

1. YACHT OFFSHORE SERIES – SI

1. Rules

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

1. The schedule of race days is shown in Section 5.7 MYC Calendar.
2. The following classes/divisions will be sailed:
 - Yachts
3. There is 1 Race scheduled for each day.
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.
 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

3. Class Flag

1. The Class flags will be as follows:

CLASS	FLAG
Yachts	Numeral Pennant 1

4. Courses

Longitude Race (OS2)

Each boat will be allocated a longitude to the east to which they must sail. The resulting course length for each boat will be determined by its PHS handicap applied as a Distance Correction Factor (DCF). Longitudes will be published on the MYC website 3 hours prior to the start.

The race results will be determined by elapsed time. Boats should take a timestamped photo of their GPS position when on or east of their allocated longitude.

5. Start Manly
6. Any point east of the individually allocated longitude.
7. Finish Manly

8. The Start – Longitude Race

1. The races will a scratch start from the clubhouse triangles as described in Sections 7.11 and 7.13 General Conditions of Racing.

9. The Finish – Longitude Race

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

10. Time Limits

1. The time limit for all races will be 2000 hours.

11. Penalty System

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'.
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

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

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

14. Safety Regulations

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

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