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Assisting Clubs

The Sydney Harbour Regatta is held in conjunction, and with the assistance of, the following Clubs:

- Cruising Yacht Club Australia (CYCA)
- Manly Yacht Club (MYC)
- Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association (RANSA)
- Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC)
- Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC)
- Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS)
- Sydney Amateur Sailing Club (SASC)
- Sydney Flying Squadron (SFS)

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INTRODUCTION

The Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC), as the Organising Authority, invites eligible boats to compete in the Sydney Harbour Regatta 2023.

1. RULES

1.1 GENERAL RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including Appendix T, Arbitration,
- the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), and
- the current IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C (if applicable),
- the current ORC Rules (if applicable),

except as any of these are modified by this Notice of Race, Supplementary Notices of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 CHANGES TO THE RULES

1.2.1 The following Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will be amended:

- 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 55.1 and 55.2: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits are permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- RRS 51: Subject to NoR 1.2.2, 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: Is changed so that it 'does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails or to the adjustment of movable appendages on boats over 12.0m LOA .' This Rule is changed to permit powered winches for boats over 12.0m LOA and as detailed in NoR 1.2.2.
- RRS 78.2: Where required, valid Rating / Class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.
- RRS 35, A5.2 and A5.1 Are amended so 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. Such boats will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

1.2.2 Boats shall request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be taken into account in establishing the boats handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems and for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages. RRS 51 and 52 are changed to the extent as detailed by this paragraph.

1.3 CHANGES TO CLASS RULES

1.3.1 CLASSES USING IRC RATING CERTIFICATES

All boats competing in Classes using IRC Ratings shall hold a current and valid IRC certificate. The Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.

1.3.2 CLASSES USING ORC RATING CERTIFICATES

All boats competing in Classes using ORC Ratings shall hold a current and valid ORC Club or ORCi certificate. The Organising Authority may require re-measurement of any boat prior to racing.

1.4 NON-SPINNAKER CLASSES & DIVISIONS

Boats competing in the Non-Spinnaker Classes and Divisions shall not fly spinnakers. Only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of a forestay and fully attached to a forestay. No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of a permanent forestay.

1.5 CREW REQUIREMENTS

Competing Skippers and Crew are reminded of RRS 46 and the AS Prescription that all 'Person's in Charge' and 'Crew' onboard shall be a member of a Club affiliated to its National Authority (NA).

1.6 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD & SIGNAL MAST

The Official Notice Board is on the Event Website: <https://www.shr.mhyc.com.au/racing/notices-to-competitors.html>. The Official Signal Mast is located on the north-eastern corner of the Clubhouse.

1.7 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

A boat may, with the consent of the Organising Authority, carry on board, for a race or races, a Media Representative or Representatives, who shall not participate in the sailing or navigation of the boat, for the purposes of photography, filming, sound recording and journalism. Such Media Representative shall be exempt from the boats' compliance with its Class Rules in respect of crew numbers and crew weight.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 The Organising Authority may provide sponsors decals 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 SYSTEMS & SAFETY CATEGORIES

- 3.1 The Sydney Harbour Regatta is open to all boats of the following classes, using the nominated Handicap System and Safety Categories. Additional Classes may be accepted upon written request to the Organising Authority, prior to **1800hrs on Friday 10 February 2023**.

CLASS (SERIES)	DIVISION	HANDICAP SYSTEM	AS SPECIAL REGULATIONS
Open Class	Divisions 1 & 2	IRC / ORC	Category 5
Open Class TP52 / Super 50 Group	Super 50	IRC / ORC / TPR	Category 5
One Design Class – NSW Championship	Sydney 38	OD	Category 5
One Design Class – Australian Championship	J/99	OD / ORC	Category 7
One Design Class	J/70	OD / EHC	Category 7
One Design Class	J/24	OD / PHS	Category 7
One Design Class	Adams 10	OD	Category 7
One Design Class	Farr 40	OD	Category 7
One Design Class	Far East 28R	OD	Category 7
Super 30 Class (Melges 32, Farr 30 etc)	Super 30	PHS	Category 7
Super 40 Class (MC38 etc)	Super 40	EHC	Category 7
Performance Class (Spinnaker)	Divisions 1, 2 & 3	ORC / PHS	Category 7
Performance Class (Non-Spinnaker)	Divisions 1 & 2	PHS	Category 7
Historic 18' Skiffs	Historic 18' Skiffs	Pursuit	Part 2

- 3.2 The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, add, alter, amalgamate or divide any Class as required.
- 3.3 All Classes may be eligible for their own 'Start' if a minimum of six (6) entries have been received by the 'close of entries'.
- 3.4 The Organising Authority may cancel any Class or Division if a minimum of six (6) entries have not been received by the 'close of entries'. In this event, boats that have submitted an entry will have the option of transferring to another Class (if eligible).

