

YACHT TWILIGHT SERIES – NOR & SI

ORGANISING AUTHORITY MANLY YACHT CLUB

Invitation

Manly Yacht Club conducts a non-spinnaker race series on a Friday evening during the Twilight season. An invitation is extended to yacht owners and crew to participate in this fun series; easily one of the best ways to relax at the end of the week. In addition, female helms are invited to participate in the Twilight Female Helm Series which is held in conjunction with the main Twilight Series.

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 Entry is open to mono hull sailing yachts with length overall from 6m to 20m or at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 2.2 Boats must hold a Category 7 AS Equipment Audit Form. In addition, boats must carry and show navigation lights to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea.
- 2.3 Yachts may only compete in the Twilight Female Helm Series using the nominated helm(s). Written notice of changes to helm may be considered by the Race Director.

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 Twilight racing commences on **Friday 16 October 2026** and every Friday until **Friday 18 December 2026** resumes on **Friday 8 January 2027** though to **Friday 19 March 2027**. Twilight Female Helm races are shown below.

The schedule of race days is also shown in Section 5.8 MYC Calendar.

RACE DATE	TWILIGHT RACE	FEMALE HELM
16 October 2026	TWL 1	
23 October 2026	TWL 2	
30 October 2026	TWL 3	TWF 1
6 November 2026	TWL 4	
13 November 2026	TWL 5	
20 November 2026	TWL 6	
27 November 2026	TWL 7	TWF 2
4 December 2026	TWL8	
11 December 2026	TWL 9	
18 December 2026	TWL 10	
8 January 2027	TWL 11	TWF 3
15 January 2027	TWL12	
22 January 2027	TWL 13	
29 January 2027	TWL 14	
5 February 2027	TWL15	TWF 4
12 February 2027	TWL 16	

19 February 2027	TWL 17	
26 February 2027	TWL 18	
5 March 2027	TWL 19	TWF 5
12 March 2027	TWL 20	
19 March 2027	TWL 21	

- 5.2 The following classes/divisions will be sailed:
- Yachts – non-spinnaker
- 5.3 There is 1 Pursuit Race scheduled per day.
- 5.4 The earliest start for the first boat will be 1800 hrs.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 The class flags will be as follows:

CLASS	FLAG
Yachts – non-spinnaker	MYC Burgee

7. The Courses

- 7.1 Courses are shown in Appendix 12.A5.

8. The Start

- 8.1 All races will be Pursuit starts from the clubhouse triangles as described in Sections 7.11 and 7.13 General Conditions of Racing.

9. The Finish

- 9.1 The finish will be on the clubhouse triangles as described in Section 7.15 General Conditions of Racing.
- 9.2 At the beginning and end of the Twilight Series it can often still be dark making it difficult for the Race Committee to identify finishing yachts' sail numbers. It is requested that all yachts finishing in these times shine a bright torch onto their sail numbers to help the RC in identifying the finishing yacht. Failure to do this will NOT be considered grounds for a Protest either by the RC or other competitors.

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 The time limit for all races will be 2015 hours.

12. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 12.1 As twilights are a friendly race series, accepting protest arbitration is encouraged.

13. Penalty System

- 13.1 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with RRS Rule 86 as follows: RRS Rule 44.1 and RRS Rule 44.2 are changed so that only **one** turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. This, changes 7.18 General Conditions of Racing.
- 13.2 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.

14. Twilight Scoring

- 14.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 5 scores, unless less than 19 races have been completed, in which case her 3 worst scores will be excluded.
- 14.2 The PHS Handicap system will be used to score a boat's result and adjust her handicap.
- 14.3 A boat's start time cannot be adjusted to be earlier than 1800 hrs.

15. Twilight Female Helm Series

- 15.1 The Twilight Female Helm Series is a sub series of the Twilight Series that must be separately entered **in addition to** an entry in the Twilight series. The Twilight Female Helm series has additional results calculated from the corresponding Twilight series race.
- 15.2 Twilight Female Helm races will be scored as Pursuit TCF Races using the same Allocated Start Time as the Twilight Series.
- 15.3 The PHS allocated for a Twilight Female Helm race may differ to the PHS allocated for the normal Twilight race results as the Twilight Female Helm PHS calculation will only include Twilight Female Helm races.
- 15.4 The Allocated Start Time is the published start time for the boat in the Twilight Series.
- 15.5 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.6 A series is constituted by the completion of 3 races.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1 Boats must carry and show navigation lights in compliance with the International Regulations for Preventing of Collision at Sea and TfNSW requirements for navigation lights.
- 16.2 Competitors who fail to notify the Race Committee of their withdrawal, or who fail to notify that they will not finish within the time limit, will receive a penalty of 5 minutes added to their next start time in the following race.

17. Prizes

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Grand Prizes, where applicable, will be drawn from the "barrel" on Presentation Night.

18. Further Information

- 18.1 A presentation and dinner service will be held on the MYC balcony after racing.

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