

PERSEVERANCE TROPHY - NOTICE OF RACE

109th GASCOIGNE CUP

Saturday 20th October 2018

Incorporating the RSYS Perseverance Trophy Series, Race 1 and CYCA SOPS, Race 2

MORNA CUP

Saturday 3rd November 2018

Incorporating the RSYS Perseverance Trophy Series, Race 2 and CYCA SOPS, Race 3

MILSON MEMORIAL CUP

Saturday 23rd March 2019

Incorporating RSYS Perseverance Trophy Series, Race 3 and CYCA SOPS, Race 9

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel St Kirribilli NSW 2061, in conjunction with the CYCA & MHYC.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing as amended herein.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 4 Equipment Audit Form. In addition, all boats must comply with AS Special regulations 4.03 – Jackstays, Clipping Points and Static Safety Lines. Random equipment audits may be made. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the race committee.
- 1.3 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 1.4 RRS 52 is amended so that it does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
- 1.5 In the event of conflict between any of the rules and regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code) and any restrictions stated in class rules.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all mono - hull yachts with a current AS Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form, Category 4 or higher. Such form shall be lodged with the entry form
- 3.2 A boat shall have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30.48m.
- 3.3 Boats with LOA less than 9.0 metres but more than 8.5 metres may be eligible at the discretion of the Sailing Committee for Category 4 races only.
- 3.4 All competitors helming or crewing a boat while racing shall conform to RRS 46.
- 3.5 The helmsman nominated on the entry form shall be deemed to be in charge of the boat and no change of helmsman shall occur without the prior written consent of the race committee.

- 3.6 The minimum number of crew shall be five. A majority of the crew shall be a minimum age of 18 years.
- 3.7 A boat shall have lodged a current and valid IRC Certificate prior to the start to be eligible for an IRC result.

4 **ENTRY**

- 4.1 All boats block entered in the RSYS Perseverance Trophy series or CYCA/MHYC/RSYS SOPS series are not required to complete the online entry or pay the entry fee for individual races.
- 4.2 All other boats may enter casually using the online entry system at www.rsys.com.au no later than 1500 hrs on the day prior to the race.
- 4.3 For a valid entry, competitors shall:
- complete the online entry by the required date and time or submit a completed entry form
 - accept the declaration detailed in clause 14.2 of this Notice of Race
 - include the entry fee
 - lodge a valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form
 - lodge a current Rating Certificate (if applicable)
 - have valid insurance cover in accordance with clause 18 of this Notice of Race.

5 **ENTRY FEE**

- 5.1 Casual race entry fee is \$55.00 AUD per race.

6 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Gascoigne Cup

Date of Race	Division	Scheduled Warning Signal
Saturday 20 October 2018	Division 1	1155 hrs
Saturday 20 October 2018	Division 2	1200 hrs

Morna Cup

Date of Race	Division	Scheduled Warning Signal
Saturday 3 November 2018	Division 1	1155 hrs
Saturday 3 November 2018	Division 2	1200 hrs

Milson Memorial Cup

Date of Race	Division	Scheduled Warning Signal
Saturday 23 March 2019	Division 1	1155 hrs
Saturday 23 March 2019	Division 2	1200 hrs

7 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 Will be available for collection from the RSYS Sailing Office and will be posted on the RSYS Regatta section of the website at www.rsys.com.au by Thursday 18 October 2018.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Races shall be conducted east of Port Jackson (Sydney Heads) between Broken Bay and Botany Bay including the waters inside Port Jackson.

9 COURSE

9.1 The course will be as determined by the race committee and as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 TURNS PENALTIES

10.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

11 SCORING

11.1 **Scoring System** - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments:

11.1.1 Non Starting

Boats that came to the starting area but did not start, including boats that are DNS or OCS, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of pointscore boats that came to the starting area.

Boats that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of pointscore boats entered in the series.

11.1.2 Non Finishing

Boats that did not finish (DNF) or retired (RET) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish.

