



Spurious Challenge Regatta 2026

Sail for a Cause

Friday 20 February 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

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BOAT REGISTRATION FORM

Supported by RF INDUSTRIES



Organising Authority



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INVITATION TO RACE

Middle Harbour Yacht Club in conjunction with RF Industries invites eligible boats to compete in the Spurious Challenge Regatta 2026. The Organising Authority is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC).

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Race 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 Australian Sailing (AS)
 - the current MHYC Conditions of Entry (*attached to this Notice of Race*)
- 1.2 The Race will be a 'Pursuit' race with a Handicapped starting sequence.
- 1.3 The Race will be categorized as 'Non Spinnaker'. No sails shall be set forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. Only a mainsail and headsails as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying.

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 2.2 The Organising Authority or the Radio Frequency Industry may provide sponsor's decals and or backstay flags. A boat shall display the sponsor's name and or backstay flag in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Race is open to boats that are a single hulled and self righting design. All boats entering shall hold and submit the following documentation:
 - a current Category 7 (or higher) AS Special Regulations 'Equipment Compliance Form' *or*
 - a current Survey Certificate issued by NSW Maritime (RMS);
 - evidence of Public Liability Insurance cover of no less than \$10,000,000 by way of a Certificate of Currency or Policy document copy;
 - be on the Register of a Sailing Club affiliated with its National Authority.
- 3.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the attached Registration Form and signing and dating the 'MHYC Conditions of Entry'.
- 3.3 Registration forms and all above documentation shall be submitted to the RF Industries by close of entries.
- 3.4 Close of entries will be 1700hrs on Wednesday 18 February 2026.
- 3.5 The Organising Authority in conjunction with the RF Industries, may, at its discretion, vary these eligibility and entry requirements if it deems that the entry of a boat in this race has the potential to advance the quality of racing in this race.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, TIMES AND SIGNALS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday 18 February	Entries Close	RF Industries Office	1700 hrs
Thursday 19 February	Sailing Instructions	MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au	1700 hrs
Friday 20 February	Final List of Entries & Starting Handicaps	MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au	1100 hrs
	Attention Signal	MHYC as detailed in Sailing Instructions	1220 hrs
	Race Start	MHYC as detailed in Sailing Instructions	1230 hrs
	Post Race Presentation	MHYC	1500 hrs

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be published by the Organising Authority and available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au by 1700hrs on Thursday 19 February 2026.

6.0 RACING AREA

6.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Lower Middle Harbour and Sydney Harbour.

6.2 The Race will be Started and Finished at the MHYC Clubhouse.

6.3 All boats entering shall check they have suitable draft to safely sail on the waters of Lower Middle Harbour up to and including in front of the MHYC Clubhouse.

7.0 COURSES

7.1 Courses will be Inshore Harbour Passage courses and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

8.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

8.1 RRS 44.2 Two-Turns Penalty applies for breaking a Rule of RRS Part 2.

9.0 DIVISIONS & HANDICAPS

9.1 Divisional parameters will be optimized at the discretion of the Organising Authority or their nominee, based on the entries received. Divisions may be formed or abandoned at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

9.2 Final List of Entries, Divisions and Starting Handicaps will be published by the Organising Authority and available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au by 1100hrs on Friday 20 February 2026.

10.0 PRIZES

10.1 Prizes & Trophies may be awarded to the first three (3) place getters in each division at a presentation to be held at MHYC following the race.

11.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority, the Radio Frequency Industry and Sponsor's, including their respective officer's, 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, the RF Industries and Sponsors, are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 11.3 Competitors attention is drawn to **RRS 3.0 'Decision to Race'**.
"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

12.0 BERTHING & MOORINGS

- 12.1 Limited casual berthing and moorings are available to boats competing in this race. 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.
- 12.2 On Race Day, berthing on the outer 'T-Heads' of the Marina **will not be available**. The outer 'T-Heads' will be reserved only for pick-ups and drop-offs for boats needing to facilitate their guests and crew. Competitors are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 when approaching the Marina to temporarily tie-up for pick-ups and drop offs.

13.0 TENDER SERVICE

- 13.1 On Race Day, the Organising Authority will provide a Tender Service for boats competing in this race who are moored in the immediate area around the Club. Competitors are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 when requiring this service.

