



# MHYC

## 2026–2027 Keelboat Program Information Session

Wednesday 1 July 2026



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## Agenda

- Notice of Race
- Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series
- Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series & Women's Helm Series
- Friday Twilight Series
- Inshore Annual Pointscore, Combined Clubs Inshore Series and Sydney Harbour Sprint Series
- Feature Events
- Regattas & Championships
- Winter Program
- Race Fees
- Communications, Website & Sailing Handbook 2026–2027
- Race Management Volunteers & Officials



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# Notice of Race



## Major Changes

- 15. CLUBHOUSE START AND FINISH RESTRICTED AREAS – No Pumpouse Start Line (no other changes)
- 6. CLUBHOUSE START – The Clubhouse Start line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on a MHYC Race Management Vessel berthed near the B-Arm T-Head and a laid yellow buoy to the east of the Spit Channel with a transit bearing approximately 065° / 245°.
- 17. CLUBHOUSE FINISH – As Above
- 22. PURSUIT HANDICAP RACES – Time of Day displayed
- 28. RISK WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY and 29. PERMISSION FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO – to align with Australian Sailing



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# Clubhouse Start & Finish Line




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## Clubhouse Start & Finish Line

NEW START / FINISH LINE

CONTINUING OBSTRUCTION



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This slide features an aerial photograph of a marina. A yellow dashed line, labeled 'NEW START / FINISH LINE', runs from the clubhouse area towards the open water. A red line, labeled 'CONTINUING OBSTRUCTION', is positioned further out in the water. The marina contains numerous boats docked at piers. The clubhouse and surrounding buildings are visible on the left side of the image.

## Clubhouse Start & Finish Line

NEW PRE-START AREA

NEW START / FINISH LINE

CONTINUING OBSTRUCTION



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This slide features the same aerial photograph of the marina as slide 5. In addition to the 'NEW START / FINISH LINE' (yellow dashed line) and 'CONTINUING OBSTRUCTION' (red line), a new orange shaded area is highlighted, labeled 'NEW PRE-START AREA'. This area is located between the clubhouse and the start/finish line.



## Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series



- Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series
- 49 pursuit races scheduled across 4 series year-round
- 3 divisions for 2026-2027
- Some course changes
- On-water start near Chinaman's Beach and Clubhouse finish (unless the start or finish line is moved or race shortened)
- Changes to clubhouse start & finish lines and ability to move the finish line
- PHS results on elapsed time when the race is shortened after the start



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## Thursday Twilight Series



- Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Pursuit Series
- 24 pointscore races and 1 non-pointscore race
- NPS on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct then 11 races in Pre-Christmas Series
- 13 races in Post-Christmas Series
- 6 races of Smithy's Waterproofing Women's Twilight Series
- Some course changes likely
- On-water start and finish
- Changes to clubhouse start & finish lines and ability to move the finish line
- PHS results on elapsed time when the race is shortened after the start



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## Midweek Sailing Instructions



### Major Changes

- Time of Day displayed on the start clock
- Changes to clubhouse start & finish lines
- Option to either shorten at a mark or at a line which all boats must cross (RRS 32) or move the finish line
- Pursuit (first past the post) results will be replaced by PHS results on elapsed time when the race is shortened after the start (i.e. if 'S' flag is displayed)



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## PHS Results on Elapsed Time



Pursuit start times are calculated on the forecast distance to be sailed. Shortening a race and reducing the distance that is actually sailed can therefore advantage boats which start earlier and disadvantage boats which start later.

The SailSys race entry and results system used by MHYC has the facility to recalculate results based on the application of current PHS handicaps (which generate the pursuit start times) to a boat's elapsed time in the case of an on-water shortened course.

By recalculating using the SailSys Shorten Course function, the first boat across the shortened course finish line may not be the winner on corrected time.



