



The Shorthanded Sailing Association of Australia Inc



Sydney to Pittwater

Short Handed race

Sailing Instructions

1000 hrs, 9th August 2008

Note: This race is Race Five of the 2008 Winter Series, and is race one of the two race Performance Boating Sales Pittwater 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 the:

- 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.

1.4 Competitors seen dumping rubbish overboard shall be disqualified

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 by midday 8th August 2008.

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.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

The starting vessel will notify changes in Sailing Instructions when yachts report in prior to the start.

5 Race Schedule and Start

- 5.1 The Race is expected to start at 1000 hours, Saturday 9th August 2008. The start may be postponed at the discretion of the Race Committee. Please note that Multihulls may start with monohulls depending on number of entries.

The Start Line will be in Sydney Harbour, between the lighthouse off Grotto Point, and the flagstaff of the committee vessel, flying a SSAA Burgee, in Hunter Bay, generally located S to SW of the lighthouse.

If there is no Committee Vessel on station by 0950 hours the starting line shall be the lighthouse off Grotto Point and the vertical structure supporting the southern end of the shark net located on "The Island" at Balmoral.

5.2 Starting Signals

Postponement Signal - Answering Pennant.

Postponement to a later day - Answering Pennant over Code Flag "A".

Warning Signal - Numeral Pennant 1 displayed

Preparatory Signal - Code Flag "P" displayed.

Starting Signal - Both flags lowered.

The warning, preparatory and starting signals shall be at five-minute intervals. No protests regarding the timing of the signals shall be allowed, the starting signal shall determine the start time of the race. In the case of a postponement the warning signal will be made one minute after the answering pennant is lowered. The visual signals may be accompanied by a sound signal but the timing of the visual signals shall be the timing of the signals.

If there is no Committee Vessel, then the start shall be at 1000 hours precisely Eastern Standard Time - telephone 1194 or a GPS receiver.

- 5.3 Race Time for the entire race, including starting and finishing will be coordinated with Eastern Standard Time - telephone 1194, or from a GPS receiver.
- 5.4 All yachts using their motor for propulsion after the preparatory signal must do a 360-degree turn, under sail, before starting.

6 The Course

The course is from the start line to Lion Island, leaving it to port, and thence to the finish line in Pittwater.

7 The Finish

- 7.1 A yacht will be deemed to have finished when it crosses the transit line of the south western tip of Barrenjoey Head, and the Sea Plane Jetty to the north of Observation Point.
- 7.2 Competitors must take their own finishing times, and report these to the Race Office by telephone on 0414 344 914 as soon as possible but within 12 hours of finishing. It would be of assistance to the Race Office to identify any other yachts finishing near your finishing time

8 Radio Communications

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

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. 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 7.5% being added to the corrected time of any yacht sailing with three crew, and a deduction of 7.5% from the handicap of yacht sailed solo. Prizes for the Pittwater Series (both races) will be awarded at the Annual Prizegiving Dinner.

12 Race Office

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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 197, AUS204, AUS 809, AUS 208, AUS 209 and AUS 207.