

MHYC

Skippers Briefing

Season 2025-2026

Thursday 11 September 2025





MHYC Skippers Briefing



Agenda

- Introduction and Welcome
- NSW Maritime Briefing (Drew Jones & Christine McKenna)
- Keelboat Safety & Managing Emergencies on the Water
- Racing Rules of Sailing & Australian Sailing Special Regulations
- SailPass Temporary Membership
- Sailing Handbook 2025-2026
- 2025-2026 MHYC Series
- Race Management
- Important Reminders





MHYC Sailing Committee



Sailing Committee

Mitch White – Chairperson / VC Racing

John Crawford

Phil Darling

Sebastian Hultin

Neil Padden

David Staley – Sailing Manager / PRO

Divisional Representatives

VC Cruising – Gerald Nicholls

VC Youth – Sebastian Hultin

Chief Safety Auditor – Phil Darling

Special Events Chairman – Ian Box

Women's Sailing – Vacancy

Division 1 & 2 – Neil Padden

Division 3 & Friday – John Crawford

Wednesday – Julie Hodder

Thursday Twilight – Kevin Bloor

Adams 10 – Kim Darling

Farr 40 / TP52 – Gordon Ketelbey

Race Management – Steve Tucker

Race Management – Toby Gursanscky





Skipper Briefing 2025–2026

- **Transport for NSW Maritime Briefing**

Drew Jones – Manager Waterway Operations Sydney Harbour

Christine McKenna – Team Leader Boating Education



Transport
for NSW





Safety & Risk Management

- Safety Category Compliance
- Marine Operations Policy & Incident Management Plan
- Sailing Handbook Safety & Incident Management pages 36-40
- B-Arm T-head is the MHYC Evacuation Point
- Keelboat Safety Forum (1 Oct 7pm online) & MOB Training (11 Oct 10am)
- Notices to Competitors
- Race Officer is Incident Controller unless escalated
- Inform the RO of safety hazards or on-water incidents
- Reporting on-water safety incidents

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/submit-vessel-incident-reports>

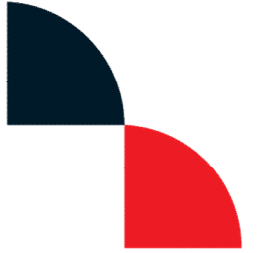




RRS & Special Regulations

- The 2025–2028 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing apply until 1 January 2029
- To download the RRS – <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/rules-hub/rrs>
- 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 – <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>





Equipment Safety Audits

Audit Procedure

- Free Get Checked Day were conducted on 28 June and 24 August, but additional audits can be arranged
- Bookings are essential – email sailing@mhyc.com.au
- Audits conducted outside of the Get Checked Days attract the following fees:
 - \$100 for Categories 1-2
 - \$75 for Categories 3-4
 - \$50 for Categories 5-7





Equipment Safety 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





Inspection after Grounding

NOR 11.7 & 11.8

- Cat 1-3 – see SR 3.02.6 for procedure
- Cat 4-7 – MHYC requirement the person in charges inspects for any structural 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”





- 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 boats are 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 2025-2026 with a maximum of 10 passes per year



Crew Registration

- Mandatory for all races (NOR 7.4)
- Via SailSys or POB Register (Cat 7)



HOME SAILING LEARN TO SAIL MEMBERSHIP MARINA CRUISING CLUB INFO CONTACT

Sailing > Keelboat Racing > Crew Registration

CREW REGISTRATION

Crew Registration or, at a minimum for Category 7 races the number of Persons on Board (POB), is required for each MHYC race.

This is important for confirming who is on board in case of an emergency and that all crew are conforming to the rules and regulations of our sport and are insured. Crew should record their emergency contact numbers in their SailSys profile along with their Australian Sailing number.

For Safety Category 7 (inshore) events, failure to provide a crew list via SailSys or confirm the number of POB before the yacht's start time will result in a score of DSQ.

To complete the POB Register - [click here](#) To complete a full Crew Registration, go to your yacht's SailSys profile.

For Safety Category 1-6 races, a yacht is required to register all members of its crew via SailSys. Failure to register a crew list before the yacht's start time shall result in a score of DSQ.

To complete a full Crew Registration, go to your yacht's SailSys profile.

For guidance about how to use the SailSys Crew Registration and QR Code Crew Sign On functions - [click here](#)

To check an Australian Sailing Number - [click here](#)

Crew Registration QR Code

Ask your crew to scan the QR code below from your screen. They will be prompted to sign in or create a SailSys account and then be added to your crew for this boat's next race.



