



2017-2018 Friday Twilight Series

Keelboat Sailing Instructions

Race Schedule

Friday Twilight Races

Pre-Christmas Twilight Series - 11 Friday evening races: 1800 start

6, 13, 20, 27 October 2017

3, 10, 17, 24 November 2017

1, 8, 15 December 2017

Post-Christmas Twilight Series - 11 Friday evening races: 1800 start

5, 12, 19 January 2018

2, 9, 16, 23 February 2018

2, 9, 16, 23 March 2018

1. Rules

The races will be governed by the *rules*, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (“RRS”) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), and the prescriptions and regulations of *Australian Sailing* (“Special Regulations”) these may be amended by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. The Organising Authority is the Balmain Sailing Club (“BSC”).

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Balmain Sailing Club website (www.balmainsailingclub.com).

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on Balmain Sailing Club website no later than 3 hours before the race start.

4. Divisions

4.1 The keelboat fleet will race as four (4) divisions.

Division 1 – Yellow Pennant

Division 2 – Blue Pennant

Division 3 – Black Pennant

Division 4 – Green Pennant

4.2 The Race Committee will inform all entrants in which division they will compete. This will not be subject to protest or dispute.

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 keelboat races are designated Category 7. Entrants must lodge 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 All keelboats that do not have navigation lights permanently fitted are required to comply with AS Special Regulations 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being attached to the boat.
- 5.4 Keelboats will have a minimum crew of two.
- 5.5 Prior to racing, entrants shall lodge a fully completed Race Entry via the Balmain Sailing Club's website using the Top Yacht Entry System (TES), accompanied by the relevant entry fee and hold a current, minimum Category 7 Safety Certificate.
- 5.6 All entrants are required to display legible sail numbers.

6. Signals made Ashore

All signals will be made ashore.

Start signals, short course signals and courses will be shown from clubhouse. Signals will be by large letters hung on the front of the clubhouse.

7. Schedule of Races

7.1 Start Times

Yachts Division	Warning Signal	Start
4 (Green Pennant)	17:50	17:55
3 (Black Pennant)	17:55	18:00
2 (Blue Pennant)	18:00	18:05
1 (Yellow Pennant)	18:05	18:10

8. Racing Areas

BSC races west of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, in the areas surrounding Goat, Cockatoo, Spectacle and Snapper Islands.

9. The Courses

- 9.1 Courses will be signalled by letters displayed in the front of the clubhouse. The letters will be displayed before the warning signal.
- 9.2 The course charts are intended as a guide. If there is conflict between the text describing any course and the relevant chart, the text shall prevail.
- 9.3 Friday Twilight series keelboat courses are shown in Annexure A.
- 9.4 The course to be sailed announced on VHF Channel **73**.

10. Marks

All laid marks will be marked with the Balmain Sailing Club burgee or the text "BSC".

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

For a detailed description of the rounding marks, see "Chart of all Marks" included in Annexures A.

11. Areas that are Obstructions

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 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).
- 11.4 Infringements under this rule cannot be exonerated. The penalty for breaking this rule will be disqualification.

12. The Start

- 12.1 Races will be started as follows. This changes RRS rule 26.

Warning Signal: Five minutes before the start of the race a long sound signal made.

Preparatory Signal: Four minutes before the start of the race a short sound signal made.

One-minute Signal: One minute before the start of the race a short sound signal made.

Starting Signal: At the start of the race a long sound signal made.

The Starting Signal will be the Warning Signal for the next Division.

- 12.2 The starting line will be the transit line defined by triangular leading marks on the clubhouse deck and building. The line extends from outside the line of moored boats to Cockatoo Island.
- 12.3 An Inner Distance Starting Mark may be laid to the north of the outer line of swing moorings located in front of the BSC Club House. If this starting mark is laid, boats must pass to the Cockatoo Island side of this mark (yellow or orange BSC buoy) when starting. The starting line remains as described in Clause 12.2.

13. Recalls

- 13.1 Individual recalls may not be indicated. This changes RRS rule 29.1.
If any yacht 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.
- 13.2 Any yacht starting more than 1 minute before her start may be recorded as DNS at the discretion of the starter.
- 13.3 A **general recall** will be indicated by two long sound signals made immediately after the starting signal.
- 13.4 In the case of a general recall for Division 1, 2, 3 or 4 the re-start for that division will follow the start of all other divisions with the warning signal for the re-starting division corresponding with the start time of the previous division. This amends RRS29.
- 13.5 To assist competitors, the Race Committee may advise individual and general recalls on VHF 73 (amends RRS 29.2 and 29.3).
- 13.6 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 13.5 will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 13.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. 200 meters clear of the start line is the minimum distance. The Race Committee may disqualify any boat not complying with this rule.
- 13.8 Late Starters
If a boat is towed or under motor to make the start line after the preparatory signal, 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 after their preparatory signal.
A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS rules A4 and A5.

14. Change of the Next Leg of the Course (Short Course)

- 14.1 The course may be shortened. This changes RRS rule 32.
- 14.2 Short Courses will be indicated a large 'S' sign (Black letter on White background) hung from the front of the clubhouse. The short course sign may hung before or with the warning sound signal at the starting line, or at the start/finish line during the race.

15. Race Cancellation

The Race Committee may cancel any race prior to or after the start for any reason. If a race is cancelled prior to the start of the race, competitors *may* be advised via text message. Race cancellation after the start of a race shall be advised by the Race Committee by three long sound signals and announced on VHF channel 73. Such cancellation shall not be disputed.

