



The Shorthanded Sailing Association of Australia Inc

Sailing Instructions

Winter Series 2008



SECUMAR Sydney to Botany Bay and return race

Race 1, 1000 hrs, 19th April 2008

Note: This race is Race One of the 2008 Winter Series. Results for the race will be calculated under handicap/divisions as advised in the Notice of Race. 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)
- 1.1.2 The International regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, when applicable,
- 1.1.3 The Notice of Race 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 No means of propulsion may be used other than the force of the wind on sails and/or the manpower of the crew. No form of powered handling device may be used when the yacht is underway, regardless of the source of power, other than:

- 1.3.1 electrical/hydraulic or wind powered self steering systems,
- 1.3.2 electric powered winches,
- 1.3.2 hydraulically operated mast jacks, stays and vang,
- 1.3.3 pumps to fill transfer and exhaust water ballast.

Provided that such system does not require the operation of the yacht's engine for other than a short or intermittent period of time.

1.4 Radar and electronic charting/navigation systems are allowed. Canting keels and rotating masts are permitted, canting masts are not.

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 7.5% added to their elapsed time. Yachts sailed by a single person shall have their elapsed time reduced by 7.5%, but 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.

1.6 The competitors have no right to expect or demand that rescue operations or other assistance be extended to them during any race.

1.7 The SSAA burgee must be flying at all times while racing.

1.8 Competitors seen dumping rubbish overboard shall be disqualified

2 Safety

As per Notice of Race

3 Entries

- 3.1** Eligible yachts may be entered by lodging the Entry Form with the SSAA by midday 18th April 2008.
- 3.2** The crew must have supplied:
 - 3.2.1** A current YA Category 4 Safety Certificate or higher.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Changes in Sailing Instructions will be notified by the appointed Starting Vessel as part of the routine starting report or at the discretion of the Committee by radio on Channel 73.

5 Race Schedule and Start

- 5.1** The Race is expected to start at 1000 hours, Saturday 19th April 2008. All Multi Hulls will start 10 minutes after the allotted race start time. 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, being a red or white motor vessel, flying a SSAA Burgee, in Hunter Bay, generally located S to SW of the lighthouse.

All yachts intending to start must pass close to the Committee Vessel so that they can report in and the Committee will recognise them as starters.

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 on station by 09 50 hours then competitors will start at 1000 hours. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure the accuracy of the timing of their start under this situation as per SI 5.3.

- 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** Any yacht over the start line after the preparatory signal must go around the start-boat end of the line to start or if there is no start boat, otherwise return over the line and restart.
- 5.5** 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 in Middle Harbour to Botany Bay, rounding to starboard, the port hand channel marker inside Botany Bay (approx 0.3nm NW of Sutherland Point approx. 34deg S, 151deg 13.1' E) and then return to the finish line in Sydney Harbour.

7 The Finish

- 7.1** A yacht will be deemed to have finished when it crosses in a southerly direction, a transit line from the Starboard hand channel marker of the western channel approx. 0.2nm east of Middle Head, to the Junction Bell. The transit line extends east of the Junction Bell; the Junction Bell is to be left to starboard.
- 7.2** Competitors must take their own finishing times, and report these to the Race Office by telephone on 0414 344 914 or fax on (02 9660 5648) 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 (and HF 2182MHz if fitted) during the race. The Committee may communicate on Channel 73 prior to the race.

9 Alternative Penalties

Yachts involved in an infringement of a Right-of-Way rule may do a 720-degree turn and proceed 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 notify the Race Office at the earliest possible time.

11 Recalls

- 11.1** No individual recall signals will be made.
- 11.2** Should any yacht start prematurely, Code Flag Numeral Pennant One will be re-hoisted and remain up until all prematurely starting yachts have re-crossed the Starting Line and started correctly, or for ten minutes maximum.

12 Protests

Protests will be heard, and will be treated with concern.

All protests must be made in accordance with RRS 68 and 69 and delivered to the SSAA Race Committee within 8 hours of the protesting yachts finishing time.

14 Race Office

Short-Handed Sailing Association of Australia
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McMahons Point 2060

For any urgent queries contact Peter McCorquodale on 0414 344 914.

15 Charts

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

AUS197, AUS198, AUS200.