

## MINI REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club Combined Sydney Harbour program 02 September 2017 to 18 April 2018

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) and/or Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC).

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing except as amended herein.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a current valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form. In addition, all boats which do not have navigation lights permanently fitted are required to comply with AS Special Regulations 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being activated and attached to the boat. Random equipment audits may be made throughout the season. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 1.3 All boats must carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio must be switched on at all times and tuned to VHF Channel 74.
- 1.4 The Etchells Class Rules are changed as follows:  
Class Rule C.2.1 (a) shall be modified to allow two persons on board when racing in RSYS organised events, except for world qualification races, for a maximum of three races. This change to the class rules is only intended to be used on an exception basis and only to enable participation by those who are genuinely without a full crew unexpectedly and at short notice. Boats will be scored DNC in respect of world qualification, club championship or any club pointscores. This changes RRS Appendix A.
- 1.5 For the Etchells class in Mini A regattas, RRS Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply as amended in clause 15.2 below.
- 1.6 For the Dragon class, the mini regatta on Saturday 2 December 2017 will form part of the Dragon NSW Championship. Separate sailing instructions will be issued for the Dragon NSW Championship which will also apply to the mini regatta scheduled for 2 December. All Dragon class competitors should refer to these separate sailing instructions for the mini regatta on 2 December.
- 1.7 For the Yngling class, the mini regatta on Saturday 2 December 2017 will form part of the Yngling National Championship. Separate sailing instructions will be issued for the Yngling National Championship which will also apply to the mini regatta scheduled for 2 December. All Yngling class competitors should refer to these separate sailing instructions for the mini regatta on 2 December.
- 1.8 For the Yngling class, the Sydney Harbour Regatta on Saturday 3 March & Sunday 4 March 2018 will form the NSW Yngling State Championship and races on both days will be part of the mini regatta pointscores. Separate sailing instructions will be issued for the Sydney Harbour Regatta and will apply to the Yngling State Championship and to the Yngling mini regatta pointscores on 3 & 4 March. All Yngling class competitors should refer to these separate sailing instructions for their racing on 3 & 4 March.

1.9 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board underneath the Careening Cove Room stairs of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

2.2 The List of Entries will be available to all entrants, and a copy will be placed on the RSYS Official Notice Board no later than two (2) hours before the start of the event. Notices in writing may also be distributed from the Committee Vessel to all starters before the event(s) by the Race Committee.

## **3. CHANGES TO CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 The Organising Authority reserves the right to change this Handbook, the Calendar of Events and the Sailing Instructions. Changes will be available in writing to all entrants as per RRS 90.2.

3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000hrs on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.

## **4. SPECIAL SIGNALS**

4.1 **Signals made ashore** – will be displayed at RSYS on the Club flag mast.

4.1.1 Flag AP with two sounds indicates the race is postponed. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty (30) minutes' in Race Signals AP.

4.1.2 Flags N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for the Etchells, Dragon, Yngling and Sportsboat classes has been abandoned for the day. This changes RRS 27.3 and Race Signals.

4.2 **Signals made on the committee vessel** – will be displayed on the respective committee vessel.

4.2.1 Flags N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing for classes competing in the mini regatta has been abandoned for the day. This changes RRS 27.3 and Race Signals.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Races for each mini regatta are as scheduled in the Calendar of Events included in this Handbook.

5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first class to compete in each mini regatta will be as follows:

### **Mini A – Etchells**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Scheduled time of first Warning Signal</b>
All Races	1330 hours

### **Mini B – Sportsboats, Dragons & Ynglings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Scheduled time of first Warning Signal</b>
All Races	1230 hours

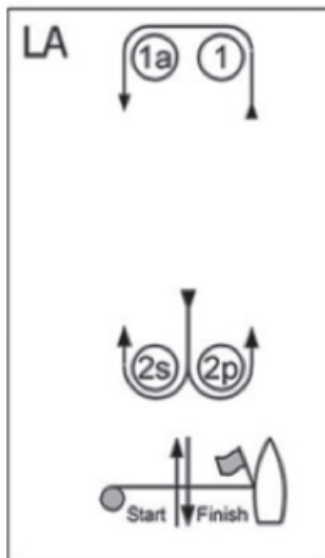
- 5.3 The class flag for the Etchells, Dragon and Yngling classes will be a white flag with the respective class logo, and the class flag for the Sportsboat class will be flag V.
- 5.4 The Etchells class will form Mini A and the Sportsboat, Dragon and Yngling classes will form Mini B.
- 5.5 Other classes may be included in a mini regatta as casual entries at the discretion of the Race Committee and subject to numbers of entrants.
- 5.6 Three (3) races are scheduled for each class in their respective mini regatta.
- 5.7 The Warning Signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the Start Signal of the preceding class.
- 5.8 After the start of the first race of each day all other races will start as soon as practicable after completion of the previous race.

**6. RACING AREA**

- 6.1 Racing will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) as illustrated in the Chartlet inside the rear cover foldout page of this Handbook.

