



VARUNA TROPHY RACE

6 April 2024

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel St, Kirribilli, NSW, 2061.

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '[DP]' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing applicable to Category 7 races.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 To be eligible boats must have finished 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in each of the following Series:

- Main Series
- Mini Regatta Series
- Club Championship

- 2.2 First, Second and Third placegetters on PHS if more than 15 block entries.
First, and Second placegetters on PHS if there were between 10 and 15 block entries.
First place on PHS only if there were less than 10 block entries.

- 2.3 Eligible boats shall be contacted by the Sailing Office.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Electronic Noticeboard available by selecting the following link:
[Online Noticeboard](#)

- 3.2 No change of Helmsman from that listed on the Season Entry Form will be permitted.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the main flag mast located on the RSYS front lawn.

- 5.2 Flag AP with two sounds indicates the race is postponed. The first Warning Signal will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after the AP is lowered (amends RRS Race Signals.)

- 5.3 Flag signal N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for the Etchells, Dragons, J/70 and Yngling Classes has been abandoned for the day.

- 5.4 **Signals made on the Committee Vessel** - Flag signal N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicate racing for the Etchells, Dragons, J/70 and Yngling Classes has been abandoned for the day. This signal will remain displayed during the entire starting sequence.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- The race is scheduled for Saturday 6 April 2024, with the Warning Signal not before 1230 hours.

7. **DIVISIONS**

The race shall be sailed as one Division.

8. **CLASS / FLEET FLAG**

The Varuna Fleet flag shall be Code Flag "W".

9. **RACING AREA**

This event shall be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour (Port Jackson), between Kirribilli Point and South Head.

10. **COURSES**

10.1 The course to be sailed will be signaled with or before the warning signal and indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

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

10.3 Pass all marks to STARBOARD unless mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to PORT.

10.4 When the short course signal is displayed boats are to proceed directly to the finishing line after rounding the mark indicated by an asterisk (*) in the courses listed in course table 10.5.

10.5 **COURSE Descriptions**

COURSE 1 – NORTH and NORTHEAST

Start - Point Piper	BB	N2	*EC	SM	N2		Finish - RSYS	9 nm
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COURSE 2 – WEST and NORTHWEST

Start - Shark Island	LM	PP	N2	*PP	LM	SM	Finish - RSYS	10 nm
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COURSE 3 – EAST and SOUTHEAST

Start - Robertson Point	SM	LM	*PP	LM	SM		Finish - RSYS	9 nm
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COURSE 4 – SOUTH & SOUTHWEST

Start - Athol Bay	N2(P)	CBN	*SM	OB	SM		Finish - RSYS	11 nm
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11. **MARKS AND BUOYS**

- **BB** - Beashel Mark - AS buoy south-west of Sow and Pigs.
- **EC** - Eastern Channel Mark - AS buoy approximately 100m north of the Eastern Channel Pile light.
- **CBN** - Chowder Bay North Mark - AS buoy approximately 200m SW of Georges Head
- **LM** - Laid Mark, Orange inflatable buoy marked with RSYS located south-west of Robertson Point.
- **N2** - Naval Buoy No. 2 - Approximately 250m north-west of Clarke Island.
- **OB** - Obelisk Bay Mark - AS buoy east of Obelisk Beach.
- **PP** - Point Piper Mark - AS buoy north of Point Piper
- **SM** - Shark Island Mark - AS buoy approximately 30m south-east of the Shark Island south cardinal mark. Boats shall not sail between SM and the south cardinal mark in either direction.
- **Starting Mark** – a black and white inflatable buoy marked with RSYS.

12. **THE START**

12.1 Scheduled Warning Signal is 1230 hours.

12.2 The Starting Line will be between an orange flag displayed on the committee vessel and the course side of a black and white inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

13. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44 shall apply.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line, located off the RSYS clubhouse will be between a blue flag displayed on the committee vessel and the course side of a black and white inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.
- 14.2 When a course is shortened at a mark, the finishing line will be between a race committee vessel displaying flag "S" and the nearby mark.

15. TIME LIMIT

The absolute time limit shall be 1630 hours. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish, DNF (amends RRS 35.)

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 below.
- 16.2 Protests should be lodged on the World Sailing prescribed form and shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office or by electronic means.
- 16.3 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event or advised by the RSYS sailing office (amends RRS 61).
- 16.4 Protests will be heard at the clubhouse on the following Tuesday unless otherwise decided by the relevant Race Committee. The hearing time will be advised to all parties involved.
- 16.5 Any boat which lodges a protest, and which is not represented at the protest hearing without informing the protest committee by 1000 hours on the day of the hearing shall be scored DNE for the race to which the protest is related. This changes RRS 63.1 and 63.3 (b).
- 16.6 Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 *[NP]* Boats shall comply with the following with regard to commercial shipping.
- (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the Seagoing Ship
 - (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the Orange Diamond.
 - (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Boating Service Officers. Any yacht 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.
 - (d) Any boats reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
- 17.2 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 17.3 *[DP]* A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.4 Boats shall report any incident involving Injury or Significant Damage likely to costs more than \$5000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.