

# 35<sup>th</sup> SYDNEY SHORT OCEAN RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 November 2012

Incorporating the  
Beneteau First 40 Championship

## NOTICE OF RACE

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#### Commodore's Welcome



On behalf of Middle Harbour Yacht Club, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the 35th Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship 2012 (SSORC), incorporating the Beneteau First 40 Championship.

MHYC's rich history in Offshore Sailing will have another chapter written as the 35th edition of SSORC marks the beginning of the regatta season in Sydney. Widely regarded as a tune-up for the serious yachts and crews campaigning for the annual dash to Hobart, the SSORC is also another opportunity for regatta regulars to break the shackles of winter and flex their muscle in the brilliant Sydney sunshine.

The format of the SSORC has been updated and tweaked over the last few years in response to what yacht owners are seeking, where a mixed discipline approach confirms a true champion. SSORC 2012 has again had a re-vamp to appeal to a wider audience, so that a quality lineup can thrash it out over the last weekend in November.

The main attraction and the new 'Jewel in the Crown' will be the widely popular race track up to Lion Island with a return finish inside Sydney Harbour. The 'Passage Race' which has found its home on the first day of the regatta, will give yachts competing on either IRC, ORCi and PHS, a chance to really stretch their legs over the 34 nautical mile track. As part of SSORC 2012, the Lion Island Race will form another leg of the CYCA Ocean Pointscore which will undoubtedly add to the superiority of the fleet.

The hot racing action is sure to continue on the second day, with a Short Ocean Race starting inside Sydney Harbour and finishing offshore, where after a final race, a traditional Manly or Macquarie Circle Windward / Leeward sprint, will finalize the Championship placings over a short and sharp two days.

We also welcome the new initiative of Production Class racing with a strong fleet of Beneteau First 40's lining up for their Championship. This very successful design from the Farr Yacht Design stable has now spread Australia wide with some impressive results across long and short course racing. SSORC 2012 will provide a competitive regatta for this renowned Production Class.

Adding to the spectacle will be the annual 7 Islands Race for inshore yachts on Saturday 24th. An MHYC favorite, this is a Feature Race for all Saturday sailors and their crews from Clubs all over Sydney, which gives them a break from regular point score racing and allows them to join in the fun of Sydney's first major regatta of the racing season.

Tie all this up with the daily post race entertainment and beach party on the shores of MHYC, a whole weekend of sailing splendor awaits you, your crew and family. Whether it's serious Championship racing, a challenging Inshore Harbour Course or a relaxing drink on our picturesque beach, the 35th Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship is set to wet your appetite.

I welcome you to a Premier Event and look forward to seeing you on the start line or at the Club on the last weekend in November.

Yours in Sailing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McCuaig'.

John McCuaig  
Commodore, MHYC

# 35<sup>th</sup> SYDNEY SHORT OCEAN RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

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### NOTICE OF RACE

#### INTRODUCTION

Middle Harbour Yacht Club invites eligible boats to compete in the 35<sup>th</sup> Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship 2012, incorporating the Beneteau First 40 Championship.

The Organising Authority is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC). Racing will be conducted with the assistance and support of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA).

#### 1.0 RULES

1.1 The Championship will be governed by the following;

- the current Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), of the International Sailing Federation,
- the current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA),
- the IRC Class Rules 2012, Parts 1, 2 and 3 (if applicable),
- the ORCi Class Rules 2012 (if applicable),
- the Class Rules of any One Design Class or Association, if applicable,
- the current MHYC Conditions of Entry, and by
- this Notice of Race *or as amended by the Sailing Instructions* and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will be changed as follows;

- RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- RRS 51: A boat with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
- RRS 52: does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails or to the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
- RRS 78.2: Valid Rating / Class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

1.3 Competing Crew are reminded of RRS 46 & RRS 55 and the requirement that all crew must be Members of a Club affiliated to its National Authority (NA).

#### 2.0 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20 (ISAF Advertising Code).

2.2 The Organising Authority may provide sponsor's decals and or backstay flags. A boat shall display the sponsor's name and or backstay flag in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

### **3.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

#### **3.1 General Requirements**

- 3.1.1 The Championship is open to all boats that meet the general eligibility requirements and shall be as follows;
- boats shall be of a self-righting and single hulled design,
  - boats shall have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30.48 meters and not less than 9.0 meters and a waterline length (LWL) not less than 7.3 meters. Boats with LOA less than 9.0 meters but more than 8.5 meters may be eligible at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
  - boats shall be on the register of a Yacht Club affiliated with its National Authority,
  - boats shall hold and also submit a Category 4 (or higher) YA Special Regulations 'Equipment Compliance Certificate'
  - boats shall hold and also submit evidence of current personal risk cover of no less than \$A10,000,000 by way of a certificate of currency or policy document copy.