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.

4.1 General Requirements

General Requirements for all boats shall be as follows:

- Boats shall be of a self-righting and single hulled design, (Historic 18' Skiffs shall be exempt),
- Boats shall have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30.48 m,
- Boats shall have an overall length (LOA) not less than 9.4m if competing offshore,
- Boats shall be on the register of a Club affiliated to its National Authority,
- Boats shall hold and also submit to their registered Club, a completed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit as specified in the table in NoR 3.1,
- Boats shall hold and also submit to their registered Club, evidence of current personal risk cover of no less than \$A10,000,000 by way of a certificate of currency or policy document copy.
- All boats are required to register their crew, providing crew name and Australian Sailing Number (or SailPass number) for each race day.

4.2 Open Class Boats

- Boats scored IRC shall hold a valid IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC or UNCL. Boats shall 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).
- Boats scored ORC shall hold a valid ORC Club or ORCi Certificate, and comply with all the current ORC 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).

4.3 Super 50 (TP52) Class Boats

- Boats scored IRC shall hold a valid 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) and/or
- Boats scored ORC shall hold a valid ORC Club or ORCi Certificate, and
- Comply with all of the current ORC 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).
- Boats scored TPR shall hold a valid TP Rating.

4.4 One Design Class Boats

Sydney 38, Farr 40, Adams 10, Far East 28R, J/24, J/70 & J/99

- Boats shall hold a valid One Design Class Certificate, and
- Comply with all of the current One Design Class Rules and Regulations, except where they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
- For the J/99 Class, boats shall comply with the Australian J/99 Owners Group Class Requirements.

4.5 Super Group Boats (Super 30, Super 40)

- Boats shall hold a valid One Design Class Certificate where applicable, and
- Comply with all of the current One Design Class Rules and Regulations, except where they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
- RRS 49.1 shall not apply to Melges 24s and Magic 25s if racing in full compliance with their respective class rules and it is noted on the boats' SMS certificate that the rating incorporates hiking devices.

4.6 Performance Class Boats (Spinnaker / Non-Spinnaker)

- All boats shall meet the requirements as outlined in the General Requirements.
- Boats competing in Non-Spinnaker Divisions refer to NoR 1.4.

4.7 Historic 18' Skiffs

Boats that are 18' Historic Skiffs shall conform to the spirit and intent of the Historic 18' Skiff Class.

5. ENTRY

5.1 Procedure and Fees

- 5.1.1 All eligible boats shall be required to submit their own entry, shall enter one (1) Class only and shall do so by using the online entry system (SailSys) on the event website www.shr.mhyc.com.au. By submitting an entry, the 'Person in Charge' agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions governing the Regatta.
- 5.1.2 The closure of all entries will be **2359hrs on Tuesday 28 February 2023**. 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. All entry fees are inclusive of GST and shall only be accepted via the online entry system (SailSys Entry System).
- 5.1.4 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	EARLY	STANDARD	LATE
Open Class	Divisions 1 & 2	\$235.00	\$280.00	\$330.00
Open Class Group (TP52 etc)	Super 50	\$235.00	\$280.00	\$330.00
One Design Class NSW Championship	Sydney 38	\$440.00	\$485.00	\$535.00
One Design Class AUS & NSW Champs	J/99	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
One Design Class	J/70	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
One Design Class	J/24	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
One Design Class	Adams 10	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
One Design Class	Far East 28R	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
Super 30 Class (Melges 32, Farr 30 etc)	Super 30	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
Super 40 Class (MC38 etc)	Super 40	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
Performance Class (Spinnaker)	Divisions 1, 2 & 3	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
Performance Class (Non-Spinnaker)	Divisions 1	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
Historic 18' Skiffs (Saturday Only)	Historic 18' Skiffs	\$90.00	\$115.00	\$165.00

CLASSIFICATION	CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FEE PAYMENT
Early	Payments received prior to 2359hrs Wednesday 22 February 2023
Standard	Payments received prior to 2359hrs Tuesday 28 February 2023
Late	Payments received after 2359hrs Tuesday 28 February 2023 but prior to 2359hrs Thursday 2 March 2023

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@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@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 4.0 to 4.8 (where applicable) shall be submitted by **1800hrs on Tuesday 28 February 2023** after lodging an entry via the online entry system (SailSys) if not already held by a boat's registered Club or Class Association,. Documentation shall be submitted by email to: sailing@mhyc.com.au.
- 6.2 A boats rating certificate shall not be changed after **1800hrs on Thursday 2 March 2023**, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating error.

