



FEATURE RACE

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2025

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

AMENDED 10 JULY 2025



**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current versions of:
- the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS");
  - the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing ("Special Regulations");
  - the Middle Harbour Yacht Club Notice of Race ("MHYC NOR")
- except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions ("SI").
- 1.2 Attention of competitors is drawn to the MHYC Notice of Race 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 A boat shall comply with the RRS Appendix G, Identification on Sails.
- 1.6 Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers. This amends RRS 50.2 and 50.3.
- 1.7 Boats with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability. This amends RRS 51.
- 1.8 RRS 52 does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
- 1.9 Each yacht is required to register all members of its crew via SailSys or the MHYC POB Register - [click here](#).

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) on the website.

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions, 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 will be as follows:
  - 1220 Hrs Attention Signal & Course Number displayed
  - 1230 Hrs Start Signal & Count-up commences
- 4.3 The display of the course board and the start of the count-up sequence may each be accompanied by a sound signal.

## **5 DIVISIONS**

- 5.1 Divisions will be as per the published List of Entries.

## **6 THE COURSE**

- 6.1 The Courses are those annexed to these Sailing Instructions (Annexe A). Division 2 shall omit marks prefixed (x).
- 6.2 Courses may be shortened prior to the Start at the discretion of the RC. Should Code Flag "S" be flown with or prior to the display of the Course Board, the race will automatically be shortened and all yachts should proceed to the finish line after having rounded the mark indicated by an asterisk (\*).
- 6.3 If a Committee Vessel displaying Code Flag "S" is stationed to the West or South of Grotto Point Lighthouse, AS Mark Edwards Beach shall be omitted (if applicable) and boats shall finish between the Committee Vessel and Grotto Point Lighthouse.
- 6.4 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.
- 6.5 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 Gowlland Bombora and the Sow and Pigs Reef. A boat shall not sail into an area designated a prohibited area.

## **7 HANDICAP PURSUIT RACE**

- 7.1 The race shall be a Handicap Pursuit Race per MHYC NOR 22 with a Count Up start sequence.
- 7.2 For boats that have entered as non-spinnaker, only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. (No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay.)
- 7.3 Start numbers will be based on time correction factors (TCFs). A boat's TCF shall be determined by the RC or its nominee.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 The TCF, and a boat's start number based upon it, shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).

## **8 THE START**

- 8.1 The Start Line shall be as MHYC NOR 16, Club House Start Line.
- 8.2 The RC will allocate a starting time in minutes to a boat for the race. A boat shall not start before the Starters Board has displayed its designated starting time.
- 8.3 There will be no recall signals. 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 time in whole minutes, applied to her finish time. This amends RRS29.

## **9 THE FINISH**

- 9.1 The Finish Line will be the Clubhouse Finish Line in MHYC NOR 17 unless shortened in accordance with SI 6.3 or 6.4.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 All times will be recorded in minutes and whole seconds. Boats with equal finishing times shall be scored as dead heated.
- 9.4 All results will be subject to the application of Alternate Penalties, if any.

## **10 TIME LIMITS**

- 10.1 The time limit will be 1600 hours on the day of racing. However, if the leading yacht finishes within the time limit, then other yachts will be timed in and scored until 1630 hours.
- 10.2 A boat that does not finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF.

## **11 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

- 11.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two-Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.
- 11.2 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.

## **12 ABANDONED RACES**

- 12.1 Abandoned races will not be resailed on another date.

## Annexe A – Courses

### COURSE 1 (10.0nm / 9.2nm approx.)

- |        |                      |    |                       |
|--------|----------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1.     | Start MHYC           | 6. | AS Mark Manly West    |
| 2.     | AS Mark Manly West   | 7. | AS Mark Manly East    |
| 3.     | AS Mark Manly East   | 8. | AS Mark Edwards Beach |
| 4.*    | AS Mark Lady Bay     | 9. | Finish MHYC           |
| 5. (x) | AS Mark Beashel Buoy |    |                       |

### COURSE 2 (10.5nm / 9.5nm approx.)

- |      |                      |        |               |
|------|----------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1.   | Start MHYC           | 4. (x) | Naval Mark N3 |
| 2.   | AS Mark Cannae Point | 5.     | Finish MHYC   |
| 3. * | AS Mark Point Piper  |        |               |

### COURSE 3 (10.6nm / 8.4nm approx.)

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|-----|---------------------------|--------|----------------------|
| 1.  | Start MHYC                | 5. (x) | AS Mark Grotto Point |
| 2.  | AS Mark Beashel Buoy      | 6. (x) | AS Mark Lady Bay     |
| 3.* | AS Mark Rose Bay          | 7.     | Finish MHYC          |
| 4.  | AS Mark Chowder Bay North |        |                      |

### COURSE 4 (12.3nm / 10.3nm approx.)

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|--------|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1.     | Start MHYC         | 5. | AS Mark Manly East   |
| 2. *   | AS Mark Rose Bay   | 6. | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 3. (x) | Naval Mark N3      | 7. | Finish MHYC          |
| 4.     | AS Mark Manly West |    |                      |

### COURSE 5 (13.3nm / 11.4nm approx.)

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|--------|------------------|--------|----------------------|
| 1.     | Start MHYC       | 5.     | AS Mark Shark Island |
| 2. (x) | AS Mark Rose Bay | 6. (x) | Naval Mark N3        |
| 3. *   | Fort Denison (P) | 7.     | Finish MHYC          |
| 4.     | Shark Island     |        |                      |

### COURSE 6 (15.4nm / 13.0nm approx.)

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|--------|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1.     | Start MHYC         | 5. | AS Mark Manly West |
| 2. (x) | AS Mark Manly West | 6. | AS Mark Manly East |
| 3. (x) | AS Mark Manly East | 7. | AS Mark Lady Bay   |
| 4. *   | Naval Mark N3      | 8. | Finish MHYC        |

### COURSE 7 (16.5nm / 13.8nm approx.)

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|------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|
| 1.   | Start MHYC         | 7. (x) | AS Mark Manly West   |
| 2.   | AS Mark Manly West | 8. (x) | AS Mark Manly East   |
| 3.   | AS Mark Manly East | 9. (x) | AS Mark Cannae Point |
| 4. * | AS Mark Rose Bay   | 10.    | Finish MHYC          |
| 5.   | Naval Mark N3      |        |                      |
| 6    | Fort Denison (P)   |        |                      |

#### Notes:

- All Marks are to be rounded or passed to Starboard except those suffixed (P) which shall be rounded or passed to Port.
- Division 2 shall omit each mark prefixed (x).
- If Code Flag "S" is displayed prior to or with the attention signal all yachts should proceed directly to the finish after having rounded the mark prefixed \*.