

RSYS Skippers' Briefing 2023 - 2024



Agenda

RMS NSW - Sailing Safety

Pascal Geraghty - BSO

2023/2024 Season Review

Rob Ridley - Summary of changes

Honorary Handicapper

John Maclurcan - SailSys Update



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Race Documents

- The Squadron website has been updated with all the latest racing calendars and race documents.
- Any amendments to the race documents will be posted on the official notice board and sent directly to the relevant skippers.
- Any amendments can also be located on the squadron website under the Club Racing tab.
- The season program has been designed so that competitors can locate download or print, only the relevant sections required for the series or event in which they intend to race.



Divisional Representatives

- At the conclusion of each season a meeting is held with the various RSYS divisional representatives to canvas competitor feedback around all aspects in sailing. These discussions include everything from social gatherings to course improvements and safety concerns.
- Members are encouraged to raise any suggestions, possible concerns or improvements with their divisional representative, who in turn can raise these at sailing committee.



Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron 2023-2024 Divisional Representatives

Division	Boat Name	Representative
Division 1	Euphoria	Tony Coleman
Division 2	Senta	Julie Clarke
Division 3	Casamajor	Johnathan McCray
Etchells	Itchy	Michael Stoven Bradford
Sportsboats	Maybe-J	Michael Nash
Dragon	Intrigue	Brad Johnson
Yngling	Troika	Adam Tran
Tuesday Twilight	Genovefa	Genevieve Slattery
Wednesday Series	Kirstin III	Ken Chase
Thursday Twilight		TBC
Friday Twilight	Jackie Clare	Geoff Davison
Sunday Series	Takana	David Seaton
Offshore	Minerva	Tim Cox
Winter Series		TBC
Dragon Force 65	# 01	Richard Franklin
Honorary Handicapper	Morag Bheag	John Maclurcan

Season Changes

- The name and description of the BB Buoy and now SP (Sow and Pigs) in accordance with the Australian Sailing guidelines. All course descriptions have been changed to reflect this.
- Revised courses for the mixed divisions on Saturdays, competitors should refer to the SIs for their new courses.
- Deletion of the WC mark for the Etchells and use of the SP mark in its place.
- **Areas that are obstructions** a) Other Starting and Finishing lines – the starting and finishing lines of another division of class or another club's race.



Season Changes

- We will no longer be issuing SIs for our three SOPS races; these are incorporated in the CYCA instructions. Entries are also through the CYCA.
- Morna Cup – Saturday & Sunday 17 & 18 February. An opportunity to sail up to Pittwater and return.



Special Course

- **November 25** - Course 8 is scheduled for the mixed divisions.

Division 1 – variation of their Manly course

Division 2 – West Harbour course

Division 3 – North Harbour, Cannae Point course.



Courses

- Strongly suggest that everyone check the course description for the race they intend to race to ensure nothing has changed.
- Laminated course sheets and course descriptions are still available from the sailing office on request.



Combined Clubs Series

- Scheduled to be seven single race days throughout the season.
- These will be a separate series and will not be included in RSYS season point scores.
- Courses have been revised and will involve windward starts and finishes.
- Additional courses have been introduced to cater for most wind directions.



Combined Clubs Prizes for RSYS boats

- We will be awarding prizes back at club for RSYS boats in the combined clubs.
- Prizes for the highest placed RSYS boat in each race in each division.
- There will be a trophy for the overall highest placed RSYS boat in each division for the series.



Mini Regattas

- There are 13 Mini regattas scheduled for the season.
- There are some dates where not all classes will be involved due to other fleet commitments.
- Owners and skippers should check their individual calendar of events.
- The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be:
1230hrs for the Yngling Mini Class
1230hrs or 1330hrs during daylight saving for Etchells



Twilights

- The addition of a Thursday Twilight Series.
- Introduction of Prep flag “I” (around the ends). If you are over early, you have the opportunity to restart by rounding either the start pin or start boat, thereby exonerating yourself or risk being scored OCS.
- *There is a more clearly defined obstruction area around the starting line which boats must keep clear of unless they are approaching the line to start.*
- *Boats not approaching the line to start must keep clear of boats that are approaching the line to start.*



SailGP

- SailGP will be back on Sydney Harbour
 - Saturday & Sunday 24-25 February 2024.
- NSW Maritime have advised that SailGP exclusion zones will be active for the afternoon of Friday 23 February, practice day, however these restrictions should be lifted to enable the Friday twilight to go ahead usual.



Administration

- If you would like to find out more about the various series we offer, please talk to the sailing office or ask us to put you in contact with a Divisional Representative.



Racing Pennant



Sail Sys Update

John Maclurcan
Club Honorary Handicapper

