



Seven Islands Race

NOTICE OF RACE

**Saturday
29 November, 2014**

Entries close 2400 hrs
Thursday 27 November 2014

Organising Authority
Middle Harbour Yacht Club

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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority for the event is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC).
- 1.2 The Race will be governed by;
 - a) the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
 - b) the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA),
 - c) the current MHYC Special Regulations (MHYC SR), and by,
 - d) this Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI).

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with MHYC SR 4.0

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All boats shall meet the Eligibility and Entry requirements of MHYC SR 8.0
- 3.2 All boats shall hold a current valid YA Special Regulation Equipment Compliance Certificate Category 7 or higher.
- 3.3 The entry fee is \$45.00 including GST.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry through the Top Yacht Entry System on the [Middle Harbour Yacht Club website](#).
- 3.5 Entries Close 2400 hours on Thursday 28 November.
- 3.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Manager.
- 3.7 Attention is drawn to RRS 76.1 and the RC's right to reject an entry.

4.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the Sailing Office from **Friday 28 November 2014** and published on the MHYC website and Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship website.

5.0 DIVISIONS

- 5.1 The event is a Pursuit Handicap Race per MHYC SR 15.0.
- 5.2 Competing boats will be allocated to the following Racing Divisions:
 - Division 1 - Boats flying spinnakers
 - Division 2 - Boats flying spinnakers
 - Division 3 - Boats not flying spinnakers
- 5.3 For divisions designated non-spinnaker, only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 50.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. (No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay).
- 5.4 Divisional parameters may be constructed and divisions may be formed or abandoned at the discretion of the Sailing Manager or his nominee.

6.0 START LINE AND STARTING SIGNALS

- 6.1 The Count Up Start Sequence per MHYC SR 15.0 shall be used.
- 6.2 The Start Line will be the Club House Start Line per MHYC SR 16.0
- 6.3 1220hours - Course number displayed with a sound signal.
1230hours - Start Count up Sequence

7.0 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted in the waters of Lower Middle Harbour and Sydney Harbour.
- 7.2 Courses will be those annexed to the Sailing Instructions.

8.0 FINISH LINE

- 8.1 The Finish Line will be the Clubhouse Finish Line per MHYC SR 17.0.

9.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 9.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two –Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.
- 9.2 For an infringement of any MHYC SR, any penalty specified in the SR shall apply.
- 9.3 For an infringement of any other rule or requirement, the Scoring Penalties of RRS 44.3 shall apply. The penalty shall be computed as a percentage of the number of entries in the relevant division.

10.0 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes may be awarded to the first three (3) overall place-getters in each division at the discretion of the Race Committee at a presentation to be held at MHYC following the race.

11.0 LIABILITY

- 11.1 Competitors participate in MHYC events entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 which states: **“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”**
- 11.2 By participating in this event, each member of the crew of a boat agrees to be governed by the Rules and to accept any penalties assessed there under or any other action as may be taken there under, subject to the appeal and review procedures as provided in the RRS as a final determination of any matter arising under these regulations and agrees not to resort to a court or tribunal not provided herein with respect to such determination.
- 11.3 Competitors agree that if the owner/charterer or any person on the owner's / charterer's behalf requests the Race Committee or any officer, employee or volunteer of MHYC to arrange for special assistance because the boat has become disabled, or for any other reason, then the owner/charterer indemnifies MHYC and its officers, employees and agents in respect of the any liability, cost or expense which may thereby be incurred.