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INTRODUCTION

Middle Harbour Yacht Club invites eligible boats to compete in the 35th 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the 'Breezeway' adjacent to the main office at MHYC. Copies may also be available from the CYCA Sailing Office and onboard the 'Committee Vessel'.
- 2.2 The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or other information of interest to competitors on VHF Channel 72. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 and 62.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hrs on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted prior to 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions made 'afloat' will be indicated by the display of 'Code Flag 3rd Substitute' and accompanied by two sound signals. The change will be communicated orally on the designated course VHF channel and/or in writing.

3.3 Competitors are able to communicate with the MHYC Sailing Office from 0830 hrs on Saturday and Sunday mornings to confirm the location of the day's racing and to arrange for the receipt of any amendments. The telephone number is (02) 9969 1244.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Signal Mast adjacent to the MHYC Starters Box, located in the North Eastern corner of the Club premises.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Three (3) races are scheduled for each Class and Division.

Race 1: Saturday 24th November - (Passage Race)

DATE	CLASS(S)	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Sat 24 Nov	All Classes and Divisions	Warning Signal	0955 hrs	Sydney Harbour & Tasman Sea

Race 2: Sunday 25th November - (Short Ocean Race)

DATE	CLASS(S)	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Sun 25 Nov	Premier (IRC) Division 1	Warning Signal	1055 hrs	Sydney Harbour & Tasman Sea
Sun 25 Nov	Premier (IRC) Division 2	Warning Signal	Asap after preceding signal	Sydney Harbour & Tasman Sea
Sun 25 Nov	Premier (IRC) Division 3	Warning Signal	Asap after preceding signal	Sydney Harbour & Tasman Sea
Sun 25 Nov	Performance (PHS) Division 1	Warning Signal	Asap after preceding signal	Sydney Harbour & Tasman Sea

Race 3: Sunday 25th November - (Windward/Leeward or Triangle)

DATE	CLASS(S)	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Sun 25 Nov	Premier (IRC) Division 1	Warning Signal	Asap after preceding race	As per SI 7.2
Sun 25 Nov	Premier (IRC) Division 2	Warning Signal	Asap after preceding race	As per SI 7.2
Sun 25 Nov	Premier (IRC) Division 3	Warning Signal	Asap after preceding race	As per SI 7.2
Sun 25 Nov	Performance (PHS) Division 1	Warning Signal	Asap after preceding race	As per SI 7.2

The Race Committee may change this schedule at any time.

5.2 On Sunday 25th November no Warning Signal shall be made after 1530 hours.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class flags will be:

- Premier Class (IRC) - Division 1 "D" (inclusive of Sydney 38 One Design)
- Premier Class (IRC) - Division 2 "E" (inclusive of Beneteau First 40 Championship)
- Premier Class (IRC) - Division 3 "F"
- Performance Class (PHS) "G"

7.0 RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, the Tasman Sea between Pittwater and Botany Bay and the waters of Botany Bay.

- 7.2 The racing area for Race 3 on Sunday 25th November will be the Manly Circle or Macquarie Circle off Sydney and will be indicated by a Notice posted by 0800 hrs on the Official Notice Board.

8.0 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses are described in Appendix 'A' attached.
- 8.2 Appendix 'A' details the location of the start, the course to be sailed, the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, the side on which each mark is to be rounded, the approximate distances and the location of the finish.
- 8.3 The Course will be displayed on a Course Board from the Committee Vessel at or before the Warning Signal. The Course Axis, if applicable, will be displayed on an axis board at or before the Warning Signal from the Committee Vessel.
- 8.4 Charts AUS200, AUS197 and AUS198 cover the Course Areas for this Regatta.

9.0 REPORTING

- 9.1 Competing boats shall report to Committee Vessel MV "Hugh S. George" a white 36' Motor Vessel, prior to the Warning Signal of the first race each day, on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. Boats which cannot be identified prior to the Warning Signal may be scored DNC.

