



The Financial and Media Markets Charity Regatta

Friday 28th October 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1.0 RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by the current versions of:

- the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (“RRS”) of the International Sailing Federation;
- the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (“Special Regulations”);
- the Middle Harbour Yacht Club Special Regulations (“MHYC SR”)
- the Notice of Race attached to the Entry Form issued by the Organising Authority (“NoR”),

except as any of these are modified by or inconsistent with these Sailing Instructions, and by these Sailing Instructions (“SI”).

1.2 The attention of competitors is drawn to the MHYC Special Regulations which are referenced throughout the NoR and these SIs including their responsibilities under the applicable NSW Maritime legislation.

1.3 The Sailing Office of Middle Harbour Yacht Club (“MHYC”) shall be the Race Committee (“RC”) for the purposes of, and with, the powers and discretions contained in RRS 90.1. This amends MHYC SR 2.2.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located in the Breezeway of the Clubhouse.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to these SIs, if any, will be posted not later than 2 hours prior to the warning signal of the race.

4.0 SIGNALS

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MHYC Race Official’s Box on the northwestern perimeter of the Club premises.

4.2 Signals made on the water will be displayed from the MHYC Committee Vessel – Hugh S George.

4.3 Signals will be as follows:

1250 Hrs	Course Board Displayed
1300 Hrs	Start Count-down Sequence

4.4 The display of the course board and the start of the count-down sequence may each be accompanied by a sound signal.

5.0 THE COURSE

5.1 The Courses are those annexed to these Sailing Instructions (Annex A).

5.2 Courses may be shortened prior to the Start at the discretion of the RC. Should Code Flag “S” be flown with or prior to the display of the Course Board, the race will automatically be shortened and all yachts should proceed to the finish line after having rounded the mark indicated by an asterisk (*), if so indicated by Annex A.

- 5.3 Courses may be shortened at any mark in accordance with RRS 32.
- 5.4 The attention of competitors is drawn to the MHYC SRs and those areas which are designated obstructions and prohibited areas in the vicinity of the Start and Finish lines, the Gowland Bombora and the Sow and Pigs Reef. A boat shall not sail into an area designated a prohibited area.
- 6.0 HANDICAP PURSUIT RACE**
- 6.1 The race shall be a Handicap Pursuit Race with a Count-down start sequence.
- 6.2 A boat shall comply with the YA Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 7. An audited Special Regulations Form for the relevant Category (or higher) shall be submitted with the entry if not already held by MHYC.
- 6.3 The Regatta is designated non-spinnaker, only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 50.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. (No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay.)
- 6.4 Start numbers will be based on time correction factors (TCFs). A boat's TCF shall be determined by the RC or its nominee. Start numbers relative to time of day are annexed (Annex C) to these Sailing instructions and are to be used as a guide only.
- 6.5 Boats shall notify the MHYC Sailing Office not later than 2 days prior to a race of any change, addition or alteration to a boat's hull appendages, equipment, sail inventory or skipper/crew that may affect its performance. At the discretion of the RC, a boat that fails to comply may be either disqualified after a hearing or have its results retrospectively adjusted by applying a new TCF based on the affect on the boat's performance.
- 6.6 The TCF, and a boat's start number based on it, shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).
- 6.7 When only one boat starts and sails the course within the time limit, the RC shall not abandon the race (amends RRS 32).
- 7.0 THE START**
- 7.1 The Start Line shall be between the Committee Vessel flagmast flying an orange flag and an orange inflatable mark.
- 7.2 The RC will allocate a starting number to a boat for the race. A boat shall not start before the Starters Board has '**dropped**' its designated start number.
- 7.3 Numbers will be displayed at 1 minute intervals and will commence with the number '60'.
- 7.4 There will be no recalls. Any yacht deemed to have started prematurely and that has not returned and started correctly shall be penalised 5 minutes plus the difference between her starting number, applied to her finish time. (This amends RRS29.0)
- 8.0 THE FINISH**
- 8.1 The Finish Line shall be between the Committee Vessel flagmast flying an orange flag and an orange inflatable mark with.
- 8.2 A boat's finish time shall be used for the calculation of its racing division results. The boat with the earliest finish time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
- 8.3 All times will be recorded in minutes and whole seconds. Boats with equal finishing times shall be scored as dead heated.
- 8.4 All results will be subject to the application of Alternate Penalties, if any.

