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7.21 WOMEN'S CHALLENGE 2012– NOR

1. Rules

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the *ISAF* Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*); the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (*YA*), except as altered by the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions which are also considered part of the rules; and the Rules as defined by *Section 6.10* of the *MYC* Handbook.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority may amend This Notice of Race. Amendments made prior to the race date will be published on the web site. Amendments thereafter shall be published on the Official Notice Board, located on the ground floor foyer of MYC.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 All races are in accordance with *ISAF* Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Competing yachts, centreboards and skiffs shall carry and display any event promotional material provided, at all times while competing.
- 2.3 Yachts, centreboards and skiffs not displaying promotional material are ineligible to race.
- 2.4 Promotional material may be available for collection at MYC. Competitors will be advised by the Race Director.
- 2.5 In the event that competitors are unable to collect promotional material at that time, competitors should contact the Race Director to make other arrangements for collection.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Racing is open to the following:
 - a) Mono hull yachts whose length overall is greater than 6m and less than 20m
 - b) Centreboards
 - c) Manly Juniors
 - d) Access Dinghies
 - e) 13' Skiffs
- 3.2 Yachts must hold a Category 7 Equipment Compliance Certificate.
- 3.3 Centreboards, Manly Juniors, Access Dinghies and 13' Skiffs must hold a current "Off the Beach" Boat Registration and Compliance Declaration.
- 3.4 The owner of the boat or, in the absence of the owner, the owner's representative must be a member of *YA* or Member Club of State or Territory Yachting Authority (*MYA Club*). The crew who sail in more than three races must be a member of *YA* or a *MYA Club*.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form, available from *MYC* and on the website www.myc.org.au, and submitting it, together with the required fee, a copy of the Certificate of Currency for the boat's insurance and a copy of the boat's Equipment Compliance Certificate to *MYC* by 1700 hrs Friday, one week prior to the start of the race.
- 3.6 Division must be constituted by a minimum of three boats.

4. Fees

- 4.1 The required fees are shown on the Race Entry form available from *MYC* and on the website www.myc.org.au.

5. **Schedule**

5.1 Racing is scheduled for **Sunday, 25th March 2012.**

5.2 The following divisions or classes will be sailed:

Division	Vessel	Helm	Sails
Division 1	Yachts	Female Helm; all Female Crew	Spinnaker
Division 2	Yachts	Female Helm	Spinnaker
Division 3	Yachts	Female Helm; all Female Crew	Non Spinnaker
Division 4	Yachts	Female Helm	Non Spinnaker
Division 5	J24's	Female Helm	Spinnaker
Division 6	Ynglings	Female Helm	Spinnaker
Division 7	13' Skiffs	Female Helm	Spinnaker
Division 8	Centreboards	Female Helm	Spinnaker
Division 9	Access Dinghy	Female Helm	Non Spinnaker
Division 10	Manly Juniors	Female Helm	Spinnaker

5.3 There is 1 race scheduled for each division.

5.4 All Races will be scratch starts.

5.5 The warning signal for each division is shown in the Sailing Instructions.

6. **Sailing Instructions**

6.1 The Sailing Instructions are available on the MYC website www.myc.org.au.

7. **Racing Area**

7.1 Racing will be conducted within Sydney Harbour.

7.2 "Prohibited waters" and "obstructions" are described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. **The Courses**

8.1 Courses are described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. **Penalty System**

9.1 Your attention is drawn to Rule 44.2 which states in part that "a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe".

10. **Scoring**

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System *RRS*, Appendix A4 will apply.

11. **Prizes**

11.1 Prizes will be awarded on the deck at the end of the day's racing as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. **Disclaimer of Liability**

12.1 Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. MYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the racing. MYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. MYC reserves the right to refuse an entry. Attention is drawn to *RRS* Rule 4 - Decision to Race.

13. **Insurance**

13.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per event or the equivalent. A Certificate of Currency for this insurance will be held by the boat owner.

13.2 For other classes, the entrant or their parents or guardians shall ensure that each participating boat is covered by the appropriate insurance.

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- 1.2 Non Spinnaker divisions shall not fly spinnakers. No sails shall be set forward of the mast which are not normally carried forward of the mast when working to windward. Any sail set forward of a mast shall not be set flying.
- 1.3 Unless in use, no part of any anchor may project forward of the bow at any time whilst racing.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located on the ground floor foyer of *MYC* and may be posted on the outside noticeboard at Davis Marina and on the *MYC* website www.myc.org.au.
- 2.2 The Race Committee may broadcast information regarding Race Management, the Start and Recalls on VHF Radio frequency 72 for the information of the competitors.
- 2.3 Handicaps will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located on the ground floor foyer of *MYC* and may be posted on the outside noticeboard at Davis Marina and on the *MYC* website www.myc.org.au.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day the change will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of racing will be posted at least one week before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the *MYC* flagpole at the end of the jetty.
- 4.2 Code flag AP with two sound signals when raised means "All races are postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered on 1 sound signal.
- 4.3 Code flag N means "All races scheduled for today are abandoned". When displayed alone the signal applies to all classes/divisions. When displayed over class/division flags the signal applies to the designated class/division only.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled for **Sunday, 25th March 2012**.
- 5.2 The following divisions or classes will be sailed:

