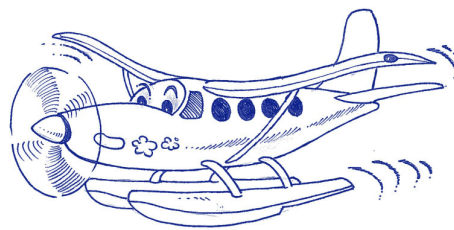




NEWCASTLE CRUISING  
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# The Sydney Seaplanes NCYC Inner Spring Series

## Sailing Instructions

**14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August, 2011**

The Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, as the organising authority, presents these Sailing Instructions for the Sydney Seaplanes NCYC Inner Spring Series.

The series will be conducted between race seasons in the NCYC calendar over 8 days, including two Sunday race days, a week apart on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and a non point score Twilight Pursuit Race on the Wednesday between those Sundays, i.e. on the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 and will be conducted under the following rules:



**SYDNEY SEAPLANES**

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## Inner Spring Series

### 1.0 The Rules

1.1 The Races will be governed by:

- the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009/2012 (RRS) with the Yachting Australia (YA) prescriptions,
- the IRC Rules 2011 Parts A, B and C shall apply,
- the Special Regulations of Yachting Australia, Category 4,
- the Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea,
- the Newcastle Harbour Safety Information prepared by Newcastle Port Corporation, NSW Maritime and NCYC (copies available at Sailing Office or on our website)
- the NCYC Sailing Handbook 2010 - 2011 edition (copies are available from the Sailing Office or on our website)

1.1. If there is a conflict of interest between these Sailing Instructions and the NOR, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

1.2. Attention is drawn to RRS 1.1. "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger".

1.4 Crew Overboard: The RO must be notified immediately of a crew overboard or serious onboard incident. NCYC RO contact number is 0418257828 if unable to reach by VHF. After 15 minutes an emergency response may be initiated by the RO including a Search and Rescue response unless initiated by the vessel affected.

1.5 Distress or Accident: Vessels needing to urgently transfer crew are advised that the preferred landing point is the NCYC Marina.

### 2.0 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the NCYC Official Noticeboard (NCYC Results Board) and may be on the web sites.

### 3.0 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

For the purpose of RRS 90.2,

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions: the required time is one hour prior to the Warning Signal of the race.

3.2 Oral changes may be given on the water by the RO. These may be done via VHF radio. Crews are reminded to monitor VHF channel 16 at all times.

### 4.0 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the NCYC Marina Flagpole.

### 5.0 Race Briefing

5.1 A Race Briefing may be held at NCYC at 11:00am Sunday, 14th August.

### 6.0 Scheduled Race Times

The proposed schedule of events is:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2011	<i>Last date for free entry &amp; berthing</i>	
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Race 1	1.00pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Pursuit Race (non point score)	3.00pm
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Races 2 & 3	1.00pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> race asap after 1 <sup>st</sup> )

6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signals for the races is 5 minutes before scheduled start time. Start times may be delayed for a variety of reasons including Harbour Shipping movements as N'cle harbour is a working port. Skippers are advised to monitor their radios for any update. (Refer to section 10)

## 7.0 Class Flag

- 7.1 The Division 1 Class Flag will be T.
- 7.2 The Division 2 Class Flag will be E.
- 7.3 The Division 3 Class Flag will be J.

## 8.0 The Courses.

- 8.1 See Appendix A for course descriptions.
- 8.2 For the Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Race we will be using the normal NCYC's Short Ocean point score courses as described in the NCYC Sailing Handbook 2010 - 2011 edition (copies are available from the Sailing Office or on our website).
- 8.3 For the Wednesday's Pursuit race yachts' starting time (time offsets) will be posted on the 'results' notice board in the NCYC club. Make your start from an *accurate* time device (a GPS or dial 1194 for a time sync.) as breaking the start will be scored as a DSQ. *The race is run under a Black flag (RRS 30.3 is in effect).*

## 9.0 Time Limits

- 9.1 The race time limit for Sunday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> race shall be 4 hours.
- 9.2 The race time limit for each of the Windward/Leewards, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday's Twilight, Aug 17<sup>th</sup> is 2.5 hours.
- 9.3 Any boat finishing after these limits shall be scored DNF without a hearing. (This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5)

## 10.0 Race Communication

- 10.1 All entrants shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 16 for the race duration.
- 10.2 For race communications the preferred VHF Channel for NCYC racing is Ch 73.

