

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE

2008 MILSON MEMORIAL CUP

INCORPORATING

Race 9 RSYS SOPS

Race 6 CYCA SO

9th February 2008

CONDUCTED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

33 PEEL STREET, KIRRIBILLI, NSW 2061

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 2005-2008 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended

If there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, except the RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 A boat shall have a current YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form – Category 4 or higher, signed by an accredited YA Special Regulations Equipment Auditor.
- 2.2 A boat shall have a current rating certificate (if applicable).

3 REGATTA OFFICE

3.1 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

3.2 The Official Regatta Notice Board is located under the RSYS Careening Cove Terrace stairs.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect and signaled as per RRS Race Signals.
- 4.2 After this time, any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be indicated by displaying code flag L on the Committee Vessel and communicated on VHF Channel 72.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Date of Race		Scheduled Time of Warning Signal
09 February 2008	Division 1	1155 hours
	Division 3	as soon as practical after Division 1

5.2 The starting sequence for each division will be a separate procedure.

6 SIGNAL FLAGS AND PENNANTS

In these instructions any flags or pennants mentioned are those of the International Code of Signals. Race Signals will be as per RRS.

7 DIVISION FLAGS

Start division will be identified numerically.

8 RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted east of Port Jackson (Sydney Heads) between Broken Bay and Botany Bay including the waters inside Port Jackson, Broken Bay and Botany Bay

9 THE COURSE / MARKS

- 9.1 There are five alternate courses as described below. The course to be sailed will be determined by the Race Committee.
- 9.2 Only when Courses 3, 4 or 5 are used a Race Committee Vessel flying the Race Committee Burgee will be stationed near Lady Bay Light Buoy (South Reef Gas Buoy) at 1030 hours and will display the signal - "Flag A over Flag C".
- 9.3 **Course 1**
- 9.3.1 Indicated by numeral pennant 1 together with a **RED** Flag signifying all marks to be passed to Port or by numeral pennant 1 together with a **GREEN** Flag signifying all marks to be passed to Starboard.
- 9.3.2 The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration (for the port hand alternative) including the approximate angles between legs.

9.3.3 The Race Committee Vessel before or with the Warning Signal will display the approximate distance and magnetic bearing from Mark 3 to Mark 1. Mark 1 will be to windward of mark 3.

9.3.4 All Marks will be orange inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

9.3.5 The Start Line shall be between Mark 3 of the course at the starboard end of the line and another orange inflatable mark at the port end of the line. The Race Committee Vessel will be on transit with these marks. This line shall be positioned as follows:

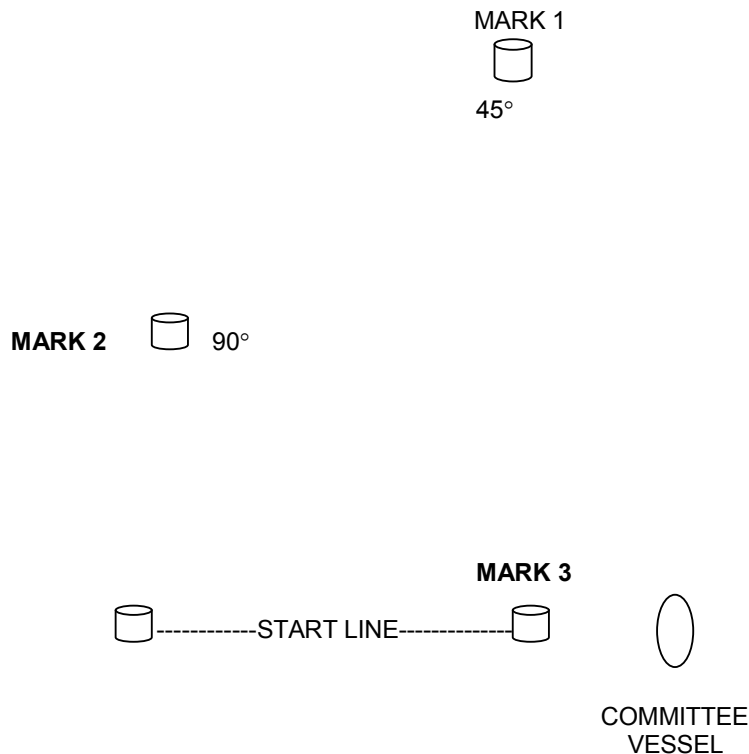
North, Northeast, East, Southeast, South and Southwest winds.
Approximately 2 nautical miles on bearing 090° Magnetic from outer North Head.

West and Northwest winds.
Approximately 4 nautical miles on bearing 090° Magnetic from outer North Head.

9.3.6 The Finish Line, when viewed from the course side shall be between the signal mast of the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark at the port end. The Finish Line shall be positioned in the vicinity of Watsons Bay.

