



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2018 SHORT HANDED YACHT SERIES

The series comprises six point score races. The Organising Authority is the Balmain Sailing Club (“BSC”).

1. Rules

All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) the prescriptions of *Australian Sailing* (formerly *Yachting Australia*) and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Club Notice Board outside the Sailing Club and on the club website (www.balmainsailingclub.com).

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the club notice board, and the BSC website, no later than 3 hours before the race start.

4. Divisions

4.1 The fleet will race as one division.

5. Race Entry

- 5.1 It is the responsibility of each skipper/owner to maintain their boat to the required standard of safety and keep all safety equipment on board and in working order.
- 5.2 All races are designated Category 7. Entrants must hold a current equipment audit form signed by an accredited equipment auditor before racing. Owners are responsible for ensuring that all equipment is kept up to date and in good condition throughout the season.
- 5.3 Yachts will have a minimum crew of two and a maximum of three.
- 5.4 Prior to racing, entrants shall lodge a fully completed Race Entry via the Balmain Sailing Club’s website (Top Yacht Entry System) accompanied by the relevant entry fee and a minimum Category 7 Safety Certificate. . 2017-2018 Category 7 Safety Certificates previously lodged with the BSC.
- 5.5 All entrants are required to display legible sail numbers.

6. Signals made Ashore

Competitors will be advised of the course either via text message approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of a race, or will be shown from clubhouse indicated by large letters (A, B or C) hung on the front of the clubhouse.

7. Schedule of Races and Start Time

The start time will be 1330 hrs.

| Race No. | Date |
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| 1. | Sunday 21 January 2018 |
| 2. | Sunday 4 February 2018 |
| 3. | Sunday 18 February 2018 |
| 4. | Sunday 4 March 2018 |
| 5. | Sunday 18 March 2018 |
| 6. | Sunday 15 April 2018 |

8. Marks

There will be no laid marks. All marks will be islands which are to be passed to starboard.

List of Marks

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| CI | Cockatoo Island |
| GI | Goat Island |
| SI | Spectacle Island |
| Sn | Snapper Island |
| FD | Fort Denison |
| SM | Shark Island and YA Mark approximately 10m South east of Shark Island |
| Ckl | Clark Island |

9. Courses

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| Course A | Start-Sn-SI-CI-GI-CI-Sn-SI-CI-GI-Finish |
| Course B | Start-GI(p)-CI(p)-SI(p)-Sn(p)-CI(p)-GI(p)-CI(p)-SI(p)-Sn(p)-Finish |
| Course C | Start-GI-FD-SM-Ckl-FD-GI-Finish |

10. Areas that are Obstructions

- Subject to paragraph 11.6 of these sailing instructions, the area of water between swing moorings and the shoreline shall be considered as prohibited water for all boats after the preparatory signal and throughout the race.
- All navigation marks rank as obstructions and shall be passed on their designated side. The water between a navigation mark and the adjacent shore or hazard shall be considered prohibited water.
- The area of water bounded by Snapper Island, Spectacle Island, and the barges and their pylons shall be considered as prohibited water (a continuing obstruction).
- Infringements under this rule cannot be exonerated. The penalty for breaking this rule will be disqualification.

11. The Start

A scratch start will be used.

Race entrants are expected to record their own finishing and first lap times, and also record the name of the boat ahead and behind (if any).

Finishing and first lap times are to be declared via text message (0411 206 347) as soon as possible after the race. Boats not notifying the club before 1730 will be scored as DNF (Did Not Finish).

This changes rule 26.

11.1 The start line will be the transit line defined by the triangular leading marks on the BSC clubhouse deck and building. The starting line extends from outside the line of moored boats to Cockatoo Island.

11.2 Boats shall keep well clear of the starting area during the starting sequence unless they are within 5 minutes of their allocated start time. 100 metres clear of the start line is the minimum distance. The Race Committee may disqualify any boat not complying with this rule.

11.3 Late Starters. If a boat is towed or under motor to make the start line, it can exonerate itself by completing a one-turn penalty before crossing the start line. This same rule applies to boats sailing into the start area close to the start line from the moorings.

12. Recalls

Individual recalls will not be indicated. This modifies RRS 29.1. If any yacht crosses, and is on the course side of the starting line at the time of her start, she may restart the race or be penalised 3 minutes.

13 Short Courses

The course will not be shortened. First lap times may be used to determine the race results at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes RRS rule 32.

14 Race Cancellation

The Race Committee may cancel or abandon any race for any reason. The Race Committee will advise cancellation or abandonment at the clubhouse and will endeavour to advise boats already on the water by announcement on VHF 77 and /or advice via SMS. Such cancellation shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

15 The Finish

The finishing line will be the transit line defined by the triangular leading marks on the BSC clubhouse deck and building. The finishing line extends from outside the line of moored boats to Cockatoo Island.

16 Time Limits

Time limit is 1630hrs.