## 11.0 Reporting to the Race Officials at the Start Line.

- 11.1 Race entrants shall confirm the yacht's intention to sail and its crew number aboard to the Race Officer on the Start line by hailing or, if necessary, by VHF radio.
- 11.2 By hailing the Race Officer, as above, a race entrant is confirming that crew details are entered on the TopYacht Entry System. If the crew aboard is not the same as crew so entered it may be scored DNS without a hearing. (This changes RRS A4)

## 12.0 The Start

- 12.1 The Race will be started by using rule RRS 26.
- 12.2 The Race communication will be conducted on VHF Channel 73, which may include the race countdown.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. (This changes RRS A4)

## 13.0 Start / Finish Lines Locations

- 13.1 The start line and finish lines for races (Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> pursuit) are within the Harbour. Refer to appendix A.
- 13.2 The start/finish line for Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> (Windward /Leewards) will be off shore, out of the N'cle harbour, with the CV at the starboard end of line looking to windward. Refer to appendix A.
- 13.3 Yachts retiring from any race shall notify the Race Officer immediately upon retirement by hailing, or by VHF, and will sail outside of the finish line when nearing it.

## 14.0 Protests

- 14.1 A yacht intending to lodge a protest shall inform the RO immediately after the race.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat in the race finishes.
- 14.3 A protest fee of \$25 shall accompany a Protest Form.
- 14.4 Protest Hearings shall be held at the NCYC Sailing Office.
- 14.5 For a protest between two boats; alleging only an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31, an Arbitration hearing will be required subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to any protest hearing. This procedure is detailed in The NCYC sailing handbook.

## 15.0 Handicaps

- 15.1 A boat's handicap in PHS divisions shall be based on an arbitrary time correction factor (TCF).
- 15.2 IRC Race results shall be calculated by application of the IRC TCF as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time.
- 15.3 Handicap place for each yacht is determined on corrected times calculated by multiplying the elapsed time by the TCF.

## 16.0 Special Race Condition

16.1 A motor may be used to keep out of the way of commercial shipping. As long as no advantage is taken, no penalty shall be imposed. (Amends RRS 42.3(h))

## 17.0 Race Results and Presentation of Prizes

17.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each race in each Division, as determined by the Race Committee, at the after race gatherings in the NCYC club house.

17.2 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places for the Overall Point Score Series Winners will be awarded. These prizes will be calculated as per the NCYC Annual Point Score formula to determine overall winners across all divisions over the Sunday races.

17.3 The 'team' prize will be awarded if a minimum four teams of 3 yachts are entered and will be calculated on the lowest total *positional scores*, not the NCYC APS formula scores, of all team members in all Sunday races. Member Yachts can be across any division. Yacht team members must be submitted in writing to a race official prior to the first race starting.

17.4 The Overall Point Score and the Winning Team will be announced on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August, post racing.

## 18.0 Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 Competitors participate in the any race entirely at their own risk. (Refer to RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.) The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

## Appendix A

### COURSES & MARKS

#### 1 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Courses

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Race will be set subject to weather conditions, using the normal NCYC's Short Ocean point score courses as described in the NCYC Sailing Handbook 2010 - 2011 edition (copies are available from the Sailing Office or on our website).

A course flag will be displayed on the starting line, and the direction of the first mark outside the harbour and approx. distance will be broadcast via VHF radio.

The start line/ finish line for this race shall be an imaginary line from a mast carrying the NCYC club burgee at a shore position near the Harbour Lead Marker, in the vicinity of Scratchley's Restaurant, and the East Cardinal Mark (ECM) in the vicinity of Dyke Point. The start signals will also be displayed from masts in this vicinity.

#### 2 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Twilight Pursuit Course

The start line for this race will be the same as described for the Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> race.

The finish line for this race **differs** from the Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> race and shall be an imaginary line from a mast carrying the club burgee on Queens Wharf and the Port Lateral Mark 6 (PLM 6) opposite.

The Wednesday race will be as per the NCYC's normal Wednesday end of month Pursuit Twilight Race course:

Newcastle Harbour – "IDM" (S) – Finish.

The IDM, Isolated Danger Marker, is in Stockton Bight, bearing approximately 50 degrees, 2.2 nm from Nobbys Head, coordinates 32 53.8S & 151 51.0E, Chart Aus 207.

## Appendix A (Cont.)

### 3 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Windward / Leeward (W/L) Courses

#### Starting Line.

The start line will be between the signal mast, displaying the NCYC burgee, on the committee vessel (CV) and a port-end starting mark.

An inner limit buoy may be laid near the CV approximately on the starting line. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the CV at any time. A breach of this SI is open to protest by the Race Committee only. (This alters RRS 60.1 and 60.3)

#### Finishing Line.

The finishing line will be between the signal mast, displaying the NCYC burgee on the CV and a nearby finishing mark.

The diagram below shows the courses which may be sailed. The Course Number to be sailed will be indicated by pennant on CV and the display of a numeral board on the CV.

The magnetic bearing to the first mark will be displayed from the CV and may be broadcast via VHF radio.

Marks 1 & 3 are Orange. Mark 2 (Yellow) will not be laid should there be only one division in the race.

COURSE No.	COURSE TO SAIL (All marks to Port)
1	START – 1 – FINISH
2	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – FINISH
3	START – 2 – FINISH
4	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – FINISH

