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INTRODUCTION

The Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC), as the Organising Authority, invites eligible boats to compete in the 2017 Sydney 38 OD International Championship.

1. RULES

1.1 GENERAL RULES

The 2017 Sydney 38 OD International Championship will be governed by the following:

- the current Rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), of World Sailing (WS),
- the current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
- the Sydney 38 Class One Design Racing Rules,
- the current MHYC Conditions of Entry, except as any of these are modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, and by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 CHANGES TO THE RULES

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

- RRS 41: Is changed that, 'whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of the Event or MHYC Websites, even if that page is not publicly available.'
- RRS 44.1: Is changed that 'only a one (1) turn penalty, including one (1) tack and one (1) gybe is required, *except* for infringements that occur within the "zone" of a rounding mark.'
- RRS 78.2: Valid Rating / Class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

1.2.2 RRS35, A4.2 and A5 are amended in that boats still racing at the expiration of the race time limit will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus a score of 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters.

1.3 NATIONAL JURY

- 1.3.1 The Organising Authority has applied to Australian Sailing for the appointment of a National Jury. The National Jury will hear all protests and requests for redress, in accordance with Australian Sailing Addendum A to the RRS, the decision of the National Jury will be final and not subject to appeal, as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.3.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalized by having its race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boat finishing score and the score for DSQ in its Class or Division, 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.
- 1.3.3 For all Classes, scoring penalties shall apply at the discretion of the National Jury.

1.4 CREW REQUIREMENTS

- 1.4.1 Competing Skippers and Crew are reminded of RRS 46 & RRS 56 and the SA Prescription that all 'Person's in Charge' and 'Crew' onboard shall be a member of a Club affiliated to its National Authority (NA).
- 1.4.2 Skippers are reminded that all crew are required to weigh-in and weights declared on the Crew and Sail Declaration form.
- 1.4.3 All crew must have a World Sailing Sailor Classification – refer Clause 4.

1.5 AMENDMENTS TO NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority may amend this Notice of Race. Amendments made prior to **Thursday 2 March 2017** will be published on the Event Website: www.shr.mhyc.com.au. Amendments thereafter will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club.

1.6 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD & SIGNAL MAST

The Official Notice Board is located in the Breezeway, adjacent to the Main Office at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club. The Official Signal Mast is located on the north eastern corner of the Clubhouse.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Organising Authority may reject the entry at any time of a boat (RRS 76.1), which, in the Organising Authority's opinion, is carrying advertising for a company or product in conflict with the event sponsors, if applicable.
- 2.2 The Organising Authority may provide sponsor's decals, bow numbers and or backstay flags. A boat shall display the sponsor's name and or backstay flag in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

3. CLASSES & HANDICAP CATEGORIES

- 3.1 The Sydney 38 International Championships is open to all boats of the following Classes, using the nominated Handicap.

CLASS (SERIES)	DIVISION	HANDICAP SYSTEM	YA SPECIAL REGULATIONS
One Design Class	Sydney 38	SCRATCH	Category 4

COURSE AREA Category 4 - Offshore
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4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Sydney Harbour Regatta is open to all boats that meet the General and Class specific eligibility requirements. The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, vary these eligibility requirements if it deems that the entry of a boat in the Regatta has the potential to advance the quality of racing in the Regatta. The Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.

The 2017 Sydney 38 OD International Championship is open to all Sydney 38 One Design Class boats owned and entered by a member whose boat is on the register of a Clubs or Associations affiliated with Australian Sailing or other entrants who shall be affiliated with their appropriate Yachting Authority. Other eligibility requirements include:

- All Owners and/or charterers must be financial members of the Sydney 38 One Design Association Inc.
- All crew will be required to have a World Sailing Sailor Classification (visit the following link to register: <http://members.sailing.org/classification/?view=home&nocache=1&js=1>).

4.1 General Requirements

General Requirements for all boats shall be as follows;

- boats shall be on the register of a Club affiliated to its National Authority,
- boats shall hold and also submit to the Organising Authority, a copy of a valid and current AS Special Regulations 'Equipment Compliance Certificate' as detailed in the table in NoR 3.1,
- boats shall hold and 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.

