



## HRYC 2016-17 SEASON SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. COVERAGE

- 1.1. These Sailing Instructions cover all races on the HRYC 2016-2017 Season Calendar.

### 2. RULES

- 2.1. The organising authority is the Hawkesbury River Yacht Club Inc. (HRYC).
- 2.2. All racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia 2013–2016 as amended by these sailing instructions.
- 2.3. YA Special Regulations Part 1 for racing boats shall apply to all yachts, multihull and trailer able vessels.
- 2.4. All HRYC Events are subject to NSW Maritime Regulations and the HRYC Aquatic License Issued by NSW RMS.
- 2.5. Extras (Sails in addition to main and head sails) are permitted in all the Club's Trophy Races and Series.
- 2.6. Should conflict exist between the General Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall over-ride the Notice of Race.

### 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices will be posted on the HRYC website and emailed to all sailing members

### 4. CHANGES TO INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Racing Pages of the HRYC website no later than 24 hours prior to the Start time of a Race.
- 4.2. Prior to the warning signal for the start of a race, the Start Boat may display Code Flag 'L' with 1 sound signal, and the Race Officer may inform yachts intending to race (either by hail, VHF radio or SMS) of a change to the Sailing Instructions. The onus is on the entrants to communicate with the Race Officer.
- 4.3. For Offshore Races, verbal notice of any changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given by the HRYC Race Officer to competitors prior to the Warning Signal. This notice maybe by VHF Radio, Phone, SMS or email.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The dates and scheduled starting times for races shall appear in the Official Race Calendar of the HRYC which is published in this Handbook; in "The Pennant" monthly; and on the HRYC website.
- 5.2. The HRYC Committee may make changes to this schedule at any time.

### 6. RACE MANAGEMENT

- 6.1. Windward-Leeward & Sprint Series: Race Officer and Assistants will be on duty aboard HRYC official Starting Boat.
- 6.2. River Passage Series: Race Officer will be on board a competing "Duty Start Boat"



- 6.3. A Duty Roster will be published on the HRYC website prior to the Start of the Season listing which competing boat will:
  - 6.3.a. Provide the Duty Officer and Starting Assistants for each race of the Windward Leeward Series
  - 6.3.b. Act as Duty Start Boat and provide the Race Officer in the River Passage Series
- 6.4. The Call Sign for the HRYC Start Boat will be "HRYC Starter"
- 6.5. All entrants are expected to be available for Race Duty, and to undertake all required training and instruction organised by the Club in areas such as Start Boat Handling and Driving, Mark Laying & Retrieval and Race Management.

## 7. FLAGS AND BURGEES

- 7.1. The flags and burgees to be used in Club Races shall be:
  - 7.1.a. The International Code of Signals and numeral pennants as described in the YA Racing Rules of Sailing
  - 7.1.b. The HRYC burgee on official boats.
  - 7.1.c. The HRYC Burgee shall be the Fleets racing pennant which shall be flown on the backstay or starboard shroud if no backstay.

## 8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. The inshore racing area shall be in: Mouth of the Hawkesbury River upriver to the Railway Bridge; Cowan Creek to Cottage Point, Broken Bay Sound and the Pittwater.
- 8.2. The offshore racing area shall be the coastal waters of N.S.W. from Sydney South Head in the South to Box Head in the North.

## 9. START & FINISH MARKS

- 9.1. There are three Inshore Permanent Marks:
  - 9.1.a. A yellow Marker Buoy, known as the "East Mark", in the vicinity of Flint and Steel Point and bearing HRYC insignia;
  - 9.1.b. A lit red Marker Buoy, known as the "North Mark", in the vicinity of Pacific Head and Little Patonga Wharf and bearing RMYC, HRYC and RPAYC insignia.
  - 9.1.c. A yellow pole mark, known as the "West Mark", in the vicinity of the northern shore of Cowan Creek downstream from Fisherman's Bay
- 9.2. The approximate positions of the Permanent Marks are described in Attachment 3 – Fixed Marks Chart.
- 9.3. Laid Marks shall be:
  - 9.3.a. Two Orange Drum Marks;
  - 9.3.b. A Tall Self-Inflating Orange Mark; or
  - 9.3.c. Otherwise as described in the Notices of Race and Attachments 1 & 2.
- 9.4. **Windward-Leeward Series:**
  - 9.4.a. The Start / Finish Marks will be the Start Boat flying the Blue On-Station Flag and an Orange Drum Mark as described in Attachment A – Windward Leeward Series Courses.
  - 9.4.b. The Leeward, Wing and Slalom Marks will be an Orange Drum Mark or a Permanent Mark as described in Attachment A – Windward Leeward Series Courses.
  - 9.4.c. The Windward Mark will be a Self-Inflating Orange Mark



**9.5. Offshore Series:**

- 9.5.a. Start Marks will be an appointed (GSC) Duty Boat and a land mark advised by the GSC duty boat.
- 9.5.b. Finish Lines will be transits as described in the Notice of Race.

