



J70 Australian Championship 2017

14 & 15 October 2017

The Organising Authority is Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel St Kirribilli NSW 2061, in conjunction with the J70 fleet.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.
- 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 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 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.
- 4.2 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 Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Schedule of Events;

Date	Event	Scheduled Warning Signal
Saturday 14 Oct	Racing	1055hrs
Sunday 15 Oct	Racing	1055hrs
Sunday 15Oct	Presentation	ASAP after racing

- 5.2 Other classes may be included in the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee and subject to numbers of entrants.
- 5.3 A maximum of six (6) races are scheduled and up to three (3) races will be sailed on Saturday 14 October.
- 5.4 The Warning Signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the Start Signal of the preceding class.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 No Warning Signal will be made after 1700hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

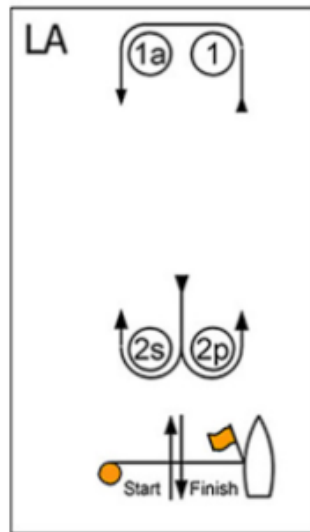
6. RACING AREA

Racing will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) between Kirribilli Point and Cannae Point.

7. THE COURSE

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.



7.1 Course descriptions

One Lap

START – 1 – 1a – FINISH

Two Laps

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

Three Laps

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

7.2 **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.

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

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

7.5 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.

7.6 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 11 will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and a black band.

9. THE START

9.1 The class flag for the J 70 fleet will be International Code flag 'V'.

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

9.3 The start sequence for each class in each race will be a separate procedure. The Race Committee may advise starting times and sequences prior to the warning signals.

10. RECALLS

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

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

10.3 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.

10.4 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clauses 10.2 and 10.3 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 The Race Committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33 subject to the amendments in clauses 11.2 and 11.3.

11.2 When the next leg of the course is changed, the Race Committee will lay a new mark as described in clauses 8.3 and 11.3 and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable.

11.3 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.

12. RETIREMENT

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.

13. THE FINISH

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

13.2 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.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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, 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. TIME LIMIT

15.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 90 minutes. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

15.2 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).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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 available from the RSYs sailing office. All protests shall be lodged at the RSYs Sailing Office.

16.3 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be one hour after the last finisher in the final race each day. This changes RRS 61.

16.4 Protests will be heard at the RSYs clubhouse. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.

16.5 Requests for Redress shall be in accordance with RRS 62.

17. SCORING

Refer to NOR.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 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.

18.2 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.

19. PRIZES

Refer to NOR.

20. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 20.1 No litter shall be disposed of overboard.
- 20.2 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”*.
- 20.3 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 20.4 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.
- 20.5 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.
- 20.6 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 the RSYS 2017-2018 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 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.

21. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 21.1 **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.
- 21.2 **Competitors Declaration** – the attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in clause 17.2 of the Notice of Race.
- 21.3 **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, 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, 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.

22. MINIMUM DRESS REQUIREMENTS

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

23. INSURANCE

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.