



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE

AUTUMN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

INCLUDING

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS – PORT JACKSON CHAMPIONSHIP

INTERNATIONAL DRAGON – PORT JACKSON CHAMPIONSHIP

**INTERNATIONAL J24 – PORT JACKSON CHAMPIONSHIP
& Combined Clubs races 25-27**

INTERNATIONAL YNGLING – PORT JACKSON CHAMPIONSHIP

SYDNEY 38 & 32 - PORT JACKSON CHAMPIONSHIP

RSYS Mini Regatta A & B #7 and Mini Regatta C #5

5 - 6 APRIL 2008

**CONDUCTED BY
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE RESPECTIVE CLASS ASSOCIATIONS**

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

1. RULES

All races shall 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 and
- the Rules of the respective Class Association, where applicable

If there is conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code as detailed in RRS 79.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Regatta Notice Board is located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove stairs.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 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.

5.2 After this time, any changes in the Sailing Instructions shall be indicated by displaying code flag L on the Committee Vessel.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron flag mast located on the Squadron's front lawn.

6.2 When one or more class flags are displayed with an RRS Race Signal it shall apply to that class only.

6.3 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant displayed ashore means; "All races not yet started are postponed". The Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore. The race may be abandoned (flag N over H or A) for any reason (changes RRS 27.3).

6.4 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore with one or more class flags, it shall apply to that or those classes only.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1	Date	Event	Time of Warning Signal
	Saturday 5 April 2008	Race 1	Not before 1220 hours
	Saturday 5 April 2008	Race 2	As soon as practicable after Race 1
	Saturday 5 April 2008	Race 3	As soon as practicable after Race 2
	Sunday 6 April 2008	Race 4	Not before 1220 hours
	Sunday 6 April 2008	Race 5	As soon as practicable after Race 4
	Sunday 6 April 2008	Race 6	As soon as practicable after Race 5

8.2 Sydney 38, Dragon and Yngling classes shall be competing in races 1, 2 and 3 on Saturday 5 April 2008 only.

8.3 Races 1-3 shall be deemed as Mini Regatta Pointscore Races and as races 25-27 of the J24 Combined Clubs pointscore.

9. CLASS FLAGS

The Class flags shall be:

Group A

International Etchells	Code Flag E
International Dragon	Code Flag D

Group B

International J24	Code Flag J
International Yngling	Code Flag F

Group C

Sydney 38	Fluoro Pink with Class insignia
Sydney 32	Fluoro Green with Class insignia

10. RACING AREA

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

10.2 The course area for Group “C” will be announced by the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 at approximately 1130 hours on the day of the race.

10.3 On Sunday, 6 April all Groups will sail the same course area.

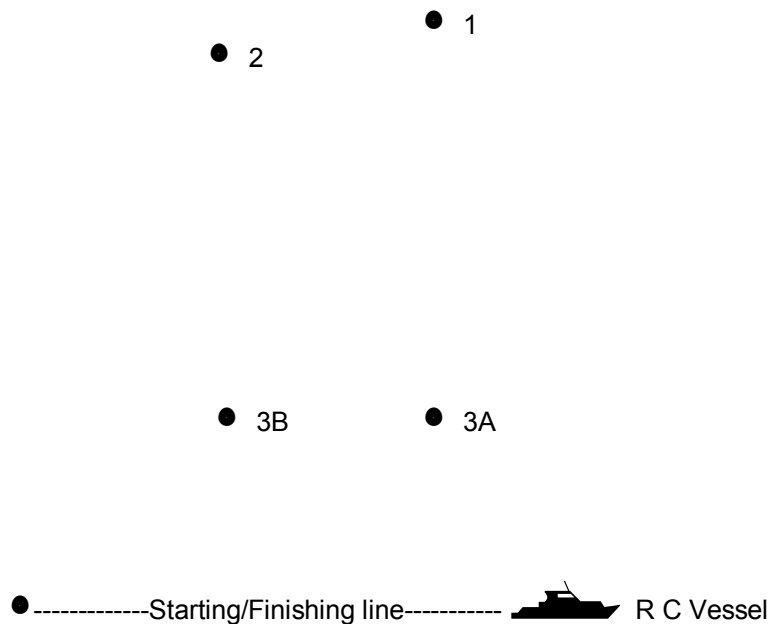
Cardinal Marks – boats shall not sail within the area bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions.