#### **3.2 Premier Class Boats (IRC)**

- 3.2.1 IRC Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be as follows;
- boats shall hold and also submit a current IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC or UNCL,
  - boats shall have been weighed on scales by a RORC/UNCL approved measurer, and
  - comply with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

#### **3.3 Premier Class Boats (ORCi)**

- 3.3.1 ORCi Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be as follows;
- boats shall hold and also submit a current ORCi Certificate, and
  - comply with all of the current ORCi Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

#### **3.4 Production Class Boats (IRC)**

- 3.4.1 Production Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be as follows;
- boats shall be of the same length and design from the one manufacturer and,
  - boats shall hold and also submit a current IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC or UNCL,
  - boats shall have been weighed on scales by a RORC/UNCL approved measurer, and
  - comply with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

#### **3.5 Production and Performance Class Boats (PHS)**

- 3.5.1 Production and Performance Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be those as outlined in the General Requirements.

#### **3.6 One Design Class Boats**

- 3.6.1 One Design Class Boats eligibility requirements shall be as follows;
- boats shall hold and also submit a current One Design Class Certificate, and
  - comply with all of the current One Design Class Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

3.7 The Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.

3.8 The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, vary these eligibility requirements if it deems that the entry of a boat in the Championship has the potential to advance the quality of racing in the Championship.

#### **4.0 CLASSES & HANDICAP CATEGORIES**

4.1 The Championship will be conducted in the following Classes using the nominated Handicap Category:

- Premier Class: IRC and ORCi
- Production Class: IRC and / or PHS (Beneteau First 40 Championship)
- Performance Class: PHS
- One Design Classes: Elapsed Time

4.2 The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, alter, amalgamate or divide any Class as required.

4.3 Production Classes and One Design Classes may be eligible for their own 'Start' if a minimum of six (6) entries have been received by the closing date of entries.

4.4 The Organising Authority may cancel any Class or Division if a minimum of six (6) entries have not been received by the closing date of entries. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another Class (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

#### **5.0 ENTRY PROCEDURE & FEE**

5.1 Eligible boats shall enter one (1) Class, by completing the online Entry Form on the event Website [www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au](http://www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au) and by agreeing to the 'MHYC Conditions of Entry'.

5.2 Where a Beneteau First 40 designed yacht has entered the Production Class as part of their own Championship, it may also enter an additional Class as part of the Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship. This amends NoR 5.1.

5.3 The Championship entry fee will be \$220.00 (incl. gst).

5.4 Close of entries will be 2400 hrs on Friday 16 November 2012.

5.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. All late entries shall be subject to an additional 'Late Entry Fee' of \$55.00 (incl. gst).

5.6 Entry fees are non refundable after Friday 16 November 2012 (close of entries) except in the case of NoR 4.4.

5.7 A Final List of Entries and Starting Handicaps will be published by the Organising Authority and available from the event Website [www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au](http://www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au) by 1700hrs on Friday 23 November 2012.

#### **5.8 Club Pointscore (MHYC)**

5.8.1 Races in this Championship form part of the MHYC Ocean Pointscore Series 2012/2013. Boats that have paid and entered the MHYC Series shall also be required to complete the online Entry Form for this Championship as detailed in NoR 5.1.

5.8.2 Boats that have paid and entered the MHYC Ocean Pointscore Series 2012/2013 shall be exempt from paying an entry fee for this Championship; however NoR 5.3 and 5.4 shall still apply.

5.8.3 Boats that have paid and entered the MHYC Ocean Pointscore Series 2012/2013 will be invited and eligible to compete in this Championship in all three (3) races.

#### **5.9 Club Pointscore (CYCA)**

5.9.1 A Race in this Championship forms part of the CYCA Ocean Pointscore Series 2012/2013. Boats that have paid and entered the CYCA Series shall also be required to complete the online Entry Form for this Championship as detailed in NoR 5.1.

5.9.2 Boats that have paid and entered the CYCA Ocean Pointscore Series 2012/2013 shall be exempt from paying an entry fee for this Championship; however NoR 5.3 and 5.4 shall still apply.

5.9.3 Boats that have paid and entered the CYCA Ocean Pointscore Series 2012/2013 will be invited and eligible to compete in this Championship in all three (3) races.

## 6.0 DOCUMENTATION

6.1 Evidence of the documentation as described in NoR 3.0, shall be submitted to the Organising Authority by 1700hrs on Wednesday 21 November 2012. Documentation shall be submitted to the MHYC Sailing Office either by Fax 02 9969 3326 or email [sailing-administrator@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing-administrator@mhyc.com.au).

6.2 A boats rating certificate shall not be changed after Wednesday 21 November 2012, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating error.