**9.6. River Passage Series:**

- 9.6.a. For Races featuring a Gate Start (Races 1, 2, 9 & 10), the Start Marks shall be a Duty Start Boat (Pathfinder) and a laid Orange Drum Mark or a Permanent Mark as described in the Notice of Race and Attachment 2. The Finish Marks for these races are an Orange Drum Mark and Channel Marker 409 in the vicinity of Croppy Point.
- 9.6.b. For the BBIC Three Islands Race (Race 5) conducted by the RMYC, Start Marks will be as per the RMYC BBIC Sailing Instructions. Usual RMYC practice is to for Start Marks to be a RMYC Motor Launch and a yellow inflatable buoy. The Finish Marks will be the RMYC Race Tower and an inflatable yellow buoy.
- 9.6.c. For the HRYC Three Islands Race (Race 6) and Hallet's Beach Return Races, the Start Mark will be a competing Duty Start Boat and Channel Marker – Juno Point (Green) Marker for Three Islands Race, and Channel Marker 621 in Cowan Creek for the Hallet's Beach Return Races. The Finish Marks for these races are an Orange Drum Mark and Channel Marker 409 in the vicinity of Croppy Point.
- 9.6.d. For Hallet's Beach Morning Races featuring a Staggered Start (Races 3 and 7), the Start Marks shall be an Orange Drum Mark and Channel Marker 409 in the vicinity of Croppy Point. The finish line for these races crosses Cowan Creek at a bearing 90 Degrees from Channel Marker 621 opposite Hallet's Beach.

**10. COURSES**

- 10.1. Course Details are as outlined in Notices of Race and Attachments 1 & 2.
- 10.2. All Inshore Courses will be assigned Numbers and Pennants as detailed in Attachments 1 & 2.
- 10.3. **Windward Leeward Series.**
  - 10.3.a. The course will be indicated by signage and pennants displayed on the HRYC Start Boat no later than 10 minutes prior to the Warning Signal.
  - 10.3.b. Failure of the Race Officer to display Pennants or Course Signage will not invalidate the start or be accepted as the basis of a Protest.
  - 10.3.c. Course Code Pennants will be lowered prior to Warning Signal.
- 10.4. **River Passage Series**
  - 10.4.a. The course will be indicated by pennants displayed on the Duty Start Boat no later than 10 minutes prior to the Warning Signal. Failure of the Race Officer to display Pennants or Course Signage will not invalidate the start or be accepted as the basis of a Protest.
  - 10.4.b. Course Code Pennants will be lowered prior to Warning Signal.
- 10.5. **For all Inshore Series**, the Race Officer will inform competitors of the Start Area and Course Number by VHF radio Channel 77, 1 hour before the Scheduled Start Time and when each boat Logs On.



## 11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. Boats shall not pass between the outside line of registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline.
- 11.2. Boats shall comply with all RMS regulations while racing. Competitors must comply with navigation marks and keep the distance from moored boats and commercial vessels as required by maritime regulations.
- 11.3. A time penalty of 10% of the recorded finishing times of a boat that fails to comply with 10.1 or 10.2 above will apply.

## 12. MINIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS

- 12.1. The Race Officer will abandon or postpone any race prior to the scheduled start where less than three (3) boats come to the Start Area.

## 13. STARTING METHODS AND PROCEDURES

### 13.1. **Five Starting Methods.**

Races may be started using any of the methods described in 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, and 13.6.

### 13.2. **Official HRYC Start Boat as Start Mark at one end of Start Line**

13.2.a. The Start Line, ideally 90 degrees to the True Wind, is defined by two (2) Start Marks being the HRYC Start Boat at the Starboard End and a Permanent or Laid Mark at the Port End. When "On Station" as a Mark of the Course, the Start Boat flies a Blue "On Station" Flag.

13.2.b. Starter Duties and other Race Management functions are carried out by rostered club members ("Start Boat Duty Roster") on board the Start Boat.

