



2020 Australian Championships

January 1-5, 2020

Middle Harbour Yacht Club

Sydney, New South Wales

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) for Category 7 apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the International J24 Class Association (IJCA) except:
 - 1.3.1 IJCA Rule 5.3 is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Race Committee and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
 - 1.3.2 IJCA Rule C 10.2 (b) is changed as follows: A boat may carry one mainsail, one genoa, one jib and two spinnakers whilst racing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Breezeway adjacent to MHYC Reception.
- 2.2 The anticipated location for the start of the first race each day may be posted on the official notice board

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Start Box flagpole on the north-eastern corner of MHYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than '30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

- Thursday 2 January 2020
- Friday 3 January 2020
- Saturday 4 January 2020
- Sunday 5 January 2020

5.2 Number of races:

Up to Twelve (12) races are scheduled over four (4) days of racing. No more than four (4) races may be sailed on any day.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1300hrs.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

5.6 A Skipper's Briefing will be conducted at 1030hrs on Thursday 2 January 2020

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag will be code flag "J".

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 Courses may be shortened in accordance with rule 32.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks are described in Attachment B.

9.2 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Boats shall pass on the safe water side of the following Cardinal Marks:

- (a) Gowlland Bombora (Dobroyd) – All Marks
- (b) Sow and Pigs Reef– All Marks
- (c) Shark Island– South and West Marks

10.2 Boats shall not sail in the following prohibited areas:

- (a) The area bounded by imaginary lines projected from the shore joining the West, South and East Cardinal Marks surrounding Gowlland Bombora.
- (b) The area bounded by imaginary lines joining the North, East, South and West Cardinal Marks surrounding Sow and Pigs Reef.

(c) The Area between AS Mark Shark Island and Shark Island is a continuing obstruction and no boat shall pass between them.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction).
- 14.2 Infringements in the Zone as defined in the RRS shall be a Two Turn Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time
<i>J24</i>	<i>100 mins</i>	<i>35 mins</i>	<i>60 mins</i>

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at MHYC Reception. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at MHYC, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system is as per Appendix A.
- 17.1 Twelve (12) races are scheduled of which four (4) completed races are required to constitute the series.
- 17.2 Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). The PHS TCF allocated by the Race Committee, will be re-calculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 17.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRSs A4.2, A5, and A11.
- 17.4
- (a) When fewer than 9 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 9 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 On the first day of racing, all boats shall motor past the start boat and confirm their sail number before the first warning signal having attached their outboard engine. Failure to do so may result in 20% scoring penalty for race one.
- 18.2 On subsequent racing days, all boats shall sail past the start boat and confirm their sail number before the first warning signal. Failure to do so may result in 20% scoring penalty for the first race sailed on that day.
- 18.3 All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio. The race committee may make announcements to the fleet on Channel 72.
- 18.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 At registration each boat shall:
- (a) present a valid J24 Measurement Certificate including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
 - (b) hold and lodge with the Organising Authority a valid Australia Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form - Category 7 or greater.
 - (c) present evidence that all crew members are financial members of their Member National Authority.
- 20.2 All crew members shall weigh-in at registration. Weigh-in will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the IJCA (refer IJCA rule 5.2). All crew must be weighed prior to 1000hrs on Thursday 2 January 2020 except that approved crew substitutions may be weighed between 0900 and 1000hrs on the first day that they will compete. Failure to do so shall invalidate the entry.
- 20.3 No first time measurement of boats or sails will be available at the regatta.
- 20.4 The Organizing Authority or a J24 Class Association representative may conduct measurement and inventory checks of competing boats at any time during the regatta.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising if supplied by the organizing authority.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will display the MHYC burgee.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

28 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to all boats placed first to third on One-Design and first to third on PHS Handicap.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