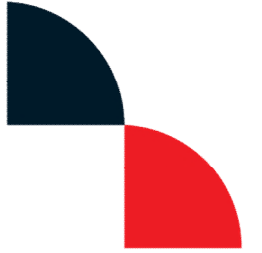
POB Registration: CAT 7 only



MHYCTest

Basic Information	
Sail No.	MHYC9999
Club	-
Make & Model	-
Class	Keelboat
Year	-
Handicaps YRD	
Technical Information	
Boat Admins	1
File Library	
Crew Management	0





Sailing Handbook & Race Docs

- Sailing Handbook – change to page ordering this year
- Sailing Handbook and Individual Race Documents online
<https://mhyc.com.au/sailing/keelboat-division/keelboat-noticeboard>
- By-Laws, Safety & Emergency Procedures
- Season Notice of Race & Series Sailing Instructions
- Inshore Pointscore (Inshore, CCIS, SHSS)
- Combined Clubs Sunday Series NOR & SIs
- Feature Event NOR & Individual Race SIs (not in Handbook)
- Regatta NORs and SIs (not in Handbook)



Sailing Handbook & Race Docs

The screenshot shows the MHYC website with a red header bar. A yellow arrow labeled '1' points to the header. Below the header is a navigation menu. A large banner image shows a harbor with many sailboats. A yellow arrow labeled '2' points to the 'SAILING' menu item. A dropdown menu is open under 'SAILING', and a yellow arrow labeled '3' points to the 'Club Racing Notice Board' link within that dropdown.

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MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

HOME SAILING LEARN TO SAIL MEMBERSHIP MARINA CRUISING CLUB INFO CONTACT

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Welcome to Middle Harbour Yacht Club

- SailPass
- Regattas & Championships
- Online Entry
- Keelboat Racing
- Crew & Crewing
- Centreboard Racing
- Women's Sailing
- Sailability
- National Training Centre / AST
- Volunteers
- MHYC Vessel Register
- Crew Registration
- Club Racing Notice Board
- 2023-2024 Racing Schedule
- Results
- MHYC Keelboat Trophies
- Protests
- Special Regulations
- Handicapping at MHYC

Sailing Handbook 2025-2026





Sailing Handbook 2025–2026



Important Pages & Information (different pages!)

- Page 36 Safety and Emergency Procedures
- Page 37 Emergency Management
- Page 37 Reporting Marine Incidents
- Page 38 NSW Maritime Brief
- Page 39 Ship & Ferry Exclusion Zone
- Page 40 Harbour Evacuation Points

Emergency on the Water

Call 000

NSW Water Police





Sailing Handbook 2025–2026

Key Changes to the Handbook

- Page order has been changed
- Schedule of Races Table for Inshore ORC/IRC/PHS (p53) refers to CCIS (p54), SHSS (p59) and Event Sailing Instructions (Race 1 of the Inshore Pointscore on September 6 has separate SIs)
- The Sow & Pigs AS Mark (SP) is now officially named the Beashel Buoy (BB)
- The Sow & Pigs Reef is no longer used as a passing mark





Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series



- Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series
- 49 pursuit races scheduled across 4 series year-round
- 2 divisions – Average 20 starters
- Some course changes with Sow & Pigs removed
- Clubhouse start and finish (unless the start is moved or race shortened)
- Note the prohibited areas for Clubhouse start and finish (SI 1.2 / NOR 15)
- Note NOR 15.3 – The Spit Channel is a navigation channel and boats sailing in the vicinity of the start and finish are required to give way to vessels using the channel.





Thursday Twilight Series



- Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series
- Pursuit racing
- 24 pointscore races and 1 non-pointscore race
- NPS on 2nd Oct then 11 races in Pre-Christmas Series
- 13 races in Post-Christmas Series
- 6 races of Smithy's Waterproofing Women's Twilight Series
- On-water start and finish
- Race management volunteers welcomed





Friday Twilight Series



- Fleet racing
- 11 pointscore races – fortnightly during daylight saving
- 2 spinnaker divisions and 1 cruising / non-spin division
- On-water start and finish
- Optional windward-leeward courses added using a fixed AS Mark to windward and a laid leeward rounding mark
- BYO BBQ on the Harbour View balcony afterwards
- Race management volunteers welcomed





Ocean Series



- 5 race pointscore series
- CYCA Summer Short Offshore Series
(2 race days with MHYC race management)
- Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship
(3 races over 2 race days)
- All races scored on IRC, ORC and PHS





Annual Inshore Pointscore

- 20 race Saturday pointscore series
- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (9 races over 3 race days)
- MHYC Inshore Race (1 race with separate sailing instructions on 6 September)
- All races scored on ORC, IRC and PHS for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 with OD results extracted for classes with 4 or more entries





Combined Clubs Inshore Series

- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
- OA is MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS & VYC
- MHYC race management on 27 September, 22 November (with Manly YC) & 31 January
- 2024-2025 courses are unchanged
- Division 0 for sportsboats added and first warning earlier:

