

7.11 OFFSHORE SERIES – NOR

Invitation

Manly Yacht Club conducts five short offshore races during daylight hours using a performance based handicapping system. MYC invites competitors to enjoy the racing and hospitality provided. Where races do not finish in Sydney Harbour, berthing and dining facilities may be arranged for the conclusion of the racing. Competitors will be able to cruise the surrounding waterways at the end of each race, before making their own way, or sailing in company, back to their home clubs.

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; the Rules as defined by *Section 6.10* of the *MYC* Handbook and the Offshore Racing Plan of Management.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The racing is open to all mono hull yachts whose length overall is greater than 6m and less than 20m.
- 2.2 Boats must hold a Category 4 Equipment Compliance Certificate.
- 2.3 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*.
- 2.4 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 either the start of the series or any individual race.
- 2.5 A list of crew must be submitted to *MYC* with the entry form, with amendments to the *MYC* office no later than 3 hours before the start of a race.
- 2.6 Parental approval is required for any crew member under the age of 18.
- 2.7 Division must be constituted by a minimum of four boats.
- 2.8 To qualify as a series entry, yachts must have their series entry to *MYC* no later than one week prior to the start of the second race of the series.

3. Fees

- 3.1 The required fees are shown on the Race Entry form available from *MYC* and on the website www.myc.org.au. The series entry fee includes automatic entry into the *SASC* Lion Is Race and berthing fees at *RMYC*.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

| Race | Date |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Race 1 <i>SASC</i> Lion Is Race | Saturday, 10th September 2011 |
| Race 2 Botany Bay Race | Sunday, 16th October 2011 |
| Race 3 Three Islands Race | Sunday, 27th November 2011 |
| Race 4 Longitude Race | Sunday, 12th February 2012 |
| Race 5 Pittwater Race | Friday, 6th April 2012 |

- 4.2 The following divisions or classes will be sailed:

Division 1 – Yachts

- 4.3 Yachts shall nominate on their entry form whether they will use spinnakers or not while racing. Any yacht which enters having indicated it will not use a spinnaker shall not thereafter use a spinnaker without prior written notice to the Race Director.

- 4.4 Any yacht which during the racing season makes a significant performance enhancing change to her rig or hull may have her handicap changed by the Race Director.
- 4.5 There is 1 race scheduled for each day.
- 4.6 All Races will be scratch starts.
- 4.7 The warning signal is shown in the Sailing Instructions.

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions are available in the MYC Handbook and on the website www.myc.org.au.

6. Racing Area

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted within Sydney Harbour; Pittwater; Botany Bay and the adjacent Tasman Sea.
- 6.2 "Prohibited waters" and "obstructions" are described in the Sailing Instructions.

7. The Courses

- 7.1 Courses are described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Penalty System

- 8.1 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".

9. Scoring

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

10. Radio Communication

- 10.1 A radio check will be conducted on VHF Ch 72, up to 10 minutes prior to the warning signal to ensure all radios are in working order. Yachts without a working VHF radio will be scored as DNS.

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. All prizes not immediately accepted by competitors or their representatives will be redrawn.
- 11.2 Perpetual trophies awarded by MYC are shown in *Section 6.19, Trophies and Presentation*.

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 boat 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.

14. Further Information

- 14.1 BYO BBQ on deck of MYC, or bistro facilities at host club, presentation and get together after racing.

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- 1.2 Unless in use, no part of any anchor may project forward of the bow at any time whilst racing.

2. Notices 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 CH 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 The Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day the change will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of racing will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signal 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". The Race Committee may at its sole discretion decide to conduct the race on the next day. The Race Committee may abandon the race or use the *MYC* marathon course described in **Appendix A8**, if the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts gale force winds or stronger, over the course area and during the time of racing, or in the opinion of the Race Committee the weather conditions are poor.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

| Race | Date |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Race 1 SASC Lion Is Race | Saturday, 10th September 2011 |
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- 5.2 The following divisions or classes will be sailed:
Division 1 - Yachts
- 5.3 There is 1 race scheduled for each day.

6. Class Flag

- 6.1 Numeral Pennant 1.

7. Racing Area

7.1 Racing will be conducted within Sydney Harbour; Pittwater; Botany Bay and the adjacent Tasman Sea.

8. Courses

8.1 Courses are shown in **Appendix A6**.

8.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes Rule 32.

9. Areas that are Obstructions

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

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

9.3 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.

9.4 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.

10. The Start

10.1 All Races will be scratch starts.

10.2 Race 1 as described in separate Sailing Instructions issued by the SASC.

10.3 For Races 2, 3, 4 and 5 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 |
|------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1100 | Division 1 Warning Signal | Numeral Pennant 1 Displayed |
| 1101 | Division 1 Preparatory Flag | Code Flag P Displayed |
| 1104 | Division 1 One Minute Signal | Code Flag P Lowered |
| 1105 | Division 1 Start | Numeral Pennant 1 Lowered |

10.4 For Races 2, 3, 4 and 5 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.

10.5 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal, or when the committee boat is no longer on station, will be scored DNS. This changes RRS Appendix A4.

11. The Finish

11.1 Race 1 as described in separate Sailing Instructions issued by the SASC.

11.2 For Races 2, 3 and 4 boats 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.

11.3 For Race 5, boats will finish between the finishing tower located ashore at the Royal Motor Yacht Club and a line bearing 270deg true.

11.4 When finishing after 1800 hours please call the Race Officer on VHF Ch 72 approximately 15 minutes before finishing.

12. Penalty System

12.1 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".

13. Time Limits

- 13.1 Race 1 as described in separate Sailing Instructions issued by the SASC.
- 13.2 The time limit for races 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be 2000 hours.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protests shall be written on the forms available at the Race Office of MYC or RMYC and delivered there within 2 hours of the last boat's finish.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 14.3 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.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System RRS, Appendix A4 will apply, modified so each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded.
- 15.2 Handicaps will be set by the Race Committee and will not be subject to request for redress.
- 15.3 The number of races scheduled for the series is shown in *Section 4.9, MYC Calendar*.
- 15.4 One race will constitute a series.
- 15.5 Boats which have not crossed the finishing line by the time limit will be scored DNF.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 Entries will only be accepted from boats with an appropriate Equipment Compliance form, minimum Category 4.
- 16.3 The Race Committee may at its sole discretion decide to conduct the race on the next day. The Race Committee may abandon the race or use the MYC marathon course described in **Appendix A8**, if the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts gale force winds or stronger, over the course area and during the time of racing, or in the opinion of the Race Committee the weather conditions are poor.
- 16.4 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; radio VHF Ch 72; or as specified at the skippers meeting.

17. Radio Communication

- 17.1 A radio check will be conducted on VHF Ch 72, up to 10 minutes prior to the warning signal to ensure all radios are in working order and to report number of persons on board. Boats without a working VHF radio will be scored as DNS.
- 17.2 Boats shall maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Ch 16. The race frequency to be used is VHF Ch 72.
- 17.3 No radio schedule will be conducted in this series, or, as specified at the skippers meeting.

18. Skippers Meeting

- 18.1 A meeting for the benefit of the skippers may be held before the warning signal of Races 2, 3, 4 and 5. Skippers will be advised, where and when, no later than the day before the race.

19. Prizes

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