



SPRINT SERIES - NOTICE OF RACE

This is a handicap sailing series over three short races conducted on Saturday, November 19.

The series also counts as Windward Leeward Series Race 4.

Aggregate times for this series are used to compute the results of Windward Leeward Series Race 4.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is the Hawkesbury River Yacht Club Inc.
- 1.2. All racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing as published by the ISAF and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia 2013–2016 as modified HRYC Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.
- 1.3. Racing is subject to NSW Maritime Regulations and the HRYC Aquatic License Issued by NSW RMS.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The series is open to any yacht (mono-hulls or multi-hulls) registered for racing with the HRYC during the 2016-17 Season and holding a current Category 7 Safety Equipment Certificate.
- 2.2. Skippers and regular crew must be members of Yachting NSW.
- 2.3. Yachts are automatically entered for the series upon payment of 2016-7 Racing Fees.
- 2.4. A Condition of Entry is that each competing boat provide a skippers and supporting crew member for the HRYC Start Boat for at least one race during the series.
- 2.5. Late entries are accepted.

3. CASUAL ENTRY

- 3.1. A Yacht that is not registered with HRYC for racing may compete as a Casual Entry.
- 3.2. Casual entries are not eligible for trophies and prizes.
- 3.3. The casual race entry fee is \$30 per race.
- 3.4. The elapsed and corrected times of a casual race entry will be published in HRYC race results. A casual entry will not be allocated any place in HRYC race results.
- 3.5. Casual Entry is by email communication with the Rear Commodore. Entries are accepted at the discretion of the RC. Handicaps may not be allocated to casual entries received less than 2 days before the race start.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. The Windward – Leeward Series comprises 3 races. The schedule of races is set out below.

	Date	Start Time
Race 1	Saturday, November 19	1230 hrs
Race 2	Saturday, November 19	1345 hrs
Race 3	Saturday, November 19	1500 hrs

5. START TIME

- 5.1. The start times listed in 4.1 are approximate only and may be varied by the Race Officer.
- 5.2. The warning signal for Race 2 will be no sooner than 10 minutes after the last competitor finishes Race 1.
- 5.3. The warning signal for Race 3 will be no sooner than 10 minutes after the last competitor finishes Race 2.

6. COURSES

- 6.1. Attachment 1 shows the sprint courses, course numbers, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Diagram x below is a schematic representation of the sprint course.
- 6.2. The course format is a single lap with upwind finish about 0.1 NM (~200m) upwind of the Leeward Mark. Windward, Leeward and Start Pin/Finish Mark are left to Port when rounding or finishing.
- 6.3. The distance between Leeward and Windward Marks is about 1.2 NM (~ 2200m).

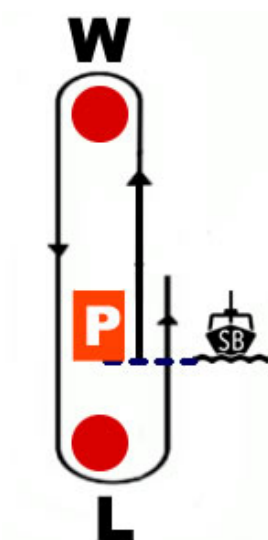


Diagram x. Schematic Representation of Windward-Leeward Sprint Course.



7. START LINE

- 7.1. The Start Area and Course Number will be broadcast on VHF Channel 77 by the Race Officer approximately 60 minutes and 30 minutes prior to the start of the first race.
- 7.2. The course number will be displayed in signage or International Code Flags on the Start Boat at least 5 minutes prior to the Warning Signal.
- 7.3. The location of the Start Areas used for different courses are set out in the Table 7 and and Diagram 7
- 7.4. The Start/Finish Line shall be between the HRYC Start Boat at the Starboard End and an Orange Drum Mark at the Port End.
- 7.5. A small inner distant (“anti-barging”) Flag Mark may be laid near the Start Boat. If laid, competitors approaching the line to start shall leave this mark to Starboard and must not pass between the Flag Mark and the Start Boat. The flag mark does not form part of the start line transit but shall be considered as a start mark for the purposes of the Racing Rules.

Start Area	Wind	Course Type & [Course Number]
Lower River Vicinity of Channel Markers 407 & 408	S/SE	W/L Sprint [Courses S1 & S2]
Southern South of Juno Point and Vicinity of the Mouths of Hawkesbury River & Cowan Creek	SW	W/L Sprint [S4]
	N/NW	W/L Sprint [S3]
Walker Point South of Little Patonga/Brisk Bay/Walker Point, Mid Sound	E	W/L Sprint [S6]
	NE	W/L Sprint [S8]
	W	W/L Sprint [S5]
Eastern North of Commodore Heights/Flint & Steel	NE	W/L Sprint (outer) [S9]
	E	W/L Sprint (outer) [S7]



8. FINISH LINE

The Start Line also serves as the Finish Line.

9. TIME LIMIT

9.1. If the last boat has not finished Race 1 by 1530 hours, Races 2 & 3 shall be abandoned, If the last boat has not finished Race 2 by 1530 hours, Races 3 shall be abandoned.



10. SCORING

- 10.1. Scoring will be in accordance with Low Point System set out in RRS Appendix A4 except that a boat that came to the starting area but did not *start* (DNS) shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This amends RRS Appendix A4. This amendment provides a real sanction against retiring without logging off.
- 10.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4. A Series Entrant that competes and does not have a current Category 7 Safety Equipment Certificate shall be scored as DSQ and shall not have her times recorded in results.

11. RESULTS

- 11.1. Provisional Results will be announced at the Anglers Rest Hotel, Brooklyn at approximately 1800hrs on the day of the race.
- 11.2. Final Results and adjusted handicaps shall be published on the HRYC website within 5 days of the completion of a race. Results will be published for Line Honours, Performance Handicap (PHS), and Class Based Handicap (CBH).

12. TROPHIES

- 12.1. The Sprint Series Perpetual Trophy - shall be presented to the series winner on Performance Handicap. Trophy presentation will be at the 2017 AGM.

13. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1. Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the HRYC website on or before the 5th August 2016.
- 13.2. Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race will be published in the 2016-17 HRYC Sailing Handbook

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile tele-phones.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The HRYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per event or the equivalent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. For further information, please email rearcommodore@hryc.asn.au.