

MHYC
MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

ANNUAL SKIPPER'S BRIEFING
THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2017

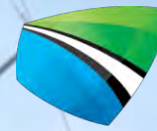
Annual Skippers Briefing 2017

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The Sailing Committee



- Chairman - Vice Commodore, Racing Kerry Burke, *Rumba*
 - Commodore Peter Lewis, *Jeanneau TBA*
 - Chief Special Regulations Auditor Phil Darling
 - Special Events Chairman Ian Box, *Toy Box 2*
 - Race Management (PRO) Phil Yeomans
 - Sailing Manager David Staley
 - Offshore Divisions Vacant
 - Open & IRC Class Division Bob Cox, *Nine Dragons*
 - Adams 10m Class Division Geoff Charters, *No Friends*
 - Inshore Division No 1 Vacant
 - Inshore Division No 2 Vacant
 - Farr 40 Representative Gordon Ketelbey, *Zen*
 - Wednesday Divisions Julie Hodder
 - Thursday Twilight Divisions Harry Brigden, *Haz2b*
 - Women's Sailing Deborah Dalziel
 - Cruising Division Evan Hodge
 - Centreboard & Youth Divisions Alister Copley
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Roads &
Maritime

Welcome to the RMS Skippers Briefing

Pascal Geraghty
Boating Education Officer (Sydney Harbour)

Rules

1. Interaction with other competing vessels

- **Racing Rules of Sailing - Blue Book.**

2. Interaction with non competing vessels

- **International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS).**

3. Incident Reporting

- Advise club Sailing Officer
- Complete Vessel Incident Report (RMS website).

