

Middle Harbour Yacht Club - Gosford Sailing Club Challenge Regatta

26th to 28th January 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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



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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors at MHYC will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the 'Breezeway' adjacent to the main office at MHYC.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors at GSC will be posted on the Official Fleet Notice Board in the Club foyer.
- 2.3 Copies may also be available from the Club Offices and websites.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted prior to 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore at MHYC will be displayed from the Signal Mast adjacent to the MHYC Starters Box, located in the North Eastern corner of the Club premises.
- 4.2 Signals made ashore at GSC will be displayed from the flag mast located on the south western side of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 9 races are scheduled over 3 days.
- 5.2 Events are scheduled as follows:

Date	Race	Start	Class	Event
Friday 26 th January	1	1200	MHYC Yacht Divisions	Passage Race Sydney to Broken Bay
Friday 26 th January	2,3,4	1800	Magic 25s	Team Challenge 3 Race team event
Saturday 27 th January	5	1200	MHYC/ GSC Yacht Divisions	Passage Race Broken Bay to Sydney
Saturday 27 th January	6,7,8	1800	Melges 20s	Team Challenge 3 Race team event
Sunday 28 th January	9	1000	GSC Yacht Divisions	Passage Race Sydney to Broken Bay

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

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class flags will be:
Offshore Races Code Flag R
Magic 25 & Melges 20 Code Flag Q

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour and Middle Harbour, the Tasman Sea between Pittwater and Sydney Harbour and the Brisbane Waters of Gosford.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses for each race are described in the Appendices' attached.
- 8.2 Charts AUS200 and AUS197 cover the Course Areas for this Challenge.

9 THE START

The Start for each race is described in the Appendices attached.

10 THE FINISH

The Finish for each race is described in the Appendices attached.

11 TIME LIMIT

11.1 The Time Limit for Races 1, 5 & 9 shall be sunset.

11.2 The time limit for the Team Challenge Races shall be 30 minutes.

13 PROTESTS

13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the MHYC or GSC Race Offices and lodged with or emailed to MHYC (info@mhyc.com.au) no later than two (2) hours after the protesting boat's finish time in the last race of the day.

13.2 The Protest Committee will hear Protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible in the Commodores Room at MHYC or other venue as may be determined.

13.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board (refer SI 2.1) within 30 minutes of the end of protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 Six (6) races are scheduled for the Team Challenge, of which One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series. There shall be no discards and a team's total score will be the sum of each team boat's scores for all races completed.

16 RESULTS

16.1 Results may be posted on the MHYC and GSC Notice Boards as soon as practicable and will be posted to the club websites: www.mhyc.com.au and www.gosfordsailingclub.com.au

17 PRIZES

17.1 Presentation & Prize Giving

An Official Presentation and Prize Giving will be at approximately 1930hrs on Saturday 27 January at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. All competitors are invited to attend.

17.2 The following prizes will be awarded:

- Passage Race Sydney to Broken Bay – 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Divisions 1 & 2

- Passage Race Broken Bay to Sydney – 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Divisions 1 & 2

- Team Challenge – Winning Club based on the combined score for club team boats in all races.

17.3 When less than 5 boats are in a division for passage races, only first prize shall be awarded.

17.4 Additional presentations may be conducted and additional prizes awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 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.

18.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

18.3 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."*

19 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 Each entrant for the Middle Harbour Gosford 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.
- 19.2 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 Challenge 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 Challenge, 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 Challenge, 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 Challenge or Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

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APPENDIX A

RACE 1 (Middle Harbour to Gosford)

A1 THE START

- A1.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the starting mark.
- A1.2 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

A2 THE FINISH

- A2.1 The Finish line shall be between the flag mast displaying the GSC Burgee and an Orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel (a Quintrex 520 runabout) at the starboard end and the starboard (green) channel marker at Little Box Head at the port end. The position of the GSC race committee boat and finish line shall be approximately on Lat.33°.287 S and Long. 151°20.227 E which is South East of Little Box Head.
- A2.2 Yachts shall report to the GSC finish boat on 0419 528 601 to advise they have reached due east of Barrenjoey Lighthouse and report their ETA to the finish.
- A2.3 After finishing, yachts will be contacted by the GSC finish boat on VHF radio channel 73 to advise pilotage instructions prior to entering Brisbane Water.

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APPENDIX B

RACE 5 (Gosford to Middle Harbour)

B1 THE START

- B1.1 The starting line will be between the start boat (Aeolian) and the southern extent of Box Head. The start boat will be lying approximately 100 metres to the east of Box Head.
- B1.2 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

B2 THE FINISH

- B2.1 The MHYC Clubhouse finish line is a transit formed by aligning two orange triangles located adjacent to the MHYC Race Officials Box located at approximately Lat. 33°51.8' S and Lon. 151°14.8 E. The transit bears approximately 065° / 245° magnetic.
- B2.2 Yachts shall report to MHYC Race Control on VHF radio channel 73 to advise they have rounded Grotto Point (entrance to Middle Harbour).

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APPENDIX C

RACES 2, 3 & 4 (Team Challenge Races at Gosford Sailing Club)

C1 THE START

- C1.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the start/finish mark a staff displaying an orange flag.
- C1.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

C2 THE FINISH

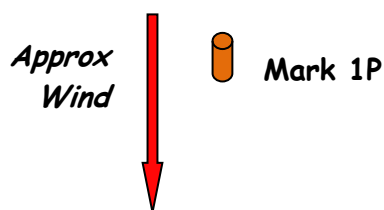
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the start/finish mark a staff displaying an orange flag.

C3 MARKS

Marks 1&2 shall be orange cylindrical buoys.

C4 THE COURSE

- C4.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward. The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration and the order in which marks are rounded.



- C 4.2 Course Configuration - Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – Start line Gate -1(p) – 2(p)- Finish
- C 4.3 Courses will be set with the aim to achieve 16-minute elapsed time. Failure to meet this target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- C.4.4 The Course legs will not be changed after the start. The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS32
- C4.5 After a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the day, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, AP will be displayed with one sound Signal for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

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RACES 6, 7 & 8 (Team Challenge Races at Middle Harbour Yacht Club)

C1 THE START

- C1.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the start/finish mark.
- C1.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

C2 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the start/finish mark.

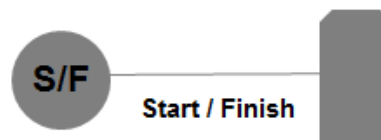
C3 MARKS

Marks of the course will be inflatable buoys.

C4 THE COURSE

C4.1 Courses are described as follows:

Course	Course Signal	Description
1	Numeral Pennant 1	S – 1 – F
2	Numeral Pennant 2	S – 1 – 2 – 1 – F
3	Numeral Pennant 2	S – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – F



C4.2 All marks shall be rounded to port.