9.0 TIME LIMITS

- 9.1 The time limit will be 1700hrs on the day of racing.
- 9.2 A boat that does not finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF (amends RRS 35).

10.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 10.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two-Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.
- 10.2 For an infringement of any other rule or requirement, the Scoring Penalties of RRS 44.3 shall apply. The penalty shall be computed as a percentage of the number of entries in the relevant division.

11.0 ABANDONED RACES

- 11.1 Abandoned races will not be resailed.

12.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 73 for the duration of the race.
- 12.2 Skippers approaching the MHYC Marina prior to the race for guest pick-up, shall contact MHYC 'Dockmaster' on VHF Channel 73, for berthing instructions.

15.0 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes shall be presented at a post race presentation as per the NoR.

16.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the MHYC Feature Race Program at their own risk. Special attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 16.2 The Organising Authority, Event Sponsors (if applicable), and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor, and any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that the MHYC Feature Race Program and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.
- 16.3 MHYC, nor the event sponsor (if applicable), are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

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ANNEX A - COURSES

Course 1

11.0 miles approx

Start in Hunters Bay

- 1 YA Mark Rose Bay
- 2 Clark Island
- 3 Fort Denison
- 4 YA Mark Manly West
- 5 YA Mark Manly East

Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 2

12.0 miles approx

Start in Hunters Bay

- 1 YA Mark Shark Island
- 2 Fort Denison
- 3 YA Mark Manly West
- 4 YA Mark Manly East

Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 3

12.5 miles approx

Start in Hunters Bay

- 1 YA Mark Manly West
- 2 YA Mark Manly East
- 3 YA Mark Lady Bay
- 4 YA Mark Rose Bay
- 5 YA Mark Manly West
- 6 YA Mark Manly East

Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 4

13.0 miles approx

Start in Hunters Bay

- 1 YA Mark Manly West
- 2 YA Mark Manly East
- 3 YA Mark Cannae Point
- 4 YA Mark Lady Bay
- 5 Clarke Island
- 6 YA Mark Manly West
- 7 YA Mark Manly East

Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 5

13.5 miles approx

Start in Hunters Bay

- 1 YA Mark Manly West
- 2 YA Mark Manly East
- 3 YA Mark Cannae Point
- 4 YA Mark Shark Island
- 5 Fort Denison
- 6 YA Mark Manly West
- 7 YA Mark Manly East

Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 6

14.0 miles approx

Start in Hunters Bay

- 1 YA Mark Manly West
- 2 YA Mark Manly East
- 3 YA Mark Cannae Point
- 4 YA Mark East Channel
- 5 YA Mark Shark Island
- 6 Fort Denison
- 7 YA Mark Cannae Point
- 8 YA Mark East Channel

