

MHYC

MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

ANNUAL SKIPPER'S BRIEFING

THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021

Annual Skippers Briefing 2021

- Introduction and Welcome – Geoff Charters
- NSW Maritime - Rianna James and Lisa Nott
- Emergencies on the Water
- Sailing Handbook 2021 - 2022
- Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024
- Australian Sailing Special Regulations 2021 – Phil Darling
- Racing Program 2021-2022
- Race Management
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MHYC Sailing Committee



- Chairman - Vice Commodore, Racing
- Commodore
- Vice Commodore, Youth
- Special Events Chairman
- Chief Special Regulations Auditor
- Offshore Division & Inshore Division No 1
- Inshore Division No 2
- Inshore Division No 3
- Adams 10m Representative
- Farr 40 Representative
- Wednesday Divisions
- Thursday Twilight Divisions
- Women's Sailing
- Cruising Division
- Co-opted Member
- Co-opted Member
- Sailing Manager & PRO

Geoff Charters, *No Friends*
Peter Lewis
Rob Sangster
Ian Box, *Toy Box 2*
Phil Darling, *Expresso*
Bob Cox, *Nine Dragons*
Neil Padden, *Wailea*
John Crawford, *Innamincka*
Kim Darling, *Lumine Lunae*
Gordon Ketelbey, *Zen*
Julie Hodder
Peter Charles
Deborah Dalziel
Dallas O'Brien, *La Madre*
Phil Clinton
Toby Gursanscky
David Staley

MHYC Race Management

■ Accredited Race Officers

Toby Gursanscky, Steve Tucker, Phil Clinton, Kim Darling, Kathy Johnston, Michael Mansley, Robert Mason, Rob Ogilvie, Catherine Rofe, Andrew Rogers, Jervis Tilly, Robert Warnes & David Staley

■ Race Management Volunteers

Greg Young, Fred Hemming, Peter Smith, Andrew Ware, Sue Morris, Beverly Ballinger, John Roxburgh, Rob Armstrong, Bob Jackson, Julie Hodder, Sandra Cleaver, Graham Doke, Deb Wright, James Mason, Paula Beaumont, Kimberly Pratt, Celeste Ashcroft, Nicole Voyatzis, Michelle Woods, Michael Mansley & others

MHYC Race Management

■ Accredited Club Judges

Nicky Bethwaite, Kerry Burke, Geoff Charters, Phil Clinton, John Crawford & Catherine Rofe

■ Accredited Equipment Auditors

Phil Darling, Tony Levett, Michael McEvoy, Evan Hodge, Peter Lewis, Dallas O'Brien, Deborah Dalziel, Paul Wotherspoon, Glen Madsen, Phil West, Phil Clinton, Matt Miles, John Sturrock & Bryan Moore

■ Sailing Office

David Staley – Sailing Manager & Principal Race Officer

Catherine Rofe & Kathy Johnston – Sailing Administrators

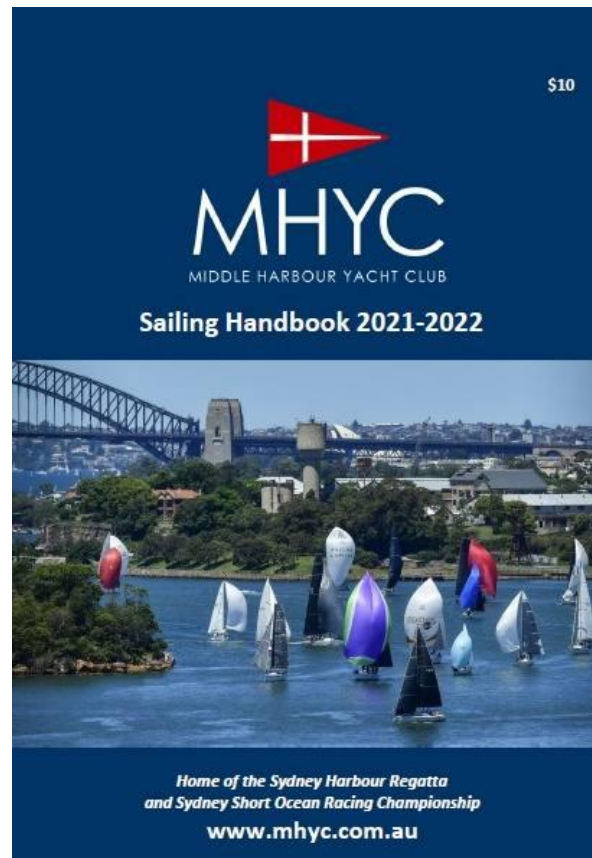
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- NSW Maritime Services Briefing