13.2.c. All Races in the 2016-17 Windward-Leeward Series employ this type of start.

### 13.3. **Competing "Duty Start Boat" as Start Mark**

13.3.a. In this arrangement, a competing "Duty Start Boat" replaces the HRYC Start Boat as the Starboard End of a Start Line.

13.3.b. A "Duty Starter" assisted by crew members on board the Duty Start Boat is responsible for conducting the Start.

13.3.c. The Duty Start Boat remains anchored on station until all competing boats have started.

13.3.d. At the completion of the race, the Race Officer deducts time from Duty Start Boat's recorded elapsed time to compensate for time lost while on station as a Start Mark.

13.3.e. Three races of the 2016-17 River Passage Series will be started this way - the HRYC Three Islands Race and both editions of the Hallet's Beach Return Race (River Passage Series Races 4 & 8).



- 13.4. **Competing “Duty Start Boat” manages Start in vicinity of the Start Line.**
- 13.4.a. The Start Line is defined by a Transit Line or Marks other than the Duty Start Boat.
  - 13.4.b. The Duty Start Boat may conduct the start from any position in the starting area under sail. The starting boat is free to maneuver and start as for all other competitors.
  - 13.4.c. The Duty Starter manages the Race Start aboard the Duty Start Boat.
  - 13.4.d. At the completion of the race, the Race Officer deducts sufficient time (if any) from Duty Start Boats recorded elapsed time to fully compensate for time lost due to Start Boat duties.
  - 13.4.e. This Starting Method may be used when the rostered Duty Start Crew and/or the HRYC Start Boat is unavailable and a Gate Start is not practicable.
- 13.5. **Handicap or Staggered Start**
- 13.5.a. In this method of starting, competing boats start at specific times allotted to them before the Race Start.
  - 13.5.b. The notified Race Start Time is the starting time for the Front Marker.
  - 13.5.c. Start times for each Entrant will be published in Race Notices within 5 working days of the race and expressed as the number of minutes and seconds after the starting signal.
  - 13.5.d. The Scratch Marker shall act as Duty Start Boat and shall be on station in the vicinity of the Start Line at least 10 minutes before the Start Signal.
  - 13.5.e. The starting sequence and signals are the same as for other starts except that only the Front Marker starts on the initial Start Signal.
  - 13.5.f. After the Starting Signal, the Division Flag (Numeral 1 Pennant) is re-hoisted. At the time for the next boat to start the Division Flag is lowered again with one long Sound Signal. This cycle is repeated until all boats have started.
  - 13.5.g. Both editions of the Hallet’s Beach Morning Races of the 2016-17 River Passage Series will feature Staggered Starts.
- 13.6. **Gate Start**
- 13.6.a. In the Gate Start, the competing Duty Start Boat is known as the “Pathfinder”
  - 13.6.b. Prior to the Start Signal, the Pathfinder maneuvers in the vicinity of the Start Mark while managing the Start and displaying Start Signals in accordance with **RR26**.
  - 13.6.c. At the Start Signal, the Pathfinder sails away from the Start Mark close hauled on Port Tack.
  - 13.6.d. The Start Gate is defined as line between the Start Mark and the Transom of the Pathfinder.
  - 13.6.e. Boats start by sailing through the Start Gate (between the transom of the Pathfinder and the Start Mark) on Starboard Tack after the Pathfinder crosses to weather on the Port Tack.
  - 13.6.f. A boat cannot Start by approaching and crossing the Start Gate from the Course Side, and then re- crossing the Start Gate in the direction of the windward mark on Starboard.
  - 13.6.g. A boat cannot start by crossing in front of the Pathfinder from the Course Side of the Start Gate and then rounding the Pathfinder and passing through the Start Gate in the direction of the windward mark on Starboard Tack.
  - 13.6.h. The Pathfinder closes the Start Gate by tacking onto Starboard after sailing for two minutes close hauled on Port Tack.



- 13.6.i. After the Gate has closed, any Late Starters will start by performing a complete 360 Degree rounding of the Start Mark, approaching from Downwind of the Mark and leaving the Start Mark to Port while rounding
- 13.6.j. Races 1, 2 (Lion Island Race), 9 & 10 of the River Passage Races feature a Gate Start.

