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NOTICE OF RACE



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Middle Harbour Yacht Club invites eligible boats to compete in the 48th Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship in 2025.

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 2025, Parts A, B and C (if applicable) as amended by 1.2 below,
- the ORC Class Rules 2025 (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 The text of IRC Rule 21.1.5(d) and 21.1.5(e) is deleted and amended as follows:

21.1.5(d) By 1700hrs on Friday 28 November, IRC rated boats shall submit to the regatta office a declaration of the sails they may use in the regatta. The sail declaration shall be limited to:

- 1 Mainsail,
- 1 Mizzen sail (only if such a sail is detailed on the boat's IRC certificate),
- and the maximum number of each type of headsails and spinnakers detailed on the boat's IRC Certificate.

21.1.5 (e) On a scheduled race day, boats shall only carry declared sails and these shall remain the same from when the boat leaves the harbour or mooring until the boat returns to the harbour or mooring. Boats do not have to carry all their declared sails.

1.3 The 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 date specified in Notice of Race section 6.

1.4 Competing Crew are reminded of RRS 46 and the Australian Sailing Prescription that requires all crew to be Members of a Club affiliated to a World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA).

2.0 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 (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 metres and not less than 9.0 metres and a waterline length (LWL) not less than 7.3 metres. Boats with LOA less than 9.0 meters but more than 8.5 metres 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 current public liability cover of no less than \$10,000,000 AUD.

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 or Unendorsed Certificate issued by RORC or UNCL, and advising if the secondary certificate shall apply;
- boats shall have been weighed on scales by a RORC/UNCL approved measurer, and;
- comply with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, except 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 (ORC)

3.3.1 ORC Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be as follows:

- boats shall hold and also submit a current ORCi or ORC Club Certificate, and
- comply with all of the current ORC Rules and Regulations, except to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

3.4 Premier Class Boats (TPR)

3.4.1 TPR Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be as follows:

- boats shall hold a current and valid TPR rating.

3.5 Performance Class Boats (PHS)

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

3.6 One Design Class Boats

3.6.1 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, except to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

3.7 The Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.

3.8 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 Divisions 1 & 2 - IRC, ORC & PHS
 - Premier Class Super 50 - TPR, IRC & PHS
- 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 \$300.00 (incl. GST).
- 5.3 Late entries shall be subject to an additional 'Late Entry Fee' of \$50.00 (incl. GST).
- 5.4 Close of 'standard' entries will be 2359 hours on Friday 21st November 2025.
- 5.5 Close of 'late' entries will be 2359 hours on Wednesday 26th November 2025. Entries after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.6 All entry fees are non-refundable after Wednesday 26th November 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 Friday 28th November.
- 5.8 Club Pointscore (MHYC)**
- 5.8.1 Races in this Championship form part of the MHYC Ocean Pointscore Series 2025-2026. Boats that have paid and entered the MHYC Series are exempt from paying an entry fee for this Championship but are required to complete the online Entry Form as detailed in NoR 5.1.
- 5.8.2 NoR 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 shall still apply.
- 5.9 Club Pointscore (CYCA)**
- 5.9.1 A Race in this Championship forms part of the CYCA Summer Short Offshore Series 2025-2026. Boats that have paid and entered the CYCA Series are exempt from paying an entry fee for this Championship but are required to complete the online Entry Form as detailed in NoR 5.1.
- 5.9.2 NoR 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 shall still apply.

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 26th November 2025. Documentation shall be submitted to the MHYC Sailing Office by email sailing@mhyc.com.au.
- 6.2 A boats rating certificate shall not be changed after Wednesday 26th November 2025 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating error.
- 6.3 Online Crew Registration via SailSys will be required each day for this event.

7.0 SCHEDULE

7.1 Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 21 st November	'Standard' Entries Close	www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au	2359 hrs
Wednesday 26 th November	'Late' Entries Close	www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au	2359 hrs
	Submission of documentation closes	Sailing Office MHYC	1700 hrs
Friday 28 th November	Sailing Instructions published	www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au	1700 hrs
	Final List of Entries & Starting Handicaps published	www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au	1700 hrs
Sunday 30 th November	Post-Race Presentation	Harbour View Room MHYC	1700 hrs

7.2 Schedule of Racing

DATE	CLASS(ES)	RACE FORMAT	WARNING SIGNAL
Saturday 29 th November	Premier Classes	Ocean Race (SSOS)	0955 hrs
Sunday 30 th November	Premier Classes	2 x Offshore Windward / Leeward Races	1055 hrs

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 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 Friday 28th November 2025.

9.0 RACING VENUE

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

10.0 COURSES

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

COURSE	START LOCATION	FINISH LOCATION
Saturday Ocean Passage Race	Inshore – Steele Point	Inshore – Watsons Bay
Sunday Offshore W/L Races	Inshore – Watsons Bay	Inshore – Watsons Bay

11.0 SCORING

11.1 IRC Handicap Categories

- 11.1.1 Scores will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time.
- 11.1.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.
- 11.1.3 Three (3) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded.

11.2 ORC Handicap Categories

- 11.2.1 Scores will be calculated by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the ToT All Purpose rating as printed on each boat's ORCi or ORC Club Certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time.
- 11.2.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.
- 11.2.3 Three (3) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded.

11.3 PHS Handicap Categories

- 11.3.1 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)).
- 11.3.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.
- 11.3.3 Three (3) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded.

12.0 PRIZES

12.1 Official Presentation & Prize Giving

The Official Presentation and Prize Giving will be at 1700 hours on Sunday 30th November 2025 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.

12.2 Perpetual Trophies

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 the Super 50 Division
- John Hurley Memorial 'Gun Boat' Trophy – Awarded to the fastest elapsed time in the Saturday Ocean Race

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

13.0 BERTHING & MOORINGS

- 13.1 Limited casual berthing and moorings are available to boats competing. All requests for casual berthing and moorings shall be made by completing the Berthing Request Form available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au

14.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 14.3 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 3.0 'Decision to Race'.
"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

15.0 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Each entrant for the 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.
- 15.2 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 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.

16.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information visit www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au or contact:

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