COLREGS: NSW Special Rule

Orange Diamond - Priority over sail



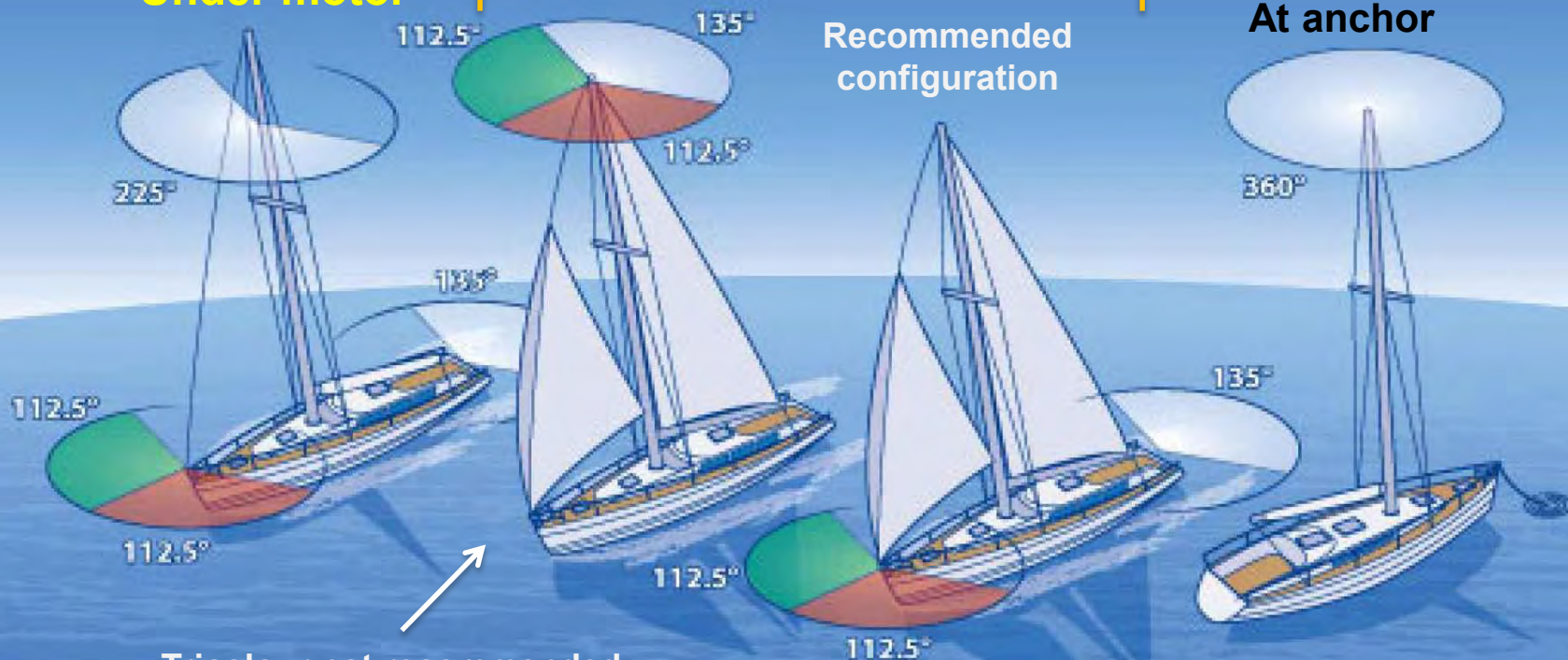
Darkness or Restricted Visibility

Under sail

Under motor

Recommended configuration

At anchor



- Tricolour not recommended
- Not compliant for vessels under motor - steaming light must be a minimum of 1m above sidelights (COLREGS Annex 1 Rule 2 (d)(h))

Use a torch to illuminate sails in busy areas or when another vessel seen approaching

Condition 100

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SAILING EVENTS

Safe Water Mark

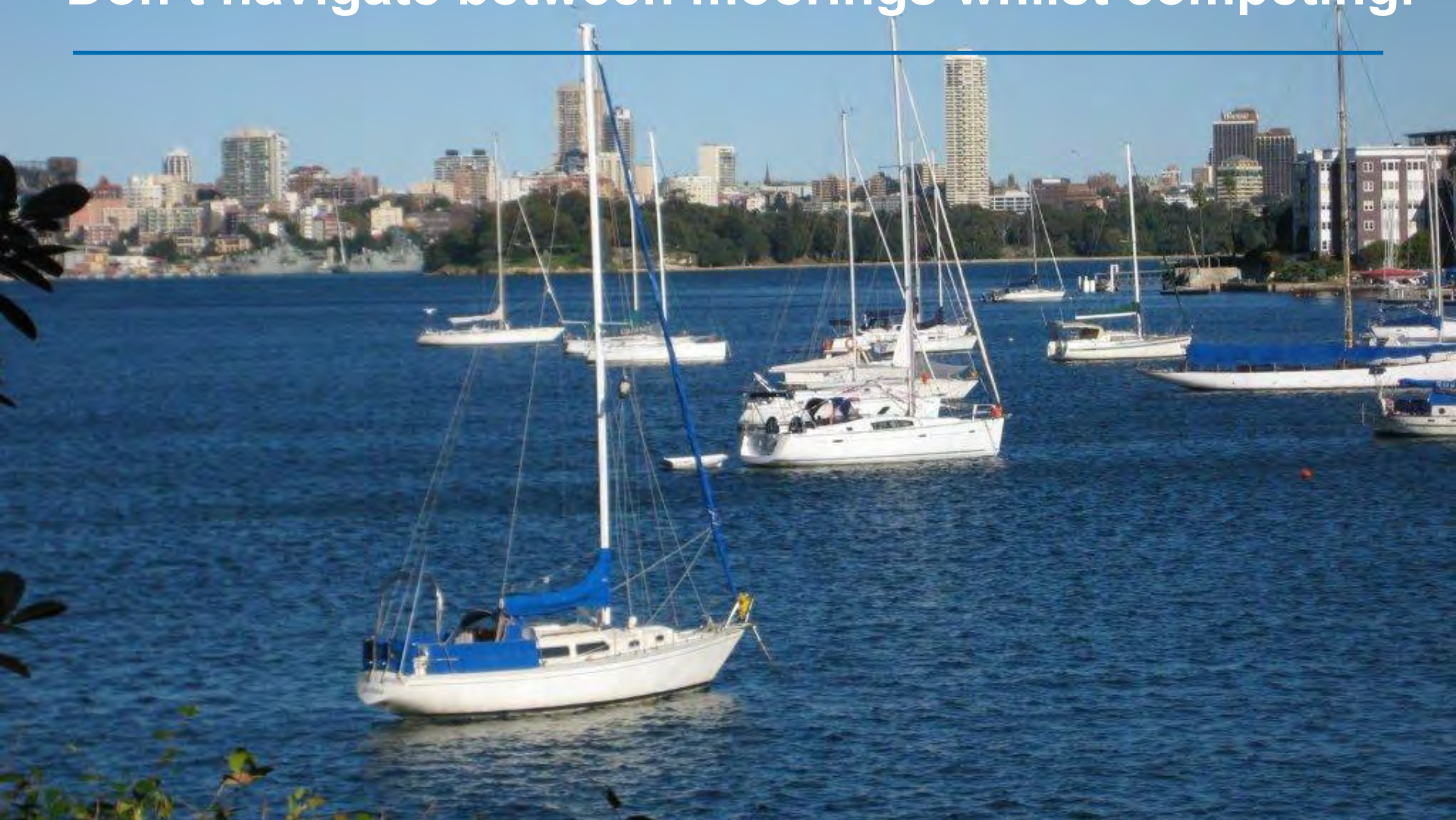


Leave to Port where possible

Condition 100

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SAILING EVENTS

Don't navigate between moorings whilst competing.



