

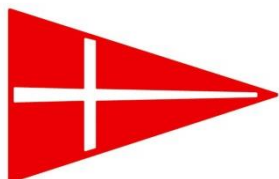
MIDDLE HARBOUR GOSFORD CHALLENGE

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 February 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

www.mhyc.com.au
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Organising Authority



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To all those who seek adventure, fun, comradery and parties incorporating boats, the Middle Harbour Gosford Challenge is for you. This is a joint venture with Gosford Sailing Club and is for all Racing, Cruising and Motor Boats.

The event incorporates a race from Middle Harbour Yacht Club to the beautiful Brisbane waters, the finish to be near or about Lion Island. For Cruisers and Motor Boats a more social cruise with trophies awarded for seamanship and other abilities is to be held in conjunction. This will be followed by a raft up and dinner in Brisbane waters.

The next day, a reverse event including all Gosford racers, cruise and motor boats will be staged. The finish at Middle Harbour will be followed by a prize giving on Middle Harbour's beautiful beach!

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INTRODUCTION

Middle Harbour Yacht Club and Gosford Sailing Club invites all eligible boats to participate in the Middle Harbour Gosford Challenge.

The Organising Authority is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC) and the Gosford Sailing Club (GSC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Middle Harbour Gosford Challenge will be governed by the following;
- the current Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation,
 - the current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) (if applicable),
 - the current safety equipment requirements for recreational vessels of Roads and Maritime (RMS) (if applicable)
 - the current Middle Harbour Gosford Challenge Conditions of Entry, and by
 - this Notice of Race *or as amended by the Sailing Instructions* and the Sailing Instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Middle Harbour Gosford Challenge is open to all boats that meet the requirements of;

VESSEL TYPE	REQUIREMENTS
Yacht (Cruisers/Racers)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hold and submit a current Category 4 (or higher) YA Special Regulations 'Equipment Audit' Certificate2. Have personal risk cover of no less than \$10,000,00, by way of a Certificate of Currency or Policy document copy

- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached Boat Entry Form and signing and dating the 'Middle Harbour Gosford Challenge Conditions of Entry', together with the required fee to the MHYC or GSC Sailing Office by **2400hrs on Friday 17 February 2017**.
- 2.3 Documentation as required by NOR 2.1 shall be submitted to the MHYC or GSC Sailing Office no later than **Wednesday 22 February 2017**.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Required fees are as follows:

VESSEL	ENTRY FEE
Yacht (Cruiser/Racer)	\$ 45

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 17 February	Entries Close	Event Website www.mhyc.com.au www.gosfordsailingclub.com	2400 hrs
Wednesday 22 February	Sailing Instructions published	Event Website www.mhyc.com.au www.gosfordsailingclub.com	1700 hrs
Friday 24 February	Middle Harbour to Gosford Race	Middle Harbour Yacht Club	0900 hrs
Friday 24 February	Gosford Social Event	Gosford Sailing Club	1930 hrs
Saturday 25 February	Gosford to Middle Harbour Race	Gosford Sailing Club	1000 hrs
Saturday 25 February	MHYC Social Function:	Middle Harbour Yacht Club	1900 hrs

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1700hrs on Wednesday 22 February 2017 on the event website www.mhyc.com.au and www.gosfordsailingclub.com.

7 VENUE

7.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, the Tasman Sea between Pittwater and Botany Bay and the waters of Botany Bay and Gosford.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses will be passage races as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING

9.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

9.2 Two races are scheduled.

9.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

10 BERTHING & MOORINGS

10.1 Middle Harbour Yacht Club

Limited casual berthing and moorings may be available at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club to boats competing in the Challenge. All requests for casual berthing and moorings shall be made by completing the 'Casual Berthing Registration' form available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au. Alternative berthing may be available from D'Albora Marina at the Spit (across the road from MHYC). Moorings and anchorage is available in the local bays surrounding Middle Harbour Yacht Club.

10.2 Gosford Sailing Club

Casual berthing available at Gosford Sailing Club by booking in with the Club (0243 257 216).

