



The Shorthanded Sailing Association of Australia Inc



All Marine Pittwater to Newcastle

Short Handed race

Sailing Instructions

0800 hrs, 17th May 2008

Note: This race is Race Two of the 2008 Winter Series. Results for the race will be calculated under handicap/divisions as advised in the Notice of Series. Results will also count towards the SSAA Champion Award.

1 Race Rules

1.1 This race will be governed by:

- 1.1.1 The rules as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF),
- 1.1.2 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, when applicable,
- 1.1.3 The Notice of Series and as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

1.3 The SSAA burgee should be flying at all times while racing, and at the Marina in Newcastle.

1.4 Competitors seen dumping rubbish overboard shall be disqualified

1.5 The crew is limited to one, two or three people. Yachts with three persons on board shall not use autopilot, and shall have a penalty of 5% added to their elapsed time. Yachts sailed by a single person shall retire if not finished by 1900hrs. All crew shall be a minimum of 18 years of age as of the day of the race.

2 Safety

As per the Notice of Series.

3 Entries

3.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by lodging the Entry Form with the SSAA to be received by midday 16th May 2008 by mail to the postal address of SSAA (see paragraph 12) or by fax to **(02) 9660 5648**.

3.2 The crew must have supplied:

3.2.1 A current AYF Category 4 Safety Certificate,

- 3.2.2 A summary of previous yachting experience of all crew members together with supporting evidence in each case,
- 3.2.3 A clear beam-on photograph of the entered vessel,
- 3.2.4 Yachst shall notify whether they are entering the Handicap or Line Honours division, or both.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

There will be no starting vessel for this race. Any changes in Sailing will be posted on the website the day before or notified on Channel 73 prior to the start.

5 Race Schedule and Start

- 5.1 The Race is expected to start at 0800 hours, Saturday 17th May 2008. The start may be postponed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

The Start Line will be the line between Barrenjoey Lighthouse and the north eastern extremity of Lion Island. Yachts shall cross the starting line from west to east.

Competitors shall start at 0800 hours using properly synchronized and calibrated time pieces

- 5.2 Race Time for the entire race, including starting and finishing will be coordinated with Eastern Standard Time - telephone 1194, or from a GPS receiver.

6 The Course

The course is from the start line to the finish line in Newcastle.

7 The Finish

- 7.1 A yacht will be deemed to have finished when the Lighthouse at Nobby's Head bears 290°M. Refer to chart AUS208.
- 7.2 Competitors must take their own finishing time, and report these to the Race Office by SMS **0414 344 914** as soon as possible, but within 12 hours of finishing. **Competitors shall notify the Race Office of any other visible yachts finishing near their finishing time in the order of the yacht ahead and the yacht behind.**

8 Radio Communications

Yachts shall keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 16 (and HF 2182MHz if fitted) during the race. Any race communications if necessary will be on VHF 73 after contact is made on Ch 16.

When within 2nm of the finish line, contact Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club on VHF 73 to advise them of your ETA. After finishing, contact them again, and if staying in Newcastle they will direct you to the marina. The marina is located up the Hunter River on the Southern shore.

As a safety requirement, yachts should advise other entrants should weather conditions deteriorate and winds exceed 35 knots.

9 Alternative Penalties

Yachts involved in an infringement of a Right-of-Way rule may do a 720-degree turn and continue in the race but the Committee reserves the right to impose additional time penalties or disqualification for rule infringements.

10 Retirements

If a yacht retires or abandons the Race, the skipper shall be responsible for notifying the Race Office at the earliest possible time by SMS on the number already provided. It is recommended that any yacht retiring use VHF 73 to advise other entrants.

11 Results and Prizes

Results will be calculated using SSAA handicaps, with a penalty of 5% being added to the corrected time of any yacht sailing with three crew and where permitted, a discount of 5% for yachts sailing solo. There are also Line Honours results.

Prizes may be awarded at the post race celebration in Newcastle, or at the Annual Prize giving Dinner. There may also be length division prizes.

12 Race Office

Short-Handed Sailing Association of Australia
P.O. Box 7033
McMahons Point 2060
For any urgent queries contact Peter McCorquodale on 0414 344 914.

13 Charts

Current versions of the following charts shall be carried by all competitors as a minimum requirement:

AUS 204, AUS 809, AUS 208, AUS 209 and AUS 207.