16. The Finish

- 16.1 The finishing line will be the transit line defined by triangular leading marks on the clubhouse deck and building. The line extends from outside the line of moored boats to Cockatoo Island.
- 16.2 A boat that has either retired or finished a race shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats still racing. Do not obstruct the starter's view of the finishing line.

17. Time Limits

17.1 Time limits are as follows:

Race Day	Finish Time Limit
Friday 6 October 2017	19:05
Friday 13 October 2017	19:10
Friday 20 October 2017	19:15
Friday 27 October 2017	19:20
Friday 3 November 2017	19:30
Friday 10 November 2017	19:35
Friday 17 November 2017	19:40
Friday 24 November 2017	19:50
Friday 1 December 2017	19:55
Friday 8 December 2017	20:00
Friday 15 December 2017	20:00
Friday 5 January 2018	20:00
Friday 12 January 2018	20:00
Friday 19 January 2018	20:00
Friday 2 February 2018	20:00
Friday 9 February 2018	19:55
Friday 16 February 2018	19:45
Friday 23 February 2018	19:40
Friday 2 March 2018	19:30
Friday 9 March 2018	19:20
Friday 16 March 2018	19:10
Friday 23 March 2018	19:10
Friday 31 March 2018	19:00

17.2 First or second lap times may be used to determine the race results at the discretion of the Race Committee regardless of whether the short course sign is shown or not.

18. Protests and Requests for Redress

18.1 Protests and Requests for Redress must be in writing.

18.2 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 to racing@balmainsailingclub.com. Receipt of protests delivered by email will be acknowledged by the Protest Committee within 12 hours.

18.3 Protest mediation may be used prior to a formal protest hearing (Annexure C)

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

- (a) to avoid interfering with commercial traffic, or
- (b) if she has run aground, or
- (c) to avoid running aground.
- (d) 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.

20. Handicaps

20.1 All competitors will be scored using the BSC's Performance Handicap System (PHS) as a Time Correction Factor (TCF).

20.2 A boat's PHS handicap may be adjusted based on race performance or for changes in equipment, skipper, crew or ownership.

20.3 Handicaps and changes to handicaps shall be determined by the Race Committee. Disputes may be submitted to the Balmain Sailing Club Race Committee.

20.4 Competitors wishing to also compete under the *ORC Club* measurement based handicap ratings system, will be required to hold a current ORCi or ORC club ratings certificate.

21. Scoring

21.1 20.1 Scoring System: The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies.

21.2 A pointscore series is open only to full series entries.

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

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

21.5 Races Dropped

Boats shall drop two (2) races for Pre-Christmas Series; two (2) races for Post-Christmas Series, and a total of five (5) races for Combined Twilight Series (amends RRS Appendix A) [Note: An abandoned race is not a race].

21.6 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.

21.7 The Sailing Committee will publish provisional 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.

22. Equipment

22.1 Friday races are 'non-spinnaker'. Only normal working sails may be used. Spinnakers and other "extra" sails are not allowed. A headsail may be poled out, but must be tacked at the foot of the forestay and its entire luff attached to the forestay.

22.2 Hiking Aids

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

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

23. Safety Regulations

23.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Starter, either by radio (Channel 73), phone (0411 206 347) or in person as soon as possible after the retirement.

23.2 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.

24. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd handicap placing in each Division at the clubhouse following each race. Prizes not collected at the time of the presentation will lapse.

25. 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.

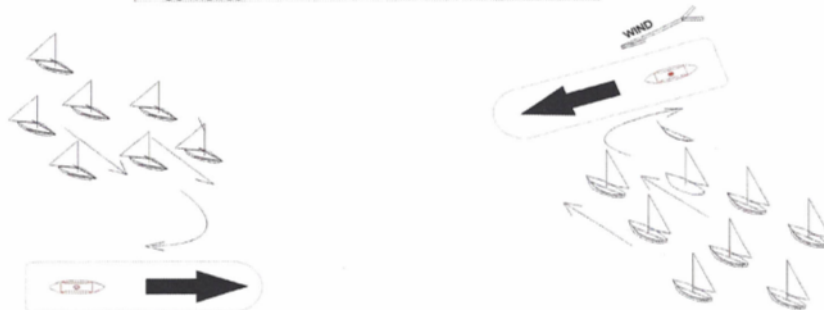
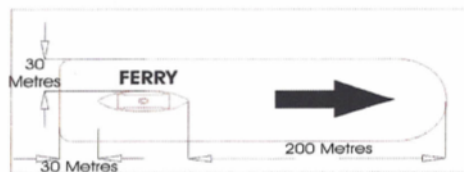
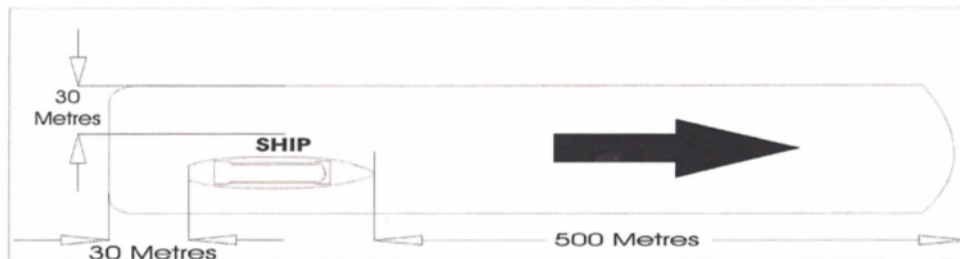
26. Insurance

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