

SUNDAY 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 the RSYS 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. **STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES**
 - 3.1 The list of entries shall show each boat's starting time and division.
 - 3.2 It is the responsibility of all boats to check their start times before each race and any boat not receiving written notification should consult the official list of entries displayed on the Official Notice Board at the RSYS.
 - 3.3 There will not be any warning or other starting signals displayed by the Race Committee. It is the responsibility of each boat to start no earlier than its official starting time. The illumination of the yellow transit light on the Careening Cove Terrace indicates the Race Committee is in attendance.
 - 3.4 The official time will be available from the Sailing Office, or from the Race Officials, or by dialling the Telstra Recorded Time Service on 1194.
 - 3.5 The starting time of the limit boat will be no earlier than 1200 hours.
4. **COURSES**
 - 4.1 **Division 1 (Spinnaker):** Starting Line – NC(P) – LBN – SM – Finishing Line. Approx. 8 miles
Division 2: Starting Line – NC(P) – BB – SM – Finishing Line. Approx. 7 miles
 - 4.2 Boats shall proceed to all marks shown in clause 4.1 above in the order listed and leave each mark on the required side.
 - 4.3 Pass all marks to STARBOARD unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.
 - 4.4 **Shortened Course** – indicated by Flag S displayed from the Club Flagmast no later than five minutes before the start of the first boat. To assist competitors, an additional Flag S may be displayed from the Careening Cove Terrace. In the event that a shortened course is signaled, the relevant shortened course detailed below shall be sailed: (Amends RRS 32 and Race Signals)

Division 1 (Spinnaker): Starting Line – NC(P) – NP – SM – Finishing Line. Approx 6 miles

Division 2: Starting Line – NC(P) – SI - SM – Finishing Line. Approx 5 miles

5. MARKS AND BUOYS

Marks and buoys will be as described in the list on page 41 of the Squadron Handbook.

6. THE START AND FINISH

6.1 The Starting / Finishing Line off the RSYS Clubhouse will be the extension of the transit of a yellow light / inverted orange triangle mounted above the Careening Cove Terrace and the dayglo panel on the vertical column of the southernmost boat crane on the hardstand area.

6.2 The limits of the Starting / Finishing Line will be Kurraba Point and a black and white checked inflatable mark laid east of the Neutral Bay ferry lanes. The black and white checked mark may not be precisely on the transit as described in 6.1 above.

6.3 **The Start:** when starting, boats shall cross the start line leaving the black and white checked mark to starboard.
The Finish: when finishing, boats shall cross the line from the direction of the last mark of the course leaving the black and white checked mark to port.

6.4 At all times boats shall avoid interfering with the Neutral Bay ferry service.

6.5 Boats are requested not to pass through the Starting Line unless they are officially starting. A boat that infringes this clause may be subject to a penalty as detailed in 7.2 below.

7. RECALL

7.1 There will be no recall signals. It is the responsibility of each boat to determine whether she is over the Starting Line before her starting time.

7.2 A boat that infringes clause 7.1 above, and fails to restart to the satisfaction of the Race Committee, will be recorded as OCS and will be scored points equal to the number of entries in the race plus one point except that a boat starting no more than one minute before its scheduled start time may instead receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c) (Amends RRS 29 and RRS Appendix A).

8. TIME LIMIT

8.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 1500 hours.

8.2 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)

9. POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT

Postponement and abandonment shall in be accordance with RRS 27.3 and 32. Signals will be displayed on the Club Flagmast.

10. HANDICAPS

The handicaps will apply at the start and will determine the start time for each boat. Handicaps are subject to adjustment after each race has been finalised.

11. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

11.1 Spinnakers are not permitted in Division 2. 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.

12. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

12.1 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”.*

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

13. PRIZES

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

13.1.1 Prizes for each race will be presented to eligible placegetters on the RSYS Careening Cove Terrace after the finish of each race.