

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

FOR

## **174th AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA**

ON SYDNEY HARBOUR

TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2010

CONDUCTED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

**ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON  
33 PEEL STREET KIRRIBILLI NSW 2061**

ON BEHALF OF

**THE AUSTRALIA DAY  
REGATTA COMMITTEE**

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be conducted in accordance with the following:
- The current *rules* as defined in the 2009-2012 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Yachting Australia Prescriptions and Special Regulations
  - The respective class rules
  - The 174<sup>th</sup> Australia Day Regatta Special Regulations
- 1.2 When there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions (SI) will prevail.
- 1.3 The event is classified as Category C, in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, ISAF Advertising Code. Entrants may be required to display the event sponsor's name or logo in accordance with Appendix 1, ISAF Advertising Code.

## 2 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

Any changes to the Racing Rules shall be modified in accordance with RRS 86.

## 3 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- 3.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of her equipment.
- 3.3 The owner of a boat entered shall have a Public Liability and Third Party Property insurance policy with respect to the boat in an amount of not less than \$10,000,000 for any accident.

## 4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 The Regatta Office is situated at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) Sailing Office 33 Peel Street Kirribilli NSW 2062 Phone: 9017 0152 Fax: 9955 3403 Email: [carney@rsys.com.au](mailto:carney@rsys.com.au)
- 4.2 The Official Regatta Notice Board is located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove stairs.

## 5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1000 hours on 26 January 2010.

## 6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Any signals made ashore shall be displayed at the RSYS flagpole located on the front lawn of the RSYS.

## 7 THE START

- 7.1 Races are scheduled as per the following Starting Sequence;

TIME	EVENT	SIGNAL DISPLAYED	SIGNAL REMOVED
1315	Warning Signal Classic Division	Code Flag P	
1320	Start Classic, Warning Gaffer Division	Code Flag W	Code Flag P
1325	Start Gaffer Division, Warning Division 1	Code Flag Q	Code Flag W
1330	Start Division 1, Warning Division 2	Code Flag K	Code Flag Q
1335	Start Division 2, Warning Division 3	Code Flag R	Code Flag K
1340	Start Division 3, Warning Non-spin Division 1	Code Flag U	Code Flag R
1345	Start Non-spin Division 1, Warning Non-spin Division 2	Code Flag J	Code Flag U
1350	Start Non-spin Division 2, Warning Yngling	Code Flag F	Code Flag J
1355	Start Yngling, Warning Historical Skiffs	Code Flag H	Code Flag F
1400	Start Historical Skiffs		Code Flag H

- 7.2 Starting Signals shall be made at five-minute intervals.
- 7.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Starting Signal may be recorded as a non-starter.
- 7.4 Should one boat appear at the Start, that boat shall be entitled to sail the Course.
- 7.5 There shall be no Warning Signal after the first Warning Signal. The Preparatory Signal for the second and subsequent Classes to start shall be made simultaneously with the preceding start signal. (Amends RRS 26.1)
- 7.6 The start line shall be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the port side of the Committee Vessel on the starboard end of the line and a yellow inflatable mark with the sponsor's logo on the port end of the line. The start line shall be in the vicinity of Clarke Island.

## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area shall be the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour).
- 8.2 A 60 metre exclusion zone will be in place around the Regatta Flagship HMAS *Darwin*, marked by yellow buoys. All boats are to keep outside this area.

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 Regardless of the conditions on the day the following courses shall apply. See attached Chart for approximate location of Marks.

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| 9.2 | Classic & Gaffer                              | START - CB - BB - NP - RB - FINISH                |
|     | Division 1                                    | START - OB - MW - ME - LBN - RB - FINISH          |
|     | Division 2                                    | START - OB - LBN - NP - RB - FINISH               |
|     | Division 3, Non-Spinnaker Divs 1 & 2, Yngling | START - OB - BB - NP - RB - FINISH                |
|     | Historical Skiffs                             | START - TB - BB - SI - SM - TB - SI - SM - FINISH |

BB – Beashel Mark – YA buoy, south-west of Sow and Pigs.

CB – Chowder Bay Mark – Southern most YA Buoy off southern shore of Chowder Bay.

LBN – Lady Bay North Mark – YA Buoy off northern end of Lady Bay.

ME – Manly Mark (Easternmost) – Easternmost YA Buoy in Manly Cove.

MW – Manly Mark (Westernmost) – YA Buoy, 400m SSW of Manly Warf.

OB – Obelisk Bay Mark – YA Buoy east of Obelisk Bay.

RB – Rose Bay East Mark – YA buoy in Rose Bay approximately 100m North West of the red can buoy in front of the convent on the eastern shore.

NP – Neilson Park Mark – YA bouy approximately 100m south west of the red navigation pile off Neilson Park.

SI – Shark Island – Light north of Shark Island and Cardinal Mark south and west of Shark Island.

SM – Shark Island Mark – YA buoy approx. 10m south east of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island.

TB – Taylor Bay Mark YA Buoy in Taylor Bay.

- 9.3 All marks are to be left to starboard.

## 10 DIVISIONS

Allocation of divisions shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee and shall be advised on the Provisional List of Entries available from the RSYS Sailing Office and website [www.rsys.com.au](http://www.rsys.com.au)

## 11 RECALLS

There shall be no recalls. Yachts starting prematurely shall be penalised or disqualified at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee. (Amends RRS 28 and RRS 29)

## 12 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the port side of the Committee Vessel at the port end of the line and a yellow inflatable mark with the sponsor's logo at the starboard end of the line. The Finish line shall be north of Clarke Island in the vicinity of the Flagship HMAS *Darwin*.

## 13 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Spinnakers are not permitted in the following Divisions;  
Classic, Gaffer, Non-spinnaker Division 1 & Non-spinnaker Division 2.

## 14 TIME LIMIT

The time limit shall be 1700 hours **ABSOLUTE**. Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored "Did Not Finish". If no boat finishes within the time limit the race committee shall abandon the race. (Amends RRS 35)

## 15 PROTEST

Protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office by 1000 on 27 January 2010. Standard ISAF forms are available from the RSYS Sailing Office. (Amends RRS 61.3)

## 16 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> handicap places in divisions of five or more entries. In divisions of one class with ten to fourteen entries, a prize will also be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> on scratch. In divisions of one class with fifteen or more entries, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> scratch placegetters will also receive a prize. Special Class and Event prizes, together with Perpetual Trophies will be awarded. First placegetters will be invited to the Sydney Town Hall in March 2010 to receive their awards. Prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetters will be presented at the annual prizegiving of the participating clubs.