



Giant Steps Sydney Autism Regatta

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current versions of:
- the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS");
 - the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing ("Special Regulations");
 - the Middle Harbour Yacht Club Notice of Race ("MHYC NOR") from the Sailing Handbook 2017-2018
 - 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 Notice of Race (Sailing Handbook 2017-2018) 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 NOR 4.2.

2 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 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 SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MHYC Race Official's Box on the north-western 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:
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| 1320 Hrs | Course Board Displayed |
| 1330 Hrs | Start Count Up Sequence |
- 4.4 The display of the course board and the start of the count up sequence may each be accompanied by a sound signal.

5 THE COURSE

- 5.1 The Courses are those annexed to these Sailing Instructions (Annex A).
- 5.2 Courses may be shortened at any mark in accordance with RRS 32.
- 5.3 The attention of competitors is drawn to the MHYC NOR 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 HANDICAP PURSUIT RACE

- 6.1 The race shall be a Handicap Pursuit Race with a Count Up start sequence.
- 6.2 A boat shall comply with the 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.
- 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 THE START

- 7.1 The Start Line shall be between the Committee Vessel flagmast flying an orange flag and an 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 **displayed** its designated start number.
- 7.3 Numbers will be displayed at 1 minute intervals and will commence with the number '00'.
- 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 RRS 29.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The Finish Line shall be between the Committee Vessel flagmast flying a blue flag and an inflatable mark.
- 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 TIME LIMITS

- 9.1 The time limit will be 1600hrs on the day of racing.

10 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 ABANDONED RACES

- 11.1 Abandoned races will not be resailed.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 72 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 PRIZES

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

16 RESPONSIBILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate 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 Race 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 / 8.5 miles (approx)

1. Start in Hunters Bay
2. YA Mark Manly West
3. YA Mark Manly East
4. YA Mark Eastern Channel
5. YA Mark Shark Island
6. Shark Island
7. (x) YA Mark Manly West
8. (x) YA Mark Manly East
9. Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 2

12.0 miles / 8.0 miles (approx)

1. Start in Hunters Bay
2. YA Mark Manly West
3. YA Mark Manly East
4. YA Mark Eastern Channel
5. Clarke Island
6. (x) Fort Denison
7. Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 3

14.0 miles / 11.0 miles (approx)

1. Start in Hunters Bay
2. YA Mark Shark Island
3. Shark Island
4. Fort Denison
5. YA Mark Manly West
6. YA Mark Manly East
7. (x) YA Mark Cannae Point
8. (x) YA Mark East Channel
9. Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 4

17.0 miles / 12.0 miles (approx)

1. Start in Hunters Bay
2. YA Mark Shark Island
3. Shark Island
4. Clarke Island
5. Fort Denison
6. YA Mark Manly West
7. YA Mark Manly East
8. YA Mark Cannae Point
9. (x) YA Mark Shark Island
10. (x) Shark Island
11. Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 5

14.5 miles / 10.5 miles (approx)

1. Start in Hunters Bay
2. YA Mark Manly West
3. YA Mark Manly East
4. YA Mark Cannae Point
5. YA Mark East Channel
6. (x) YA Mark Shark Island
7. (x) Shark Island
8. Fort Denison
9. (x) YA Mark Cannae Point
10. (x) YA Mark East Channel
11. Finish in Hunters Bay

Course 6

17.0 miles / 14.0 miles (approx)

