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Australia Day Regatta



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**181st AUSTRALIA DAY
REGATTA**

ON SYDNEY HARBOUR

Thursday 26th January 2017

CONDUCTED BY

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

ON BEHALF OF

**THE AUSTRALIA DAY
REGATTA INC.**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the 2013-2016 YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7.
- 1.3 A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than the RRS, then the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located underneath the Careening Cove Anchorage stairs of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1000 hours on 26th January 2017.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Any signals made ashore shall be displayed at the RSYS flagpole.

5 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour).

6 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 A 60 metre exclusion zone will be in place around the Regatta Flagship HMAS *Yarra*. All boats are to keep outside this area. HMAS *Yarra* will proceed to the Regatta starting area from Circular Quay, arriving about 1300. All boats must keep well clear during this manoeuvre.
- 6.2 **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the area bounded by cardinal marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions.
- 6.3 **Moorings** – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.
- 6.4 **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.
- 6.5 **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the yellow YA Shark Island mark and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.

7 DIVISIONS

Allocation of divisions shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee and shall be advised on the list of entries available from the RSYS Sailing Office and website www.rsys.com.au/sailing/regattas.

8 THE START

8.1 Races are scheduled as per the following Starting Sequence (modifies Rule 26);

TIME	EVENT	SIGNAL DISPLAYED	SIGNAL REMOVED
1325	Warning Classic Div 1 non-spin	Flag P	
1330	Start Classic Div 1 non-spin, Warning Classic Div 2 non-spin	Flag W	Flag P
1335	Start Classic Div 2 non-spin, Warning Division 1	Flag Q	Flag W
1340	Start Division 1, Warning Division 2	Flag K	Flag Q
1345	Start Division 2, Warning Division 3	Flag R	Flag K
1350	Start Division 3, Warning Division 1 non-spin	Flag U	Flag R
1455	Start Division 1 non-spin, Warning Division 2 non-spin	Flag J	Flag U
1400	Start Division 2 non-spin, Warning Historical Skiff	Flag V	Flag J
1405	Start Historical Skiff		Flag V

8.2 Starting Signals shall be made at five-minute intervals.

8.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Starting Signal may be recorded as a non-starter.

8.4 Should one boat appear at the Start, that boat shall be entitled to sail the Course.

8.5 There shall be no Warning Signal after the first Warning Signal. The Preparatory Signal for the second and subsequent Classes to start shall be made simultaneously with the preceding start signal. (Amends RRS 26.1)

8.6 The start line shall be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the port side of the Committee Vessel on the starboard end of the line and a yellow inflatable mark. The start line shall be in the vicinity of Point Piper.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 Regardless of the conditions on the day the following courses shall apply. See chartlet for approximate location of Marks.

9.2

Classic Non-Spin 1 & 2	START - CB - BB - NP - OB - SM - FINISH
Division 1	START - OB - MW - ME - LB - NP - OB - SM - FINISH
Division 2 & Non-spin Division 1	START - OB - LB - NP - OB - SM - SI - EC - SM - FINISH
Division 3, Non-Spin Div 2	START - OB - BB - NP - SM - FINISH
Historical Skiffs	START - TB - BB - SI - SM - TB - SI - SM - FINISH

- BB** - Beashel Mark – YA buoy, south-west of Sow and Pigs.
- CB** - Chowder Bay Mark – Southernmost YA buoy off southern shore of Chowder Bay.
- EC** - Eastern Channel –YA buoy approximately 100m west of the Eastern Channel Pile Light.
- LB** - Lady Bay North Mark – YA buoy off northern end of Lady Bay.
- ME** - Manly Mark (Easternmost) – Easternmost YA buoy in Manly Cove.
- MW** - Manly Mark (Westernmost) – YA Buoy, 400m SSW of Manly Warf.
- NP** - Neilson Park Mark – YA buoy approx 100m south west of the red navigation pile off Neilson Park.
- OB** - Obelisk Bay Mark – YA buoy east of Obelisk Bay.
- SI** - Shark Island – Summit of Shark Island and the lighthouse north of Shark Island.
- SM** - Shark Island Mark – YA buoy approx. 10m south east of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island.
- TB** - Taylor Bay Mark YA buoy in Taylor Bay.

9.3 All marks are to be left to starboard.

10 RECALLS

There shall be no recalls. Yachts starting prematurely may be penalised or disqualified at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee (amends RRS 28, RRS 29, RRS 60 and RRS 62.1).

11 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the port side of the Committee Vessel at the port end of the line and a yellow inflatable mark at the starboard end of the line. The Finish line shall be north of Point Piper in the vicinity of the Flagship HMAS *Yarra*.

12 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Spinnakers are not permitted in the following divisions;
Classic Divisions 1 & 2, Non-spinnaker Division 1 & 2.

13 TIME LIMIT

The time limit shall be 1700 hours **ABSOLUTE**. Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored "Did Not Finish". If no boat finishes within the time limit the race committee shall abandon the race (amends RRS 35).

14 PROTEST

Protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office by 1000 on 27th January 2017. Standard ISAF forms are available from the RSYS Sailing Office (amends RRS 61.3).

15 PRIZES

See Notice of Race.

16 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING & FERRIES

16.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence 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.

- 16.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 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.

17 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 17.1 **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.
- 17.2 **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- All competitors who sign the entry form in doing so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia and the Sailing Instructions, including:
- (a) RRS 46;
 - (b) the Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
 - (c) being covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident, recommended. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
 - (d) the person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;
 - (e) the person who signs and lodges this entry form 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 by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- 17.3 **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, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

- (b) The RSYS, sponsors, respective class associations, 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 Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

18 INSURANCE

All boats competing shall be covered by current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability Insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained for the period of racing.

19 REGATTA OFFICE

The Regatta Office is situated at;
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