#### 14. STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS

14.1. Races shall be started by using rule 26 of the RRS, as amended by these Sailing Instructions, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

##### 14.2. Starting Sequence and Signals – Inshore Series

SIGNAL	FLAG and SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE STARTING SIGNAL
WARNING	Numeral "1" Displayed with 1 sound	5
PREPARATORY	P or I Displayed with 1 sound	4
ONE MINUTE	Preparatory removed 1 long sound	1
STARTING	Division flag removed 1 sound	0

##### 14.3. Starting Sequence and Signals – Offshore Series

SIGNAL	FLAG and SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE STARTING SIGNAL
WARNING	Code Flag R Displayed with 1 sound	5
PREPARATORY	P or I or Black Displayed with 1 sound	4
ONE MINUTE	Preparatory removed 1 long sound	1
STARTING	Division flag removed 1 sound	0



**14.4. Start Times**

Approximate Start Times are listed below. These may be varied by the Race Officer.

Event	Start times
Windward Leeward Series	From 1230hrs EST then 1330 hrs. EDST
Sprint Series	1300 hrs.
River Passage Series Three Islands Race · Hallet’s Beach Morning Race	1100 hrs.
River Passage Series Three Islands Race · Hallet’s Beach Return Race	1500 hrs.
River Passage Series Races 1, 2, 9 & 10	From 1230 hrs. EST then 1330 hrs. EDST
Rhumb Cup	1330 hrs. EDST
Offshore Series Box Head to Port Jackson	1100 hrs.

**14.5. Times shall be taken from the Visual Signals**

The absence of a Sound Signal does not invalidate the start and should be disregarded by competing boats. This amends RRS 26.

**15. LATE STARTERS AND USE OF ENGINES**

- 15.1. Use of engines or mechanical propulsion within the Start Area must cease at the Preparatory Signal. Late starters may however continue to motor to the Start Area after the Preparatory Signal – see 14.3 below
- 15.2. After the Preparatory Signal engines shall only be used to:
  - 15.2.a. avoid a collision between boats
  - 15.2.b. recover a person overboard
  - 15.2.c. render assistance to others in distress or
  - 15.2.d. avoid running aground, or collision with an obstruction due to inability to control the vessel by means of sail.
- 15.3. The use of an engine must be reported to the Race Officer and any yacht using an engine for any purpose other than to render assistance to others in distress must complete a 360 degree turn under sail as soon as possible after the engine has been switched off.
- 15.4. **Late Starters motoring or being towed to the Starting Area**  
A boat may motor or be towed to the starting line after the Preparatory Signal provided she performs two 360 degree turns in the same direction after propulsion has ceased and prior to starting. This amends RRS 41 & 42
- 15.5. **Inshore Series – Maximum Time allowable to cross Start Line after the Start Signal.**  
A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.





15.6. **Offshore Series – Late Starters**

A start later than 10 minutes after the signal is permissible providing the Race Officer is notified during the course of the race so that a finishing time is recorded.

15.7. **Gate Start – Late Starters**

A boat arriving at the Start Area after the Start Gate has closed (after the Pathfinder has tacked onto Starboard Tack) shall start by performing a complete 360 Degree rounding of the Start Mark, approaching from Downwind of the Mark and leaving the Start Mark to Port while rounding.

16. **ROUND THE ENDS RULE (RRS30.1)**

16.1. The “Round the End Rule” (RRS 30.1) will apply whether or not code flag (I) is displayed. This amends RRS 30.1.

16.2. Rule 30.1 states that when “any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the Starting Line OR its extensions during the minute before her Starting Signal, she shall sail thereafter from the course side around the ends of the START Line, (*not between the Committee Boat and the Laid Buoy*) and then proceed to restart”. This instruction does NOT apply to Gate Starts.

16.3. **“Round the Ends Rule” adapted to Gate Start**

If a boat is clearly on the course side of the Start Gate during the minute before the Starting Signal, she shall sail thereafter from the course side around the Start Mark then proceed to restart.

17. **INNER DISTANT MARK AND WINDWARD GATE**

17.1. **“Inner Distant” or “Clearance Mark”**

A small inner distant Flag Mark (sometimes called an “Anti-Barging Mark”) may be laid near the Start Boat. Boats approaching the line to start shall pass this mark to Starboard. Boats may not pass between this Mark and the Start Boat after the One Minute Signal or when approaching the Start. For the purposes of the RRS, this Mark shall be deemed to be a Start Mark.

17.2. When a Competing Boat sails between the Inner Distant Flag and the Start Boat on approach to the Start or after the One Minute Signal, the Race Officer shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The boat must then restart in accordance with Rule 30.1. A five (5) minute penalty will be applied automatically to any boat that sails between the inner distant flag mark and the Start Boat after the One Minute Signal. Any Boat that does not restart in accordance with Rule 30.1 will be scored DSQ. This amends Rule 29.1 of the RRS.

