

2011 – 2012

Manly Junior NSW State Championship

29/30 October 2011, 26/27 November 2011

and 18/19 February 2012

Sailing Instructions

Open and Novice Divisions

incorporating Amendment One and Two

Organising Authority: The Manly Junior Sailing Association NSW Incorporated in conjunction with the host clubs and in association with Yachting NSW

1. Rules

The Championship will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of Yachting Australia and by part 2 of the Yachting Australia Special Regulations, except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Where there is a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Eligibility

As per NoR 4.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard, the location of which shall be advised at each Regatta site.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0900 hours on the day of the racing session it will affect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1. Signals made ashore shall be made on the flagmast, the location of which shall be advised at each Regatta site.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5.3. A green flag when displayed ashore indicates that the Race Committee or their representative believes that all competing boats in the Open and Novice Divisions have signed on and that there are adequate support vessels operating.

6. Regatta Schedule

6.1. Schedule of Races:

- a. A total of nine races are scheduled over the Championship period, to be conducted in three Regattas, held respectively at Middle Harbour 16' Skiff Sailing Club (MH16SSC), Avalon Sailing Club (ASC) and Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp (PWSRC).
- b. No more than three races shall be conducted on either 18 or 19 February 2012.
- c. Signal AP over H shall be flown from the Committee Vessel when no more races are to be conducted that day.
- d. No Warning Signal shall be displayed after 1530 hours on the last scheduled day of racing of each Regatta.

6.2. Race Schedule

Date	Venue	Event	Time
Sat 29 th October 2011	Middle Harbour 16' SSC	Measurement and Registration	0800 - 1000 ¹ hrs
Sat 29 th October 2011		Briefing	1000 hrs
Sat 29 th October 2011		Race 1	1200 hrs
Sat 29 th October 2011		Race 2	May be back to back with Race 1
Sun 30 th October 2011		Race 3	1200 hrs
Sat 26 th November 2011	Avalon SC	Briefing and Presentation	0930 hrs
Sat 26 th November 2011		Race 4	1130 hrs
Sat 26 th November 2011		Race 5	1445 hrs
Sun 27 th November 2011		Race 6	1330 hrs
Sat 18 th February 2012	Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre	Briefing and Presentation	0930 hrs
Sat 18 th February 2012		Race 7	1100 hrs
Sat 18 th February 2012		Race 8	1500 hrs
Sun 19 th February 2012		Race 9	1100 hrs
Sun 19 th February 2012		Presentation (Championship)	After last race

7. Divisions and Class Flags

- 7.1. There shall be two Divisions, the Open Division and, the Novice Division. The Novice Division shall be formed as per NoR 4.3. A Rookie Division may be invited to attend the third Regatta at Point Wolstoncroft as per NoR 16. Separate Sailing Instructions shall be issued for the Rookie Division. All other entrants shall sail in the Open Division. The Race Committee shall have ultimate discretion in the allocation of boats to Divisions.
- 7.2. The Class Flag for the Open Division shall be a white flag with a red Manly Junior emblem.
- 7.3. The Class Flag for the Novice Division shall be a red flag with a white Manly Junior emblem.
- 7.4. Novice Division boats shall each fly a supplied green ribbon from the mainsail clew at all times whilst racing.
- 7.5. The Class Flag for the Rookie Division shall be a yellow flag.

8. Racing Area

The racing area shall be described by diagram on the Official Noticeboard at each Regatta.

9. Courses

- 9.1. Courses shall be 60⁰ Triangles or Windward/Leeward. The diagrams at Appendix A show the course number, the approximate course layouts, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which the marks are to be left.
- 9.2. The Course to be sailed shall be signified by a numeral pennant, which shall be displayed on the Start Boat not later than the Divisional Warning Signal.

10. Prohibited Water

While racing, the area between any registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline shall be considered PROHIBITED WATER, and therefore an obstruction.

11. Marks

The descriptions of Rounding Marks, the Start and Finish Marks, and the Change Mark shall be posted on the Official Noticeboard prior to the Competitors' Briefing at each Regatta.

¹ Amendment One

12. The Start

- 12.1. The start line will be between the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and the Start Mark at the port end.
- 12.2. The Starting Order shall be the Open Division followed by the Novice Division (followed by the Rookie Division if sailed in Regatta Three). The Warning Signal for the Novice Division may be made concurrently with the Starting Signal for the Open Division.
- 12.3. Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 12.4. A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

13. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course the race committee shall lay a new mark (or move the Finish Line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2. When changing a leg of the course the Race Committee shall use rule 33(a)(2) (a green triangular flag for a change of the course to starboard or a red rectangular flag for a change of the course to port).
- 13.3. Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark. This changes rule 28.1.

14. The Finish

The finish line will be between the flagstaff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and the Finish Mark at the port end.

15. Time Limits

- 15.1. If no boat has finished within 120 minutes of the start of that race the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

16. Mediation

- 16.1. A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 and SI 17, which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or Part 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 16.2. The mediator will decide the time and place of the mediation hearing and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 16.3. After taking testimony at the mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
 - a. The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - b. The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because the rules other than Part 2 or Part 4 are involved or may be involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason the decided by the mediator.
 - c. No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - d. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, ~~the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finish and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.~~²
- 16.4. A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing will be penalised by her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing position and the score of DSQ rounded up to the nearest whole number . All other boats score will remain the same. Once accepted this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1a, 66 and Appendix A.

² Amendment 2

16.5. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is amended by deleting “if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display a red flag”.
- 17.2. Boats protesting incidents in the racing area that they are involved in or see, shall, after finishing report their intention to protest to an official stationed on the starboard side of the Finish Boat.
- 17.3. Rule 60.2 is amended in that the Race Officer or their nominated representative shall represent the Race Committee.
- 17.4. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests are to be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.5. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area, and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.6. Notices shall be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, the order of hearings and the time of the first hearing.
- 17.7. Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1 (b).
- 17.8. Breaches of instructions 12.3, 19, and 22 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a).
- 17.9. The Protest Committee may make any determination in respect of penalties for a breach of a rule other than in Part 2.
- 17.10. On the last day of the Championship a request for reopening of a hearing shall be delivered:
- a. within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or
 - b. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

18. Scoring

- 18.1. Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3. When six or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. Safety Regulations

All helmspersons intending to race are to sign on prior to going afloat, and sign off within 30 minutes of coming ashore, or within the protest time limit, whichever is earlier. A boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. Replacement of Crew

Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Substitution of helmspersons is not allowed.

21. Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Unless approved in writing by the Measurer, all measured equipment shall remain the same for the duration of the Championship.

22. Support Boats

- 22.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel (collectively Support) boats shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.2. The Novice Fleet may be coached by a Manly Junior Association of NSW nominated coach. The 100 metre restriction will not apply to this coach.

23. Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24. Prizes

Prizes shall be awarded as per NoR 12.

25. Rights to use Name and Likeness

In participating in the Championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, and the sponsors of the Championship, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television, digital images and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Championship in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Championship without compensation.

26. Disclaimer of Liability

It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship or to start and continue in any race. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4. Competitors shall accept that their participation on the Championship is at their exclusive risk in every respect. The Organising Authority, the host clubs, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Championship or howsoever arising in connection with the Championship.

27. Insurance

All competing boats shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum value of AUS\$10,000,000 or the equivalent.

Appendix:

- A. Open and Novice Course Sheets