



Balmain Sailing Club

2017 Winter Series Sailing Instructions - Dinghies

Race Schedule

Race 1	7 May 2017
Race 2	21 May
Race 3	4 June
Race 4	18 June
Race 5	2 July
Race 6	16 July
Race 7	30 July

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 Dingy fleet will race as two (2) divisions.

5. Race Entry

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 All entrants are required to display legible sail numbers and the BSC insignia.

6. Signals made Ashore

All signals will be made ashore.

7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1 Start Times for Races 1 - 7

Divisions	Warning Signal	Start
1 & 2	12:55	13:00

8. Racing Areas

The BSC's Spring Series for Dinghies races west of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, in the area around Cockatoo Island, Spectacle Island and Snapper Island.

9. The Courses

- 9.1 Courses will be determined on the day by the Dinghy Captain or his or her nominated representative.

10. Marks

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

For a detailed description of the rounding marks, see "Chart of all Marks" in Annexure E.

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.

Times shall be taken from the sound signals as follow:

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.

- 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 will not be indicated. This changes RRS rule 29.1.

If any competitor 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 competitor starting more than 1 minute before her start may be recorded as DNS.

13.3 A **general recall** will be indicated by two sound signals made immediately after the starting signal.

13.4 Competitors must avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. 100 meters clear of the start line is the minimum distance. The Race Committee may disqualify any boat not complying with this rule.

13.5 Late Starters: If a boat is towed to make the start line after the preparatory signal, she 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.

13.6 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 may be indicated a large sign (yellow letter on black background) hung from the front of the clubhouse or by alternative means as directed by the Dinghy Captain.

15. Race Cancellation

The Race Committee may cancel any race for any reason. 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 competitor that has either retired or finished a race shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats still racing.

17. Time Limits

17.1 Time limit is 1600hrs.

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 course has been shortened.

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.
- 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.

18.3 Protest mediation may be used prior to a formal protest hearing.

19. Handicaps

19.1 All competitors will be scored using the BSC's Performance Handicap System (PHS).

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

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

20. Scoring

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

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

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

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

20.5 Races Dropped:

Each boat will have its worst race score discarded from its series total score after 3 races are completed. Each boat will have its highest score discarded from its series total score in a series of 7 or more races (amends RRS Appendix A). [Note: An abandoned race is not a race]

- 20.6 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.
- 20.7 The Race 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.

21. Safety Regulations

- 21.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Rescue Boat Driver or the Starter, in person as soon as possible after the retirement.
- 21.2 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 60 metres from the sides or stern of any large commercial vessel underway (refer attached 'Condition 100').

22. Prizes

22.1 Race Prizes

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

23. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk - see RRS 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.

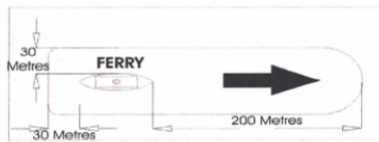
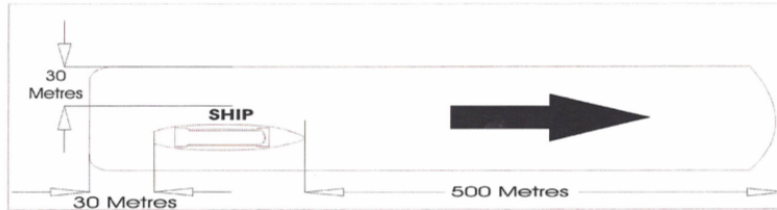
24. Insurance

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

Condition 100

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