17.3. A Competing Boat shall not sail through the Finish Line in either direction when the Start Boat is on station (Flying the Blue on station Flag), except when finishing the race. If the course describes this line as a Windward Gate then boats are required to sail through this line in the direction of the finish. Failure to observe this rule will result in the Boat being scored DNF. This alters RRS 28





## 18. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

- 18.1. **Windward-Leeward and Sprint Series.** When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the Race Officer shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1. If a boat fails to return and start within the time limit, a five (5) minute penalty will be applied. Failure of the Starter to effect a sound signal will not absolve the requirement to return and restart. This amends Rule 29.1 of the RRS.
- 18.2. A boat returning to restart has no rights of way, and must keep clear of all other boats starting until it is completely on the pre-start side.
- 18.3. There are no recalls in the **River Passage and Offshore Series**. It is the responsibility of each boat to restart correctly if they start prematurely. The duty boat or starter will record any yacht that is OCS, and an alternative penalty of five (5) minutes will be applied. This amends RRS 29.1.

## 19. GENERAL RECALLS

- 19.1. **Windward Leeward and Sprint Series.** When at the starting signal the Race Officer is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30.1 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the Race Officer may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound).

## 20. FINISHING & RECORDING TIMES

- 20.1. Boats shall record their own Finish Times in Races 1,2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the River Passage Series and all Races of the Offshore Series.
- 20.2. Boats are required to take their own finish times from a watch that has been set using the Telstra "talking clock - by dialing 1194 or a GPS from UTC +10hrs for E.S.T. or UTC +11hrs for E.D.S.T.
- 20.3. When text messaging, times should be expressed in hours:minutes:seconds and, if reporting start and finish times, boats must report using the 24-hour clock. The report must include boat name, start time, finish time as appropriate.
- 20.4. As soon as possible after finishing races in the Offshore and River Passage Series, boats shall send their Finishing Time by SMS or Radio Message to the Race Officer.
- 20.5. The lead boat may take up station at the Finish Line and record the finish times of other competitors. In this event, there is no requirement to lodge finish times. Any Boat failing to lodge their finish times and to Log Off, as required by these instructions, within 1 hour of finishing in Races 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the River Passage Series and any Race of the Offshore Series will be scored **DNS**.
- 20.6. In Race 6 of the River Passage Series (HRYC Three Islands Race) all competing boats will shall take their elapsed times at the Palm Beach (Red) Pole Channel Marker in both directions (en route to and from Scotland Island); Juno Point (bearing Due N); her first passing of Channel Marker 409 (Transit between 409 and laid Orange Drum Mark) and at the Finish Line.
- 20.7. Finish Times will be recorded by the Start Boat Duty Crew for all Races in the Windward Leeward Series and by the RMYC Race Management in the BBIC Three Islands Race



## 21. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 21.1. The Course Legs will not be changed after the start.
- 21.2. The Race Officer may shorten the course of Races in the Windward Leeward and River Passage Series in accordance with RRS 32.
- 21.3. In Windward Leeward Series Races, when Code Flag "S" is displayed prior to the Warning Signal of a Race in the number of Laps to be sailed will be shortened to one (1) lap of the Course. This amends RRS 32.
- 21.4. When Code Flag "S" is displayed after the lead boat has rounded the Leeward Mark for second time and before she sails through the Windward Gate for the second time, the Race is shortened to two (2) laps of the Course.
- 21.5. Offshore Races to Sydney may be shortened at any time on the day of the race (before or during the race) by the Race Officer. The Race Officer will notify all boats of the Race Shortening by VHF Radio Ch 77. This amends RRS 32.

## 22. MISSING AND MOVED MARKS

If a Mark is missing, or has moved so that it cannot be rounded safely, a boat may still finish by sailing to where the mark should have been and executing a turn as if it had rounded the Mark in accordance with the sailing instructions. This procedure applies when the mark goes missing, or moves, during a race regardless of whether or not other boats have rounded the mark as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 23. TIME LIMITS