7. SCHEDULES

7.1 Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Wed 22 Feb 2023	'Early' Entry Fee Closes	Event Website www.shr.mhyc.com.au	2359hrs
Tue 28 Feb 2023	Close of Entries	Event Website www.shr.mhyc.com.au	2359hrs
Tue 28 Feb 2023	Submission of documentation closes	Sailing Office MHYC – sailing@mhyc.com.au	1800hrs
Thu 2 Mar 2023	Sailing Instructions published	Event Website www.shr.mhyc.com.au	1800hrs
Thu 2 Mar 2023	Final List of Entries published	Event Website www.shr.mhyc.com.au	1800hrs
Mon 6 Mar 2023	Official Regatta Presentation	MHyc	1900hrs

7.2 Schedule of Racing

CLASS (SERIES)	DIVISION	Sat 4 March	1st Warning	Sun 5 March	1st Warning
Open Class	Divisions 1 & 2	3 x W/L	1055hrs	3 x W/L	1055hrs
Super 50 (TP52)	Super 50	3 x W/L	1055hrs	W/L or passage	1055hrs
One Design Class	Sydney 38	3 x W/L	1055hrs	3 x W/L	1055hrs
One Design Class	J/99	3 x W/L	1055hrs	3 x W/L	1055hrs
One Design Class	J/70	3 x W/L	1230hrs	3 x W/L	1235hrs
One Design Class	J/24	3 x W/L	1055hrs	3 x W/L	1055hrs
One Design Class	Adams 10	3 x W/L	1055hrs	3 x W/L	1055hrs
One Design Class	Far East 28R	3 x W/L	1230hrs	3 x W/L	1230hrs
Super 30 (Melges 32, Farr 30)	Super 30	W/L or Passage	1055hrs	W/L or Passage	1055hrs
Super 40 (MC38 etc)	Super 40	W/L or Passage	1055hrs	W/L or Passage	1055hrs
Performance Class (Spinnaker)	Divisions 1, 2 & 3	2 x Passage	1055hrs	2 x Passage	1055hrs
Performance Class (Non-Spin)	Division 1	2 x Passage	1055hrs	2 x Passage	1055hrs
Historic 18' Skiffs (Sat Only)	Historic 18' Skiffs	1 x Passage	1414hrs	-	-

- 7.2.1 The Organising Authority, at its discretion, may add or delete races or change course configurations 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 2023**.

8. COMPETITOR'S PACKS

- 8.1 Competitors will be notified by the Organising Authority when Competitor's packs are 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 Wednesday 1 March 2023**.

10. RACING VENUE

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

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A of the RRS shall apply. Boats whose sail numbers are not registered with the Organising Authority may not be recorded as finishers (this amends RRS A5) and shall not be scored.
- 11.2 Open Classes
Six (6) races are scheduled of which two (2) shall be completed to constitute a series. There shall be no discards and a boat's total score will be the sum of its scores in all races completed.
- 11.3 Super 50 (TP52) Class
Six (6) races are scheduled of which two (2) shall be completed to constitute a series. There shall be no discards and a boat's total score will be the sum of its scores in all races completed.
- 11.4 Super 30 and Super 40 Classes
Six (6) races are scheduled of which two (2) shall be completed to constitute a series. There shall be no discards and a boat's total score will be the sum of its scores in all races completed.
- 11.5 One Design Classes
Six (6) races are scheduled of which two (2) 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.
- 11.6 Performance Classes (Spinnaker / Non-Spinnaker)
Four (4) races are scheduled of which one (1) 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.
- 11.7 Historic 18' Skiffs
One (1) race is scheduled of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series.

12. PRIZES

12.1 Official Presentation & Prize Giving

The Official Presentation and Prize Giving will be held at 1900hrs on Monday 6 March 2023 at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Prizes may be awarded to the overall winners (1st) and place getters (2nd and 3rd) for the primary handicap system in each Class or Division consisting of six (6) or more entrants. Additional prizes may also be awarded. All competitors are invited, but attendance may be limited by NSW Health Guidelines.

- 12.2 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** Those attending 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.***

12.3 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 race management information for the benefit of competing boats via VHF radio. 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

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

The Middle Harbour Yacht Club may have limited casual berthing and moorings available for competing boats. 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 3 '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 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, 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 the 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 the **Organising Authority**, Middle Harbour Yacht Club
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