11.1.3 Disqualification

Boats that are disqualified (DSQ, BFD, UFD or DNE) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of pointscore boats entered in the series.

11.1.4 Abandonment

When a race is abandoned and not re-sailed, the race will be declared void.

11.2 The races covered by this Notice of Race will form part of the CYCA SOPS series as detailed in the Calendar of Events in this Handbook.

11.3 The races covered by this Notice of Race constitute the RSYS Perseverance Trophy, and all three races will count towards the trophy.

12 RADIO CONTACT

12.1 Boats shall maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF 16 for the duration of the race.

12.2 The race committee will monitor for the duration of the race frequency VHF Channel 72.

13 PRIZES

13.1 All trophies and prizes will be presented at the RSYS Annual Prizegiving.

13.2 The Gascoigne Cup will be inscribed with the winner's name for the lowest corrected time (PHS) in Division 1 on 20 October 2018.

13.3 The Thelma Plate Trophy will be inscribed with the winner's name for the lowest corrected time (PHS) in Division 2 on 20 October 2018.

13.4 The Morna cup will be inscribed with the winner's name for the lowest corrected time (PHS) in Division 1 on 3 November 2018.

- 13.5 The G Carter Trophy will be inscribed with the winner's name for the lowest corrected time (PHS) in Division 2 on 3 November 2018.
- 13.6 The Milson Cup will be inscribed with the winner's name for the lowest corrected time (PHS) in Division 1 on 23 March 2019.
- 13.7 The RTYC Eddystone Lighthouse Trophy will be inscribed with the winner's name for the lowest corrected time (PHS) in Division 2 on 23 March 2019.
- 13.8 A prize will be awarded for 1st place in each division PHS.
- 13.9 A prize will be given for 1st place in each division IRC for eligible IRC rated boats.
- 13.10 The Perseverance Trophy will be inscribed with the winner's name.

14 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14.1 **Risk Warning** - The organising authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the organising authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The organising authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event conducted by the organising authority of whatever nature. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.
- 14.2 **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).

Each competitor who enters the event declares to the organising authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- a) RRS 46.
 - b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations.
 - c) being covered by adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.
 - d) the person who enters the boat with the organising authority warranting to the organising authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the organising authority of the risk warning above.
 - e) the person who enters the boat with the organising authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the organising authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him or her, or by any person claiming through him or her, in any event conducted by the organising authority.
- 14.3 **Disclaimer of liability** - All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”. The RSYS, CYCA, MHYC, sponsors, any class association, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

The RSYS, CYCA, MHYC, sponsors, any class association, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australia Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

15 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 15.1 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 the RSYS Sailing Handbook.
- 15.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the race committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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 changes RRS 63.1. Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 15.5 The attention of any competitors involved in an accident is drawn to the requirements of NSW Roads and Maritime Services as published in Appendix 4 of the RSYS Sailing Handbook. Competitors are also required to notify the Sailing Office of any contact incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a race protest or a report to NSW Roads and Maritime Services. RSYS is obliged under the terms of its Aquatic Licence to prepare a report of all contact incidents occurring during racing whether or not injury or an insurance claim results.

16 DIVISIONS, RATINGS AND HANDICAPS

- 16.1 Entries will be allocated to Divisions at the race committee’s absolute discretion and such determination will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 16.2 Divisions will be advised on the official list of entries available from the Sailing Office prior to the race.
- 16.3 All boats will race under PHS handicap and may also nominate to race under IRC rating.

16.4 The race committee will determine a yacht's handicap in relation to its performance in previous races. A yacht's handicap shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 & 62.

16.5 A minimum of five entries is required before any division will be contested.

17 MINIMUM DRESS REQUIREMENTS

17.1 Skippers and crew are required to be appropriately dressed at all times while racing. The minimum standard of dress is shorts and t-shirt.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Boats shall have adequate current Third Party Property Liability insurance cover and Third Party Personal Liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for each separate incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Sailing Office:
Telephone: 02 9017 0152 sailing@rsys.com.au.