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 The Starting Line for the Passage Race 1 and Short Offshore Race 2 will be located in the vicinity of Shark Island.
- 10.2 The Start area for Windward / Leeward and Triangular races will be advised in accordance with SI 7.2.
- 10.3 The Starting Line will be between the Committee Vessel Flag Mast flying a Red Flag (with "MHYC" in white letters) and a Yellow conical inflatable buoy.
- 10.4 A boat shall not start later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal.
- 10.5 A boat may use prohibited propulsion after its Preparatory Signal to arrive at the Start Line, provided it shall cease using such propulsion 100 meters prior to the pre-start side of the Start Line. It shall immediately carry out a 360° turn while keeping clear of all other boats, and if the Start Signal has been made, start.
- 10.6 The Committee Vessel may hold position using engines. This shall not be grounds for redress and amends RRS 60, 61, 62, 63 & 64.
- 10.7 A Committee Vessel, flying the MHYC Burgee, may be positioned on the start line extensions at the port end and/or the starboard end.

11.0 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The Finish Line for Passage Race 1 and Short Offshore Race 2 will be located in the vicinity of Watsons Bay. Short Offshore Race 2 may be shortened at a mark to facilitate starting Race 3 on the designated course area.
- 11.2 The Finishing Line will be between the Committee Vessel Flag Mast flying a Red Flag (with "MHYC" in white letters) and a Yellow conical inflatable buoy, at the Eastern End of the Finish Line.
- 11.3 The Race Committee Vessel may hold station using engines; this shall not be the subject of Protest, Redress or Appeal. This shall not be grounds for redress and amends RRS 60, 61, 62, 63 & 64.

12.0 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The Time Limit for Passage Race 1 shall be sunset (1945 hrs) or nine and one half (9.5) hours whichever is the earliest. The Time Limit for Short Offshore Race 2 shall be 3.5 hours. The Time Limit for Windward/ Leeward and Triangular races shall be 2.5 hours.
- 12.2 Any boat still racing when her Time Limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

13.0 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the MHYC or CYCA Race Offices and lodged with or faxed to MHYC (9969 3326) no later than two (2) hours after the protesting boat's finish time in the last race of the day.
- 13.2 The Protest Committee will hear Protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible in the Commodores Room at MHYC.
- 13.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board (refer NoR 2.1) at MHYC within 30 minutes of the end of protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. This notice fulfills the requirements of the RRS 61 to notify parties to a protest of the hearing time.
- 13.4 RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 20 minutes after being informed of the decision. If the party was informed of the decision on the previous day it shall ask for a reopening no later than the time limit for protests."
- 13.5 In accordance with RRS 64.1(a), for a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, the Jury may award a disqualification or a time penalty. For all other rules the penalty shall be at the discretion of the Jury which may include no penalty.

14.0 MEDIATION

- 14.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, a short mediation hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B.
- 14.2 After a written protest is lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the mediator. No witnesses will be permitted at this hearing.
- 14.3 A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.
- 14.4 The acceptance of a mediator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes RRS 60.1,62 and 66.
- 14.5 The mediator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or may observe and give testimony to the Jury.

15.0 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply. Three (3) races are scheduled for each division, of which One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. There shall be no discards and a boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races completed.
- 15.2 IRC Class: results shall be decided by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCCs) to elapsed times. Each boat's corrected time shall be established by multiplying its appropriate TCC by its elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and so on.
- 15.3 IRC Handicaps will be the TCC recorded on each boat's 2012 IRC Certificate.
- 15.4 PHS Class: results shall be decided by the application of Time Correction Factor (TCF) to elapsed times. PHS Handicaps shall be arbitrarily allocated by the Organising Authority and shall not be the Subject of Protest, Dispute or Redress. (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).
The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) in each class will be scored first for each race scheduled. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and so on.

16.0 RESULTS

- 16.1 Results will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board as soon as practicable after the last yacht in each Class finishes the last race each day.
Results may also be posted to the Event Website: www.ssorc.mhyc.com.au

17.0 PRIZES

17.1 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.

17.2 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 1st overall in IRC Division 1

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

Awarded to 1st overall in IRC Division 2

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

Awarded to 1st 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.

18.0 BERTHING & MOORINGS

18.1 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.

19.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 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.

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

19.3 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."

20.0 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

20.1 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.

20.2 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.

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APPENDIX A

PASSAGE (RACE 1) & SHORT OFFSHORE (RACE 2)

Races will be started near Shark Island unless directed on the water by the Committee Vessel.
In a Course Description, the designation (s) or (p) indicates the mark is to be rounded to starboard or port.
All marks are to be rounded to starboard unless otherwise stated.

