

MHYC WINTER SERIES SPRINT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 Refer to NOR 1 and 2.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES

2.1 Racing is scheduled as detailed in the Schedule of Races for each Pointscore Series.

3 CLASS FLAGS & DIVISIONS

3.1 Class flags will be;

CLASS / DIVISION	CODE FLAG
Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2
Melges 20	Code Flag 'G'

4 THE COURSES

4.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a Course Board on the CV, preceded by the letter 'W', to indicate the number of rounding's of the Windward Mark.

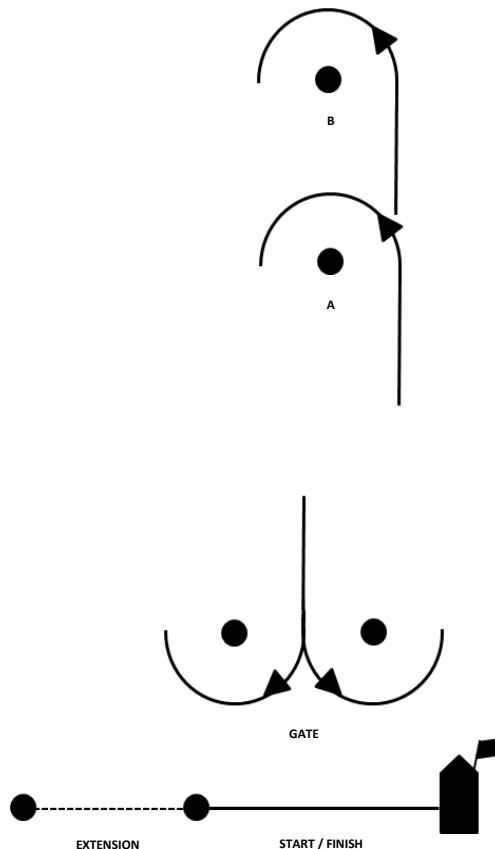
COURSE SIGNAL	DIVISION	COURSE CONFIGURATION
W1	No.1 Division	Start – B – Finish
	No.2 Division, Melges 20	Start – A – Finish
W2	Division 1	Start – B – Gate – B – Finish
	Division 2, Melges 20	Start – A – Gate – A – Finish
W3	Division 1	Start – B – Gate – B – Gate – B – Finish
	Division 2, Melges 20	Start – A – Gate – A – Gate – A – Finish

4.2 All Marks are rounded to PORT except the Gate. If only one Gate Mark is laid, boats shall round that Mark to Port.

4.3 An offset mark may be laid adjacent to Mark B and will be a cherry buoy.

4.3 A course change will be signaled as per RRS 33. Code flag C will be displayed along with a new bearing to the next mark of the course.
The new mark will be the same colour with the addition of a Black band. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course shape.

4.4 The course area may be located in the SOUND of Sydney Harbour.



5 MARKS

5.1 Marks are described as;

COURSE MARKS	MARK DESCRIPTIONS
Start / Finish Mark	Yellow Inflatable Mark
<i>Start Line Extension Mark (may be laid)</i>	<i>Pink Inflatable Mark</i>
Mark B (Windward Mark for, Open, A10, No. 1)	Orange Inflatable Mark
Mark A (Windward Mark for No. 2 Division & Melges 20)	Yellow Inflatable Mark
Gate Marks	Yellow Inflatable Mark
Change Of Course Mark B	Orange Inflatable Mark with Black Band
Change Of Course Mark A	Yellow Inflatable Mark with Black Band
<i>Offset Mark (may be laid)</i>	<i>Cherry Buoy</i>

5.2 The bearing to the first Mark from the Start Line may be displayed prior to or with the Warning Signal.

5.3 The Gate will be laid approx. 50m to windward of the Start Line and may be laid after the starting signal.

6 THE START

6.1 The start will be an On Water Start in accordance with NOR 18.

6.2 Boats intending to race shall report to the committee vessel prior to their Warning signal, on starboard tack, with mainsail hoisted, to confirm their intention to race. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNC'.

6.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end a yellow Inflatable Mark.

6.4 The first Warning Signal shall not be made before 1150hrs.

6.5 Divisions shall start in the following order using the Warning Signals indicated, unless this order is changed by the RC under SI 6.5

STARTING ORDER	DIVISION	1ST SCHEDULED RACE
1	Melges 20	1155
2	Division 1	1200
3	Division 2	1205

6.6 If there are no competitors for a division the RC may omit that divisional start and bring later divisions forward. The RC may also combine a divisional start with another where appropriate.

6.7 Up to three (3) races may be conducted for each Division. The start of the next race will be made as soon as reasonably practicable after all boats have finished their first race. The RC may make a Divisional Warning Signal, while boats of other divisions are still racing.

7 THE FINISH

7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end Orange mark.

7.2 Boats shall not pass through the finish line, when the committee vessel is on station, except when finishing the race.

7.3 When the RC intends the Clubhouse finish line to be used, the race committee will display Code Flag "O". This signal may be displayed at any time with 3 long sound signals. The Clubhouse Finish shall be in accordance with NOR 17.

8 TIME LIMIT

8.1 The Time Limit for all boats will be 30 minutes after the first boat in the Division has finished.

9 PRIZES

9.1 Weekly divisional prizes may be awarded at a post-race presentation; prizes not collected will be forfeited.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Refer to NOR 26

10.2 Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 which states: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*