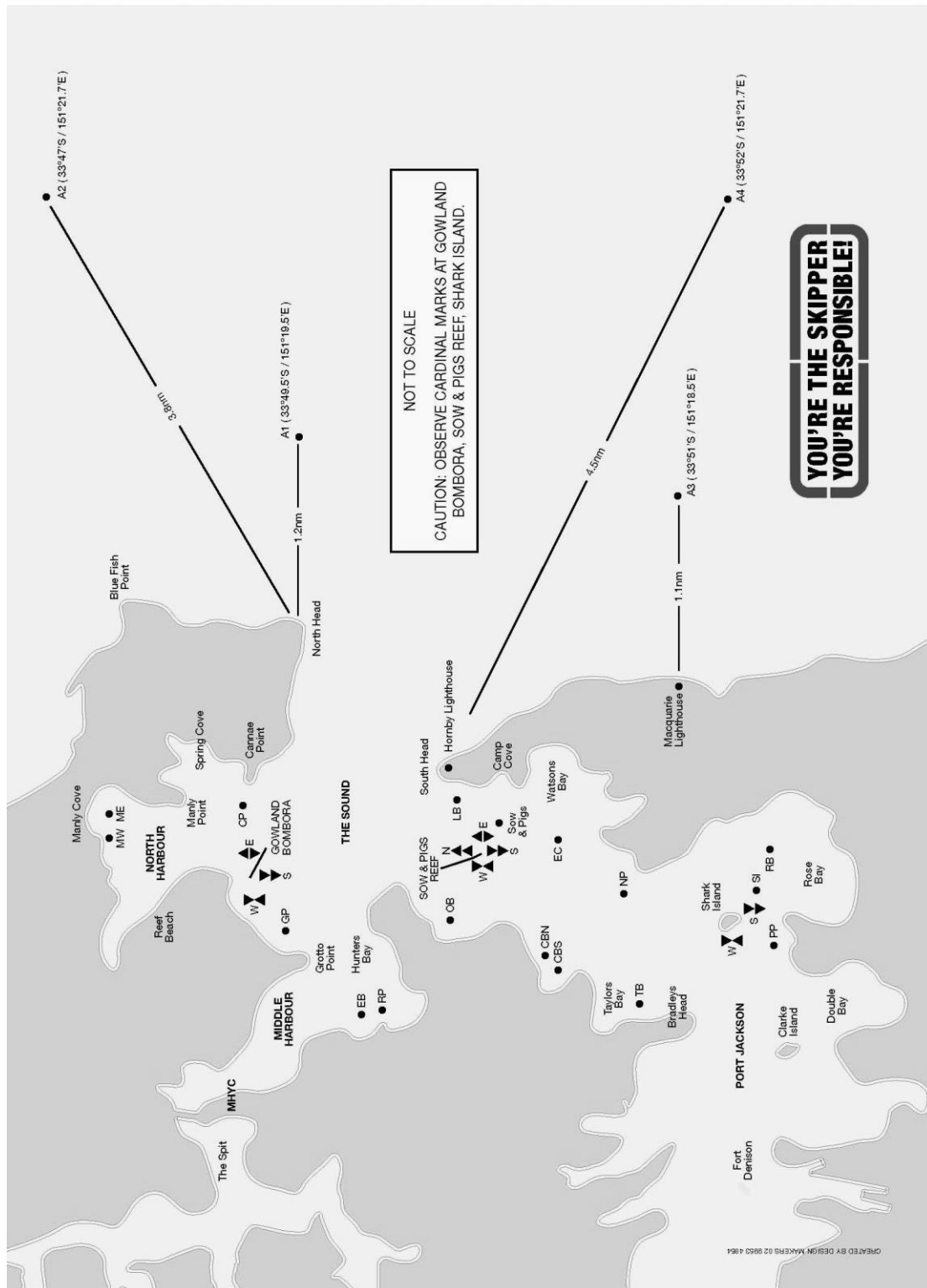
1. Start in Hunters Bay
2. YA Mark Manly West
3. YA Mark Manly East
4. YA Mark Cannae Point
5. YA Mark East Channel
6. (x) YA Mark Shark Island
7. (x) Shark Island
8. Fort Denison
9. YA Mark Cannae Point
10. YA Mark East Channel
11. (x) YA Mark Shark Island
12. (x) Shark Island
13. Finish in Hunters Bay

Notes:

- 1) Competitors unfamiliar with Sydney Harbour are advised that a Course Chartlet is attached to these Sailing Instructions (Annex B)
- 2) All Marks to be rounded to Starboard
- 3) Divisions 3 yachts omit marks prefixed (x)

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ANNEX B – MHYC COURSE CHARTLET



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ANNEX C – MHYC MARINA MAP

