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SHORT OCEAN RACING

CHAMPIONSHIP

40th Anniversary

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NOTICE OF RACE



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NOTICE OF RACE

Middle Harbour Yacht Club invites eligible boats to compete in the 40th Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship 2017.

The Organising Authority is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC). Racing will be conducted with the assistance and support of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA).

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the following;
- the current Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - the current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
 - the IRC Class Rules 2017, Parts A, B and C (if applicable),
 - the ORCi Class Rules 2017 (if applicable),
 - the Class Rules of any One Design Class or Association, if applicable,
 - the current MHYC Conditions of Entry, and by
 - this Notice of Race *or as amended by the Sailing Instructions* and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will be changed as follows;
- Appendix WP (attached) shall apply for the Hybrid Course Ocean Race.
 - RRS 52: does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails or to the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
 - RRS 78.2: Valid Rating / Class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.
- 1.3 Competing Crew are reminded of RRS 46 & RRS 56 and the requirement that all crew must be Members of a Club affiliated to its World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA).

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20 (ISAF Advertising Code).
- 2.2 The Organising Authority may provide sponsor's decals and or backstay flags. A boat shall display the sponsor's name and or backstay flag in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General Requirements

- 3.1.1 The Championship is open to all boats that meet the general eligibility requirements and shall be as follows;
- boats shall be of a self-righting and single hulled design.,
 - boats shall have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30.48 meters and not less than 9.0 meters and a waterline length (LWL) not less than 7.3 meters. Boats with LOA less than 9.0 meters but more than 8.5 meters may be eligible at the discretion of the Organising Authority,
 - boats shall be on the register of a Yacht Club affiliated with its National Authority,
 - boats shall hold and also submit a Category 4 (or higher) AS Special Regulations 'Equipment Audit' Certificate,
 - boats shall hold and also submit evidence of current public liability cover of no less than \$A10,000,000 by way of a certificate of currency or policy document copy.

3.2 Premier Class Boats (IRC)

- 3.2.1 IRC Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be as follows;
- boats shall hold and also submit a current IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC or UNCL,
 - boats shall have been weighed on scales by a RORC/UNCL approved measurer, and
 - comply with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

3.3 Premier Class Boats (ORCi)

- 3.3.1 ORCi Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be as follows;
- boats shall hold and also submit a current ORCi Certificate, and
 - comply with all of the current ORCi Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

3.4 Performance Class Boats (PHS)

- 3.4.1 Performance Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be those as outlined in the General Requirements.

3.5 One Design Class Boats

- 3.5.1 One Design Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be as follows;
- boats shall hold and also submit a current One Design Class Certificate, and
 - comply with all of the current One Design Class Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
- 3.6 The Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.
- 3.7 The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, vary these eligibility requirements if it deems that the entry of a boat in the Championship has the potential to advance the quality of racing in the Championship.

4.0 CLASSES & HANDICAP CATEGORIES

- 4.1 The Championship will be conducted in the following Classes using the nominated Handicap Category:
- Premier Class: IRC and ORCi
 - Performance Class: PHS
 - One Design Classes: Elapsed Time
- 4.2 The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, alter, amalgamate or divide any Class as required.
- 4.3 One Design Classes may be eligible for their own 'Start' if a minimum of six (6) entries have been received by the closing date of entries.
- 4.4 The Organising Authority may cancel any Class or Division if a minimum of six (6) entries have not been received by the closing date of entries. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another Class (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

5.0 ENTRY PROCEDURE & FEE

- 5.1 Eligible boats shall enter one (1) Class, by completing the online Entry Form on the event Website www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au and by agreeing to the 'MHYC Conditions of Entry'.
- 5.2 The Championship entry fee will be \$220.00 (incl. GST).
- 5.3 Late entries shall be subject to an additional 'Late Entry Fee' of \$55.00 (incl. GST).
- 5.4 Close of 'standard' entries will be 2359 hours on Friday 10th November 2017.
- 5.5 Close of 'late' entries will be 2359 hours on Thursday 16th November 2017. Entries after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.6 All entry fees are non-refundable after Thursday 16th November 2017 except in the case of NoR 4.4.
- 5.7 A Final List of Entries and Starting Handicaps will be published by the Organising Authority and available from the event Website www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au by 1700hrs on Wednesday 22nd November 2017.