4.2 Sydney 38 One Design Class Boats

- 4.2.1 This event is a Grade 1 Regatta in accordance with Sydney 38 OD Racing Rule E 3.1.
- 4.2.2 All boats shall hold a valid Sydney 38 One Design Class Certificate and submit this certificate as part of the entry documentation.
- 4.2.3 All boats must comply with all the current Sydney 38 OD Racing Rules, except where they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

5. ENTRY

5.1 Procedure and Fees

- 5.1.1 Boats shall be required to submit their own entry online at <http://www.shr.mhyc.com.au> As payment will be direct to the Association simply tick the 'exempt' box under payment on the online entry form.
- 5.1.2 The closure of all entries will be **2400hrs on Friday 24 February 2017**. After the 'close of entries', any additional entry shall be made in writing and may only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.1.3 All eligible boats shall pay the nominated entry fee as classified in the tables in NoR 5.1.4. Exemptions from paying an entry fee shall not be attainable. All entry fees are inclusive of GST.
- 5.1.4 Entry Fees are to be paid directly to the Sydney 38 OD Class Association:
Account Name: Sydney 38 One Design – Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 062-108
Account Number: 10097209
Swift Code: CTBAAU2S (For International Payments)
- 5.1.5 Irrespective of when an entry has been made, the payment of an entry fee will confirm an entry and will be classified for each Class as follows;

CLASS (SERIES)	DIVISION	International or Interstate Entrants	NSW Entrants	All Late Entrants
One Design Class	Sydney 38	\$550	\$900	\$1,000

- 5.1.6 The Entry Fee includes berthing at MHYC between 2nd of March 2016 and 5th of March, 2017. To secure a berth complete and return the Casual Berthing Application form [here](#), again under payment simply note "exempt-Sydney 38 International Championship".
- 5.1.7 Early Bird Entry – Boats entering prior to 2400 hrs 27 January 2017 will receive drinks vouchers to the value of \$50 for use during the regatta.
- 5.1.7 Entries will be deemed "Late" if they are not received prior to 0000hrs on Tuesday 21 February 2017.

5.2 Refunds

- 5.2.1 Entry fees will be non-refundable after the 'close of entries', except in the case of NoR 3.4. All requests for an entry fee refund shall be made in writing and submitted to the Organising Authority by email to: sailing-administrator@mhyc.com.au.
- 5.2.2 In the event of a race being abandoned or removed from the schedule of racing, entry fees will not be refunded.

5.3 Transfers

- 5.3.1 A boat's submitted entry and/or entry fee shall not be transferable to any other boat.
- 5.3.2 The transfer of a boat's submitted entry to another Class (where eligible), will not be accepted after the 'close of entries', except in the case of NoR 3.4. All requests for a transfer shall be made in writing and submitted to the Organising Authority by email: sailing.manager@mhyc.com.au.
- 5.3.3 Subsequent entry fees that are due because of the transfer of a boat's submitted entry to another Class shall be calculated based on the classification of when the entry fee was first received.

6. DOCUMENTATION

- 6.1 Evidence of the documentation as described in NoR 4 (where applicable), shall be submitted no later than **1800hrs on Friday 24 February 2017**. Documentation shall be submitted by email to: sailing-administrator@mhyc.com.au
- 6.2 Documentation pack required includes:
- Copies of current certificate of insurance, noting details of the cover and the insurer (refer 4.1);
 - Current Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form for Race Category 4 or higher;
 - Sail and Crew Declaration Forms (can be downloaded from [the Sydney 38 OD Website](#));
 - Sydney 38 One Design Boat Certificate (please contact the [Sydney 38 Administrator](#) if you are having trouble finding your certificate).
- 6.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to audit boats for compliance with any of the requirements of the NOR at any time before or during the regatta.