- 23.1. Windward-Leeward Series Races - The Time Limit shall be three and one half (3.5) hours from the Starting Signal. When a boat finishes within the time limit, the race shall be valid only for those boats that finish within 90 minutes after the first boat, or within the time limit, whichever is the later.
- 23.2. River Passage Series Races 1, 2 (Lion Island Race), 9 and 10. – The Time Limit shall be Three and one Half (3.5) hours from the Starting Signal. When a boat finishes within the time limit, the race shall be valid only for those Boats that finish within 60 minutes after the first boat, or within the time limit, whichever is the later.
- 23.3. River Passage Series Races 3, 4, 7 and 8 (Hallet's Beach Races) – The Time Limit shall be two and a half (2.5) hours from the Starting Signal. When a boat finishes within the time limit, the race shall be valid only for those Boats that finish within 45 minutes after the first boat, or within the time limit, whichever is the later.
- 23.4. River Passage Series Race 6 (HRYC Three Islands Race) – The Time Limit shall be five (5) hours from the Starting Signal. When a boat finishes within the Time Limit, the race shall be valid only for those Boats that finish within 120 minutes after the first boat, or within the time limit, whichever is the later.
- 23.5. River Passage Series Race 5 (BBIC Three Islands Race) – The Time Limit shall be as per BBIC Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race issued by RMYC.
- 23.6. Offshore Series and all Category 4 races – The Time Limit will be Official Sunset



## 24. PROTESTS

- 24.1. River Passage and Windward-Leeward Series: Protests shall be delivered in writing to the Race Officer or Rear Commodore within 24 hours of the completion of the race by the protesting boat.
- 24.2. Offshore Series: Protests shall be delivered in writing to the Race Officer or Rear Commodore within 48 hours of the completion of the race by the protesting boat.
- 24.3. RRS 61.1, covering requirements for informing the Protested Yacht including requirements to display a red flag and hail the protested, applies.
- 24.4. The time limit for Lodgment of a Redress will 24hrs after the posting of the race results in which redress is sort.
- 24.5. The parties to a protest will be advised by notice posted on the HRYC website within 48 hours of the close of the time limit for Lodgment of Protests, of the time and place and order for the hearing of protests. Posting of such notices shall constitute notification to the parties under RRS 63.2.
- 24.6. For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, a mediation hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This amends RRS Part 5, Section B
- 24.7. After a written protest is lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the mediator. No witnesses will be permitted at this hearing.
- 24.8. A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 30% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in the race, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening, except by the Jury. This amends RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.
- 24.9. The acceptance of the mediator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes RRS 60.1, 62 and 66.
- 24.10. The mediator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee or may observe and give testimony to the protest committee.
- 24.11. If the mediator refers the case to a protest hearing, or if the Jury initiates a reopening, any penalty given for a breach of rule of Part 2 may be the Mediation Penalty.

## 25. SCORING

- 25.1. The Low Points Score System as described in RRS Appendix A – Low Point System will apply in all Series. Scoring will be as described in the Notice of Race for each Series
- 25.2. Appendix A9 of the RRS applies in all Series with the exception of the Sprint Series.
- 25.3. Boats that came to the Starting Area but Did Not Start (DNS) must apply to the Race Officer on the day of the Race to be classed as DNS and scored the number of boats that came to the Starting Area plus one otherwise they will be scored as DNC.
- 25.4. A Casual entrant may be accepted in a race and her times recorded for the race, but will she will not score points for the relevant series. Series entrants will be scored points in the series as if there were no casual entrants. This changes RRS Appendix A.
- 25.5. In the event of a Boat changing ownership within the Club, any trophies already finalised shall be awarded to the original owner and / or skipper. The new owner and / or skipper shall not be credited with any points already won by the Boat for trophies not finalised at the time of changing ownership, unless the HRYC Committee approves transfer of points on the recommendation of the Rear Commodore.



**25.6. SPRING SERIES**

- 25.6.a. The ten race conducted in the River Passage and Windward – Leeward Series during the first half of the season ending December 31, count towards the Spring Series.
- 25.6.b. Ten (10) races are scheduled of which five (5) completed races are required to constitute the Series.
- 25.6.c. When five (5) or six (6) races are sailed and completed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 25.6.d. When seven (7) or eight (8) races are sailed and completed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 25.6.e. When nine (9) races or more are sailed and completed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three (3) scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.

**25.7. AUTUMN SERIES**

- 25.7.a. The ten race conducted in the River Passage and Windward – Leeward Series during the second half of the season ending commencing January1, count towards the Autumn Series.
- 25.7.b. Ten (10) races are scheduled of which five (5) completed races are required to constitute the Series.
- 25.7.c. When five (5) or six (6) races are sailed and completed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 25.7.d. When seven (7) or eight (8) races are sailed and completed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 25.7.e. When nine (9) races or more are sailed and completed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three (3) scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.