5.8 Club Pointscore (MHYC)

- 5.8.1 A Race in this Championship forms part of the MHYC Ocean Pointscore Series 2017/2018. Boats that have paid and entered the MHYC Series shall also be required to complete the online Entry Form for this Championship as detailed in NoR 5.1.
- 5.8.2 Boats that have paid and entered the MHYC Ocean Pointscore Series 2017/2018 shall be exempt from paying an entry fee for this Championship; however NoR 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 shall still apply.
- 5.8.3 Boats that have paid and entered the MHYC Ocean Pointscore Series 2017/2018 are invited and eligible to compete in all races in this Championship.

5.9 Club Pointscore (CYCA)

- 5.9.1 A Race in this Championship forms part of the CYCA Ocean Pointscore Series 2017/2018. Boats that have paid and entered the CYCA Series shall also be required to complete the online Entry Form for this Championship as detailed in NoR 5.1.

- 5.9.2 Boats that have paid and entered the CYCA Ocean Pointscore Series 2017/2018 shall be exempt from paying an entry fee for this Championship; however NoR 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 shall still apply.
- 5.9.3 Boats that have paid and entered the CYCA Ocean Pointscore Series 2017/2018 are invited and eligible to compete in all races in this Championship.

6.0 DOCUMENTATION

- 6.1 Evidence of the documentation as described in NoR 3.1, shall be submitted to the Organising Authority by 1700 hours on Wednesday 22nd November 2017. Documentation shall be submitted to the MHYC Sailing Office by email sailing.manager@mhyc.com.au.
- 6.2 A boats rating certificate shall not be changed after Wednesday 22nd November 2017, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating error.

7.0 SCHEDULE

7.1 Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 10 th November	'Standard' Entries Close	www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au	2359 hrs
Thursday 16 th November	'Late' Entries Close	www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au	2359 hrs
Wednesday 22 nd November	Competitor Packs available	Collection from MHYC	1200 hrs
	Sailing Instructions published	www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au	1700 hrs
	Final List of Entries & Starting Handicaps published	www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au	1700 hrs
	Submission of documentation closes	Sailing Office MHYC	1700 hrs
Sunday 26 th November	Post Race Presentation	Harbour View Room MHYC	1700 hrs

7.2 Schedule of Racing

DATE	CLASS(S)	RACE FORMAT	WARNING SIGNAL
Saturday 25 th November	Premier & Performance Classes	Ocean Race (OPS)	0955 hrs
Saturday 25 th November	One Design Classes	4 x Windward / Leeward Races	1055 hrs
Sunday 26 th November	All Classes	Hybrid Course Ocean Race	1155 hrs

8.0 COMPETITOR'S PACKS

- 8.1 Competitor's packs will be available for collection from the Organising Authority (at MHYC) by 1200hrs on Wednesday 22nd November 2017.

9.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be published by the Organising Authority and will be available from the event Website www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au by 1700hrs on Wednesday 22nd November 2017.

10.0 RACING VENUE

- 10.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour and the Tasman Sea.

11.0 COURSES

11.1 Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. A summary is as follows;

COURSE	START LOCATION	FINISH LOCATION
Saturday Ocean Race	Inshore - Sydney Harbour	Inshore - Sydney Harbour
Saturday Windward / Leeward Races	Offshore - Sydney Heads	Offshore - Sydney Heads
Sunday Hybrid Course Ocean Race	Offshore - Sydney Heads	Inshore - Sydney Harbour

- 11.2 Laid and virtual marks will be used for the Sunday Hybrid Course Ocean Race. Boats shall round a GPS waypoint as if it were a physical mark.
- 11.3 Virtual Mark waypoints may be posted in a Notice to Competitors at www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au at 1100hrs on Sunday 26th November or announced prior to the warning signal by the Race Committee on VHF Ch72.
- 11.4 Owners shall maintain a record of the plotted location of the Virtual Marks and the GPS track the boat sailed while racing in the Hybrid Course Ocean Race for a period of 14 days for later review by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. Failure to make a record of the boat's GPS track available to the Race Committee or Protest Committee may result in the boat being protested.

12.0 SCORING

12.1 IRC Handicap Categories

- 12.1.1 Scores will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time.
- 12.1.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.
- 12.1.3 Two (2) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded.

12.2 ORCi Handicap Categories

- 12.2.1 Scores will be calculated by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the ToT Offshore rating as printed on each boat's ORCi Certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time.
- 12.2.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.
- 12.2.3 Two (2) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded..

