



MHYC

MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

Farr 40

Spring Regatta

27-28 November 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Held in conjunction with the Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship and Seven Islands Race

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SHORT MARINE

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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority for the event is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC).
- 1.2 The Race will be governed by;
- a) the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
 - b) the 2021-2024 Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
 - c) the Farr 40 Class Rules;
 - d) the 2021-2022 Season MHYC Notice of Race (MHYC NOR);
 - f) this Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3 The Australian Farr 40 One Design Class may race under Special Regulations Category 4 with the following variations and conditions:
- a) This only applies to Farr 40 OD class events when all boats are required to comply with the Farr 40 OD class rules and does not apply to Farr 40s competing in mixed fleet rating or handicap events.
 - b) The race committee shall not start a race offshore if there is a current strong wind warning for the course area at the time of scheduled racing.
 - c) Compliance is not required for the following Special Regulations for Category 4:
 - (i) 4.03.2 - for clipping points
 - (ii) 4.05.1 - table 1 for secondary anchor
 - (iii) 5.02.1 - for harnesses and tethers
 - d) Attention is drawn to Farr 40 OD class rule Appendix 3, which requires that a minimum of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 safety equipment, or the category that is specified by race organisers, whichever is greater, shall be carried on the Farr 40 while racing. Australian Sailing recognises that any club acting as the organising authority may invoke this class rule and require greater level of safety equipment.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located in the Breezeway of the Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830hrs on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted prior to 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions made 'afloat' will be indicated by the display of Code Flag L and accompanied by two sound signals. The change will be communicated on the designated course VHF channel and/or displayed on the committee boat.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore 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 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 The schedule of racing is as follows:

Saturday 27 November 2021	<i>Seven Islands Race</i>	<i>Inshore Passage Race</i>
Warning Signal	Code Flag W	1155hrs
Sunday 28 November 2021	<i>Offshore Windward-Leeward</i>	<i>3 Races Scheduled</i>
First Warning Signal	Code Flag W	1055hrs
Subsequent races will be started as soon as possible		

5.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500hrs Sunday 28 November 2021.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Farr 40 Class flag will be Code Flag W.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour and offshore in the vicinity of Sydney Heads.

8 THE START

8.1 The starting area for the Seven Islands Farr 40 Fleet Race on Saturday 27th November will be in the vicinity of The Sound.

8.2 The Start Line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the course side of the port-end start mark.

8.3 If Flag "Q" is displayed on the Race Committee Vessel at or before the time of the warning signal, the first mark of the course shall be an orange inflatable mark laid a minimum of 0.2nm to windward of the starting line. Boats shall round this mark to Port if a red flag is displayed below Flag "Q", or to Starboard if a green flag is displayed below Flag "Q".

8.4 When an orange inflatable windward mark is laid, the second mark of the course shall be the first mark as described in Appendix A.

8.5 The starting area for Farr 40 Windward-Leeward Races on Sunday 28th November will be offshore in the vicinity of Sydney Heads. Refer to SSORC Sailing Instructions.

9 COURSES

9.1 The Course for Seven Islands Farr 40 Fleet Race on Saturday 27th November is described in Appendices A & B.

9.2 The attention of competitors is drawn to the MHYC NOR and those areas which are designated obstructions and prohibited areas in the vicinity of the Gowlland Bombora, the Sow and Pigs Reef, Circular Quay, Garden Island and Shark Island. A boat shall not sail into an area designated a prohibited area.

9.3 All competitors are requested to remain to the starboard side of shipping channels and leave the Safe Water Mark at Bradley's Head to Port where practicable.

9.4 The Courses for Farr 40 Windward-Leeward Races on Sunday 28th November are described in the SSORC Sailing Instructions.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The Finish Line for the Seven Islands Farr 40 Fleet Race on Saturday 27th November will be the Clubhouse Finish Line as per MHYC NOR 17.

10.2 The Clubhouse Finish Line is a transit formed by aligning two orange triangles located adjacent to the MHYC Race Official's Box. The transit bears approximately 065°/245° magnetic and is illuminated after dark.

10.3 When finishing boats are requested to centre their mainsail in order to assist in the identification of competitors. Boats that cannot be identified may be scored 'DNF'. This amends RRS 63.1.

10.4 Boats are reminded of their obligation under RRS 24 to keep clear of boats that are still racing. A boat which has finished that is observed to interfere with a boat still racing or with the operation of the Clubhouse Finish Line may be disqualified. This amends RRS 63.

