



SYDNEY AMATEUR SAILING CLUB
LION ISLAND RACE
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2009
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Conduct of Racing

This event will be governed by:

- (a) The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 – 2012, except that the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea will replace RRS Part 2 between official sunset and sunrise;
- (b) the Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA);
- (c) the Maritime Safety (General) Regulation 2009;
- (d) the SASC General Sailing Instructions; and
- (e) these Sailing Instructions for this event.

2. ELIGIBILITY

This event is open to self-righting, mono-hulled vessels of a thoroughly seaworthy type with a minimum waterline length of 5 metres. Entries will only be accepted when the completed entry form together with a copy of a current, signed Equipment Audit form to at least Category 4, and signed copy of the Conditions of Entry are received at the SASC.

Entries will not be accepted after 1200 on Tuesday September 08, 2009.

3. COMMITTEE VESSEL

The official committee vessel will display the SASC Club Burgee. A Blue Flag may also be displayed when the committee vessel is on station for finish.

4. STARTING LINE

Between the Signal Mast on the committee vessel MV *Captain Amora* and the orange inflatable buoy marked SASC in black. Starter's telephone: 0419 625 883.

The starting line will be in Watsons Bay.

5. COURSE SIGNAL

All divisions are to sail the course signalled by the corresponding code flag.

All marks are rounded to starboard unless otherwise indicated. (P) denotes port hand rounding.

COURSE A: (WB) START – LION ISLAND SEA MARK (P) – FINISH

COURSE Z: (WB) START – MW – ME – SM – MW – ME – SM – MW – ME – FINISH

LION ISLAND SEA MARK: **RPAYC ORANGE BUOY**

APPROX. 33° 33.6'S 151° 20.0'E

6. FINISHING LINE

The finishing line shall be between the Signal Mast on the committee vessel MV *Captain Amora* and the Eastern Channel Pile light (Wedding Cake Island) near Watsons Bay and shall be crossed in the direction from the last mark. Competing yachts shall not pass through the finishing line unless actually finishing.

7. FINISHING TIMES

A committee vessel will be on station at Watsons Bay until 2000 on the day of the race.

8. TIME LIMIT

No yacht will be finished after 2000 (10 hours after the start).

9. FINISHING AFTER SUNSET

When finishing after sunset the yacht's sail number shall be illuminated while crossing the line and the yacht's name, sail number and finishing time reported to the race official.

10. PROTESTS

Protests must be delivered to the sailing office addressed to the Chairman, Protest Committee, SASC, 1 Green Street, Cremorne or Fax 9953 0898, no later than 1100 on the first working day following the day of the race, detailing the subject of the protest. Protests must conform to RRS Part 5. Hearings will be held on the following Tuesday at the SASC Clubhouse at 1930 or as directed by the Committee.

11. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The 720 degree Turns Penalty (as provided in RRS Rule 64.1 and 44) shall apply for infringement of a rule of Part 2.

12. STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS

Starting signals will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26.

The scheduled time of the warning signal is as follows:

DIVISIONS	SCHEDULED TIME	WARNING SIGNAL (FLAG DISPLAYED)
All	0955	F

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 Race communications for this event will be conducted on VHF Channel 73. This channel will be monitored by the committee vessel and all competing vessels must monitor the channel until finished or they have advised the committee vessel that they have retired from the event. The committee vessel call sign is "Lion Island Race Control". Communications may be supplemented by use of mobile telephone. The telephone number of the committee vessel MV *Captain Amora* is **0419 625 883**.

13.2 Intention to Race

All competing yachts shall report their intention to race by sailing by the committee vessel before the start and advising the number of persons on board, or by VHF Radio Channel 73.

13.3 Boats must also maintain a listening watch for the duration of the Race on VHF Channel 16.

13.4 Schedule times

There will be no scheduled position reports **except** on entering Harbour when abeam of Hornby Lighthouse, competitors must contact the committee vessel on VHF Channel 73.

14. ONE YACHT CONSTITUTES A RACE

Should one yacht appear at the start alone in her Division, she shall be entitled to sail the course and thereafter be declared the winner of that race.

15. YACHTS RETIRING

If a yacht abandons the race, the skipper shall be responsible for notifying the committee vessel or the SASC as soon as possible. This requirement must be observed strictly so that unnecessary time is not spent waiting at the finish line or that a search and rescue operation is not initiated unnecessarily.

16. DISPLAY OF TCFS AND HANDICAPS

The Time Correction Factors of handicaps of all competing yachts will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse of the SASC and on the SASC website (www.sasc.com.au) by 5pm, Friday 11th September, and shall be final for the race except that clerical or typographical errors may be corrected.

17. RENDERING ASSISTANCE

If any yacht has any reason to believe another vessel is in distress by reason of sighting flares or any other signal it must immediately maintain a listening watch on 2182 kHz or VHF Channels 16 or 73 as well as carry out its obligation to render assistance under RRS Rule 1.1.

Any yacht failing to render assistance when in a position to do so will be liable to disqualification and may be subject to legal action by Civil or Maritime Authorities.

18. RESPONSIBILITY

All yachts racing with the SASC do so at their own risk. Each yacht accepts the sole responsibility as to whether to start or to continue a race. Further, the SASC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.