12.3 PHS Handicap Categories

- 12.3.1 Scores will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCFs) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee, and may be adjusted after each race. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).
- 12.3.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.
- 12.3.3 Two (2) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded..

12.4 One Design

- 12.4.1 Scores will be calculated by the boat with the lowest elapsed time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) being scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.
- 12.4.2 Four (4) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded.

13.0 PRIZES

13.1 Official Presentation & Prize Giving

The Official Presentation and Prize Giving will be at 1700 hours on Sunday 26th November 2016 in the Main Bar at MHYC. Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners and Divisional place getters in each Class. Additional Sponsor Prizes may be awarded. All competitors are invited to attend.

13.2 Perpetual Trophies

The following Perpetual Trophies that were 're-birthed' in 2010 will be awarded at the Official Presentation;

- Bruce & Walsh Short Ocean Racing Championship IMS Trophy - 1st overall in IRC Division 1
- Bruce & Walsh Short Ocean Racing Championship IOR Trophy - 1st overall in IRC Division 2
- Bruce & Walsh Short Ocean Racing Championship JOG Trophy - 1st overall in IRC Division 3
- John Hurley Memorial 'Gun Boat' Trophy' - Awarded to the fastest boat with a combined elapsed time in the Saturday and Sunday Ocean Races.

13.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

14.0 BERTHING & MOORINGS

14.1 Limited casual berthing and moorings are available to boats competing. All requests for casual berthing and moorings shall be made by completing the 'Casual Berthing Registration' form available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au

15.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority and their respective officer's, employees, volunteers and members, will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

15.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

15.3 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 4.0 'Decision to Race'.

"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

16.0 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

16.1 Each entrant for the this Championship consents to the Organising Authority distributing information to the entrant and crew regarding, racing, marketing and associated event information including social events. This information may be distributed by email, web, mail, fax, mobile phone messaging and telephone.

16.2 Conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and crew;

- Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the this Regatta and may exercise those rights as it sees fit,

- Grant the Organising Authority and Event Partners the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race. Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the Regatta, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the race and the prospects, performance and strategy of boats entered or participating in the Regatta, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its Officers and Employees, the Race Committee, Measurers or Current Sponsors of the Championship or Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

17.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information contact;

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WORLD SAILING APPENDIX WP - RULES FOR RACING AROUND WAYPOINTS

Use of this appendix is recommended for offshore races when the race committee may wish to specify waypoints instead of physical marks which boats are required to pass to sail the course. Races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix only if the notice of race and sailing instructions so state.

WP1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS

WP1.1 The definition Start is changed to:

Start A boat starts when, having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull, crew or equipment crosses the starting line in the direction of the course.

WP1.2 Add new definition:

Waypoint A position, other than a mark, described by latitude and longitude coordinates that the course requires a boat to leave on a specified side.

WP2 Add new rule 18.5 in Part 2 of the RRS:

18.5 ROOM TO PASS A WAYPOINT

- (a) Rule 18.5 applies between boats when they are required to leave a waypoint on the same side and at least one of them is approaching it. However, when rule 20 applies, rule 18.5 does not.
- (b) When overlapped boats are approaching a waypoint to pass it on the required side, the outside boat shall give the inside boat room to pass the waypoint, unless the outside boat has been unable to do so from the time the overlap began.
- (c) If the inside boat has reasonable doubt that she has room to pass the waypoint, she may hail the outside boat accordingly. The outside boat shall then give the inside boat additional space unless she is unable to do so.

WP3 Rule 28 is changed to:

28 SAILING THE COURSE

- 28.1** A boat shall start, sail the course described in the sailing instructions and finish. While doing so, she may leave on either side a mark or waypoint that does not begin, bound or end the leg she is sailing. After finishing she need not cross the finishing line completely.
- 28.2** A string representing a boat's track from the time she begins to approach the starting line from its pre-start side to start until she finishes shall, when drawn taut,
 - (a) pass each mark or waypoint on the required side and in the correct order,
 - (b) touch each rounding mark, touch a hypothetical object at each rounding waypoint, and
 - (c) pass between the marks or waypoints of a gate from the direction of the previous mark or waypoint. She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not finished.
- 28.3** The sailing instructions may specify criteria to determine whether a boat has rounded or passed a waypoint on the required side.

WP4 ELECTRONIC POSITION FIXING

When data from electronic position fixing systems is used to determine the position of a boat for the purpose of verifying compliance with the rules, precedence shall be given to data from the boat's primary navigation system.