

YACHT OFFSHORE SERIES – SI

1. Rules

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the General Conditions of Racing as defined by Section 7 of the MYC Handbook, except as altered by the Sailing Instructions which are also considered part of the rules; and the MYC Offshore Racing Plan of Management on the MYC website www.myc.org.au.

2. Schedule

- 2.1 The schedule of race days is shown in Section 5.7 MYC Calendar.
- 2.2 The following classes/divisions will be sailed:
- Yachts
- 2.3 There is 1 Race scheduled for each day.
- 2.4 A meeting for the benefit of the skippers may be held. Skippers will be advised, where and when, no later than the day before the race.
- 2.5 Subject to 2.4, races will be started no earlier than times shown. The skippers' meeting may determine an earlier start time by mutual agreement. Times shall be taken from visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

| RACE | WARNING | CLASS/DIVISION | FLAG |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Longitude | 1100 hrs | Yachts - Division 1 | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| Pittwater | 1100 hrs | Yachts - Division 1 | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| Shellharbour | 0900 hrs | Yachts - Division 1 | Numeral Pennant 1 |

3. Class Flag

- 3.1 The Class flags will be as follows:

| CLASS | FLAG |
|--------|-------------------|
| Yachts | Numeral Pennant 1 |

4. Courses

- 4.1 The courses are shown in Appendix A5.

5. The Start – Longitude and Pittwater Races

- 5.1 The Longitude and Pittwater Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26.
- 5.2 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with Rule 86 as follow: The MYC General Conditions of Racing Section 7.10 may change at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 5.3 If at the nominated time of the first warning signal the committee boat displays the AP and flag L with 2 sound signals, the committee boat will move to an alternate start area.
- 5.4 The AP and flag L will be removed with a sound signal 1 minute before the warning signal.
- 5.5 The start shall be between the committee boat staff carrying the MYC burgee and an adjacent mark on the port side. The adjacent mark may be a MYC mark or any other mark which will be announced to boats on the Race Channel VHF 72.
- 5.6 The committee boat may or may not be anchored.

6. The Start – Shellharbour Race

- 6.1 The Shellharbour Race start line will be a transit from North Head to Hornby Light.
- 6.2 No visual or sound signals will be used for the start, but the Race Officer will give a countdown to the Warning, Preparatory, One Minute and Start on Race Channel VHF 72.

7. The Finish – Longitude Race

- 7.1 For the Longitude Race, which will finish at Manly, boats shall finish on either the Committee Boat line or the clubhouse triangles as described in Section 7.14 General Conditions of Racing.
- 7.2 When finishing after 1800 hours please call the Race Officer on VHF Ch 72 approximately 15 minutes before finishing.

8. The Finish – Pittwater Race

- 8.1 For the Pittwater Race, boats will finish by crossing a line bearing 270 degrees true from the finishing tower located ashore at the Royal Motor Yacht Club.
- 8.2 When finishing after 1800 hours please call the Race Officer on VHF Ch 72 approximately 15 minutes before finishing.

9. The Finish – Shellharbour Race

- 9.1 For the Shellharbour Race, boats will finish by crossing a line bearing 090 degrees true from the northern breakwater at the entrance to Shellharbour Marina. Boats shall record their finish times and promptly report them to the Race Officer.
- 9.2 For the Shellharbour Race, boats with a genuine belief that they will not be able to sail to the finish by 1900 will be allowed to record their time and location by taking a timestamped photo of their GPS position and then motor to the destination. Such boats will be given a calculated race result based on their distance to finish by the Race Officer, thereby allowing all boats to arrive in time to participate in the social activities. The calculated race result for each boat cannot be subject to protest by a competitor.
- 9.3 When finishing after 1800 hours please call the Race Officer on VHF Ch 72 approximately 15 minutes before finishing.

10. Time Limits

- 10.1 The time limit for all races will be 2000 hours.

11. Penalty System

- 11.1 Your attention is drawn to RRS Rule 44.1 and RRS Rule 44.2. RRS Rule 44.2 states in part that 'a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty promptly by making the required turns in the same direction, each including one tack and one gybe'.
- 11.2 If a Discretionary Penalty is accepted, it shall be a scoring penalty of 50% of the difference between a boat's non-penalized score and the score for DSQ. Half points shall be rounded up and the points of the other boats shall not be adjusted.

12. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 12.1 For races not finishing at Manly, protest forms can be obtained from the Race Officer. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer within the appropriate time limit.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 Race results will be calculated by Time Correction Factor (TCF) unless otherwise indicated in the course description.
- 13.2 The PHS Handicap system will be used to score a boat's results and adjust her handicap.
- 13.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no excluded scores.
- 13.4 The number of races required to constitute a series is 2.
- 13.5 The David Parle Cup is awarded to the winner of the Good Friday Pittwater race (if run).

14. Safety Regulations

- 14.1 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.

15. Radio Communication

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Boats shall maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Ch 16. The race frequency to be used is VHF Ch 72.
- 15.3 No radio schedule will be conducted in this series, or, as specified at the skippers briefing.