

YACHT MARATHON SERIES – NOR & SI

ORGANISING AUTHORITY MANLY YACHT CLUB

Invitation

An invitation is extended by Manly Yacht Club, to join Manly Yacht Club racing around the islands of Sydney Harbour. This series comprises races on 2 Sundays in the Summer months and allows yachts to explore the western reaches of the Harbour. Nominate your intention to fly a kite or not. This series allocates a start time for each boat based on previous performance.

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.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority may amend this combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Amendments will be published on the Official Notice Board on the MYC website www.myc.org.au/notice-board/.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Racing is open to mono hull sailing yachts with length overall from 6m to 20m or at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 2.2 Yachts must hold a Category 7 AS Equipment Audit Form.

3. Fees

- 3.1 Entry fees are listed in Section 5.1, Racing Fees in the MYC Handbook.

4. Racing Area

- 4.1 Racing will be conducted within Sydney Harbour.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The schedule of race days is shown below and in Section 5.8 MYC Calendar.

RACE DATE	RACE NUMBER
17 January 2027	Marathon 1
7 February 2027	Marathon 2

- 5.2 The following classes/divisions will be sailed:
 - Yachts – Division 1 for yachts
 - Yachts – Division 2 for yachts
- 5.3 There is 1 Pursuit TCF Race scheduled for each day.
- 5.4 The earliest start for the first yacht will be 1130hrs.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 The class flags will be as follows:

CLASS	FLAG
Yachts	MYC Burgee

7. The Courses

- 7.1 The courses for Division 1 are as shown in Appendix 12.A7
- 7.2 The courses for Division 2 are as shown in

8. The Start

- 8.1 The start will be on the Committee Boat line as described in Sections 7.10 and 7.13 General Conditions of Racing. If there is no ILCA racing scheduled on the day, the start will be from the club triangles as described in Sections 7.11 and 7.13 of the General Conditions of Racing.
- 8.2 Boats will start at their allocated start times.

9. The Finish

- 9.1 The finish will be on either the Committee Boat line as described in Section 7.14 General Conditions of Racing or the clubhouse triangles as described in Section 7.15 General Conditions of Racing.

10. Shortened Course

- 10.1 If the S flag is displayed during the start sequence, then boats, when reaching the mark with an asterisk (*) will proceed directly to the finish. Courses can be shortened on water after the start in accordance with RRS 32.
- 10.2 The race officer will inform the fleet of a shortened course on VHF 72.

11. Time Limits

- 11.1 Subject to 11.2 the time limit for the yachts will be 1700 hours.
- 11.2 If the first boat finishes between 1630 hours and 1700 hours the time limit shall be extended by 30 minutes from the finishing time of the first boat or 1730 hours whichever is soonest.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1 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'.
- 12.2 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.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 The PHS Handicap system will be used to score a boat's result and adjust her handicap.
- 13.2 The elapsed time is from the Allocated Start Time to the yacht's finish time.
- 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 scheduled for the series is shown in Section 5.8 MYC Calendar.
- 13.5 A boat's Allocated Start Time may be adjusted for any race but cannot be adjusted to be earlier than 1130 hrs.

14. Areas That Are Obstructions

- 14.1 In addition to areas that are obstructions listed in Section 7.8 General Conditions of Racing, all channel markers west of the Harbour Bridge will be respected. The pylons around Spectacle Island are permanent moorings and therefore treated as obstructions.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded on the deck at the end of the day's racing. All prizes not immediately accepted by competitors or their representatives will be redrawn.
- 15.2 Grand Prizes, where applicable, will be drawn from the "barrel" on the last day of racing in the series.

16. Further Information

- 16.1 A BBQ and presentation will be held on the MYC balcony after racing.