Interactions with Ships & Ferries



DON'T LET THIS BE YOU

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Condition 100

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SAILING EVENTS

Ships & Ferries

All competitors **must** maintain a minimum distance of:

- **500m** from the bow of any seagoing ship
- **200m** from the bow of any ferry #
- No less than **30m** from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.

And,

- Must not cross between the bow of a ship and an escort vessel.

Fines up to \$1500 apply.

Other designated seagoing commercial vessels such as the James Craig

DSQ & Possible Fine



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Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2016 Changes

Safe Distance Off

1. All vessels, irrespective of speed, must stay 60 metres from:
 - a) any persons in the water;
 - b) a dive flag on the surface of the water;or, if that is not practicable, a safe distance and speed.
2. When under power, and travelling ≥ 6 kts, you must maintain a distance of ≥ 30 m from any other vessel (underway, anchored or moored), land, structures and other things, or, if that is not practicable, a safe distance and speed.

Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2016 Changes

Bow Riding

1. When under power, must not allow any person on board to extend any part of their body outside the perimeter of the vessel whilst it is making way.
2. When under power, must not allow a person to be on the bow of the vessel, in a position that puts the person at increased risk of falling overboard, while the vessel is making way.

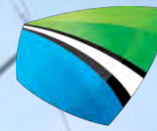
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Lifejacket requirements in your tender (less than 4.8m)

1. A lifejacket must be worn when:
 - a) the vessel is being operated between sunset and sunrise (i.e. darkness),
 - b) the vessel is being operated on open waters,
 - c) the vessel is being operated in alpine waters,
 - d) the operator is alone (i.e. not accompanied on the vessel by another person ≥ 12 years of age).
2. Children under 12 years must wear a lifejacket at all times;
3. If lifejacket not required to be worn, must have appropriate number and type of lifejackets on board for all passengers.

**YOU'RE THE SKIPPER
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE!**

All competing vessels and support craft must comply with the Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2016 with respect to the carrying of all necessary safety equipment items and the wearing of lifejackets.



**Thank you.
See you next year**

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Important Pages & Information

- Page 2 Safety and Emergency Procedures
- Page 3 Reporting Marine Incidents
- Page 4 Aquatic Licence Conditions
- Page 5 Ship & Ferry Exclusion Zone

Emergency on the Water

Call 000

NSW Water Police

Sailing Handbook 2017-2018



Changes to the Handbook

- Minimal changes to the content.
 - Some changes to Inshore Series southerly courses (p35)
 - Changes to Twilight Series course 7 (p54)
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Racing Rules of Sailing

- The latest edition of the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing came into effect on 1 January 2017
 - MHYC Requirements - *A current copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing (electronic or printed)*
 - Printed copies of the RRS and Australian Special Regulations Part 1 are available at the office for \$35
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Racing Program 2017 - 2018



Saturday Racing

- Ocean Pointscore Series (Cat 4)
- Open Series (Cat 4)
- Inshore (Spring / Summer) (Cat 7)
- Inshore Short Series (Cat 7)
- Sprint Races (Cat 7)
- Feature Event Series (Cat 7)
- Winter Series (Cat 7)
- Leading Edge Series (Cat 7)

Schedule of Races in the Sailing Handbook and the MHYC website

Racing Program 2017 - 2018



Sunday Racing

- Centreboard One-Design Series
- Centreboard Club Championship Series

Schedule of Races in the Sailing Handbook and the MHYC website

Racing Program 2017 - 2018



Women's Sailing

- **Women's Keelboat Program (Melges) 6 Sundays Nov-Mar**
- **Twilight Women's Series - 6 Thursdays Oct-Mar**
- **Women's Keelboat Regatta - Sunday 6 May**

Schedule of Races in the Sailing Handbook and the MHYC website

Racing Program 2017 - 2018



Feature Event Series

- Relaxed, Social, Fun Sailing
 - Clubhouse Pursuit Start
 - **FREE ENTRY** for yachts entered into one major MHYC Series (such as the Open Series, Inshore Series, Wednesday, Twilight Series etc.)
 - Enter as normal (so we can allocate a handicap) and select "Cash" – we won't charge you!
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Racing Program 2017 - 2018