Lisa Nott

Boating Safety Officer (Sydney Harbour)

Sailing Handbook 2021-2022



Sailing Handbook 2021-2022



Important Pages & Information:

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- Page 19 Harbour Evacuation Points

Emergency on the Water
Call 000
NSW Water Police

Sailing Handbook 2021-2022



Key Changes to the Handbook

- Handicapping information added (p45)
 - Farr 40 (Code flag Q) added to Sprint Series
 - Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series - separate course descriptions for Divisions 1, 2 & 3
 - Flagstaff Marine Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series – new sponsor, option for boat start added (Course 9) and courses re-numbered
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RRS & Special Regulations

- The 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing remain in effect from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2024
 - To download the RRS – [click here](#)
 - Printed copies of the Racing Rules of Sailing (laminated or unlaminated) are available at Reception
 - MHYC Requirements - A current copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing (electronic or printed)
 - The Australian Sailing Special Regulations apply for all MHYC races. For information – [click here](#)
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Special Regulations - Changes

- **A few changes in the new Special Regulations 2021-2024**
- Fire extinguishers now 1A:10BE minimum all categories
- Marine radios/Satphones Cat 1&2 and AIS Cat 1-3
- Structural Inspection Cat 1-3 by qualified person within last 24 months or after grounding (from Jan 2022 - see 3.02.6)
(see also new MHYC By-Law on inspection after all groundings – all categories)

Equipment Audits

■ Audit Procedure

- The Get Checked Day scheduled for Sunday 19th September will be postponed – new date TBC
- Once Public Health Orders permit, audits can take place at a time pre-arranged through the Sailing Office and subject to the availability of an accredited Equipment Auditor
- Bookings are essential – email sailing@mhyc.com.au
- Audits conducted outside of the Get Checked Days attract the following fees - \$50 for Categories 1-2, \$30 for Categories 3-4 and \$20 for Categories 5-7

Equipment Audits

■ Audit Procedure

- Equipment Audits shall only be completed on the official forms provided by Australian Sailing and MHYC
- All gear shall be laid out for inspection ahead of the scheduled time. Where equipment is not adequately laid out, the Equipment Auditor may refuse the audit. The boat's 'Owner' or 'Person in Charge' and one crew member shall be in attendance during the audit

Equipment Audits

- **Documents to be submitted to the MHYC Sailing Office:**
 - Completed AS Special Regulations Audit Form
 - Completed MHYC Requirements Form
 - Copy of Current Insurance Policy
 - Copy of Current Registration
 - Class or Rating Certificates

Amendment to NOR 11

- **Inspection required after unintentional grounding**
 - Cat 1-3 – see new SR 3.02.6 for procedure
 - Cat 4-7 – MHYC requirement the person in charges inspects for any damage and satisfy themselves the vessel is still safe
 - All unintentional groundings – rocks or sand/mud, however minor
 - Guidelines in SR App C “Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure”
 - See Notice to Competitors NTC 2021-09-10-1

- SailPass is a temporary membership that enables someone who is not a sailing member of an affiliated club to go sailing. To get a SailPass – [click here](#)
 - Ensures all crew are affiliated with a club and complying with the racing rules and regulations
 - Provides personal accident insurance
 - For non-members, SailPass provides a flexible, accessible, easy & affordable introduction to sailing
 - Online registration is mobile friendly
 - Each MHYC boat that enters any series receives a code for 10 free SailPasses
 - Daily SailPass fee is \$15 for 2021-2022
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MHYC Season 2021-2022

