

SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS

COMBINED OFFSHORE
POINTSORE

LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB

and

NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT
CLUB

2011/2012

ORGANIZATION

1.1 The Organizing Authorities for this series are the Lake Macquarie Yacht (LMYC) and the Newcastle Cruising Yacht (NCYC).

1.2 The Conducting Authority for this series is the Combined Offshore Pointscore Committee comprising representatives from LMYC and NCYC.

RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009/2012 (RRS), the Yachting Australia (YA) prescriptions thereto, the Special Regulations of Yachting Australia and by the Sailing Instructions and Additional Sailing Instructions issued for each race.

2.2 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea replace the RRS between official sunset and official sunrise.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the noticeboard of both LMYC and NCYC and on the websites of each club –

LMYC www.lmyc.com.au/sailingnotices/changeinsailinginstructions

NCYC www.ncyc.net.au

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be in writing and posted on the official noticeboard and websites of both LMYC and NCYC by 1700 hrs on the day preceding the race.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be flown from the flagstaff in front of the Sailing Office at NCYC and from the flagstaff at the starters signal box on the marina at LMYC.

COURSES

6.1 The courses to be sailed will be detailed in Additional Sailing Instructions issued on the Monday preceding each race and posted on both club websites.

6.2 Where multiple courses have been provided in the Additional Sailing Instructions the numeral pennant indicating the course to be sailed will be flown from the Race Committee Vessel (RCV) at the warning signal.

START PROCEDURES

7.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

7.2 The Warning flag shall be code flag W.

RECALLS

8.1 There shall be no individual or general recalls in these races.

8.2 A boat scoring OCS shall receive a scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). (Amends RRS Appendix A Scoring)

TIME LIMITS

9.1 There shall be no time limit for any race except Race 3 (Friendship Cup) where the time limit shall be notified in the Additional Sailing Instructions. (amends RRS 35)

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

10.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be in accordance with RRS 61 and 62.

10.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged at the Sailing Office of either club or handed to the Assistant Race Officer nominated in the Additional Sailing Instructions.

10.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be heard by a protest committee formed by representatives of both LMYC and NCYC.

10.4 Protests and requests for redress shall be heard at 1800 hrs on the Thursday following the race unless otherwise notified.

10.5 The location of the hearing shall be advised on both clubs websites by 1800 hrs on the Tuesday after the race. The posting of such notice shall be notice to the parties in accordance with RRS 63.2.

HANDICAPS

11.1 The handicappers from LMYC and NCYC shall determine an initial Time Correction Factor (TCF) to be applied to each boat's elapsed times for Race 1. Handicaps for subsequent races shall be adjusted in accordance with a boat's performance or at the discretion of the handicappers.

DECLARATIONS

12.1 To be scored as a starter a boat shall - at least 1 hour before the scheduled start time lodge with the Sailing Office of either LMYC or NCYC or with the Race Officer a Crew List noting crew names and onshore contact numbers,

- advise their arrival in the start area, their intention to race and the number of crew onboard as directed in the Additional Sailing Instructions.

12.2 To be scored as a finisher a boat shall - as soon as practical after finishing lodge as directed in the Additional Sailing Instructions a declaration of their elapsed time for the race. Declarations shall be lodged no later than 1000 hrs on the morning preceding the race,

- advise their safe arrival at the finish as directed in the Additional Sailing Instructions.

NOTE Boats retiring from racing must advise the authority indicated in the Additional Sailing Instructions of their retirement and their safe arrival in port. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in the refusal of entry in subsequent races.

WARNINGS

Radio Communications

While no radio report schedules are required during these races competitors are reminded that Volunteer Marine Rescue stations at Port Stephens Swansea and Broken Bay monitor VHF emergency channel 16 and 27 Mg Hz emergency channel 88. It is strongly recommended that boats monitor an emergency channel while racing.

Newcastle Harbour Restrictions

Attention is drawn to the safety information booklet for recreational boating when operating in proximity to commercial shipping at the Port of Newcastle.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in these events entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS 4 Decision to Race.

The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or during or after these races.

Equipment Checks

Equipment Compliance checks may be carried out prior to or after each race by two accredited equipment auditors (one from each club) acting conjointly.

Conflicts in Instructions

Both LMYC and NCYC will conduct club pointscore racing in conjunction with the Combined Offshore Pointscore. Where a conflict arises between Sailing Instructions issued for those events and these Sailing Instructions then these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence

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