Non- Spinnaker Series

- Yacht Sales Australia Wednesday Series
- Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series



MHYC Flagship Events

40th Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship

- 25th – 26th November 2017
- Offshore Two Race Series (Cat 4)
- Seven Islands Race on Nov 25 (Cat 7)

Sydney Harbour Regatta

- 3rd – 4th March 2018
- 10 Assisting Clubs
- Up to 12 Course Areas
- 20+ Classes / Divisions



Online Entries Now Open



Top Yacht Entry System....

- Entries for the 2017-2018 are open
 - Discount entry for MHYC Members & Block Series Entries
 - Discounted online casual entries
 - Sailing 10 Pass for discounted casual racing in any series
 - Check or update your contact details (email and mobile)

 - Submit the following to the Sailing Office;
 - AS Special Regulations and MHYC Requirements Check completed and Current Insurance Policy
 - Class and Rating Certificates
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Safety Audits

- **Audits for MHYC Members will take place at a time pre-arranged through the Sailing Office. Bookings are essential. Audits are subject to the availability of an Australian Sailing (AS) and MHYC accredited Equipment Auditor.**
 - **Audits conducted outside of the Get Checked Weekend shall be subject to the following service fees; \$50 for Categories 1-2, \$30 for Categories 3-4 and \$20 for Categories 5-7.**
 - **Equipment Audits shall only be completed on the official forms provided by AS and MHYC.**
 - **All gear shall be laid out for inspection. Where equipment is not adequately laid out, the Equipment Auditor may refuse to continue the audit. The boat's 'Owner' or 'Person in Charge' and one crew member shall be in attendance during the audit**
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Race Management Team



- **Race Officers Phil Yeomans, Toby Gursanscky & Steve Tucker**
 - **Take the time to help out, you would be surprised what you learn in race management. The on-water race management team are all volunteers**
 - **Informal and formal training opportunities (race management, officiating)**
 - **Competitor's Race Management Scheme (Handbook p24)**
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Flag Signals



Orange flag or shape. This race committee vessel is in position at the start line.



Blue flag or shape. This race committee vessel is in position at the finishing line.

Flag Signals



L Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted.
Afloat: Come within hail or follow this vessel.



M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



Y Wear a personal flotation device (see rule 40).

VHF Radios

- **The Race Committee monitor VHF 72.**
- **The race committee remind competitors that notices and alerts may be notified by VHF before, during or after each race.**



MHYC Volunteer System



<https://mhy.com.au/volunteerroster.com>

Your Next Event

Centreboard Club Championship Series

Briefing: 12:00pm - Sunday 29th Oct 2017
Finish: 5:00pm - Sunday 29th Oct 2017

A briefing will be held at the posted time. Lunches will be provided. For any questions, please contact the Sailing Office sailing@mhy.com.au or call 89693103

[Go to this event](#)

Calendar

October 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	2	3	4	5	6 11a Inshore Series	7 12p Centreboard Club Championship Series
	9	10	11	12	13 11a Inshore & Open Sprints	14 12p Centreboard Club Championship Series
	16	17	18	19	20 10a Giant Steps Charity Regatta	21 9a Farr 40 One Design Trophy (offshore) 11a Inshore Series
						22 9a Farr 40 One Design Trophy (inshore) 12p Centreboard Club Championship Series
	23	24	25	26	27	28 12p Centreboard Club Championship Series
	30	31				29 12p Centreboard Club Championship Series

Breaking News

Welcome to the MHYC Volunteer System!

Season 2017-18 is now underway and we invite you to register and volunteer for the events listed here.

You can add your skills, qualifications and documents to your profile and add notes when you sign up for particular events.

If you require help, contact Catherine or David in the Sailing Office at sailing@mhy.com.au or phone 89693103.

Thankyou

Skippers & Crew Meet & Greet

- **Looking for crew for the new season?**
 - **Looking for a crew position?**
 - **MHYC has arranged a Meet and Greet evening on Wednesday 27th September at 7pm.**
 - **Skippers looking for crew will outline the program for their yacht this season and give an indication of the type of crew they are seeking.**
 - **After the presentations, the skippers and crew can meet one on one over a drink in the bar.**
 - **RSVP sailing@mhyc.com.au or 9969 1244.**
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Thank you for your attendance



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