Moorings – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

11. THE COURSE

11.1 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 meters from Mark 1. Marks 3A / 3B will be not less than 50 meters to windward of the Start / Finish line.

11.2 The Race Committee may display on the Committee Vessel the approximate compass bearing from the Starting / Finishing line to Mark 1.



12. COURSE DESCRIPTION

12.1 One Lap

START - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B - FINISH

12.2 Two Laps

START - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B - FINISH

12.3 Three Laps

START - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B FINISH

12.4 Four Laps

START - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B - 1 - 2 - 3A / 3B – FINISH

13. LAPS

13.1 The number of laps shall be indicated by the corresponding Numeral Pennant displayed with or before the Warning Signal of each class.

14. MARKS

- 14.1 Group "A" – Etchells and Dragon
Marks 1, 2 and 3A, 3B shall be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.
The starting and finishing mark shall be a black / white checked inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.
- 14.2 Group "B" – Yngling and J24
Mark 1, 2 and 3A, 3B shall be a conical orange and white inflatable mark.
The starting and finishing mark shall be a black / white checked inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.
- 14.3 Group "C" – Sydney 38 and Sydney 32
Marks 1, 2 and 3A, 3B shall be pink inflatable marks.
The starting and finishing mark shall be an orange inflatable mark.

14.4 **CHANGE MARKS**

Group "A" – Etchells and Dragon, shall be a yellow inflatable mark with a black band.
Group "B" – Yngling and J24, shall be an orange and white inflatable mark with a black band.
Group "C" – Sydney 38 and Sydney 32 shall be a pink inflatable mark with a black band.

14.5 **Sunday Marks**

The marks for all Groups on Sunday, 6 April will be as for Group "A".

15. THE START

- 15.1 The Start Sequence will be as per RRS 26.
- 15.2 The Starting Sequence for each Class will be a separate procedure.
- 15.3 A boat whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 15.4 The intended starting order shall be –
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| Group "A" | Etchells and Dragon |
| Group "B" | Yngling and J24 |
| Group "C" | Sydney 38 and Sydney 32 |
- 15.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to change this order at any stage and may use a different course for each class.
- 15.6 The Starting Line shall be between an orange flag displayed on the signal mast of the Race Committee Vessel at the Starboard end of the line and the Starting Mark at the Port end of the line.

16. RECALLS

- 16.1 Individual and general recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.
- 16.2 To assist competitors, the Race Committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF 72 for the Sydney 38, Sydney 32 and J24 classes (Amends RRS 29). Any error or omission in the advice referred to in this clause will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 16.3 When a General Recall has been signalled, the order of starting will not be altered.

17. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 17.1 The Race Committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33 subject to the following amendments.
- 17.2 When the next leg of the course is changed, the Race Committee will lay a new mark as described in clause 14.7 and 14.8 and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.2 Change marks are as described in clause 14

18. ABANDONMENT

- 18.1 Abandoned races will be re-sailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 18.2 Any race not completed on the scheduled day may be re-sailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

19. THE FINISH

- 19.1 The Finishing Line shall be between an orange flag displayed on the signal mast of the Race Committee Vessel at the Port end of the line and the Finishing Mark at the Starboard end of the line.
- 19.2 The Finishing Line shall be approximately 50m below Marks 3A/3B of the Course.

20. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 20.1 RRS 44 will apply to all classes except as detailed in 20.2 below.
- 20.2 For Sydney 38 and Sydney 32 classes, a One-Turn Penalty (360°) applies to infringements against other boats in the Sydney 38 and 32 classes, except within 2 boat lengths of a mark the Two-Turns Penalty shall apply in accordance with RRS 44.2. For infringements against any other boat the Two-Turns Penalty applies.
- 20.3 For Etchells class RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are amended so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Two Length Zone the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). For infringements against any other boat other than an Etchells in the same race the Two-Turns Penalty applies.
- 20.4 For Yngling class RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are amended so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Two Length Zone the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). For infringements against any other boat other than an Yngling in the same race the Two-Turns Penalty applies.

21. TIME LIMIT

- 21.1 The time limit for each race shall be ninety (90) minutes absolute, taken from the Starting signal for each race. Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored "Did Not Finish" (Amends RRS 35).
- 21.2 If no boat finishes within the time limit, the Race Committee shall abandon the race.

22. PROTESTS

- 22.1 Protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office within 90 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish for each class in the last race of the day (changes RRS 61.2). ISAF forms are available at the RSYS Sailing Office.
- 22.2 Protest notices shall be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board as soon as possible to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing.
- 22.4 The Protest Committee may hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible after the protest time limit each day.

23. SCORING

- 23.1 The Low Points Scoring System as set out in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 23.2 Sydney 38, Dragon and Yngling classes will compete on Saturday 5 April only. For all other Classes 6 races are scheduled.
- 23.3 A minimum of 3 races shall constitute the Series.

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 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 2007-2008 RSYS Handbook.
- 24.4 Boats 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 boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Boating Service Officers. Any boat 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. SUPPORT BOATS

25.1 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.

25.2 The penalty for failing to comply with 25.1 above may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing party, parties, boat and or boats (addition to RRS 60.2).

26. HAULING OUT

International Etchells, Yngling, Dragon & J24 boats may haul out without restriction. Any boats not currently stored on the RSYS Hardstand and wish to haul out during the regatta must contact the RSYS Waterfront Manager on (02) 9955 7171 or direct on (02) 9017 0162 prior to the regatta.

27. PRIZES

27.1 **International Etchells Class** - Prizes shall be awarded by the Association

- All prizes shall be based on the Scratch Pointscore
- Prizes shall be awarded for the first three places if 15 or more entries received
- Prizes shall be awarded for 1st and 2nd places if between 10 & 15 entries
- Prizes shall be awarded for 1st place only if less than 10 entries are received
- A prize may be awarded for 1st place of the Handicap Pointscore
- Prizes shall be presented at the RSYS Annual Prizegiving on 27 May 2008

27.2 **International Dragon Class** - Prizes shall be awarded by the Association

- All prizes shall be based on the Scratch Pointscore
- Prizes shall be awarded for the first three places if 15 or more entries received
- Prizes shall be awarded for 1st and 2nd places if between 10 & 15 entries
- Prizes shall be awarded for 1st place only if less than 10 entries are received
- A prize may be awarded for 1st place of the Handicap Pointscore
- Prizes shall be presented at the RSYS Annual Prizegiving on 27 May 2008

27.4 **International Yngling Class** - Prizes shall be awarded by the Association

- Prizes shall be awarded for the first 3 places on scratch and first place on handicap
- Prizes shall be presented at the Squadron after racing on Saturday 5 April 2008

27.6 Sydney Yachts

Sydney 32 - Prizes shall be awarded by the Association

- Prizes shall be awarded for the first 3 places on scratch
- Prizes shall be presented at the RSYS Annual Prizegiving on 27 May 2008

Sydney 38 - Prizes shall be awarded by the Association

- Prizes shall be presented at the RSYS Annual Prizegiving on 27 May 2008

27.7 The awarding of any trophies and prizes shall be subject to any decisions from outstanding protests and appeals.

28. RESPONSIBILITIES

All competitors taking part in this regatta are reminded of their obligations as set out clause 18.1 Risk Warning, clause 18.2 Competitors Declaration and clause 18.3 Responsibilities as detailed in the Notice of Race.