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SHORT OCEAN RACING

CHAMPIONSHIP

24 & 25 November 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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Premier Class Series - IRC /ORCi Performance Class Series - PHS (Incorporating the MHYC & CYCA Ocean Pointscores)

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 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

1.2 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will be changed as follows:

- 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the 'Breezeway' adjacent to the main office at MHYC. Copies may also be available from the MHYC Office, the CYCA Sailing Office and posted on the event website www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au.
- 2.2 The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or other information of interest to competitors on the designated VHF Channel (VHF 72). Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 and 62.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830hrs on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted prior to 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions made 'afloat' will be indicated by the display of 'Code Flag 3rd Substitute' and accompanied by two sound signals. The change will be communicated on the designated course VHF channel and/or displayed on the committee boat.
- 3.3 Competitors are may communicate with the MHYC Sailing Office from 0830hrs on Saturday and Sunday mornings to confirm the location of the day's racing and to arrange for the receipt of any amendments. The telephone number is (02) 9969 1244.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Signal Mast adjacent to the MHYC Starters Box, located in the North Eastern corner of the Club premises.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Four (4) races are scheduled for each division. The Race Committee may amend this schedule at any time.

DATE	CLASS(ES)	RACE FORMAT	FIRST WARNING
Saturday 24 th November	All Classes	Ocean Race (OPS)	0955 hrs
Sunday 25 th November	All Classes	3 x Windward / Leeward Races	1055 hrs

- 5.2 On Sunday 25th November, no Warning Signal shall be made after 1530 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class flags will be:

CLASS	CODE FLAG
Premier & Performance Class Division 1	D
Premier & Performance Class Division 2	E
TP52 Class	T

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, the Tasman Sea between Pittwater and Port Hacking.
- 7.2 The starting area on Saturday 24th November will be in the vicinity of Steele Point, Port Jackson.
- 7.3 The start area on Sunday 25th November will be the Manly Circle or Macquarie Circle off Sydney and will be indicated by a Notice posted by 0900hrs on the Official Notice Board and website.
- 7.4 In the likelihood of adverse weather, the starting area will be advised by a Notice posted by 0900hrs on the Official Notice Board and website.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses for each race are described in the Appendices attached.
- 8.2 Charts AUS200, AUS197 and AUS198 cover the Course Areas for this Regatta.

9 REPORTING & RETIRING

- 9.1 Prior to the Warning Signal each day, competing boats shall report to the Committee Vessel on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. Boats which cannot be identified prior to the Warning Signal may be scored DNC.
- 9.2 A boat that retires shall notify the Committee Vessel of its retirement as soon as possible, via the designated VHF Channel (VHF 72).

10 THE START

- 10.1 The Start Line will be between the Committee Vessel Flag Mast flying an Orange Flag and a laid mark.
- 10.2 A boat shall not start later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal.
- 10.3 A boat may use prohibited propulsion after its Preparatory Signal to arrive at the Start Line, provided it shall cease using such propulsion 100 meters prior to the pre-start side of the Start Line. It shall immediately carry out a 360° turn while keeping clear of all other boats and, if the Start Signal has been made, start.
- 10.4 The Committee Vessel may hold position using engines. This shall not be grounds for redress and amends RRS 60, 61, 62, 63 & 64.
- 10.5 A Committee Vessel, flying the MHYC or CYCA Burgee, may be positioned on the start line extensions at the port end and/or the starboard end.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The Finish Line will be between the Committee Vessel Flag Mast flying a Blue Flag and a laid mark.
- 11.2 The Committee Vessel may hold station using engines. This shall not be the subject of Protest, Redress or Appeal. This shall not be grounds for redress and amends RRS 60, 61, 62, 63 & 64.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The Time Limit for the race on Saturday 24th November shall be sunset (1944hrs) or nine (9) hours, whichever is the earliest.
- 12.2 Any boat still racing when her time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.
- 12.2 Time limits and target times for individual races on Sunday 25th November are as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>90 minutes</i>
<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>40 minutes</i>
<i>Target Time</i>	<i>60 minutes</i>

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests shall be submitted on forms available from the MHYC or CYCA Race Offices and lodged with or emailed to MHYC (sailing@mhyc.com.au) no later than two (2) hours after the last boat's finish time.
- 13.2 The Protest Committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible in the Commodores Room at MHYC.
- 13.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Online Notice Board (www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au) within 30 minutes of the end of protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. This notice fulfils the requirements of the RRS 61 to notify parties to a protest of the hearing time.
- 13.4 RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 20 minutes after being informed of the decision. If the party was informed of the decision on the previous day it shall ask for a reopening no later than the time limit for protests."
- 13.5 In accordance with RRS 64.1(a), for a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, the Jury may award a disqualification or a time penalty. For all other rules the penalty shall be at the discretion of the Jury which may include no penalty.