**25.8. COMBINED SEASONS INSHORE POINTS SCORE (CLUB INSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP)**

- 25.8.a. Comprises of both Spring and Autumn series. Twenty (20) races are scheduled of which ten (10) completed races are required to constitute the Series.
- 25.8.b. When ten (10) or eleven (11) races are sailed and completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 25.8.c. When twelve (12) or thirteen (13) races are sailed and completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 25.8.d. When fourteen (14) or fifteen (15) races are sailed and completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst four scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 25.8.e. When sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) races are sailed and completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst five scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 25.8.f. When eighteen (18) or more races are sailed and completed, a boat's series score will



be the total of her race scores excluding her worst six scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.

25.8.g. Boats must compete in at least half of the completed Windward – Leeward Series Races and at least half of the completed River Passage Series Races to be eligible for the Combined Seasons Points Score. (To illustrate, A boat that competes in all ten River Passage Series Races, but only 4 out of 10 Windward – Leeward Races, is not eligible for the Combined Points Score since she competed in less than half the Windward – Leeward Series Races.

25.8.h. Combined Points Score Series Points shall be provisional until all races have been completed. Competitors who have not competed in more than half of the club races as defined in 21.8.g will then be removed from the Series Score and their points re-allocated.

## 26. HANDICAPS

- 26.1. A boat must state her intention to sail without Spinnaker when Logging On to have her “No n-Spinnaker” CBH rating applied for that Race.
- 26.2. PHF Handicaps will not be adjusted after Offshore Series Races or the BBIC Three Islands Race
- 26.3. PHF Handicap Results for the River Passage Series Race 5 (BBIC Three Islands Race) will be calculated using current HRYC PHF Handicaps.
- 26.4. PHF Handicaps will not be adjusted after any event where less than 5 boats compete, except where 26.6 is applied.
- 26.5. Any changes which may significantly affect the performance of a boat must be declared to the Rear Commodore or Handicap Committee convened by the Rear Commodore before the next race after changes to the boat take effect. Examples of significant changes include: increases in sail area; change of skipper; and, hull, keel, rudder, rig or propeller modifications
- 26.6. The Rear Commodore or the Handicap Committee convened by the Rear Commodore may alter a boat’s handicap at any time without explanation or appeal.
- 26.7. There shall be no right of appeal against a handicap result.

## 27. SAFETY – Logging On, Logging Off and Crew Requirements

- 27.1. Boats shall Log On for all Inshore Series Races with the Race Officer on board the HRYC Start Boat (Windward – Leeward Series) or the competing Duty Start Boat (River Passage Series) stating Sail Number, Number of Crew (POB) and Intention to Race. A boat may Log On by hailing the Race Officer or by Radio on VHF77. A boat that comes to the Start Area and fails to Log On will be scored as DNS.
- 27.2. A boat competing in the Offshore Series must complete the official Intention to Race Form and email the form to Central Coast Marine Rescue and the HRYC Race Officer by 0900 hours on the day of the race. A boat may lodge one (1) Intention To Race Form covering both Race 1 & 2 or Race 3 & 4 of the Offshore Series providing that the details of all crew racing on both days are provided on the form including which days each crew member is racing.
- 27.3. The Intention to Race Form shall be available for download on the HRYC website. The Form will provide a description of boat; Sail Number; Hull and Registration Number; Type of Rig; Hull Type and Construction Materials; Crew Names, Sailing Australia Numbers or HRYC Membership Numbers, Next of Kin and Contact Details.



- 27.4. An entrant in the Offshore Series must Log On by Radio with Central Coast or Sydney Marine Rescue and with the HRYC Race Officer on VHF 77, at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled Start of the Race.
- 27.5. A boat that fails to lodge the Intention to Race Form or fails to Log On with the Race Officer as required by these Sailing Instructions will be automatically scored as DNS.
- 27.6. In all Inshore Series, a boat shall be automatically Logged Off when she finishes.
- 27.7. In all Inshore Series Races, a boat that has retired from the race must notify the Race Officer by radio VHF 77, SMS or by mobile phone as soon as possible after she retires. A boat that fails to notify the Race Officer of her retirement will result in the competitor being scored as DNS.
- 27.8. A boat retiring from an Offshore Series Race must notify the Race Officer or another competitor, and the appropriate Marine Rescue Station, as soon as possible after retirement.
- 27.9. In all Category 7 races, the Skipper of any singlehanded boat must be aged at least eighteen (18) years of age. Where a boat is sailed shorthanded by a crew of 2, at least one member of the crew must be aged eighteen years or older and the younger crew member must be at least fourteen (14) years of age.
- 27.10. In all Category 4 races, a boat shall have a minimum crew of two (2) both of whom must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 27.11. Safety checks for compliance with YA Special Regulations Parts 1 may be carried out before or after any race.