A1 COURSES

COURSE 1	All Class & Divisions	Start - LB - Lion Island (p) - Finish
COURSE 2	All Class & Divisions	Start - LB - Botany Bay (p) - Finish
COURSE 3	Premier Div 1	Start - LB - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - Finish
	Premier Div 2	Start - LB - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - Finish
	Premier Div 3	Start - LB - B(p) - A1(p) - B(p) - A1(p) - B(p) - Finish
	Performance 1	Start - LB - B(p) - A1(p) - B(p) - A1(p) - B(p) - Finish
COURSE 4	Premier Div 1	Start - LB - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - Finish
	Premier Div 2	Start - LB - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - Finish
	Premier Div 3	Start - LB - B(p) - A3(p) - B(p) - A3(p) - B(p) - Finish
	Performance 1	Start - LB - B(p) - A3(p) - B(p) - A3(p) - B(p) - Finish
COURSE 5	Premier Div 1	Start - LB - W(p) - C(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - Finish
	Premier Div 2	Start - LB - W(p) - C(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - A1(p) - W(p) - Finish
	Premier Div 3	Start - LB - B(p) - C(p) - A1(p) - B(p) - A1(p) - B(p) - Finish
	Performance 1	Start - LB - B(p) - C(p) - A1(p) - B(p) - A1(p) - B(p) - Finish
COURSE 6	Premier Div 1	Start - LB - W(p) - C(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - Finish
	Premier Div 2	Start - LB - W(p) - C(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - A3(p) - W(p) - Finish
	Premier Div 3	Start - LB - B(p) - C(p) - A3(p) - B(p) - A3(p) - B(p) - Finish
	Performance 1	Start - LB - B(p) - C(p) - A3(p) - B(p) - A3(p) - B(p) - Finish

- For Courses 3 to 6 the magnetic bearing from A1 or A3 to W or B will be displayed from the Committee Vessel

A2 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

MARK	DESCRIPTION
A1	Orange Laid Mark at Lat 33 ⁰ 49.5'S / Long 151 ⁰ 19.5'E (1.2nm east of North Head)
A3	Orange Laid Mark at Lat 33 ⁰ 51'S / Long 151 ⁰ 18.5'E (1.1nm east of Macquarie Light)
B	Orange Laid Mark 2nm to windward of A1 or A3
LB	Red port lateral mark at Lat 33 ⁰ 50.09'S Long 151 ⁰ 16.5'E (0.2nm west of Inner South Head) (Please note LB is a passing mark)
C	Orange Laid Mark on the left of the course axis to form an apex of a triangle with distances from BC and AC of 1.4nm each leg
W	Yellow Laid Mark approx 2.5nm to windward of A1 or A3
Lion Island	Yellow Laid Mark off island in Broken Bay at Lat 33 ⁰ 33.6'S Long 151 ⁰ 20'E
Botany Bay	Red port lateral mark at Lat 33 ⁰ 59.8'S Long 151 ⁰ 13.2'E (0.9m west of Henry Head light inner entrance of Botany Bay)
Change	Change Marks will be Laid Marks as indicated above with an additional "Black Band".

- All positions and distances are approximate.

A3 ALTERNATE COURSE (HEAVY WEATHER COURSE – APPROX 19nm)

COURSE 7	MARK DESCRIPTION	REQUIRED SIDE
Starting Line	In the vicinity of Shark Island	
Clarke Island	Southern Sydney Harbour	Starboard
Manly West	YA Mark Yellow Spar Mark	Starboard
Manly East	YA Mark Yellow Spar Mark	Starboard
Fort Denison	Southern Sydney Harbour	Starboard
Manly West	YA Mark Yellow Spar Mark	Starboard
Manly East	YA Mark Yellow Spar Mark	Starboard
Shark Island	YA Mark Yellow Spar Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	In the vicinity of Watsons Bay	

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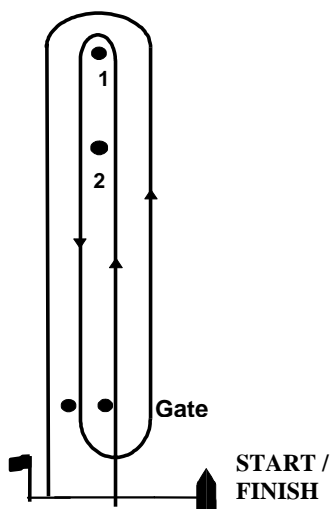
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APPENDIX A (cont.)