14 ARBITRATION

- 14.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B.
- 14.2 After a written protest is lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted at this hearing.
- 14.3 A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.
- 14.4 The acceptance of an arbitrator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes RRS 60.1,62 and 66.
- 14.5 The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or may observe and give testimony to the Jury.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply. Four (4) races are scheduled for each division. One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. There shall be no discards and a boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races completed.
- 15.2 IRC Class: results shall be decided by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCFs) to elapsed times. Each boat's corrected time shall be established by multiplying its appropriate TCF by its elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and so on.
- 15.3 IRC Handicaps will be the TCC recorded on each boat's 2018 IRC Certificate.
- 15.4 PHS Class: results shall be decided by the application of Time Correction Factor (TCF) to elapsed times. PHS Handicaps shall be allocated by the Organising Authority and shall not be the Subject of Protest, Dispute or Redress. (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and so on.

16 RESULTS

- 16.1 Results will be posted on event website (www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au) as soon as practicable.

17 PRIZE GIVING

- 17.1 The Official Presentation and Prize Giving will be held at MHYC as soon as practical after the conclusion of racing (as close to 1700hrs on Sunday 25th November as possible). All competitors are invited to attend.
- 17.2 Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners and place getters in each Division. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 17.3 The following Perpetual Trophies 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 TP52 Division
 - John Hurley Memorial 'Gun Boat' Trophy - Awarded to the fastest elapsed time in the Saturday Ocean Race
- 17.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18 BERTHING & MOORINGS

- 18.1 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.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority and their respective officers, 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.
- 19.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 19.3 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 4 'Decision to Race'.
"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

20 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 20.1 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, mobile phone messaging and telephone.
- 20.2 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.

APPENDIX A

Ocean Passage Race on Saturday 24 November (OPS)

A1 START AREA

A1.1 The Start Line will be in the vicinity of Steele Point.

A2 FINISH AREA

A2.1 The Finish Line will be in the vicinity of Watsons Bay.

A3 DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

A3.1 The course to be sailed will be signalled by a Numeral Board displayed from the Committee Vessel at or prior to the Warning Signal. The course to be sailed may also be broadcast on VHF Channel 72.

A3.2 In a Course Description, the designation (p) indicates the mark is to be rounded to port. **All marks are to be rounded to starboard unless otherwise stated.**

COURSE	COURSE CONFIGURATION
1	Start - LB - Lion Island(p) - Finish
2	Start - LB - CB - Finish
3	Start - MW - ME - SI - MW - ME - CI - MW - ME - Finish
4	Start - SI - MW - ME - CI - MW - ME - CI - MW - ME - Finish

A4 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

All positions and distances are approximate.

MARK	DESCRIPTION
CI	Clarke Island
CB	Cape Baily Waverider Buoy (Yellow Spherical Buoy with aerial) Lat. 34-02-43' Lon. 151-15-18'
LB	AS Mark Lady Bay (<i>Note LB is a clearance mark, not a rounding mark</i>) Lat. 33-50-081 Lon. 151-16-612
Lion Island	Pink Laid mark off Lion Island in Broken Bay Lat 33 ⁰ 33.6'S Lon 151 ⁰ 20'E
ME	AS Mark Manly East Lat. 33-48-196 Lon. 151-16-726
MW	AS Mark Manly West Lat. 33-48-176 Lon. 151-16-625
SI	AS Mark Shark Island Lat. 33-51-626 Lon. 151-15-541 <i>(Note the area between the Shark Island AS Mark and Shark Island is a continuing obstruction and no boat shall pass between them)</i>

APPENDIX B

Windward Leeward Ocean Races on Sunday 25 November

B1 RACING AREA

B1.1 The racing area will be in the Manly Circle or Macquarie Circle off Sydney Heads and will be indicated by a Notice posted by 0900hrs on the Official Notice Board and website..

B2.0 DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

- B2.1 The course to be sailed for each class will be signalled by a Numeral Board displayed from the Committee Vessel at or prior to the Warning Signal. The course to be sailed may also be broadcast on VHF Channel 72.
- B2.2 A board displaying the approximate compass bearing from the Committee Vessel to Mark 1 and Mark 2 will be displayed from the Committee Vessel.
- B2.3 Mark 1 and Mark 2 will be laid to windward of the start line.
- B2.4 The Gate will be laid approximately 100 metres to windward of the start line. If only one Gate mark is laid, boats shall round that mark to port. (Note: The Gate may be laid after the starting signal).
- B2.5 All Marks to PORT except the Gate. Either Gate mark may be rounded to port or to starboard after passing through the Gate from the direction of the last mark.
- B2.6 For a change of course or length of one leg, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or marks or finish line) or will lay a new mark (or marks) identical to the original at the new position. Any subsequent marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

B3.0 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

MARK	DESCRIPTION
Start / Finish Mark	Yellow inflatable buoy
Mark 1	Orange inflatable buoy
Mark 2	Yellow inflatable buoy
Gate Mark(s)	Orange inflatable buoy/s
Change Mark(s)	As above in its 'new position'

B4 COURSES

COURSE	COURSE CONFIGURATION
1	Start – 1 – Finish
2	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Finish
3	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Gate – 1 – Finish
4	Start – 2 – Finish
5	Start – 2 – Gate – 2 – Finish
6	Start – 2 – Gate – 2 – Gate – 2 – Finish