11 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1 Competing vessels are advised that the Race Committee (RC) may make use of the VHF Channel to broadcast race management and safety messages on VHF Channel 72. Competitors shall maintain a 24-hour listening watch for the duration of their race on VHF Channel 16.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be given as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the Middle Harbour Gosford Challenge entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.
- 13.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a vessel whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 13.3 Competitors attention is drawn to **RRS 4 'Decision to Race'**.
"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

14 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Each entrant for the this Challenge consents to the Organising Authority distributing information to the entrant and crew regarding, racing, marketing and associated event information including social events. This information may be distributed by email, web, mail, fax, mobile phone messaging and telephone.
- 14.2 Conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and crew;
- Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the this Regatta and may exercise those rights as it sees fit,
 - Grant the Organising Authority and Event Partners the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race. Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the Regatta, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the race and the prospects, performance and strategy of boats entered or participating in the Regatta, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its Officers and Employees, the Race Committee, Measurers or Current Sponsors of the Championship or Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 For further information contact;

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ENTRY FORM

BOAT DETAILS

Boat's Name:	Sail No.:
Design / Class:	LOA: (meters) or (feet)
NSW Maritime Reg#:	DRAFT: (meters) or (feet)
Home Yacht Club:	SPINNAKER: yes / no
Insurance Company:	Ins Policy Number:
Ins Expiry Date:	Ins Cover: \$

PERSON IN CHARGE DETAILS

First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	
Suburb:	Post Code:
Phone #:	
Email Address:	

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact person #1:	Emergency Tel:
Emergency Contact person #2:	Emergency Tel:

PAYMENT DETAILS	TOTAL ENTRY FEE \$ (
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VISA MASTERCARD

EXP																				

Name on card:

Signature of Card Holder

MIDDLE HARBOUR GOSFORD CHALLENGE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The owner:

1. Acknowledges that this entry is made subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, as they may be amended;
2. Acknowledges that all races will be governed by the current versions of:
 - The *rules*, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation;
 - The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) or,
 - the current safety equipment requirements for recreational vessels of Roads and Maritime (RMS) (if applicable)except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, as they may be amended, and by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions;
3. Acknowledges and accepts the risks, including the risk of harm to persons, associated with:
 - (a) The perils of the sea;
 - (b) The seaworthiness or otherwise of any boat participating in any race comprising part of this regatta or series;
 - (c) The participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in any such race, including participation as skipper, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; and
 - (d) The defaults, acts and omissions, including negligent defaults, acts and omissions, of the MHYC & GSC and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members, and the crews of all boats;
4. Acknowledges and accepts that MHYC & GSC :
 - (a) Does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea;
 - (b) Is not in a position to take precautions against the risk of harm to persons arising from the perils of the sea;
 - (c) Is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to boats and crews during the course of any such race;
 - (d) Does not certify the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any boat;
5. Agrees:
 - (a) To release, hold harmless and indemnify MHYC & GSC, their officers, employees, agents, volunteers, members and its sponsors from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person, arising from loss of life or injury to persons, or loss or damage to property, howsoever caused, including by negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:
 - (i) participation by the boat or any other boat in any race comprising part of this regatta or series;
 - (ii) the conduct or course of any such race in any respect including any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any boat or the death of or injury to any person; or
 - (iii) any of the matters referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4;
 - (b) That the benefit of paragraph 5(a) is held on trust by MHYC & GSC for its sponsors and for the respective officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members of MHYC & GSC and its sponsors;
 - (c) that participation by the boat and crew in any race comprising part of this regatta or series is agreed by MHYC & GSC on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the boat and that MHYC & GSC is not responsible for the boat or its crew; and
 - (d) It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or not to start any race comprising this regatta or series, or, once having started, whether to continue to race;
6. Acknowledges and agrees that the contract formed by the acceptance of its entry by MHYC & GSC, is governed by the law of New South Wales and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of any express or implied warranty to this regatta or series and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded;
7. Agrees that if the owner/charterer or any person on the owner's/charterer's behalf requests the Race Committee or any officer, employee or volunteer of MHYC & GSC to arrange for special assistance because the boat has become disabled, or for any other reason, then the owner/charterer indemnifies MHYC & GSC and its officers, employees and agents in respect of any liability, cost or expense which may thereby be incurred;
8. Acknowledges that MHYC & GSC owns all media rights in this regatta or series and grants MHYC & GSC, at no cost, the unconditional, perpetual right to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, likenesses and biographical information relating to the crew, and photographs, video footage and audio records taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after any race comprising part of this regatta or series; and
9. Confirms that:
 - (a) The information with respect to the boat on the Registration Form (or already held by MHYC & GSC, or supplied as required to MHYC & GSC from time to time under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions) is or will be correct and up-to-date as at the date supplied;
 - (b) Subject to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Organising Authority will be advised immediately in writing or by acknowledged facsimile or email, of any change to that information;
 - (c) No alteration likely to affect the rating/handicap of the boat has been made since the boat was last measured/raced and that if any such alteration is made then MHYC & GSC will be notified immediately, in writing or by acknowledged facsimile or email to the Sailing Office. Alterations if any shall be made from the date of receipt with the Sailing Office.

I hereby declare that I have read and acknowledge the Middle Harbour Gosford Challenge Conditions of Entry

Owner/Person In Charge

(1) _____

DATE _____