## 28. SEVERE WEATHER

- 28.1. The Race Officer may postpone or abandon any race or day's sailing due to the threat or occurrence of severe weather.
- 28.2. The Race Officer may advise skippers of any decision to abandon the day's race in advance of the scheduled start time. This decision may be communicated, in addition to RRS requirements, by Radio on VHF channel 77, SMS, email and a notice posted on the HRYC website.
- 28.3. Abandoned races may be re-sailed on another scheduled race day providing adequate notice is given and posted on the HRYC Website prior to the rescheduled race.

## 29. EQUIPMENT

- 29.1. A Boat shall carry her correct sail number unless the skipper and/or owner has otherwise notified the Race Officer.
- 29.2. All boats competing in HRYC events shall comply with Category 4 Safety Requirements in all Offshore Series Races and Category 7 Safety Requirements in all Inshore Series Races.
- 29.3. Boats fitted with retractable or lifting keels must maintain the keel in the fully lowered and lock position throughout races.

## 30. RUBBISH

- 30.1. Competitors shall not dispose of rubbish into the water. Boats infringing may be disqualified. Spinnaker banding is NOT exempt from this instruction.





## RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 30.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This prohibition includes use of mobile phones.
- 30.3. The Race Officer 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 77. Any failure of, or defect in radio broadcasts by the Race Officer on matters such as Start Area, Course Number, Names and Sail Numbers of OCS boats, Shortening of Course, or any other matter of relevance to the conduct of the Race will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.
- 30.4. Offshore Radio communications between the Race Officer and a boat competing in the race shall be on VHF Channel 77.
- 30.5. All competitors must have a VHF radio and monitor VHF 16 during races.
- 30.6. All boats competing in the Offshore Series shall “Log on” and “Log Off” with Marine Rescue as per these Sailing Instructions and follow all radio schedule requirements of NSW Marine Rescue.

## 31. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 31.1. Series and Race Trophies will be awarded at the 2017 HRYC Annual General Meeting.
- 31.2. The Committee may establish additional prizes as during the year.

## 32. INSURANCE

- 32.1. Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid Third Party Liability Insurance of not less than AU\$10,000,000 for any one event. Such insurance shall cover all risks arising from participation in the racing program whether ashore or afloat.
- 32.2. Each entrant shall sign the insurance compliance form. Proof of current insurance may be requested by the race committee at any time

## 33. LIABILITY / DISCLAIMER

- 33.1. Disclaimer: It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the HRYC 2016-17 Boat Registration and Season Racing Entry Form complies with the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 33.2. By signing the HRYC 2016-7 Boat Registration and Season Entry Form a competitor has made a declaration to the HRYC that the Owner and Skipper of the nominated boat understands and will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Sailing Australia, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:
  - 33.2.a. RRS 46
  - 33.2.b. the person in charge of the boat shall take responsibility to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 56
  - 33.2.c. Sailing Australia Special Regulations;
  - 33.2.d. That the boat has adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (Ten million dollars) for any one incident; and that all insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing;
  - 33.2.e. The HRYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is





- accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment;
- 33.3. By signing and lodging the 2016-7 Boat Registration and Seasons Entry Form with the HRYC, a person warrants to the HRYC that
- 33.3.a. he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the Boat in any event conducted by the HRYC of the Risk Warning (Clause 35) below;
- 33.3.b. he or she acknowledges the receipt of the risk warning below and releases the HRYC from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him or her, or by any person claiming through him or her, in any event conducted by the HRYC.
- 33.3.c. All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The Hawkesbury River Yacht Club Inc., Committee Members, Office Bearers, Race Officers or any other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the event.

#### 34. RISK WARNING

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. These risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Hawkesbury River Yacht Club Inc. also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Hawkesbury River Yacht Club. Participants are also advised that although Hawkesbury River Yacht Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Yachting NSW includes limited personal accident insurance cover.

#### 35. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 35.1. A competitor in any HRYC sailing event automatically grants to the HRYC the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, digital video or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said sailing event without compensation.