<i>Scheduled Time</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Flag Displayed</i>
1230 hrs	Division 0	J
1235 hrs	Division 1	Q
1240 hrs	Division 2	K
1245 hrs	Division 3	R
1250 hrs	Non-Spinnaker Division	F





Sydney Harbour Sprint Series

- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (18 races) – OA is MHYC
- Inshore Pointscore includes 9 W/L races – November 1, December 6 & March 28
- 3 races per day starting at 1200hrs
- Starts for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 with One Design results extracted for classes with four or more entries
- Winter Series – May 9, June 13 & July 11

SYDNEY HARBOUR
SPRINT SERIES





Combined Clubs Sunday Series

- Jointly run by MHYC and Manly Yacht Club
- Inshore Pointscore includes 4 passage races and 6 windward leeward (sprint) races
- Passage Races – 21 September, 26 October, 16 November* and 15 March* starting at 1255hrs
- Sprints – 12 October* (with Waitangi Cup) and 8 February
- 3 sprint races per day starting at 1155hrs
- Starts for Divisions 1 & 2 (and Adams 10s on 12 October)





Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series



- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (6 races)
- OA is CYCA, MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RSYS & BSC (Balmain have joined for 2025-2026)
- MHYC race management on Sunday 19 October in conjunction with the MHYC Womens Regatta (2 sprints followed by the SHWKS passage race)

SYDNEY HARBOUR
WOMEN'S KEELBOAT
SERIES





Feature Events



- 10 races (every month except February & August)
- Clubhouse start & finish pursuit race (spinnaker & non-spin)





Feature Events



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|-------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| • Sunday, 14 September | 1230 | Commodore's Front Up! Cup |
| • Saturday, 25 October | 1230 | Harbour Trek |
| • Saturday, 29 November | 1100 | Seven Islands Race |
| • Saturday, 20 December | 1230 | Christmas Cup & Veterans Cup |
| • Saturday, 10 January | 1100 | Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup |
| • Saturday, 14 March | 1230 | March Cup |
| • Saturday, 25 April | 1230 | Two Up Cup |
| • Saturday, 23 May | 1230 | Autumn Sail |
| • Saturday, 20 June | 1230 | Welcome to Winter |
| • Saturday, 18 July | 1230 | Christmas in July |





Regattas



- 11 & 12 October – Adams 10 Waitangi Cup (with Combined Clubs Sunday Series Sprints on Sunday)
- Sunday 19 October – MHYC Womens Regatta
- 1 & 2 November – J/24 NSW Championships (with Sydney Harbour Sprint Series on Saturday)
- 29 & 30 November – Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship
- Saturday 15 November – Melges 20 Open Sprints
- Saturday 7 February – Melges 20 Womens Sprints
- 7 & 8 March – Sydney Harbour Regatta
- Friday & Saturday 19 & 20 June – X-Yachts Aurum Cup





Charity & Corporate Regattas



- Friday, 31 October – SAP Partner Regatta (Redkite) – CHS
- Friday, 14 November – ASX Refinitiv Regatta – OWS
- Sunday, 23 November – Make A Wish Foundation Cruise
- Friday, 20 February – RFI Spurious Challenge – CHS (new format)
- Friday, 20 March – Renewable Energy Cup – OWS



Support through providing a boat, skipper and crew for hosting charity guests is greatly appreciated!





MHYC Winter Program



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| • Saturday, 9 May 2026 | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Series |
| • Saturday, 23 May 2026 | 1230 | Feature Event – Autumn Sail |
| • Saturday, 13 June 2026 | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Series |
| • Saturday, 20 June 2026 | 1230 | Feature Event – Welcome to Winter |
| • Saturday, 11 July 2026 | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Series |
| • Saturday, 18 July 2026 | 1230 | Feature Event – Christmas in July |
| • Saturday, 1 August 2026 | 1230 | Leading Edge Series |
| • Saturday, 8 August 2026 | 1230 | Leading Edge Series |
| • Saturday, 15 August 2026 | 1230 | Leading Edge Series |
| • Saturday, 22 August 2026 | 1230 | Leading Edge Series |
| • Saturday, 29 August 2026 | 1230 | Leading Edge Series |






Online Entry



SailSys Entry System

- Entries for the 2025-2026 are now open – [click here](#)



Middle Harbour Yacht Club
MHYC

[Club Email](#)
[Club Website](#)