PORT hand course only illustrated below

Course 1 description: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
Short Haul Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish



9.4 **Course 2**

9.4.1 Indicated by numeral pennant 2 together with a **RED** Flag signifying all marks to be passed to Port or by numeral pennant 2 together with a **GREEN** Flag signifying all marks to be passed to Starboard.

9.4.2 The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration (for the port hand alternative).

9.4.3 The Race Committee Vessel before or with the Warning Signal will display the approximate distance and magnetic bearing from Mark 3 to Mark 1. Mark 2 is a distance mark and will be approximately 150 metres from Mark 1. Mark 1 will be to windward of mark 3.

9.4.4 The Start Line shall be between Mark 3 at the starboard end of the line and another inflatable mark at the port end of the line. The Race Committee Vessel will be on transit with these marks. This Start Line shall be positioned as follows:

North, Northeast, East, Southeast, South and Southwest winds.
Approximately 2 nautical miles on bearing 090° Magnetic from outer North Head.

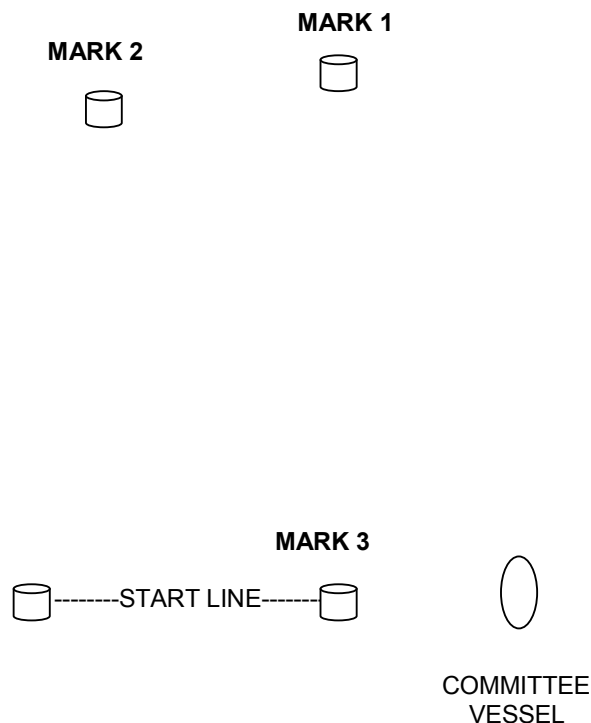
West and Northwest winds.
Approximately 4 nautical miles on bearing 090° Magnetic from outer North Head.

9.4.5 The Finish Line, when viewed from the course side shall be between the signal mast of the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and an inflatable mark at the port end. The Finish Line shall be positioned in the vicinity of Watsons Bay.

PORT hand course only illustrated below

Course 2 description: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

Short Haul: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish



9.5 **Course 3**

9.5.1 Indicated by numeral pennant 3 and described as below:

SL - BB(S) - FL

DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

- SL Start Line will be in the vicinity of Watsons Bay between the aft side of the signal gantry of the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS at the port end.
- BB The Captain Cook buoy in Botany Bay, a red bell buoy showing a flashing red light every 2.5 seconds, situated on the southern side of the entrance Channel, 1.5 miles on a bearing 280 (TRUE) from the southern extremity of Cape Banks. This mark is to be passed to starboard.
- FL Finish Line, when viewed from the course side shall be in the vicinity off Watsons Bay between the signal gantry of the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS at the port end.

9.6 **Course 4**

9.6.1 Indicated by numeral pennant 4 and described as:

SL - MW(S) - ME(S) - LBN(S) - KP(P) - DM(P) - OB(S) - KP(P) - MW(S) - ME(S) - FL.
(Approximately 20 miles)

9.6.2 Marks suffixed (S) are to be left to Starboard and the marks suffixed (P) are to be passed to Port.

DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

SL Start Line shall be off Watsons Bay between the signal mast of the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark at the port end
ME Manly Mark (Easternmost) - Easternmost YA buoy in Manly Cove
LBN Lady Bay North Mark – YA Buoy off northern end of Lady Bay
KP An orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS East of Kirribilli Point
DM Darling Point Mark - RSYS mark north west of Clarke Island
OB Obelisk Bay YA Mark
MW Manly Mark (Westernmost) - YA buoy, 400m SSW of Manly Wharf
FL Finish Line, when viewed from the course side shall be in the vicinity of Watsons Bay between the signal gantry of the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark at the port end.

9.7 **Course 5**

9.7.1 Indicated by numeral pennant 5 and described as:

SL - Sea Mark 1(S) (approx. position 33 50.90'S, 151 23.50'E) - Sea Mark 2(S) (approx. position 33 50.80'S, 151 17.70'E) - Sea Mark 1(S) - FL. (approx. 23 miles)

9.7.2 All marks are to be passed to Starboard.

DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

SL Start Line shall be off Watsons Bay between the signal mast of the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark at the port end
FL The Finish Line, when viewed from the course side shall be in the vicinity off Watsons Bay between the signal gantry of the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark at the port end.