## 7.0 SCHEDULES

### 7.1 Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Fri 16 Nov 2012	Entries Close	Event Website <a href="http://www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au">www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au</a>	2400 hrs
Mon 19 Nov 2012	Competitor Packs available	Collection from MHYC	1200 hrs
Wed 21 Nov 2012	Submission of documentation closes	Sailing Office MHYC	1700 hrs
Thu 22 Nov 2012	Sailing Instructions published	Event Website <a href="http://www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au">www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au</a>	1700 hrs
Fri 23 Nov 2012	Final List of Entries & Starting Handicaps published	Event Website <a href="http://www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au">www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au</a>	1700 hrs
Sun 25 Nov 2012	Post Race Presentation	Shoreside at MHYC	1700 hrs

### 7.2 Schedule of Racing

DATE	CLASS(S)	RACE FORMAT	WARNING SIGNAL
Sat 24 Nov 2012	All Classes	Ocean Race (OPS) – Lion Island	0955 hrs
Sun 25 Nov 2012	All Classes	Short Ocean Race (SOP)	1155 hrs
Sun 25 Nov 2012	All Classes	Windward / Leeward Race	ASAP after the previous race

## 8.0 COMPETITOR'S PACKS

8.1 Competitor's packs will be available for collection from the Organising Authority (at MHYC) by 1200hrs on Monday 19 November 2012.

## 9.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Sailing Instructions will be published by the Organising Authority and will be available from the event Website [www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au](http://www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au) by 1700hrs on Thursday 22 November 2012.

## 10.0 RACING VENUE

10.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour and the Tasman Sea.

**11.0 COURSES**

11.1 Courses will be will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions, a summary is as follows;

COURSE	START LOCATION	FINISH LOCATION
Lion Island Ocean Race	Inshore - Sydney Harbour	Inshore - Sydney Harbour
Short Ocean Race	Inshore - Sydney Harbour	Offshore - Sydney Heads
Windward / Leeward Race	Manly / Macquarie Circle	Manly / Macquarie Circle

**12.0 SCORING**

**12.1 IRC Handicap Categories**

12.1.1 Scores will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time.

12.1.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.

12.1.3 Three (3) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded.

**12.2 ORCi Handicap Categories**

13.2.1 Scores will be calculated by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the ToT Offshore rating as printed on each boat’s ORCi Certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time.

12.2.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.

12.2.3 Three (3) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded.

**12.3 PHS Handicap Categories**

13.3.1 Scores will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCFs) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat’s TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee, and may be adjusted after each race. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

12.3.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.

12.3.3 Three (3) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded.

**12.4 One Design**

13.4.1 Scores will be calculated by the boat with the lowest elapsed time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) being scored first and the other boats ranked accordingly.

12.4.2 Three (3) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. No scores will be excluded.

## **13.0 PRIZES**

### **13.1 Official Presentation & Prize Giving**

The Official Presentation and Prize Giving will be as soon as practical after the conclusion of racing on Sunday 25 November 2012, shoreside at MHYC. Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners and Divisional place getters in each Class. Additional Sponsor Prizes may be awarded. All competitors are invited to attend.

### **13.2 Perpetual Trophies**

The following Perpetual Trophies that were re-birthed in 2010 will be awarded at the Official Presentation;

- *Bruce & Walsh Short Ocean Racing Championship IMS Trophy*

Awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> overall in IRC Division 1

- *Bruce & Walsh Short Ocean Racing Championship IOR Trophy*

Awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> overall in IRC Division 2

- *Bruce & Walsh Short Ocean Racing Championship JOG Trophy*

Awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> overall in IRC Division 3

- *John Hurley Memorial 'Gun Boat' Trophy*

Awarded to the fastest boat with a combined elapsed time in Races 1, 2 and 3.

## **14.0 BERTHING & MOORINGS**

14.1 Limited casual berthing and moorings are available to boats competing. All requests for casual berthing and moorings shall be made by completing the 'Casual Berthing Registration' form available from the MHYC Website [www.mhyc.com.au](http://www.mhyc.com.au).

## **15.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority and their respective officer's, employees, volunteers and members, will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

15.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

15.3 Competitors attention is drawn to **RRS 4.0 'Decision to Race'**.

*"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*

## **16.0 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS**

16.1 Each entrant for the this Championship consents to the Organising Authority distributing information to the entrant and crew regarding, racing, marketing and associated event information including social events. This information may be distributed by email, web, mail, fax, mobile phone messaging and telephone.

16.2 Conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and crew;

- Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the this Regatta and may exercise those rights as it sees fit,
- Grant the Organising Authority and Event Partners the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race. Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the Regatta, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the race and the prospects, performance and strategy of boats entered or participating in the Regatta, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its Officers and Employees, the Race Committee, Measurers or Current Sponsors of the Championship or Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

## 17.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information contact;

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### Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship Website

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