



2017/2018 FARR 40 AUSTRALIAN OPEN SERIES

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: JOHN CALVERT-JONES TROPHY

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ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron in conjunction with the Farr 40 Australia Association



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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing.
- 1.2 Yachts shall comply with the 2017-2021 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 4 except for the following items;
 - a) This only applies to Farr 40 OD class events when all boats are required to comply with the Farr 40 OD class rules and does not apply to Farr 40s competing in mixed fleet rating or handicap events.
 - b) The race committee shall not start a race offshore if there is a current strong wind warning for the course area at the time of scheduled racing
 - c) Compliance is not required for the following Special Regulations for Category 4: a. 4.03.2 for clipping points b. 4.05.1 Table 1 for secondary anchor c. 5.02.1 for harnesses and tethers
 - d) The variation is valid until 30 July 2018 when the new Special Regulations come into effect.
- 1.3 The Farr 40 class rules will apply.

Attention is drawn to Farr 40 OD class rule Appendix 3 which requires that a minimum of Australian Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 safety equipment, or the category that is specified by race organisers, whichever is greater, shall be carried on the Farr 40 while racing. Australian Sailing recognises that any club acting as the organising authority may invoke this class rule and require greater level of safety equipment. 1.4 Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows:

 - a) Remove the second sentence of RRS 30.2 and replace with the following:
If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 10% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (c).
 - b) Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following:
A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule or Part 2, Rule 31 or Rule 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-boat length zone of a rounding mark or finishing mark, the penalty to be taken shall be a two-turns penalty.
 - c) The maximum amount of drinkable liquid aboard each boat shall not exceed six (6) litres per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 41. Attention is drawn to AS Special Regulation 3.18.4.
 - d) Video, and/or photography taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 1.5 Where there is a conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.6 The non-competing class representative for this regatta shall be Jennie Hughes (Farr 40 Australia Class Administrator).
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.



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2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located under the Careening Cove Anchorage stairs.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RSYs main flag mast located on the front lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sat, 17 Mar	0900 AEDST 1100 AEDST	Skipper/Tactician/PRO Briefing Racing commences (up to 4 races)	Youth Sailing Room, RSYs Offshore racecourse
Sun, 18 Mar	1100 AEDST	Racing commences (up to 4 races)	Inshore racecourse
Mon, 19 Mar	1100 AEDST	Racing commences (up to 4 races)	Inshore racecourse

- 5.2 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be the Farr 40 Class ensignia on a white background.

7. RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 In the event that either 2s or 2p is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.



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9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2s, and 2p shall be Yellow Inflatable Buoys.
- 9.2 Mark 1a shall be an Orange Inflatable Buoy.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be Black & White Inflatable Buoys.
- 9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

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

11. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee vessel located at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 Will be in accordance with RRS 33.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee vessel located at the port end and the starboard-end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.2 For the Farr 40 class rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty as per Sailing Instruction 1.4 (b)

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits for the first boat to finish each race shall be 60 minutes.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within ten minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that finished, plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the RSYS Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room listed on the protest log beginning at the time posted.



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- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit, if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.9 The penalty, if any for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and AS Special Regulations) other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Jury in consultation with the class representative and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Each vessel intending on racing on a race day shall sail past the stern of the race committee boat on port and hail their intention to race and persons on board prior to the warning signal.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 As complying with AS Special Regulations Category 4 Variation approval, no race shall be started on the offshore courses if there is a current Strong Wind Warning for the course area at the time of scheduled racing. In the situation of a Strong Wind Warning being issued, the race committee will display Code Flag AP over L competitors are to return immediately to Sydney Harbour.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.



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20. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats may display the RSYB burgee on a white background.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23.2 The race committee may use the radio, VHF channel 72 to advise competitors of race information.

24. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

24.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defense shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations specify "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". Attention is drawn to the guidelines published in the appendices in this Handbook.

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.