**7. THE COURSE**

- 7.1 The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration. Mark 1 will be to windward of Marks 2P/2S. Mark 1a will be laid as a distance mark and will be approximately 50 metres from Mark 1. Marks 2P/2S will be not less than 50m to windward of the Starting/Finishing Line. Diagram shown below is not drawn to scale.



## 7.2 **Course descriptions**

### 7.2.1 One Lap

START – 1 – 1a – FINISH

### 7.2.2 Two Laps

START – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – FINISH

### 7.2.3 Three Laps

START – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – FINISH

7.3 **Number of laps** – the number of laps shall be indicated by the corresponding numeral pennant displayed no later than the warning signal for each class.

7.4 **Compass bearing** – the approximate compass bearing of the first leg shall be displayed no later than the warning signal for each class.

7.5 Marks 1 and 1a shall be left to port.

7.6 Marks 2P/2S are a gate. When a boat passes through the gate it must leave either Mark 2P to port or Mark 2S to starboard.

7.7 In the event that either Mark 2P or 2S is not in place, boats shall round the single mark to port.

## 8. **MARKS**

8.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2P and 2S will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

8.2 The Start and Finish marks will be black and white checked inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

8.3 New marks as provided in clause 12 will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and a black band.

8.4 In the Mini B regatta scheduled for 2 December 2017, the Yngling class will have a separate windward mark, Mark Y, in place of Marks 1 and 1a. Mark Y will be a white inflatable mark laid to leeward of Mark 1. In the event of a change of the next leg of the course as per clause 12, Mark Y will be identified with a black band.

## 9. **ASSISTANCE IN RECORDING STARTERS**

9.1 Boats are requested to sail past the starboard side of the committee vessel prior to their starting sequence to assist identification of starters in all events. In so doing, boats must keep clear of boats already in their starting sequence.

## 10. **THE START**

10.1 The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side the Start mark.

10.2 The start sequence for each class in each race will be a separate procedure. The expected order of starting for the first races in Mini B is Sportsboats then Dragons then Ynglings. The Race Committee may advise starting times and sequences prior to the warning signals for races in Mini B.

10.3 The Race Committee may change the line by moving one of the starting line marks up to the lowering of the Preparatory flag. This changes RRS 27.2.

10.4 An orange “REGATTA” banner may be displayed to identify the mini regatta race committee vessel.

10.5 There may be more than one RSYS or RPEYC committee vessel on the water. It is the obligation of each skipper to identify the location of the mini regatta committee vessel.

10.6 At least five (5) boats from a class will be ready to start each race or racing for that class may be abandoned for the day.

## **11. RECALLS**

11.1 Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.

11.2 To assist competitors the Race Committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF Channel 74. This changes RRS 29.

11.3 When a black flag or flag U has been displayed, and there is no general recall, any boat identified as BFD or UFD may be advised on VHF Channel 74. This changes RRS 30.3 and 30.4.

11.4 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clauses 11.2 and 11.3 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 The Race Committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33 subject to the amendments in clauses 12.2 and 12.3.

12.2 When the next leg of the course is changed, the Race Committee will lay a new mark as described in clauses 8.3 and 8.4 and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable.

12.3 In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, Marks 1 and 1a may be replaced by a new single Mark 1 and boats will round the new Mark 1 and proceed directly to Marks 2P/2S or to the Finishing Line, as appropriate.

## **13. RETIREMENT**

13.1 To assist the Race Committee, boats which retire from a race before finishing are required to notify the Race Committee by direct contact or on VHF Channel 74 or by phoning the RSYS on 9017 0152.

## **14. THE FINISH**

14.1 The Finishing Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the Finish mark.

14.2 When the committee vessel is on station it will be on the port end of the line when viewed from Mark 1a and may display a blue flag.

## **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 For all classes in Mini A or Mini B regattas, RRS 44.1 is 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) and applies to infringements against other boats of the same class in the Mini A or Mini B regatta, except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). For infringements against any boat in another race the Two-Turns Penalty applies.

15.2 For the Etchells class in Mini A regattas, RRS Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply except as amended herein. A boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be scored the finishing place mid-way between its actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded up). The scores of other boats shall not be changed and the penalty

shall not cause the boat's score to be worse than the score for DSQ. This changes RRS 44.3(c).

## **16. TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 90 minutes. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).
- 16.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that have started and not finished by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF), This changes RRS 35.

## **17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by clauses 17.2, 17.3 and 17.4 below.
- 17.2 Protests should be lodged on the World Sailing prescribed form available from the respective clubs. All protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office.
- 17.3 If the RSYS Sailing Office is closed, protests may be placed in the Sailing Office letter box.
- 17.4 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event. This changes RRS 61.
- 17.5 Protests will be heard at the clubhouse of the conducting club on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the relevant Race Committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.
- 17.6 Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.
- 17.7 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 hearing shall be scored DNE for the race to which the protest related. This changes RRS 63.1 and 63.3 (b).

