



The Shorthanded Sailing Association of Australia Inc

Two Islands Race Sydney-Bird Island-Flinders Islet-Sydney Short Handed Yacht Race

Radio Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Handbook for Ship Station Operators should be carried on board every yacht.

2 Radio Check before Starting

- 2.1 All yachts to check in with the radio vessel, **Torquil** during the hour before the start on VHF 73. Each yacht must first check in on the fixed VHF, and then on their handheld VHF.
- 2.2 Yachts unable to carry out radio check to the satisfaction of the radio vessel will be considered a non-starter.

3 Routine Reports

- 3.1 Routine position reports are mandatory from all yachts.
- 3.1.1 Report Times will be at 19:10, 00:10, 08:10 and 16:10 on VHF 73, until the last yacht has finished.
- 3.1.2 Yachts will be called in alphabetical order and when called upon by the radio vessel, shall give their position as at 19:00, 00:00, 08:00 and 16:00 hours in Latitude and Longitude, followed by the heading as either Northerly (November) or Southerly (Sierra).
- 3.1.3 Any yacht not heard from will be called again at the end of the sched. Any yacht that hears a yacht that the Radio Vessel does not should relay that message when the yacht is called again.
- 3.1.4 All competitors are encouraged to keep note of all positions reported by completion of the schedule as provided.
- 3.1.5 Yachts failing to make scheduled position reports without reasonable excuse will incur a time penalty of 15 minutes per sched.
- 3.1.6 As a backup, text or voice messages can be left on 0414 344 914 which will be checked regularly.

4 Additional Communications

- 4.1 Yachts are required to maintain a listening watch on the VHF distress frequency channel 16.
- 4.2 Yachts with HF fitted should maintain a listening watch on HF 2182.
- 4.3 Yachts retiring shall inform the Radio Vessel at the first opportunity. If no response they should log in at the next radio sched, or try to notify any other yacht racing.
- 4.4 As a backup, text or voice messages can be left on 0414 344 914 which will be checked regularly.

5 On Finishing

- 5.1** Yachts must send a voice or text message with finishing time to 0414 344 914 as soon as possible after finishing. The Sailing Instructions contain a Declaration Form that also needs to be filled out and lodged with the Race Committee, by fax.

6 Radio Vessel/s

- 6.1** The nominated radio vessel is **Torquil**. Peter McCorquodale is the Radio Officer. **First Light** will be the backup radio vessel.