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## Friday Twilight Series



- Fleet racing with an on-water start and finish
- Development focus for women, youth and those seeking an introduction to fleet racing to foster participation, skill development and build confidence
- 2 divisions sailing short windward-leeward races (up to 3 races per day)
- 1 division sailing passage courses (1 race per day)
- Training day on 9<sup>th</sup> October
- 10 pointscore races – fortnightly during daylight saving
- Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> October and concluding 12<sup>th</sup> March
- BYO BBQ on the beach or balcony afterwards



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## MHYC Ocean Series



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



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## Annual Inshore Pointscore



- 22 race Saturday pointscore series
- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (9 races over 3 race days)
- MHYC Inshore Races (3 races with separate sailing instructions on 5 September, 31 October & 5 December)
- All races scored on ORC, IRC and PHS for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 with OD results extracted for classes with 4 or more entries



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## Combined Clubs Inshore Series



- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
- OA is MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS & VYC
- MHYC race management on 21 November & 30 January and possibly 1 additional day
- 2025-2026 courses and divisional start times are probably unchanged – further information to follow



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## Sydney Harbour Sprint Series



- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (18 races) – OA is MHYC
- Inshore Pointscore includes 9 W/L races – October 17, November 14 & February 6
- 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 8, June 5 & July 10



SYDNEY HARBOUR  
**SPRINT SERIES**



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## Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series



- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (6 races)
- OA is CYCA, MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RSYS & BSC
- MHYC race management on Sunday 18 October in conjunction with the MHYC Womens Regatta (2 sprints followed by the SHWKS passage race)



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## Feature Events



- Sunday, 13 September 1230 Commodore's Front Up! Cup
- Saturday, 24 October 1230 Harbour Trek
- Saturday, 28 November 1100 Seven Islands Race
- Saturday, 19 December 1230 Christmas Cup & Veterans Cup
- Saturday, 9 January 1100 Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup
- Saturday, 13 March 1230 March Cup
- Saturday, 25 April 1230 Two Up Cup
- Saturday, 22 May 1230 Autumn Sail
- Saturday, 12 June 1230 Welcome to Winter
- Saturday, 24 July 1230 Christmas in July



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## Regattas



- Sunday 18 October - MHYC Womens Regatta
- Thu - Sun 25-28 February TBC - J/24 Australian Championships
- 29 & 30 November - Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship
- 6 & 7 March - Sydney Harbour Regatta



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## Charity & Corporate Regattas



- Friday, 30 October – SAP Partner Regatta (Redkite) – CHS
- Friday, 13 November – ASX Refinitiv Regatta – OWS
- Friday, 19 February – RFI Spurious Challenge for Black Dog – CHS
- Friday, 20 March – Renewable Energy Cup – OWS

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



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## MHYC Winter Program



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|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| • Saturday, 8 May     | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Series      |
| • Saturday, 22 May    | 1230 | Feature Event – Autumn Sail       |
| • Saturday, 5 June    | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Series      |
| • Saturday, 12 June   | 1230 | Feature Event – Welcome to Winter |
| • Saturday, 10 July   | 1200 | Sydney Harbour Sprint Series      |
| • Saturday, 24 July   | 1230 | Feature Event – Christmas in July |
| • Saturday, 7 August  | 1230 | Leading Edge Series               |
| • Saturday, 14 August | 1230 | Leading Edge Series               |
| • Saturday, 21 August | 1230 | Leading Edge Series               |
| • Saturday, 28 August | 1230 | Leading Edge Series               |



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## 2026-2027 Race Fees



- Casual Race Fee \$70 (was \$65) – at the desk
- Casual Race Fee Online \$65 (was \$60) – via SailSys
- Previously different rate for members (approx. 15%) and berth holders (approx. 30%) has been removed
- Members discount for series entry approx. 32.5% for 2026-2027
- Sailing 10 Pass \$750



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## Communications



- Flags
- Electronic Noticeboard
- Online Noticeboard
- SailSys email & text (owners & boat administrators)
- SailSys series posts
- Regular email (yacht register - owners)
- RevSport email (members)
- eNews (subscribers)
- Website (new website in production)
- Sailing Handbook 2026-2027 (published by August 31)



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## Race Management Volunteers



- Competitor's Race Management Scheme (NOR 27) – 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.)



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# Thankyou!

*Good luck for Season 2026-2027*



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