10.5 The Finish Line for the Windward-Leeward Races on Sunday 28th November is described in the SSORC Sailing Instructions.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The time limit for Seven Islands Farr 40 Fleet Race on Saturday 27th November will be 1700hrs. If the leading yacht finishes within the time limit, then finishes for other yachts will be timed until 1730hrs.
- 11.2 A boat that does not finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.
- 11.3 Time limits and target times for the Windward-Leeward Races on Sunday 28th November are as follows:
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| Time limit | 90 minutes |
| Mark 1 Time Limit | 30 minutes |
| Target Time | 50 minutes |
- 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).
- 11.4 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.
- 11.5 Time Limits for the Windward-Leeward Races on Sunday 28th November are described in the SSORC Sailing Instructions

12 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 12.1 For an infringement of RRS Part 2, the Two-Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.
- 12.2 For an infringement of any other rule or requirement, the Scoring Penalties of RRS 44.3 shall apply. The penalty shall be computed as a percentage of the number of entries in the relevant division.
- 12.3 For the Windward-Leeward Races on Sunday 28th November, refer to the SSORC Sailing Instructions.

13 ABANDONED RACES

Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protests shall be submitted on forms available from the MHYC and lodged with or emailed to MHYC (sailing@mhy.com.au) no later than two (2) hours after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or racing is abandoned for the day.
- 14.2 The Protest Committee will hear protests in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 14.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Online Notice Board (www.ssorc.mhy.com.au) 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. This notice fulfils the requirements of the RRS 61 to notify parties to a protest of the hearing time.
- 14.4 RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 20 minutes after being informed of the decision. If the party was informed of the decision on the previous day it shall ask for a reopening no later than the time limit for protests."
- 14.5 In accordance with RRS 64.1(a), for a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, the Protest Committee may award a disqualification or a time penalty. For all other rules the penalty shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee which may include no penalty.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 Except in an emergency, while racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 15.2 Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 72 for the duration of the race.
- 15.3 Competitors retiring from the race shall advise the RC on Channel 72 or the Sailing Office by phone 8969 3103 as soon as practicable.

16 PRIZES

Prizes shall be presented at a post-race presentation.

17 RESPONSIBILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the MHYC Feature Race Program at their own risk. Special attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.
- 17.2 The Organising Authority, Event Sponsors, and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor, and any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that the MHYC Feature Race Program and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.
- 17.3 Neither MHYC, nor the event sponsors, are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

APPENDIX A – COURSES

COURSE 1

Seven Islands Race (Approx. 22nm)

Start	The Sound
*	Orange mark (P/S) if 'Q' displayed
1	AS Mark Manly West (S)
2	AS Mark Manly East (S)
3	AS Mark Shark Island (S)
4	Shark Island (S)
5	Fort Denison (P)
6	Goat Island (P)
7	Cockatoo Island (P)
8	Spectacle Island (P)
9	Snapper Island (P)
10	Goat Island (S)
11	Fort Denison (P)
12	Clarke Island (P)
Finish	MHYC

COURSE 2

Five Islands Race (Approx. 21nm / 18nm)

Start	The Sound
*	Orange mark (P/S) if 'Q' displayed
1	AS Mark Manly West (S)
2	AS Mark Manly East (S)
3	AS Mark Shark Island (S)
4	Shark Island (S)
5	Fort Denison (P)
6	Goat Island (P)
7	Cockatoo Island (P)
8	Goat Island (S)
9	Fort Denison (P)
10	Clarke Island (P)
Finish	MHYC

COURSE 3

Three Islands Race (Approx. 15nm)

Start	The Sound
*	Orange mark (P/S) if 'Q' displayed
1	AS Mark Manly West (S)
2	AS Mark Manly East (S)
3	AS Mark Shark Island (S)
4	Shark Island (S)
5	Fort Denison (P)
6	Clarke Island (P)
Finish	MHYC

NOTES

1. All Islands are Marks of the Course and shall be rounded (or passed) to port (P) unless a starboard rounding is indicated by the suffix (S).
2. Competitors shall observe all navigation restrictions applicable to Circular Quay and Garden Island.
3. A guide to the course, for illustrative purposes only, is attached to these Sailing Instructions at Appendix B.

APPENDIX B – CHARTLET

