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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, 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 (amends rule 63.7).
- 1.2 Harbour control regulations laid down by NSW Maritime and detailed in Attachment B.

2 ALTERATIONS TO RACING RULES

- 2.1 Race Signal AP when displayed ashore is amended so that the Warning Signal will be made not less than 40 minutes after removal.
- 2.2 Rule 35 and A4.1 are amended so that all boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored DNF.
- 2.3 Rule 61.1(a) is amended by deleting "if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 meters, she need not display the red flag".
- 2.4 Rule 60.2 is amended in that the Race Committee shall be represented by the Race Officer or their nominated representative.
- 2.5 Rule 66 is amended so that on the last race day of the Championship, a request to re-open a hearing shall be made within the protest time limit or within 30 minutes of being informed of the decision, whichever is the latest.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the front entry to the Club.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be made on the flagmast located on the Club deck.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 40 minutes" in the Race Signal AP.
- 5.3 A green flag when displayed ashore indicates that the Race Committee believes all competitors intending to race have signed on, that there are adequate official vessels operating and that competitors may go afloat to proceed to the racing area.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Seven races are scheduled for the Championship.
- 6.2 Two races are scheduled for each day of the Championship, excepting 31 December when only one race is scheduled. A maximum of three races may be sailed on any one day of providing that the Championship does not become more than one day ahead of schedule.
- 6.3 The latest time for a Warning Signal on 2 January 2012 will be 1530 hrs.



6.4 Race Signal AP over H shall be flown from the Committee Vessel when no more races are to be conducted in the racing session.

6.5 The Championship schedule is:

Date	Event	Time (EDST)
Wednesday 28 th December 2011	Measurement and Registration	0900 to 1200 hrs
	Compulsory Briefing Invitation Race Warning Signal	1200 hrs 1400 hrs
Thursday 29 th December 2011	Compulsory Briefing Racing- 1 st Warning Signal Presentation	1000 hrs 1100 hrs 1700 hrs
Friday 30 th December 2011	Compulsory Briefing Racing - 1 st Warning Signal Presentation	1000 hrs 1100 hrs 1700 hrs
Saturday 31 st December 2011	Compulsory Briefing Racing - 1 st Warning Signal Presentation	1000 hrs 1100 hrs 1400 hrs
Sunday 1 January 2012	Lay Day	
Monday 2nd January 2012	Compulsory Briefing Racing – 1st Warning Signal Presentation Dinner	1000 hrs 1100 hrs 1800 to 2200 hrs

7 DIVISION 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 5.4. 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.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters of North Harbour and The Sound of Sydney Harbour.

9 COURSES

9.1 Attachment A shows 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 signalled by Numeral Pennant. No later than the Warning Signal, the Committee Vessel shall display the Course Signal signifying the course to be sailed.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

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



11 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be pink inflatable cones.
- 11.2 The Start Mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder.
- 11.3 The Finish mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder.
- 11.4 A new mark, as provided in Sailing Instruction 13.1, will be a pink inflatable cone with a black band.
- 11.5 A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in Instruction 13.2.

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. The Warning Signal for the Novice Division may be made concurrently with the Starting Signal for the Open Division.
- 12.3 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

13 CHANGE 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 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port (or starboard for Course 2) and the race committee boat to starboard (or port for Course 2). 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 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 ARBITRATION

- 16.1 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 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 arbitrator will decide the time and place of the arbitration hearing and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 16.3 After taking testimony at the arbitration hearing the arbitrator 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 as 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.
- 16.4 A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration 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 rules 63, 64.1a, 66 and Appendix A.
- 16.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

17 PROTESTS

- 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, 20.3, 23, 24 and 26 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: within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Seven races are scheduled of which four shall be completed to constitute the series.
- 18.2 When four or fewer races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 18.3 When five or more races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4 When seven races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 18.5 All divisions will be scored separately.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 All helmspersons intending to race shall sign on for each racing session, and sign off for each racing session within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the session.



- 19.2 All boats shall report to the Committee Vessel prior to the start of the first race of each racing session by sailing past on starboard tack and hailing their sail number indicating they intend to start the race.
- 19.3 A boat that retires shall notify an Official boat or the Race Office. The helmsperson shall sign off at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.4 All competitors shall observe the Ship & Ferry Activated Exclusion Zone (Condition 100 – NSW Maritime and paragraph 4 of Attachment B). Competitors shall follow the directions of race officials in order to meet the requirements of this Exclusion Zone. Failure to do so will result in the boat being scored DNF for the race.
- 19.5 The marks identifying Gowland Bombora (Dobroyd Point) are DANGER marks and must be passed to seaward at all times. Competitors who infringe this Instruction will be scored DNF for the race.
- 19.6 When the Committee Vessel displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race radio channel for search and rescue instructions.
- 19.7 Competitors' attention is drawn to the Manly Junior Sailing Association of Australia Constitution and Class Restrictions Part B Clause 8 which requires that Manly Juniors shall be fitted with:
- a. a 38mm metal tow ring located at the bow; and
 - b. a mainsail quick release which can be operated from with the yacht.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of helmspersons is not allowed.
- 20.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will fly a white flag with a red Manly Junior emblem.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel (collectively Support) boats shall stay at least 50 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.
- 23.2 The Novice Division may be coached by a coach nominated by the Organising Authority. This coach is not bound by Instruction 22.1.
- 23.3 The attention of Support boat skippers is drawn to Instruction 19.6.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

25 PRIZES

Prizes are to be awarded as per NoR 12.

26 RUBBISH

No rubbish is to be dumped into the water. All refuse is to be handed to official boats or taken ashore.



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.

28 DISCLAIMER

- 28.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2. By way of entry in the Championship all competitors shall release the Organising Authority, the Regatta Director and Manly 16' Skiff Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants, volunteers and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Championship.
- 28.2 The Organising Authority, its Contractors and the Manly 16' Foot Skiff Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants, volunteers 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 competitors' participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the Championship.

Attachments:

- A. Courses
- B. NSW Maritime Safety Brief and Ship & Ferry Activated Exclusion Zone Diagram