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 **Scoring System** – the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments and those detailed in clause 11 of the Notice of Race:
- 18.1.1 **Non Starting**  
A boat scored Did Not Start (DNS, DNC or OCS) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore block entries once they are finalised as per clauses 11.3 and 11.4 of the Notice of Race plus one point.
- 18.1.2 **Non Finishing**  
All boats which are scored Retired (RET) or Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore starters in the race plus one point.
- 18.1.3 **Disqualification**  
Boats which are disqualified (DSQ, DNE, BFD or UFD) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore block entries once they are finalised as per clauses 11.3 and 11.4 of the Notice of Race plus one point.
- 18.1.4 **Abandonment**  
When a race is abandoned after the start and not re-sailed, boats that started shall be awarded zero points. When a race is abandoned before the start, all boats entered shall be awarded zero points.

## 18.2 **Pointscores**

### 18.2.1 Etchells - Mini A

- The Etchells class shall drop any five (5) races in the Mini Regatta Series.
- The Etchells Club Championship shall consist of races from both Spring/ Summer Series and Mini Regattas. Races selected are detailed in the 2017-2018 Calendar of Events.
- For the Etchells Club Championship, RRS Appendix A is changed so that:
  - in the event of five (5) or less races being completed, all races will count.
  - in the event of six (6) to ten (10) races being completed, a boat shall drop her worst score (1 drop).
  - in the event of eleven (11) to sixteen (16) races being completed, a boat shall drop her worst two scores (2 drops).

### 18.2.2 Dragon – Mini A

- The Dragon class shall drop their worst five (5) scores in the Mini Regatta & Gold Cup Series.

### 18.2.3 Yngling – Mini B

- The Yngling class shall drop their worst five (5) scores in the Mini Regatta Series.
- Races sailed on 2 December 2017 as part of the Australian Yngling Championship and those sailed on 3 and 4 March 2018 as part of the Sydney Harbour Regatta shall count towards the Mini Regatta Series pointscore.

### 18.2.4 Sportsboats

The Sportsboats class shall drop their worst five (5) scores in the Mini Regatta Series.

18.3 Supplementary pointscores may be established.

18.4 Series pointscores are open to block entries only.

18.5 No boat will be eligible to enter a pointscore after the number of discard races for that pointscore has been sailed.

18.6 **Boats competing in other events** – Upon written application to the RSYS Sailing Committee prior to the regatta, a boat which starts in its State, National, World Championship or an event of significant national or interclub importance, as determined by the Sailing Committee, may receive average points for any series race/s thereby missed. The number of races eligible will be determined by the Sailing Committee. This changes RRS 62. Average points will be calculated as per RRS Appendix A10 (a).

## 19. **CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR HELMSMAN**

19.1 To be eligible for pointscores, boats must sail under the same ownership and be entered for the whole of that series except that an Etchells, Dragon or Yngling owner who has entered for the season and who purchases a replacement Etchells, Dragon or Yngling during the season may on written application to RSYS Sailing Committee prior to using the replacement boat request the boat nominated when entering be changed to reflect the replacement boat.

- 19.2 Any change of helmsman from those listed when entering must be notified to the Sailing Office not later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race and may result in a change of handicap.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 All boats participating in any race shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio must be switched on at all times and boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 74.
- 20.2 Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information. Failure of a boat to follow this procedure will result in the boat being scored Did Not Compete (DNC), This changes RRS 63.

## **21. PRIZES**

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded as per Appendix 1 in this Handbook.
- 21.2 Prizes will be awarded at the RSYS and RPEYC Annual Prizegivings.

## **22. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

- 22.1 No litter shall be disposed of overboard
- 22.2 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to 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. 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 of this Handbook.
- 22.3 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 22.4 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.
- 22.5 Any yachts reported by Roads and Maritime Services as having contravened 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.
- 22.6 The attention of any competitors involved in an accident is drawn to the requirements of Roads and Maritime Services as published in Appendix 4 of this 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 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.

## **23. SAIL NUMBERS**

- 23.1 A boat shall sail under the sail number advised when entering.



- 23.2 A boat shall display identical sail numbers on its sails, and sail numbers shall be clearly legible. All spinnakers shall display the sail number stated when entering.
- 23.3 The use of any sail displaying a different number must be notified to the Sailing Office not later than two (2) hours before the start of the race.
- 23.4 A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not notified the Sailing Office in accordance with clause 23.3 or which has illegible sail numbers may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

## **24. HANDICAPPING**

- 24.1 The handicap will be a Time Correction Factor (TCF) which is applied at the finish. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised.
- 24.2 The Race Committee will determine a boat's handicap in relation to its performance in previous races. A boat's handicap shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 & 62.
- 24.3 If a boat is disqualified, its handicap may not be adjusted.
- 24.4 If a boat is granted redress and the finish time is amended by a Protest Committee, a new handicap may be generated.

## **25. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 25.1 **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 of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.
- 25.2 **Competitors Declaration** – the attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in clause 20.2 of the Notice of Race.
- 25.3 **Disclaimer of Liability**
- (a) 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, RPEYC, sponsors, any Class Association, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
  - (b) The RSYS, RPEYC, 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.
  - (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

**26. MINIMUM DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

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

**27. INSURANCE**

27.1 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) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