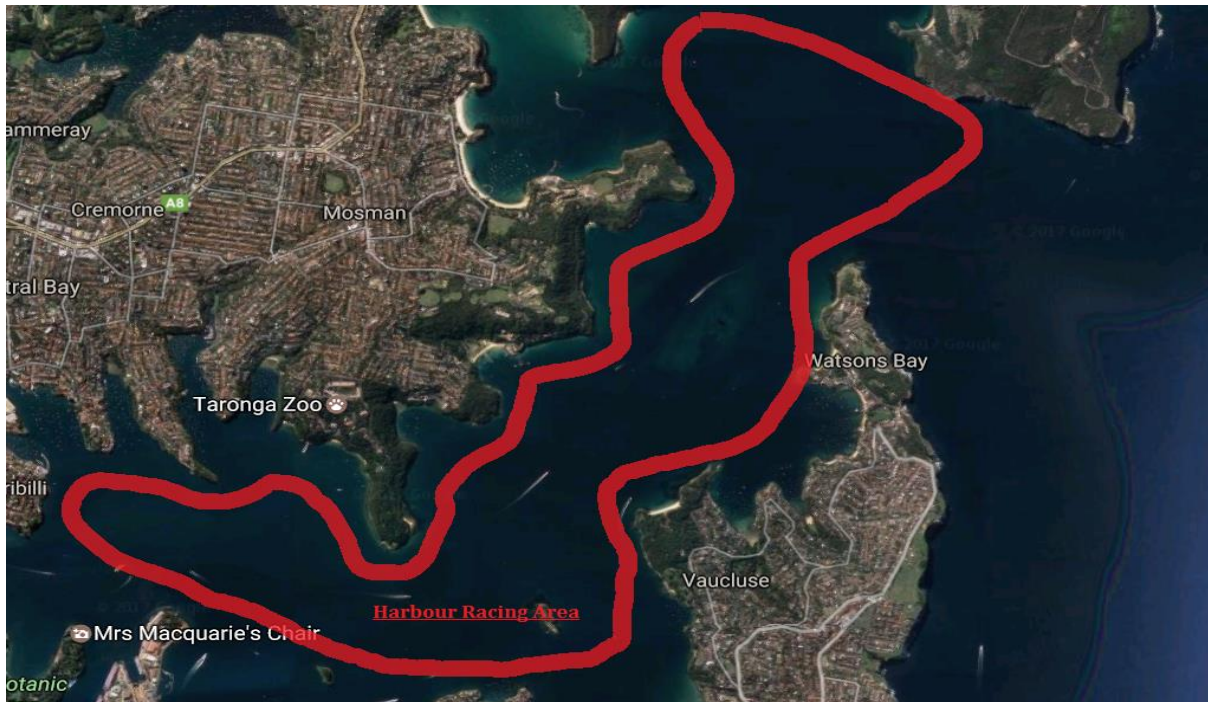
24.3 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.

24.4 Any yachts reported by NSW Roads and Maritime Services as having contravened NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. (This amends RRS 63.1). Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.

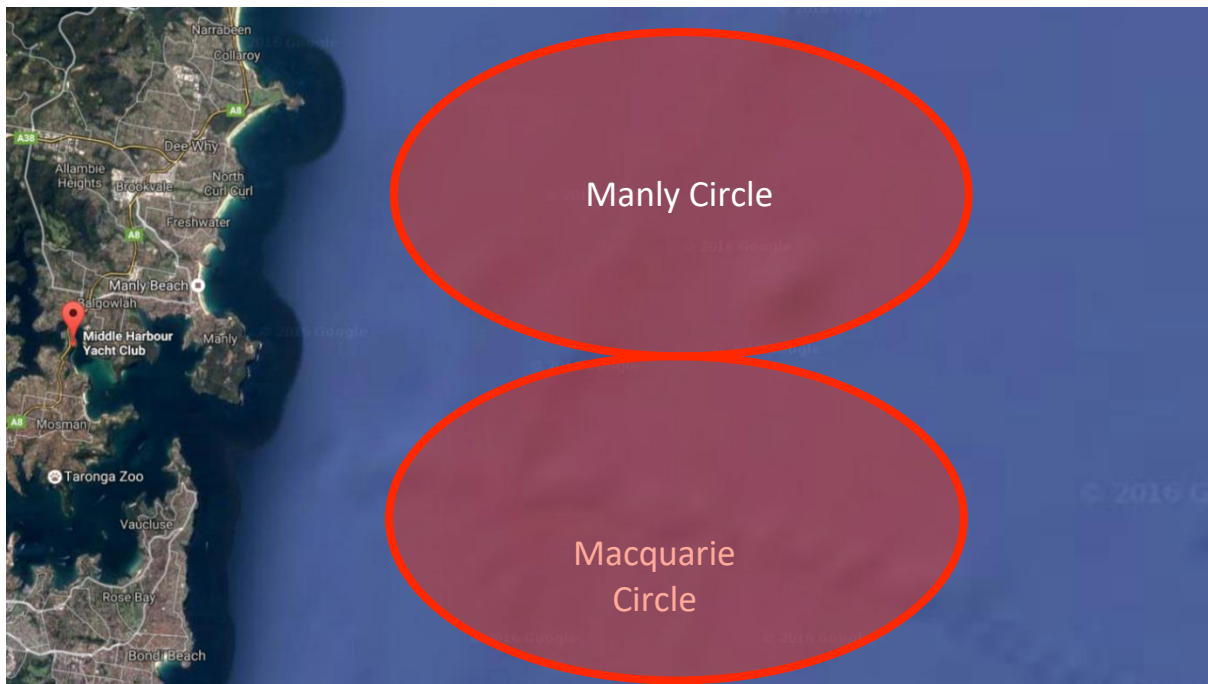
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ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREAS

INSHORE RACING AREA



OFFSHORE RACING AREAS



Areas displayed are approximate locations only

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ATTACHMENT B - COURSES

Code	Course
W2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/p - 1 - 1a - Finish
W3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/p - 1 - 1a - 2s/p - 1 - 1a - Finish

