. Any boat which fails to observe this instruction shall be scored DSQ without a hearing. (Amends RRS 63)

9. RECALLS

- 9.1 Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- 9.2 In the event of a general recall, the order of starting will not be altered.
- 9.3 To assist competitors the Race Committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF 73 for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and the Non-Spinnaker Division. (Amends RRS 29)
- 9.4 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 9.3 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The Finishing Line is the line between the staff displaying the orange flag on the port side of the Committee Vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.
- 10.2 When the Committee Vessel is on station it will be on the starboard end of the line when viewed from the last mark of the course and may display a blue flag.
- 10.3 When the Committee Vessel is on station, the Finishing Line and one metre on either side of the Finishing Line shall rank as an obstruction and boats shall not cross it from either direction unless finishing. Any boat which fails to observe this instruction shall be scored DSQ without a hearing. (Amends RRS 63)

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 1800 hours or the official sunset time, whichever is the earlier.
- 11.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that have not finished by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). (Amends RRS 35)

12. SCORING

- 12.1 **Scoring System** - the Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments:

- 12.1.1 Non Starting

A boat scored Did Not Start (DNS or DNC) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in that race plus one point.

- 12.1.2 Non Finishing

For one design fleets (Etchells, Dragons and Ynglings), boats which are scored Retired After Finish (RAF) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore starters in the race plus one point.

For mixed fleet divisions (Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4 and Non-spinnaker Division), boats which are 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.

- 12.1.3 Disqualification

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

- 12.1.4 Abandonment

When a race is abandoned before or after the start and not re-sailed, the race shall be declared void and all boats entered shall be scored zero points.

12.2 **RSYS Pointscores**

- 12.2.1 The MAIN Series pointscore will be a combination of the SPR & SUM Series.

- 12.2.2 The MAIN, SPR and SUM pointscores will be based on PHS handicap results for mixed fleet divisions and the Yngling class and on scratch results for Etchells and Dragon classes.

- 12.2.3 For the Dragon and Yngling classes competing in Mini Regattas, including the Audi Sydney Harbour Regatta and the Autumn Championship Regatta, the first race will be the SPR, SUM and MAIN series pointscore race for that day.

For the Etchells class no Mini Regatta race will count towards the RSYS SPR, SUM, MAIN or Handicap series pointscore.

- 12.2.4 For all classes competing in Mini Regattas and the Autumn Championship Regatta, the regular Saturday club races will be deemed non-pointscore races for that day.

- 12.2.5 The SIS pointscore will be based on PHS handicap results.

12.2.6 The IRC pointscore will be based on IRC handicap results.

12.3 RSYS Races Dropped (Amends RRS Appendix A)

12.3.1 Etchells class shall drop any four (4) races in the MAIN series, any two (2) races in the SPR series and any one (1) races in the SUM series. Etchells shall drop any four (4) races in their Handicap series. The Yngling class shall drop any five (5) races in the MAIN series, any three (3) races in the SPR series, any two (2) races in the SUM series and any five (5) races in their Scratch series.

12.3.2 Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, Non-spinnaker Division and Dragon classes shall drop any six (6) races in the MAIN series, any three (3) in the SPR series and any three (3) in the SUM series. The Dragon class shall drop any six (6) races in their Handicap series.

12.3.3 Boats entered in the SIS shall drop any three (3) races

12.3.4 Boats entered in the IRC pointscore shall drop any six (6) races.

12.3.5 International Etchells Class shall drop one (1) heat in each of the Club Championship Series and the World Qualifying Series (a separate Notice of Race for the World Qualifying Series is available from the RSYS Sailing Office).

12.3.6 International Dragon Class shall drop one (1) heat in the Dragon Gold Cup.

12.4 RPEYC Pointscores and Races Dropped

Except for the Nettle Gold Cup, points are awarded on the same system as set out for the Scoring System in clause 12 above, except that a boat shall drop only one (1) race in the Season or Summer pointscore and the first race of an Etchells mini regatta will count towards the RPEYC pointscore.

13. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

13.1 NSW Maritime 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”.*

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

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded as per Appendix 2 in this Handbook.

14.2 Prizes will be awarded at the respective RSYS and RPEYC Annual Prizegivings.