

Middle Harbour Yacht Club /Gosford Sailing Club Challenge Regatta

26th to 28th January 2018

Notice of Race

Revised 17 January 2018



Gosford Sailing Club in conjunction with Middle Harbour Yacht Club as Organising Authority invites entries from owners of suitable yachts to race from Sydney to Broken Bay and on the Brisbane Waters

Event websites

www.gosfordsailingclub.com.au

www.mhyc.com.au


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MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB



The Organising Authority for this Regatta is the Gosford Sailing Club (GSC) in conjunction with Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS).
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 5 shall apply for the offshore passage races.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 World Sailing Regulation 20 shall apply.

3 CLASSES AND HANDICAPS

- 3.1 The event will be sailed in separate classes as follows:

Event	Class	Handicap
Offshore Races	Cat 5 Yachts	PHF
GSC / MHYC Teams Challenge Magic Regatta	Magic 25s	Scratch
MHYC / GSC Team Challenge Melges Regatta	Melges 20s	Scratch

- 3.2 Classes and divisions may be created, amalgamated, divided or abandoned at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3 Performance Handicap results will be decided by the application of a Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed times. Each boats TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee and will not be subject to protest or request for redress (amends RRS60.1 and 62)

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Regatta is open to yachts that fulfil the following requirements:

- 4.1 Each helmsperson and crew shall be a member of a Club affiliated with their World Sailing Member National Authority.
- 4.2 Each participating boat shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to a boat, (Non-Spinnaker Div. boats insurance as per GSC twilight entry insurance requirements) current when racing and not racing with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000. The policy will be in effect throughout the regatta.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, if any to the Gosford Sailing Club prior to 1100hrs on Wednesday 24th of January 2017.

5 FEES

- 5.1

GSC Magic Challenge & MHYC Melges Challenge	Free
GSC & MHYC AS Cat 5 Yachts	Free
Visiting Offshore Yachts	\$47.50

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 The MHYC GSC Challenge Regatta will consist of 9 races scheduled over 3 days of racing – Friday 26th to Sunday 28th January 2018.
- 6.2 Events are scheduled as follows:

Date	Time	Class	Event
Friday 26 th January	1200	MHYC Yacht Divisions	Passage Race Sydney to Broken Bay
Friday 26 th January	1800	Magic 25s	GSC/ MHYC Magic Challenge 3 Race team event
Friday 26 th January	1730	All	GSC Welcome BBQ
Saturday 27 th January	1200	MHYC/ GSC Yacht Divisions	Passage Race Broken Bay to Sydney
Saturday 27 th January	1800	Melges 20s	MHYC/ GSC Melges Challenge 3 Race team event
Sunday 28 th January	1000	GSC Yacht Divisions	Passage Race Sydney to Broken Bay

- 6.3 The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races at any time

7 REGISTRATION

- 7.1 Registration will be conducted at MHYC & GSC race offices from Saturday 20th January.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the GCS & MHYC websites no later than Wednesday 24 January 2018.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 For the inshore races conducted on Brisbane Waters off Gosford Sailing Club, competitors are advised that the water north of the cardinal mark at Point Frederick is extremely shallow.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Race courses will be Passage and Windward/Leeward configuration all as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Magic Challenge 3 races are scheduled of which one 1 completed race are required to constitute the Regatta.
- 11.2 Melges Challenge 3 races are scheduled of which one 1 completed race are required to constitute the Regatta.
- 11.3 The Low points score system as described in appendix A, A4.1

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13 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 In accordance with rule 41, the Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or any other information of interest to competitors. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. Boats may transmit on VHF radio to communicate in the event of an emergency, upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee.

13.2 This restriction also applies to mobile phones and data communication

14 PRIZES

14.1 Trophies may be awarded for first place in the competing class and Team

14.2 Prizes may be awarded to the yachts placed first to third.

14.3 Other Prizes may be awarded at the Organising Committees discretion

14.4 Trophies and Prizes will be presented as soon as practical after the last race of the Series.

15 YACHT BERTHS AND TRAILOR PARKING

15.1 GSC and MSC will provide berths or moorings without charge to all competing yachts.

15.2 GSC yachts requiring berthing at MHYC for this event should contact MHYC Marina Manager Matt Pyne at the earliest opportunity prior to the event – matt@mhyc.com.au / 02 9969 1244.

15.3 For Gosford Marina berthing outside the Regatta dates please contact the GSC Marina Manager for bookings

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

GSC - Peter Walsh on 0448 257 216

MHYC – Catherine Rofe via sailing@mhyc.com.au or 9969 1244

DECLARATION

The Owner/Skipper

- 1 acknowledges that this entry is made subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions as may be amended.
- 2 acknowledges that all Racing conducted by the GSC & MHYC will be governed by, and agrees that the boat is bound by, the Rules and regulations specified in the Sailing Instructions, as they may be amended.
- 3 acknowledge and accept 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 Racing organized or conducted by the GSC & MHYC.
 - (c) The participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in Racing organized or conducted by the GSC & MHYC, including participation as skipper, crew person, official, race organizer or otherwise;
 - (d) The defaults, acts and omissions, including negligent defaults, acts and omissions, of Gosford Sailing Club Ltd. and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members, and the crews of all boats;
- 4 acknowledge and accept that the GSC & MHYC:
 - (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 Racing organized or conducted by the GSC & MHYC;
 - (d) Does not certify the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any boat.
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 - (a) to release, hold harmless and indemnify the GSC & MHYC and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/skipper or any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person, arising from the loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, howsoever caused, including by negligent act omission, arising out of or relating to:
 - (i) Participation by the boat or any other boat in racing organized or conducted by the GSC & MHYC.
 - (ii) Any matter referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4
 - (iii) the conduct or courses of races 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.
 - (b) that participation by the boat and crew in any racing organized or conducted by the GSC & MHYC is agreed by GSC & MHYC on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/skipper and each member of the crew and that GSC & MHYC is not responsible for the boat or its crew ; and
 - (c) it is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or not to start any racing organized or conducted by the GSC & MHYC or, once having started, whether to continue to race;
- 6 acknowledges and agrees that the contract formed by the acceptance of this entry by GSC & MHYC is governed by the law of New South Wales and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or Implied warranty that all Racing organized and conducted by the GSC & MHYC and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.
- 7 agrees that if the owner/skipper or any person on the owner's/skipper's behalf requests the Race Committee or any officer, employee or volunteer of GSC & MHYC to arrange for special assistance because the boat has become disabled, or for any other reason, then the owner/skipper indemnifies GSC & MHYC and its officers, employees, and agents in respect of any liability, cost or expense which may thereby be incurred.
- 8 confirm that:
 - (a) The information in or attached to this entry form and any attachments is correct and up to date.
 - (b) He/she has read, understood, and unconditionally accepts the Risk Warning issued by the GSC & MHYC.

Signature: Owner/Skipper Date

Boat Name..... Sail No.....