



**Balmain Sailing Club
2018 Main Harbour Race - Yachts
Sailing Instructions
Sunday 12th August 2018**

1. Rules

This race shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020 'RRS', the prescriptions of the Australian Sailing (AS) and these sailing instructions. This race is designated Category 7.

By entering this race all skippers are certifying that they understand their responsibilities as covered in AS and Maritime Authority Safety Requirements and that all items required will remain on board their yacht for the duration of the race.

2. Race Entry

Entrants shall lodge a fully completed Race Entry and Registration via the Balmain Sailing Club's website no later than 09:00 hours on the Sunday the 12th of August 2018. Refer to BSC web site for race entry and registration procedure.

As this is a **pursuit race** we would be grateful if boats who have entered through their 2018-2019 'Block Entry' would confirm their intention to race by emailing racing@balmainsailingclub.com so that a start times can be issued only to those intending to compete.

3. Start Line

The Start Line will be the transit line defined by the port hand channel mark located immediately north of Garden Island, and the Robinson's Point Light (at Cremorne Point).

4. Course

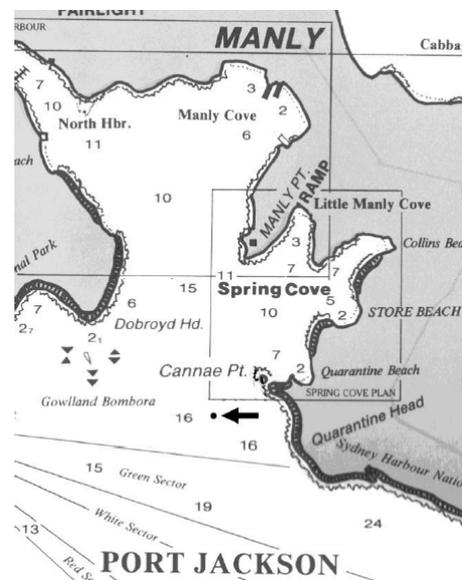
The course will be: Start_CP_SI_CI_FD(P)_GI(P)_Finish

Rounding marks:

- CP** Cannae Point - YA spar buoy
(33°48.95' 151°16.8' - 240m south-west of Cannae Point)
- SI** YA spar buoy off Shark Island
(33°51.626' - 151°15.541' - 10m from cardinal mark)
- CI** Clark Island
- FD** Fort Denison
- GI** Goat Island

(P) Denotes port-hand rounding

Unless otherwise specified all rounding marks are to be passed on starboard.



5. Short Course

The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

A shortened course announcement will be made on VHF Channel 77 and the finish line will be between Clark Island (CI) and the committee vessel.

6. Prohibited Water

The area of water between swing moorings and the shoreline shall be considered as prohibited water. Infringements under Item 6 cannot be exonerated. Retirement is the sporting preference; the alternative is disqualification.

7. Starting and Finishing Times

A handicap start will be used. Starting times will be posted on the noticeboard outside the clubhouse by 0900hrs on the day of the race and will be circulated to skippers via email and or mobile telephone text message.

Entrants can determine the correct time by telephoning 1194 and start at their allotted time.

The first boat will start at approximately 1300hrs.

The first boat over the finishing line will be the winner. Race entrants are expected to record their own finishing times, and also record the name of the boat ahead and behind (if any).

Finishing times are to be declared at the Sailing Office after the race. Boats not returning to the club should text finishing times before 17h30 to 0411206 347. Boats not notifying the club will be scored as D.N.F. (Did Not Finish).

As a 'non-pointscore' race, a boats performance will not impact on its handicap in any point-score series.

8. Recalls

There will be no recalls, as the start line will not be manned. Entrants are expected to start on, or after their allocated starting time, and to restart if on the course side of the line prior to the scheduled starting time.

9. Extras

This is a spinnaker race. Extras may be carried (spinnakers, bloopers, ringtails, tallboys, twin headsails, etc. allowed).

10. Outriggers

Retractable spinnaker poles and other outriggers are allowed when these are part of the design of the boat. This changes rule 50.3(a).

11. Stowage of Equipment

Anchors shall not be carried off the bow or on the deck of any yacht taking part in any BSC race. Disqualification will be automatic.

12. Protests

Protests must be lodged with the Sailing Office no later than 17h30. Protests must be in writing, on the AS-prescribed form. Protests will be heard at the Club at the earliest opportunity following the race, as directed by the Protest Committee.

Hearings will proceed whether or not all boats are represented. Protest mediation may be used prior to a formal protest hearing (see the explanation at the back of this book).

A protested boat may elect to acknowledge breaking a rule and to accept the appropriate penalty. In such a case, the skipper should notify the protest committee chairperson to that effect and the hearing may be waived. This changes RRS rule 63.1.

13. Boats Retiring

If a boat retires, the skipper shall notify the Sailing office before 17h30 by phoning 0411 206 347.