Race Entry
Entrants & Results
Past Results

Individual Series		
Series 1 and Annual Block - Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker 2025/26	Next Race: Race 2, 10th September 2025	Enter
Series 2 - Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 3rd December 2025	Enter
Series 3 - Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 11th March 2026	Enter
Series 4 - Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 3rd June 2026	Enter
Commodore's Front Up Cup 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 14th September 2025	Enter
Harbour Trek 2025-2026	Next Race: Race 1, 25th October 2025	Enter
Seven Islands Race 2025/2026	Next Race: Race 1, 29th November 2025	Enter
Christmas & Veterans Cup 2025/26 (Incorporating Dogs Bowl and Inshore Race)	Includes: Veterans Cup (Boats 30 year +), Old Farts Dogs Bowl (Boat and Skipper 90 year+) Next Race: Race 1, 20th December 2025	Enter
Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup 2025/26	Includes: Non Spinnaker Next Race: Race 1, 10th January 2026	Enter
March Cup 2025/26	Next Race: Race 1, 14th March 2026	Enter





Online Entry



SailSys Entry System (cont'd)

- Increased discount on Series entry for MHYC Marina Berth and Mooring Holders (New in 2025)
- Discounted entry for MHYC Members & Block Series Entries
- Discounted casual race fees for online entry
- Check or update your contact details (email and mobile) in the boat profile to enable notifications via SailSys
- Daily Crew Registration via SailSys is available





Race Management & Safety

- **Accredited Race Officers** – Steve Tucker, Toby Gursanscky, Kathy Johnston, Catherine Rofe & David Staley
- **Race Management Volunteers** – Rob Armstrong, Paula Beaumont, Fernando Calero, Brad Hair, Fred Hemming, Bryan Moore, Sue Morris, Rob Ogilvie, John Roxburgh, Chris Saunders, Tracy Saunders-Murray, Renee Spinks, Rachel Ward, Alex Ware, Andrew Ware, Robert Warnes, Diana Omuoyo, Simone Baran
- **Accredited Protest Committee Members** – Kerry Burke, Rob Armstrong, Geoff Charters, Peter Hammond, John Crawford & Catherine Rofe
- **Accredited Safety Equipment Auditors** – Phil Darling, Tony Levett, Michael McEvoy, Evan Hodge, Bryan Moore, Phil West, Glynne Attersall, Andrew Forbes, Peter Lewis, Matt Miles, Dallas O'Brien, Catherine Rofe, Niclas Westling & Paul Wotherspoon
- **MHYC Sailing Office**
Sailing Manager & Principal Race Officer – David Staley
Sailing Administrators – Catherine Rofe & Kathy Johnston (KJ)





Race Management Volunteers

- Competitor's Race Management Scheme (NOR 27 on p48) – let Catherine or KJ know the preferred date/s your boat would like to provide one or more volunteers 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 etc.)





Reminders – Procedures

- Dispose of previous Sailing Handbooks / courses and refer only to courses and documentation published in the 2025-2026 edition
- Read the By-Laws, Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions
- Notices to Competitors are posted on the [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#)
- Clubhouse Start and Finish Restricted Areas (NOR 15.1) – moorings
- Spit Channel (NOR 15.3) – give way to vessels using the channel





Reminders – Procedures

- Clubhouse pre-start area (NOR 16.5) – D Arm to Start Line before Prep
- Check in at the Start Boat (NOR 18.1) except for Thursday Twilights
- Do not sail through the finish line unless finishing (NOR 19.2)
- Do not sail through MHYC or other clubs' active start and finish lines (when orange or blue flags are displayed) unless starting or finishing (NOR 2.3)
- Advise Race Committee if retiring (NOR 20)





Reminders – Procedures

- 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)
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/submit-vessel-incident-reports>





Reminders – Safety & Information

- Race management and safety information is transmitted on VHF Channel 72 for most MHYC Series
- Race management and safety information is transmitted on VHF Channel 73 for the Combined Clubs Inshore Series
- Alternative race management frequencies may be advised
- Recommended that the Race Management Channel be monitored from 30 minutes before the first warning signal until the conclusion of racing





Reminders – Events



MHYC Season Opening Day 10am on Sunday 14 September

- Welcome & Morning Tea
- Launch of new start boat (Caribbean 35)
- Sail Past & Matt Pyne Cup for best dressed boat
- Commodore's Front Up! Cup Feature Event
- Short Course Racing in the Club Melges 20s
- Prizegiving & Live Music





Reminders – Events

- Skippers & Crew Meet & Greet 7pm next Thursday 25 September
Skippers can present their program – email sailing@mhyc.com.au
Crew looking for a regular sail – encouraged to come along
- Keelboat Safety Forum (Online) 7pm Wednesday 1 October
- Thursday Twilight Warm-Up Race 5pm on Thursday 2 October
- MOB Practical Training Session 10am Saturday 11 October
- Race Flags & Signals (Online) 7pm Wednesday 22 October





Questions





Thankyou!

Good luck for Season 2025-2026