14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Organising Authority

Middle Harbour Yacht Club

Sailing Manager - David Staley sailing.manager@mhyc.com.au

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BOAT REGISTRATION FORM

BOAT DETAILS

Boat's Name:	Sail No.:
Design / Class:	LOA: (metres) or (feet)
Team / Group Name:	NSW Maritime Reg#:
No. of own Crew including Skipper:	Max No. of Guests:
<i>Tick</i> - Boat is:	Competing Boat [] Spectator Boat / Other []

OWNER DETAILS or CHARTER COMPANY DETAILS

Owner Name / Charter Company:	Member at which Club:
<i>If Charter Company (complete this line)</i>	
Primary Contact:	Position:
Address:	
Suburb:	Post Code:
Phone #:	Fax #:
Email Address:	

PERSON IN CHARGE (SKIPPER) / CREW DETAILS

Skipper Name:	AS No.:
Email Address:	Phone #:

NOR Excerpt:

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 - a current Survey Certificate issued by NSW Maritime (RMS);*
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 - and be on the Register of a Sailing Club affiliated with its National Authority.*
- 3.2 *Eligible boats shall enter by completing the attached Registration Form and signing and dating the 'MHYC Conditions of Entry'.*
- 3.3 *Registration forms and all above documentation shall be submitted to the RF Industries by close of entries.*
- 3.4 *Close of entries will be 1700hrs on Wednesday 18 February 2026.*

MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2025 - 2026

The owner/charterer:

1. Acknowledges that this entry is made subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including any amendments;
2. Acknowledges that all races will be governed by the current versions of:
 - The rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
 - The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS);
 - The Class Rules of any One Design Class or Association, if applicable;
 - The Class Rules of any Rated Class or Association, if applicable;except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions;
3. Acknowledges and accepts the risks, including the risk of harm to persons, associated with:
 - (a) The perils of the sea;
 - (b) The seaworthiness or otherwise of any boat participating in any race comprising part of this regatta or series;
 - (c) The participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in any such race, including participation as skipper, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; and
 - (d) The defaults, acts and omissions, including negligent defaults, acts and omissions, of the MHYC and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members, and the crews of all boats;
4. Acknowledges and accepts that MHYC:
 - (a) Does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea;
 - (b) Is not in a position to take precautions against the risk of harm to persons arising from the perils of the sea;
 - (c) Is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to boats and crews during the course of any such race;
 - (d) Does not certify the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any boat;
5. Agrees:
 - (a) To release, hold harmless and indemnify MHYC, their officers, employees, agents, volunteers, members and its sponsors from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person, arising from loss of life or injury to persons, or loss or damage to property, howsoever caused, including by negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:
 - (i) participation by the boat or any other boat in any race comprising part of this regatta or series;
 - (ii) the conduct or course of any such race in any respect including any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any boat or the death of or injury to any person; or
 - (iii) any of the matters referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4;
 - (b) That the benefit of paragraph 5(a) is held on trust by MHYC for its sponsors and for the respective officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members of MHYC and its sponsors;
 - (c) that participation by the boat and crew in any race comprising part of this regatta or series is agreed by MHYC on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the boat and that MHYC is not responsible for the boat or its crew; and
 - (d) It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or not to start any race comprising this regatta or series, or, once having started, whether to continue to race;
6. Acknowledges and agrees that the contract formed by the acceptance of its entry by MHYC, is governed by the law of New South Wales and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of any express or implied warranty to this regatta or series and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded;
7. Agrees that if the owner/charterer or any person on the owner's/charterer's behalf requests the Race Committee or any officer, employee or volunteer of MHYC to arrange for special assistance because the boat has become disabled, or for any other reason, then the owner/charterer indemnifies MHYC and its officers, employees and agents in respect of any liability, cost or expense which may thereby be incurred;

8. Acknowledges that MHYC owns all media rights in this regatta or series and grants MHYC, at no cost, the unconditional, perpetual right to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, likenesses and biographical information relating to the crew, and photographs, video footage and audio records taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after any race comprising part of this regatta or series; and
9. Confirms that:
 - (a) The information with respect to the boat on the Registration Form (or already held by MHYC, or supplied as required to MHYC from time to time under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions) is or will be correct and up-to-date as at the date supplied;
 - (b) Subject to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Organising Authority will be advised immediately in writing or by acknowledged facsimile or email, of any change to that information;
 - (c) No alteration likely to affect the rating/handicap of the boat has been made since the boat was last measured/raced and that if any such alteration is made then MHYC will be notified immediately, in writing or by acknowledged facsimile or email to the Sailing Office. Alterations if any shall be made from the date of receipt with the Sailing Office.

I hereby declare that I have read and acknowledge the Middle Harbour Yacht Club Conditions of Entry

Owner / Charterer Owner (1) _____ DATE _____

Owner / Charterer Owner (2) _____ DATE _____