7. SCHEDULES

7.1 Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Fri 27 Jan 2017	'Early' Bird Entry Close	Event Website www.shr.mhyc.com.au	2400hrs
Mon 20 Feb 2017	Entries Close	Event Website www.shr.mhyc.com.au	2400hrs
Fri 24 Feb 2016	'Late' Entries Close	Event Website www.shr.mhyc.com.au	2400hrs
Fri 24 Feb 2016	Submission of documentation closes	Sailing Office MHYC	1800hrs
Tue 28 Feb 2017	Sailing Instructions published	Event Website www.shr.mhyc.com.au	1800hrs
Tue 28 Feb 2017	Final List of Entries published	Event Website www.shr.mhyc.com.au	1800hrs
Thurs 2 Mar 2017	Crew Weigh-in and Welcome Function	Shoreside MHYC	1600hrs to 1900hrs (TBC)
Fri 3 Mar 2017	Weigh-In and Skipper Briefing	Shoreside MHYC	0800 hrs to 1000 hrs (TBC)
Sun 5 Mar 2017	S38 OD International Championship Prize Giving	Shoreside MHYC	ASAP after Racing
Mon 06 Mar 2017	SHR Official Regatta Presentation	Shoreside at MHYC	1800hrs

7.2 Schedule of Racing

CLASS (SERIES)	DIVISION	FRI 03	SAT 05	SUN 06
One Design Class	Sydney 38	3 x W/L	3 x W/L	3 x W/L

7.2.1 The Organising Authority, at its discretion, may add or delete races as necessary. Any such changes will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2.2 No Warning Signal will be made after **1530hrs on Sunday 5 March 2017**.

7.3 Social Events

A complete list of social events associated with the Championship will be published early in January 2017.

8. COMPETITOR'S PACKS

- 8.1 Competitors will be notified by the Organising Authority for when Competitor's packs will be made available for collection from the Middle Harbour Yacht Club.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be published by the Organising Authority and will be available from the event website www.shr.mhyc.com.au by **1800hrs on Tuesday 28 Feb 2017**.

10. RACING VENUE

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

11. SCORING

Nine (9) races are scheduled of which three (3) shall be completed to constitute a series. There shall be no discards and a boat's total score will be the sum of its score in all races completed.

12. PRIZES**12.1 Sydney 38 International Championship Presentation & Prize Giving**

- 12.1.1 Prizes may be awarded to each boat placing first, second or third in each categories of the regatta.
12.1.2 For Sydney 38 One Design boats a Corinthian prize may be awarded to the highest ranked boat that is crewed solely by ISAF Group 1 crew.
12.1.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
12.1.4 The Sydney 38 OD International Championship presentation and prize giving will be held at the MHYC as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 5 March 2017.

12.2 SHR Official Presentation & Prize Giving

The Official Presentation and Prize Giving will be held at 1900hrs on Monday 06 March 2017, at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Prizes may be awarded to the overall winners (1st) and place getters (2nd and 3rd) in each Class or Division consisting of six (6) or more entrants. Additional Sponsor Prizes may also be awarded. All competitors are invited to attend.

- 12.3 Grand Prizes offered by the Organising Authority and Event Sponsors will be drawn at the Official Presentation. Details, terms and conditions will be made available via an official 'Notice to Competitors', prior to the commencement of racing.

****Please note:** Attendees to the Official Presentation and Prize Giving are requested to arrive at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club by 1830hrs, so that proceedings may commence on time as scheduled.

12.4 Perpetual Trophies

The Organising Authority will offer a winning boat's registered Club the opportunity to display Perpetual Trophies at their registered Club. This will be subject to the completion of the engraving of the winning boat's name and held until one (1) month prior to the next Sydney Harbour Regatta. Where a registered Club declines this offer, Perpetual Trophies will be held on display by the Organising Authority.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 The Race Committee may broadcast on VHF radio, race management information for the benefit of competing boats; there is no restriction on boats monitoring a VHF channel for its course area, as specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 Boats may transmit on VHF radio to communicate in the event of an emergency or upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee.
- 13.3 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PLASTIC POOLS AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 There shall be no restriction on the use of plastic pools or haul out of boats or the use of underwater breathing apparatus under boats during the Regatta.

15. BERTHING & MOORINGS

- 15.1 The Middle Harbour Yacht Club may have available limited casual berthing and moorings, made available to boats competing. All requests for casual berthing and moorings at MHYC shall be made by completing the 'Casual Berthing Registration' form, available from the Club's website www.mhyc.com.au.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta 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.
- 16.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 16.3 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."

17. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 17.1 Each entrant for the this Regatta 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.
- 17.2 Conditions of entry include a requirement that the Person in Charge of the boat and crew;
- Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to 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 Regatta or Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information contact;

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