14. Finish Line

The Finish Line will be the transit line defined by the yellow triangular leading marks on the BSC clubhouse deck and building, crossed in the direction from the last rounding mark.

15. Keeping Clear at the Finishing Line

A boat that has either retired or finished a race shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats still racing.

16. Time Limit

The time limit for this race is 17h00. Boats failing to finish within the time limit, or within 15 minutes of the first boat, whichever is later, will be scored —Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35.

17. Handicaps

Performance Handicap System (PHS) applied as a nominated start time. Handicaps shall be determined by the Sailing Committee, and shall not be subject to protest or dispute.

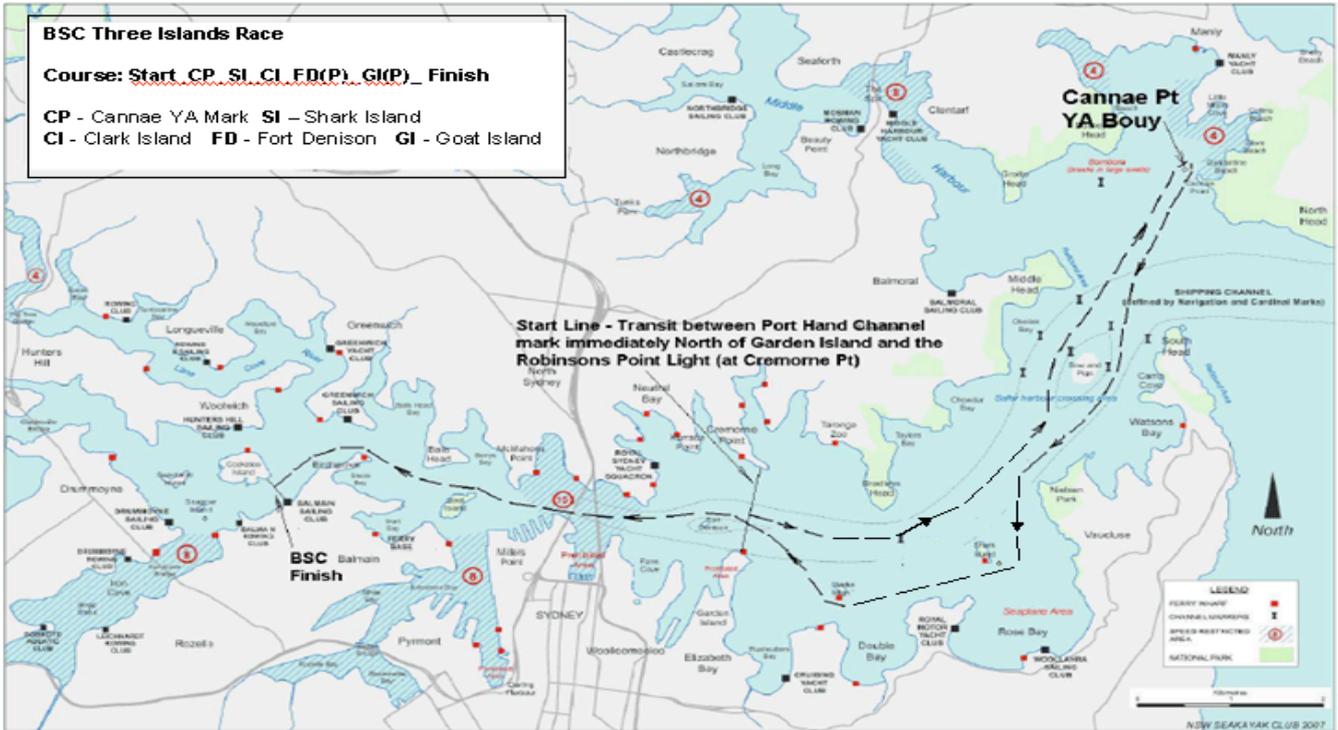
18. Prizes & Trophies

18.1 Trophies

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of this race.

18.2 Awards

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

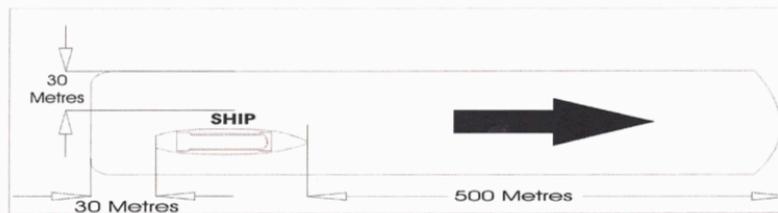


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ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SAILING EVENTS

- All competitors **must** maintain a minimum distance of **500m** from the bow of any ship¹ and **200m** from the bow of any ferry² and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.
- The Aquatic Licensee must ensure that all competitors receive a briefing in relation to the requirement to keep clear of ships and ferries.
- Vessels are not to navigate between moorings whilst competing.



1 Oil tankers & Seagoing Cruise Ships
 2 Other seagoing commercial vessels such as the James Craig or a ferry operating in accordance with an approved timetable