Finish in Hunters Bay

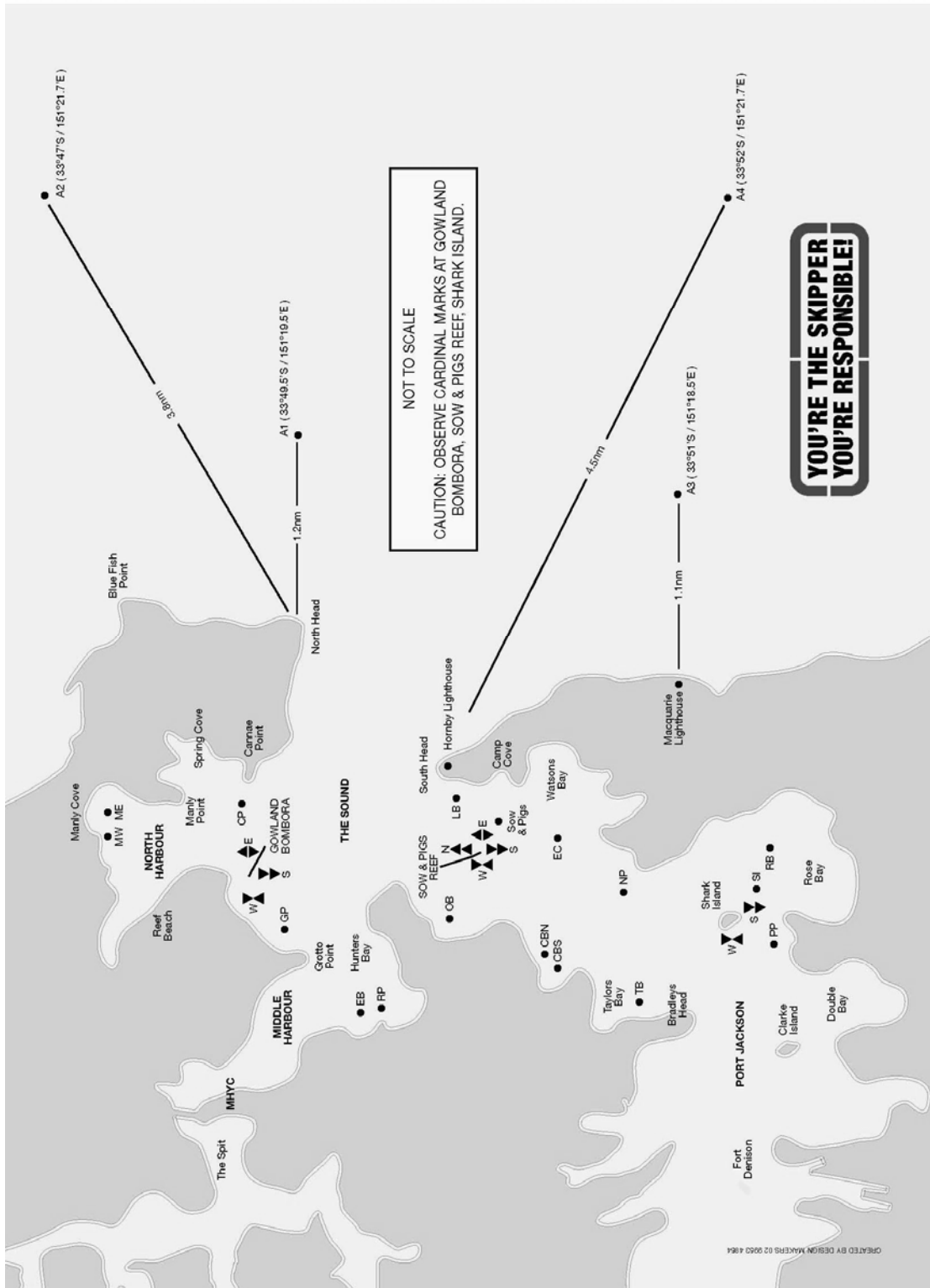
NOTES

- 1) All Marks shall be rounded or left to Starboard
- 2) Mark descriptions & Course Chartlet - refer to page 140 to 142 of the MHYC Sailing Handbook 2011-2012 and Annex B.

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ANNEX B – MHYC COURSE CHARTLET



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ANNEX C – HANDICAP DROP TIMES

Handicap Drop	Start Time of Day	Handicap Drop	Start Time of Day
60	1301	30	1331
59	1302	29	1332
58	1303	28	1333
57	1304	27	1334
56	1305	26	1335
55	1306	25	1336
54	1307	24	1337
53	1308	23	1338
52	1309	22	1339
51	1310	21	1340
50	1311	20	1341
49	1312	19	1342
48	1313	18	1343
47	1314	17	1344
46	1315	16	1345
45	1316	15	1346
44	1317	14	1347
43	1318	13	1348
42	1319	12	1349
41	1320	11	1350
40	1321	10	1351
39	1322	9	1352
38	1323	8	1353
37	1324	7	1354
36	1325	6	1355
35	1326	5	1356
34	1327	4	1357
33	1328	3	1358
32	1329	2	1359
31	1330	1	1400

NOTES

- 1) To be used as a guide only

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ANNEX D – MHYC MARINA MAP