■ Midweek Keelboat Series

- Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit (49 races) – three divisions, new format of course descriptions
- Flagstaff Marine Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Pursuit (24 races) – four divisions, Course 9 added – on water start and finish in the vicinity of Hunters Bay
- SI 6.4 *For Course 9, the Start handicap count-up clock may be replaced by the manual display of Starting Handicap Numbers or a broadcast of Starting Handicap Numbers on VHF Channel 72.*
- Flagstaff Marine Women's Twilight – 6 races on ORC Club handicap

MHYC Season 2021-2022

■ Saturday Keelboat Series

- Ocean Series (8 races / 6 days)
- Inshore PHS & ORCc Series (22 races / 18 days)
- Adams 10 Inshore Series (13 races / 10 days) TBC
- Adams 10 Combined Clubs Series (5 races / 5 days)
- IRC Inshore Series (14 races / 10 days)
- Inshore Sprint Series (8 races / 4 days)
- Saturday Social Sailors (6 races / Clubhouse Pursuit)
- Feature Event Series (9 races / Clubhouse Pursuit)

MHYC Season 2021-2022

■ Feature Events

- September 4 – Commodore's Front Up Cup - ABN
- October 9 - Harbour Trek (SheSails / Beneteau Series) - TBC
- November 27 - Seven Islands (SSORC / Jeanneau Series)
- December 11 - Christmas / Veterans Cup (Beneteau Series)
- January 8 - January Cup / Two Handed Cup (Beneteau Series)
- January 15 - Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup (Jeanneau Series)
- April 25 – ANZAC Day Two Up Cup (Jeanneau Series)
- May 28 - Welcome to Winter
- July 16 - Christmas in July (Beneteau Series)

MHYC Season 2021-2022

- **Saturday Keelboat Series - Winter**
 - Winter Series (17 races / 13 days)
 - Winter Sprint Series (8 races / 4 days)
 - Winter Pursuit Series (5 races / Clubhouse Pursuit)
 - Leading Edge (4 races / Clubhouse Pursuit)

MHYC Season 2021-2022

- **Changes to Inshore Sailing Instructions**
 - Several minor corrections and amendments
 - Courses 1 & 2 not used
 - Course 30 Windward-Leeward updated
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MHYC Season 2021-2022

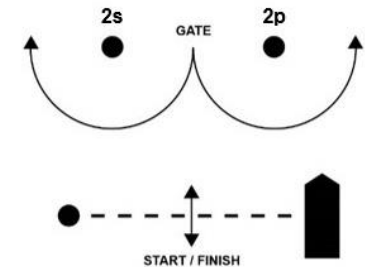
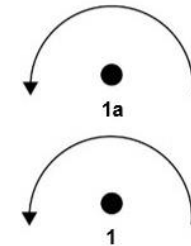
■ Changes to Inshore Sprint Sailing Instructions

- Farr 40 added

3 CLASS FLAGS & DIVISIONS

3.1 Class flags will be:

CLASS / DIVISION	CODE FLAG
Division 1	Code Flag 'D'
Division 2	Code Flag 'E'
Division 3	Code Flag 'F'
Adams 10	Code Flag 'T'
Farr 40	Code Flag 'Q'



MHYC Season 2021-2022

■ Keelboat Regatta Program

- September 25 & 26 – Farr 40 Social Regatta (SOPS) ABN
- October 16 & 17 – Farr 40 One Design Trophy - TBC
- November 5 - 7 – MC38 Australian Championships
- November 27 & 28 – SSORC & Super Group Spring Regatta
- January 29 & 30 – Farr 40 One Design Trophy
- March 5 & 6 – Sydney Harbour Regatta
- May 7 – MHYC Women's Regatta
- May 14 & 15 – MC38 Act 3
- July 23 & 24 – MC38 Act 5

