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INTRODUCTION

Middle Harbour Yacht Club invites all eligible boats to participate in the inaugural Middle Harbour to Newcastle Challenge

The Organising Authority is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Middle Harbour to Newcastle Challenge 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 Yachting Australia (YA) (if applicable),
 - the current safety equipment requirements for recreational vessels of Roads and Maritime (RMS) (if applicable)

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEES

- 2.1.1 The Middle Harbour to Newcastle Challenge is open to all boats that meet the requirements of:
- Hold and submit a current Category 4 (or higher) Australian Sailing Special Regulations 'Equipment Audit' Certificate
 - Lodge evidence of current and valid marine legal liability cover with MHYC of no less than \$10,000,000.00AUD by way of a certificate of currency or policy document copy. It shall be the responsibility of the boat to maintain current and valid cover for the period of the event in which it is an entry.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry at www.mhyc.com.au
- 2.3 Each competing yacht shall submit an entry fee of \$45.00
- 2.4 Documentation as required by NOR 2.1 shall be submitted to the MHYC Sailing Office no later than **Wednesday 21st September 2016**.

3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 16 th September	Entries Close	Event Website www.mhyc.com.au	2400 hours
Wednesday 21 st September	Sailing Instructions published	Event Website www.mhyc.com.au	1700 hours
Friday 30 th September	Middle Harbour to Newcastle Challenge	Middle Harbour Yacht Club	0900 hours
	Presentation	Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club	1930 hours
Saturday 1 st October	NCYC to Swansea <small>(The Newcastle to Lake Macquarie Challenge)</small>	Newcastle Yacht Club	1000
	Note the NCYC to Swansea event is organised by NCYC. Please refer to separate NOR and Sailing Instructions		

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1200hrs on Wednesday 21st September 2016 on the event website www.mhyc.com.au.

5 VENUE

- 5.1 This event will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, the Tasman Sea between Pittwater and Newcastle and the waters of Newcastle Harbour.

6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The courses will be passage races as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
7.2 One event is scheduled
7.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

8 BERTHING & MOORINGS

8.1 Middle Harbour Yacht Club

Limited casual berthing and moorings may be available at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club to boats competing in the Challenge. All requests for casual berthing and moorings shall be made by completing the 'Casual Berthing Registration' form available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au. Alternative berthing may be available from D'Albora Marina at the Spit (across the road from MHYC). Moorings and anchorage is available in the local bays surrounding Middle Harbour Yacht Club.

8.2 Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

Casual berthing is available at a discounted rate for competitors at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club by booking via 02 4940 8188.

8.3 Lake Macquarie Yacht Club Marina

Casual berthing is available at a discounted rate for competitors at the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club Marina by booking via 02 4945 0022.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 9.1 Competing vessels are advised that the Race Committee (RC) may make use of the VHF Channel to broadcast race management and safety messages on VHF Channel 72.
9.2 Competitors will be required to make a radio sked as described in the Sailing Instructions.
9.3 Competitors shall maintain a 24-hour listening watch for the duration of their race on VHF Channel 16.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be given as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the Middle Harbour to Newcastle Challenge 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.
11.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a vessel whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
11.3 Competitors attention is drawn to **RRS 4 'Decision to Race'**.
"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

12 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 12.1 Each entrant for the this Challenge 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.
12.2 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 this 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.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information contact;

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