Division	Vessel	Helm	Sails
Division 1	Yachts	Female Helm; all Female Crew	Spinnaker
Division 2	Yachts	Female Helm	Spinnaker
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Division 8	Centreboards	Female Helm	Spinnaker
Division 9	Access Dinghy	Female Helm	Non Spinnaker
Division 10	Manly Juniors	Female Helm	Spinnaker

- 5.3 There is 1 race scheduled for each division per day.

6. Class Flags

6.1 The class flags will be as follows:

Class	Flag
Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2
Division 3, 4 and 5	Numeral Pennant 3
Division 6	Numeral Pennant 6
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7
Division 8, 9 and 10	Numeral Pennant 8

7. Racing Area

7.1 Racing will be conducted within Sydney Harbour.

7.2 Racing for Divisions 8, 9 and 10 will be conducted in Manly Cove.

8. The Courses

8.1 Courses for Divisions 1 and 2 are shown in **Appendix A4**.

8.2 Courses for Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 are shown in **Appendix A5**.

8.3 Courses for Division 7 are shown in **Appendix A12**.

8.4 Courses for Divisions 8, 9 and 10 are shown in **Appendix A1**.

8.5 The number of the course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat before the start.

8.6 For Divisions 8, 9 and 10 all marks shall be passed to port or starboard as indicated by a red or green flag on the committee boat. If no flag is displayed the courses shall be sailed as shown.

9. Shortened Course

9.1 If the Race Committee signals a shortened course (displays Flag S with two sounds), the finish line shall be at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff on the committee boat displaying Flag S.

10. Marks

10.1 For Divisions 1 to 6, the approximate position of most marks is shown on the inside back cover of the MYC Handbook and on the MYC chartlet on the MYC web site www.myc.org.au.

10.2 For Division 7, the approximate position of most marks is shown on the 13' Skiff chartlet in Appendix B1 and on the MYC web site www.myc.org.au.

10.3 The following marks are YA yellow spar buoys: Forty Baskets, Manly West, Manly East, Reef Beach, Cannae Point, Edwards Beach, Rocky Point, Obelisk Bay, Lady Bay, Shark Island, Rose Bay, Eastern Channel, Chowder Bay North, Chowder Bay South, Nielson Bay, Beashel Buoy, Taylor's Bay and Point Piper.

10.4 The following marks are MYC marks which may be pink spherical buoys and are indicated by (MYC) in the courses: Manly and Old Man's Hat.

10.5 Shark Island, is the island, including all cardinal marks associated with the island.

10.6 For Division 7, Marks 4, 6 and 7 are YNSW yellow cylinders and flag marks may be either an orange or yellow inflatable type or a piece of conduit supporting a red and white quartered flag.

10.7 For Divisions 8, 9, and 10, all marks will be red or pink spherical buoys.

11. Areas that are Obstructions

11.1 The areas of water between the outer line of all permanent moorings and the shoreline of Port Jackson shall be "prohibited waters" for boats that are racing.

11.2 All State and Federal exclusion zones shall rank as an "obstruction" for boats that are racing, and shall not be entered.

- 11.3 All cardinal marks shall rank as "obstructions" for boats that are racing and shall be passed on the side indicated on the cardinal mark, with the exception of the channel separation marker north of the Sow and Pigs.
- 11.4 The area of water around any commercial ships, 30m on either side and astern and 500m ahead; or ferries, 30m on either side and astern, and 200m ahead - shall be an active exclusion zone and shall rank as an "obstruction" for boats that are racing.
- 11.5 **Division 7 only** – Bombora 11 and Pile 8 are DANGER marks and must be passed to seaward at all times.
- 11.6 **Division 7 only** - Whilst Bombora marks 5 and 10 are also cardinal warning marks, they do not need to be passed to seaward at all times, however, skippers must use discretion and have regard to prevailing sea conditions.