MHYC Season 2021-2022

- **Charity & Corporate Regatta Program (Fridays)**
 - November 12 – ASX Refinitiv (40 entries / boat start)
 - December 3 – Giant Steps (25 entries / boat start)
 - February 18 – SAP Redkite (15 entries / club start)
 - February 25 – RFI Spurious Challenge (10 entries / club start)
 - March 18 – Renew Cup (15 entries / club start)

Online Entry

■ Top Yacht Entry System

- Entries for the 2021-2022 will open once the season start date and the number of races is known – [click here](#)
- Discount entry for MHYC Members & Block Series Entries
- Discounted casual race fees for online entry
- Sailing 10 Pass for discounted casual racing in any series
- Check or update your contact details (email and mobile) to enable notifications via Top Yacht Entry System (TES)
- Crew Registration via Top Yacht opens on the Monday prior to each event – [click here](#)

MHYC Race Management

■ Race Management Volunteers

- Competitor's Race Management Scheme (Handbook p 34) – let Catherine or KJ know the preferred date/s your boat would like to provide a volunteer to assist the team
- Regatta weekends have a high demand for volunteers
- Take the time to help out, you would be surprised what you learn when you volunteer for race management
- On Water and Onshore roles, Saturdays, Sundays & Midweek
- Informal and formal training opportunities are available (race management & officiating, powerboat handling, radio operator etc.)

Reminders - Procedures

- ☐ Read the By-Laws, Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions
 - ☐ Notices to Competitors on [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#)
 - ☐ Check in at the Start Boat (NOR 18.1)
 - ☐ Do not sail through the finish line unless finishing (NOR 19.2)
 - ☐ Advise Race Committee if retiring (NOR 20)
 - ☐ A written incident report must be forward to NSW Maritime within 24 hours if one of the following applies:
 - The incident has resulted in the death, or injury to, a person
 - The incident has result in damage in excess of \$5000 to a vessel or any other property
 - Damage or risk to the environment has occurred
 - ☐ Incident Report Form online ([MHYC](#) or [NSW Maritime](#) website)
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Reminders - Safety

- **NOW is the time to be training for on-water emergencies**
 - Man Overboard
 - Heavy Weather
 - All crew able to operate safety equipment

Reminders - Safety

- Yankee Flag can be displayed at Start Box or on Start Boat



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

PART 4

OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHEN RACING

*Part 4 rules apply only to boats **racing** unless the rule states otherwise.*

40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

When flag Y is displayed with one sound before or with the warning signal, competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. When flag Y is displayed ashore, this rule applies at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

Reminders - VHF Radios

- Important Safety Equipment required for Safety Audit
- NOR 11.5 - All keelboats competing in MHYC races shall monitor the race management VHF channel
- The MHYC Race Committee monitor and broadcast on **VHF 72** (Start Boat & Clubhouse Start Box)
- The Combine Clubs Inshore Series Race Committee monitor and broadcast on **VHF 73**
- Information and alerts may be broadcast before, during or after racing
- Ensure you can hear broadcasts in the cockpit
- MHYC Clubhouse and Tender Service uses **VHF 73**



Reminders – Sail Numbers

■ Ensure Race Management can identify your boat

MHYC Sailing By-Law 3 includes....*On white sails, MH numbers shall be red in colour. Unprefixed numbers shall be black, dark blue or red. **On dark or coloured sails, MH numbers shall be a clearly contrasting colour.** All sail numbers shall comply with RRS Appendix G.*

Boats not complying will be protested by the Race Committee.

Skippers & Crew Meet & Greet

- Looking for crew for the new season?
 - Looking for a crew position?
 - A Meet and Greet evening will be scheduled at the earliest opportunity. Skippers looking for crew will be able to outline the program for their yacht this season and give an indication of the type of crew they are seeking
 - In the meantime, Skippers & Crew can connect via <https://mysail.team>
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Thank you for your attendance



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