9.7.3 All Sea Marks will be orange inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10 THE START

10.1 Starting signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26, amended as follows;

Signal	Flag & sound	Minutes before start signal
Warning	Division flag ↑: 1 sound	5
Preparatory	“P” ↑: 1 sound	4
One Minute	“P” ↓: 1 long sound	1
Starting	Division Flag ↓: 1 sound	0

10.2 The warning signal for each succeeding class/division shall be made with or after the Starting Signal of the preceding class.

10.3 All competing boats shall report to the Committee Vessel prior to the Warning Signal on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted to confirm its intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored DNS.

10.4 A boat shall not approach closer than 100 metres to the start line until its Preparatory Signal has been made.

10.5 A boat shall not start later than ten minutes after her Starting Signal.

10.6 Should one boat of a division appear at the Starting Line for a race, that boat is entitled to sail the course.

10.7 A Boat may use prohibited propulsion after its Preparatory Signal to arrive at the start line, provided it shall cease using such propulsion 100 metres from the start line. It shall then immediately carry out a 360 degree turn while keeping clear of all other boats, and if the Start Signal has been made, start.

11 RECALLS

11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The sail number of the recalled boat may be announced on Race Frequency VHF Channel 72 (amends RRS 29.2).

11.2 General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.3. The words "General Recall" may be announced several times on Race Frequency VHF Channel 72 (amends RRS 29.3).

11.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 11.1 and 11.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.

11.4 When a General Recall has been signaled, the order of starting will not be altered.

12 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

Any change in the course will be in accordance with RRS 33.

13 SHORTENING AFTER THE START

13.1 If flag S is displayed on or near a mark designated boats shall round/pass the mark as required (looping not necessary) and proceed directly to the finish.

13.2 If IC flag S and a 'blue' flag are displayed on a Committee Vessel near a rounding mark of the course, then boats shall finish by passing between the Committee Vessel and the nearby mark of the course. (Refer to RRS 32 and RRS Race Signals)

14 THE FINISH

The Finish is as described in the relevant course descriptions.

15 TURNS PENALTY

The RRS 44.2 Turns Penalty will apply.

16 TIME LIMIT

16.1 The absolute time limit will be six hours after a divisions starting signal.

16.2 A boat finishing after expiration of the time limit will be scored DNF. (Amends RRS 35)

17 PROTESTS

17.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61.

17.2 Protests must reach the RSYS Sailing Office by 1000 hours on Monday, 11 February 2008.

17.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests at the RSYS on Wednesday, 13 February 2008.

17.4 A protest hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board outside the RSYS Sailing Office by 1700 hours on Monday 11 February 2008 or as soon as possible thereafter.

17.5 It is the sole responsibility of parties who protest to present themselves to the hearing with such witnesses as may be required.

18 SCORING

18.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments:

18.1.2 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.

18.1.3 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.

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

18.1.5 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.

18.2 This race constitutes Heat 8 of the RSYS SOPS pointscore and Heat 6 of the CYCA SO pointscore.

19 COMMITTEE VESSELS

The Race Committee Vessel at the Start and Finish may display the RSYS Race Committee Burgee. The Burgee is the RSYS Burgee with a white boarder.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

As far as practicable the Race Committee Vessel will maintain radio communication on VHF Channel 72

21 BOATS RETIRING

A boat that retires shall notify the Committee Vessel or the Sailing Office of the club conducting the race of its retirement; as soon as possible by whatever means is available. If Search and Rescue operations are unnecessarily instituted due to the Boat failing to make timely contact, the Boat will be subject to action by the Race Committee under RRS 60.2(c) whereby a report will be made to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.1(a) – Allegation of Gross Misconduct.

22 ENTRIES

22.1 All competitors helming or crewing while racing shall comply with RRS 46 and 55.

22.2 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 the prior written consent of the Race Committee.

22.3 The Regatta will be conducted in the following Divisions:
Division 1 – PHS, IRC
Division 3 – PHS, IRC

22.4 Entries will be allocated to Divisions at the Race Committee's absolute discretion and such determination will not be grounds for protest or redress.

22.5 Division allocations will be shown on the official list of entries.

22.6 A minimum of five entries is required for the establishment of a division.

23 PRIZES

23.1 All trophies and prizes will be presented at the RSYS Annual Prizegiving held on Tuesday 27 May 2008.

22.3 PRIZES

Milson Memorial Cup - The Milson Memorial Cup shall be inscribed with the winner's name from the overall combined result on Performance Handicap of eligible boats.

Prizes shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd from overall combined results on Performance Handicap.

IRC - A prize shall be awarded for 1st in the overall results on IRC handicap for eligible IRC rated boats.

24 RESPONSIBILITIES

All competitors contest this race under their obligations as detailed in clause 15.1 Risk Warning, clause 15.2 Competitors Declaration and clause 15.3 Responsibilities of the Notice of Race.