12. The Start

- 12.1 All Races will be scratch starts.
- 12.2 The starting schedule is shown below. This changes Rule 26. Races will be started no earlier than times shown. Times shall be taken from visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

TIME	SIGNAL	ACTION
1030	Division 8, 9 & 10 Warning Signal	Numeral Pennant 8 displayed
1031	Division 8, 9 & 10 Preparatory Flag	Code Flag P displayed
1034	Division 8, 9 & 10 One Minute Signal	Code Flag P lowered
1035	Division 8, 9 & 10 Start	Numeral Pennant 8 lowered
1300	Division 1 Warning Signal	Numeral Pennant 1 displayed
1301	Division 1 Preparatory Flag	Code Flag P displayed
1304	Division 1 One Minute Signal	Code Flag P lowered
1305	Division 1 Start	Numeral Pennant 1 lowered
1310	Division 2 Warning Signal	Numeral Pennant 2 displayed
1311	Division 2 Preparatory Flag	Code Flag P displayed
1314	Division 2 One Minute Signal	Code Flag P lowered
1315	Division 2 Start	Numeral Pennant 2 lowered
1320	Division 3, 4 & 5 Warning Signal	Numeral Pennant 3 displayed
1321	Division 3, 4 & 5 Preparatory Flag	Code Flag P displayed
1324	Division 3, 4 & 5 One Minute Signal	Code Flag P lowered
1325	Division 3, 4 & 5 Start	Numeral Pennant 3 lowered
1330	Division 6 Warning Signal	Numeral Pennant 6 displayed
1331	Division 6 Preparatory Flag	Code Flag P displayed
1334	Division 6 One Minute Signal	Code Flag P lowered
1335	Division 6 Start	Numeral Pennant 6 lowered
1340	Division 7 Warning Signal	Numeral Pennant 7 displayed
1341	Division 7 Preparatory Flag	Code Flag P displayed
1344	Division 7 One Minute Signal	Code Flag P lowered
1345	Division 7 Start	Numeral Pennant 7 lowered

- 12.3 The starting line will be between the flagstaff on the committee boat at the starboard end and a pink spherical buoy at the port end.
- 12.4 Boats intending to race are required to report to the Race Officer aboard the committee boat and shall receive acknowledgement. Failure to observe this requirement may result in a boat being disqualified.
- 12.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made should avoid the starting area.
- 12.6 A boat starting later than 9 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes *RRS* Appendix A4.

13. The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be located in Manly Cove near Oceanworld.
- 13.2 The finishing line for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be between the flagstaff displaying the *MYC* burgee on the committee boat at the starboard end and a pink spherical buoy at the port end.
- 13.3 If the committee boat is not on station at the finishing line, yachts will finish west of the Manly Ferry path on a line which is an extension of a line joining the centre points of the two hot pink/orange triangles on the *MYC* wharf and the upper deck of the club house. Competitors should record their finish times.
- 13.4 The finishing line for Divisions 8, 9 and 10 will be between the flagstaff displaying the *MYC* burgee on the committee boat and a pink spherical buoy.

14. Penalty System

- 14.1 Your attention is drawn to Rule 44.2 which states in part that "a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe".

15. Time Limits

- 15.1 Subject to 15.2 and 15.3, the time limit for the races shall be 1700 hours.
- 15.2 If the first boat in a division finishes between 1630 hours and 1700 hours the time limit shall be extended by 30 minutes from the finishing time of the first boat for that division.
- 15.3 If a race is postponed for any reason the time limit will be extended by the length of the postponement or for 30 minutes whichever is the less.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the *MYC* Office and delivered there within 2 hours after the time of the last boat's finish.
- 16.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 16.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17. Scoring

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System *RRS*, Appendix A4 will apply.
- 17.2 Handicaps will be set by the Race Committee and will not be subject to request for redress.
- 17.3 Boats which have not crossed the finishing line by the time limit will be scored DNF.

18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1 It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that the boat complies with the requirements of the *RRS*, *YA* Addendum A, *YA* Special Regulations, at all times when racing.
- 18.2 Entries will only be accepted from yachts with an appropriate Equipment Compliance Form, minimum Category 7.
- 18.3 Divisions 7, 8, 9 and 10 must comply with *YA* Special Regulations - Part 2 "Off the Beach" Boats.
- 18.4 Races will not be started when in the opinion of the Race Committee the maximum wind gust averaged over 3 seconds exceeds 20 knots for Divisions 7, 8, 9 and 10 or 30 knots for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Races not started will be postponed or abandoned at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 18.5 Individual competitors who withdraw from the race, or who will not finish within the time limit, are required to notify the Race Committee immediately upon retirement. The Race Committee can be contacted in person on the start boat or the club house, or by telephone on 9977 4949 or radio VHF Ch 72.

19. Prizes

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded on the day of the race at about 1700 hrs or as soon as practicable thereafter on the upper deck at Manly Yacht Club.

20. Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. *MYC* will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the racing. *MYC* is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. *MYC* reserves the right to refuse an entry. Attention is drawn to *RRS* Rule 4 - Decision to Race.

21. Insurance

- 21.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per event or the equivalent. A Certificate of Currency for this insurance will be held by the boat owner.
- 21.2 For divisions, other than yacht divisions, the entrant or their parents or guardians shall ensure that each participating boat is covered by the appropriate insurance.