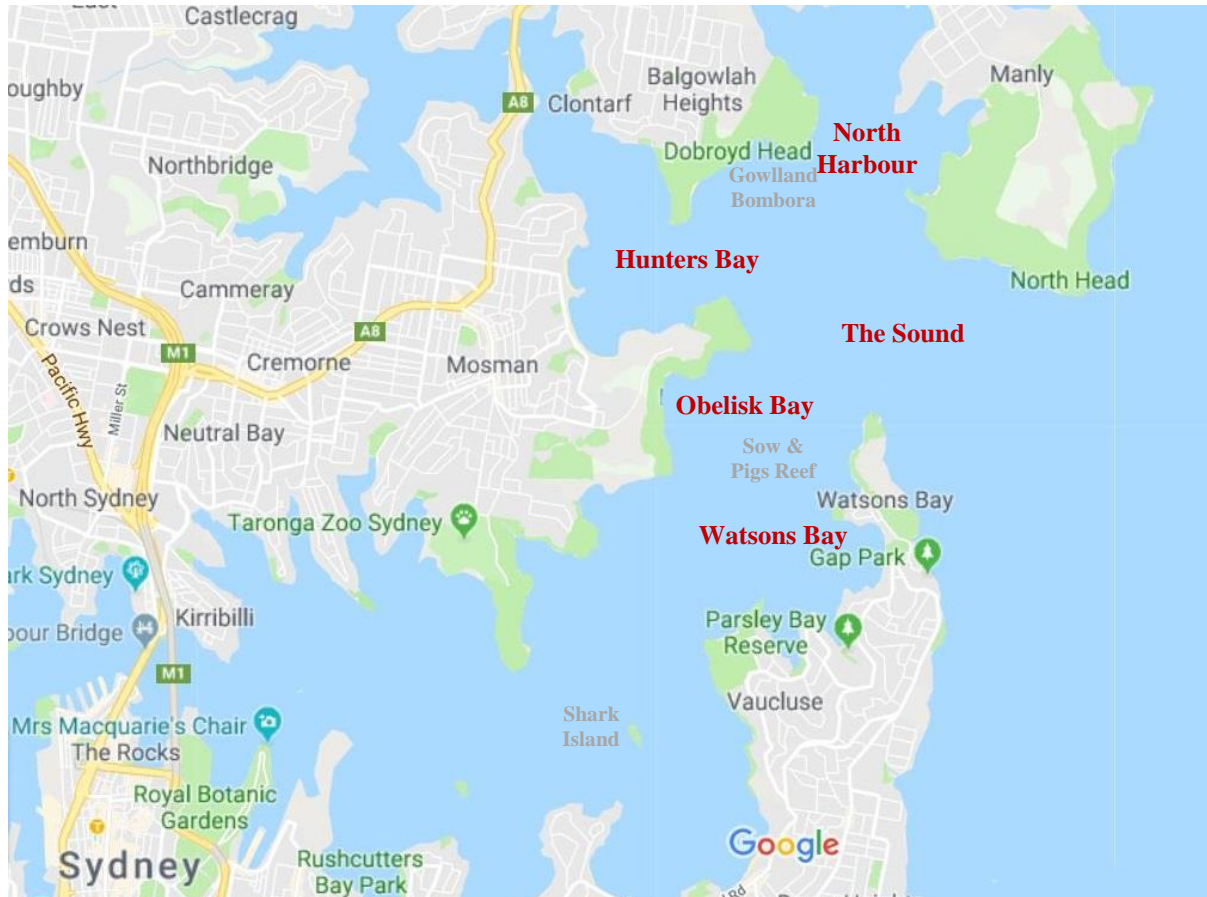
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30 INSURANCE

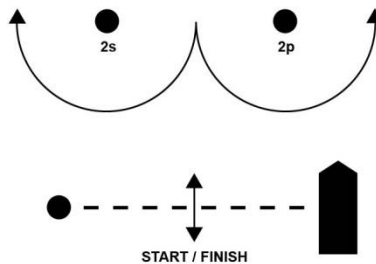
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 Million per incident or the equivalent.

Attachment A – Racing Area

Racing areas include The Sound, Obelisk Bay, Watsons Bay, North Harbour and Hunters Bay, enabling racing in a variety of wind conditions and directions.



Attachment B - Courses



COURSE MARKS	MARK DESCRIPTIONS
Start & Finish Mark	Yellow Inflatable Mark
Mark 1	Orange Inflatable Mark
Mark 1a	Yellow Inflatable Mark
Gate Marks 2s/2p	Orange Inflatable Mark/s
Change Of Course Mark	Orange Inflatable Mark with Black Band

COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE
W1	Start – 1 – 1a –Finish
W2	Start – 1 – 1a – Gate 2s/2p – 1 – 1a –Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 1a – Gate 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Gate 2s/2p – 1 – 1a –Finish

Note:

- The course to be sailed will be displayed on a Course Board on the Race Committee Vessel, preceded by the letter ‘W’, to indicate the number of roundings of the Windward Mark/s.
- The bearing to the first Mark from the Start may be displayed prior to or with the Warning Signal.
- The Gate will be laid approx. 50-100m to windward of the Start Line and may be laid after the starting signal.
- If only one Gate Mark is laid, all boats shall round that Mark to Port.
- When Mark 1 is changed, Mark 1a will not be laid.