WINDWARD / LEEWARD & TRIANGULAR COURSES (RACE 3)

- A4 The course to be sailed for each class will be signalled by a Numeral Board displayed from the committee vessel. The course to be sailed may also be broadcast on the designated course VHF Channel.
- A5 A board displaying the approximate compass bearing from the Committee Vessel to Mark 1 will be displayed from the Committee Vessel.
- A6 Mark 1 will be laid to windward of the starting line.
- A7 The Gate will be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line. If only one Gate mark is set, yachts shall round that mark to port. (Note: The Gate may be laid after the starting signal).
- A8 All Marks to PORT except the Gate. Either Gate marks may be rounded to port or to starboard after passing through the gate from the direction of the last mark. If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round that mark to port.
- A9 For a change of course or length of one leg the race committee will move the original mark (or marks or finishing line) or will lay a new mark (or marks) identical to the original at the new position. Any subsequent marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

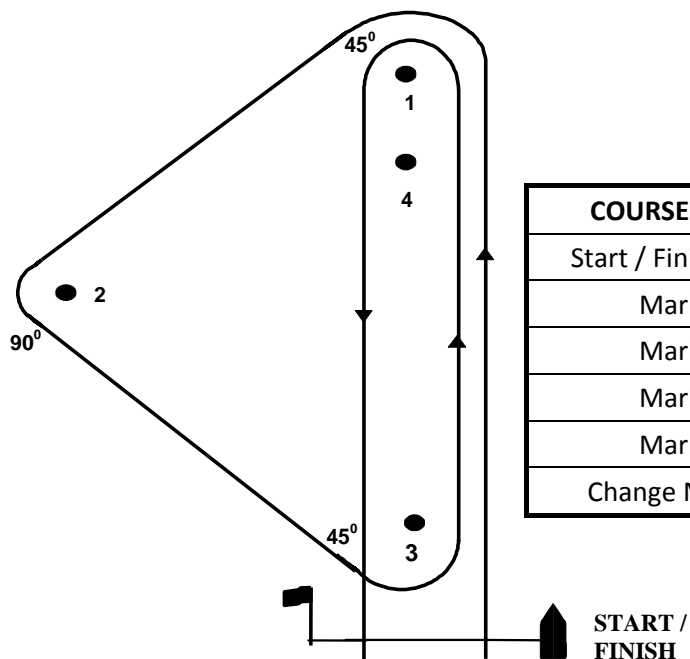
WINDWARD / LEEWARD COURSES



COURSE MARK	MARK DESCRIPTION
Start / Finish Mark	Yellow conical inflatable buoy
Mark 1	Yellow conical inflatable buoy
Mark 2	Orange conical inflatable buoy
Gate	Orange conical inflatable buoy
Change Mark(s)	As above with 'Black Band'

COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE CONFIGURATION
1	Start – 1 – Finish
2	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Finish
3	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Gate – 1 – Finish
4	Start – 2 – Finish
5	Start – 2 – Gate – 2 – Finish
6	Start – 2 – Gate – 2 – Gate – 2 – Finish

TRIANGULAR COURSES



COURSE MARK	MARK DESCRIPTION
Start / Finish Mark	Yellow conical inflatable buoy
Mark 1	Yellow conical inflatable buoy
Mark 4	Orange conical inflatable buoy
Mark 2	Orange conical inflatable buoy
Mark 3	Orange conical inflatable buoy
Change Mark(s)	As above with 'Black Band'

A 10 The triangle formed by Marks 1, 2 & 3 is a right angled triangle with the angle at mark 2 approximately 90 degrees.

COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE CONFIGURATION (All Marks to PORT)
7	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish
8	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish
9	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – Finish
10	Start – 4 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish
11	Start – 4 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 3 – 4 – Finish
12	Start – 4 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 2 – Finish