17 Protests and Requests for Redress

- a. Protests and Requests for Redress must be in writing.
- b. Protest shall be delivered as follows:
 - Within 60 minutes after the time limit for that race to the Sailing Office, or
 - By 10am of the day after the race by email (racing@balmainsailingclub.com).
 - Receipt of protests delivered by email will be acknowledged by the Protest Committee within 12 hours.
- c. Protest mediation may be used prior to a formal protest hearing. (Details available on BSC website)

18 Handicaps

- a. A Performance Handicap System (PHS) and a fixed measurement based Event Handicap (EHC), applied as a Time Correction Factor (TCF), will be used for the Series. A boat's handicap may be adjusted based on race performance or for changes in equipment, skipper, crew or ownership.
- b. Handicaps and changes to handicaps shall be determined by the Race Committee and not be subject to protest.

19 Scoring

19.1 Scoring System - The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies

19.2 Races Dropped - Boats shall drop 1 race after 3 races are completed, and 2 races after 6 races are completed (amends RRS Appendix A).

19.3 The pointscore series is open only to full series entries.

19.4 Casual entrants will be included in the race day result, however they will have no impact on the series point scores.

19.5 A boat's points will not be transferred with a change of ownership or change of division.

19.6 Tied point scores for 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the end of a series shall be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A, Rule A8.

19.7 The Sailing Committee will publish preliminary results on the club website (www.balmainsailingclub.com) as soon as possible after the race. Errors and queries must be directed to the Sailing Committee (racing@balmainsailingclub.com) within 48 hours of results being published.

20 Equipment

Spinnakers

The Short Handed Series races are spinnaker races. Spinnakers and other “extra” sails are allowed.

Hiking Aids

Hiking aids including trapezes and leg straps shall not be permitted to be used to assist crew members to hike outside of the gunnels of any boat unless these aids are permitted by the Class Rules for the particular keelboat or dinghy. This amends RRS 49.1.

Anchors

Anchors shall not be carried at the bow or on the deck of any racing keelboat. The penalty for this will be disqualification.

Autohelm

Autohelms may be used if sailing two-handed; autohelms may not be used if sailing three-handed.

21 Safety Regulations

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Starter, either by radio (Channel 77), by phone (0411 206 347) or in person as soon as possible after the retirement.

It is a requirement of NSW RMS that all boats competing keep 200 metres from the bow and at least 30 metres from the sides or stern of any ferry underway and 500 metres from the bow and at least 30 metres from the sides or stern of any large commercial vessel underway. Boats infringing this instruction may be subject to penalties such as a DSQ.

22 In accordance with RRS 42(i), a boat may use her engine while racing:

- to avoid interfering with commercial traffic, or
- if she has run aground, or
- to avoid running aground.
- to avoid a collision.

The engine use must be logged and a declaration made at the race office as soon as possible after finishing.

The race committee will decide what penalty (if any) shall apply. This alters rule A5 60.1 and 60.3.

23 Prizes

Race Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd handicap placings at the BSC clubhouse (unless advised otherwise) following each race. Prizes not collected at the time of the presentation will lapse.

24 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk - see rule 4, Decision to Race. The Balmain Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any racing.

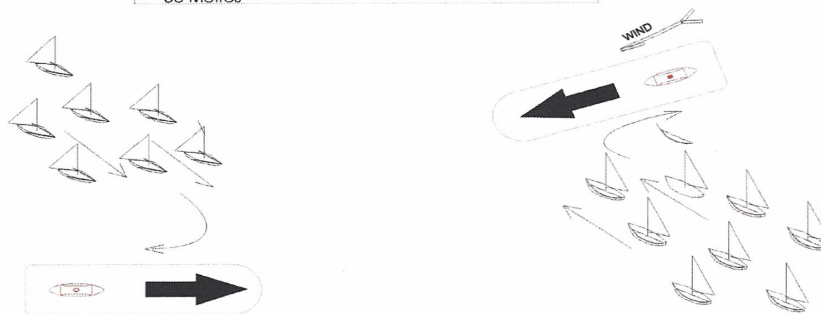
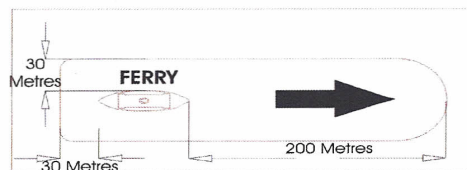
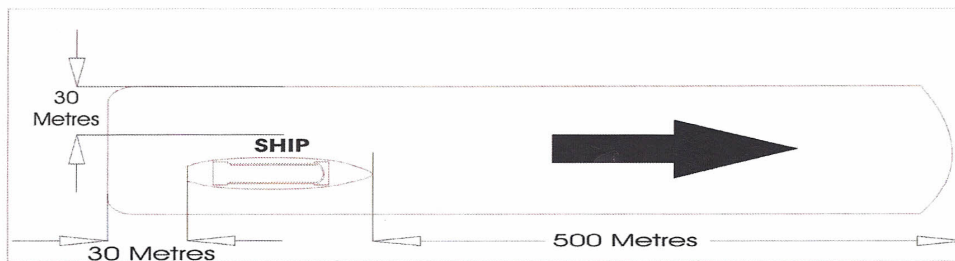
25 Insurance

Each participating keelboat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.

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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.



SHIP & FERRY ACTIVATED EXCLUSION ZONE

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