





Skippers Briefing

Season 2024-2025

Thursday 12 September 2024

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MHYC Skippers Briefing

Agenda

- Introduction and Welcome
- NSW Maritime – Rianna James, Acting Senior Boating Safety Officer
- Keelboat Safety & Managing Emergencies on the Water
- Racing Rules of Sailing & Australian Sailing Special Regulations
- SailPass Temporary Membership
- Sailing Handbook 2024-2025
- 2024-2025 MHYC Series
- Race Management
- Important Reminders

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MHYC Sailing Committee



Sailing Committee	Divisional Representatives
<p>Mitch White - Chairperson / VC Racing John Crawford Phil Darling Sebastian Hultin Katie O'Mara Neil Padden David Staley - Sailing Manager / PRO</p>	<p>VC Cruising – Susanna Westling VC Youth – Sebastian Hultin Chief Safety Auditor – Phil Darling Special Events Chairman – Ian Box Women's Sailing – Katie O'Mara Division 1 & 2 – Neil Padden Division 3 & Friday – John Crawford Wednesday – Julie Hodder Thursday Twilight – TBC Adams 10 – Kim Darling Farr 40 / TP52 – Gordon Ketelbey Race Management – Steve Tucker Race Management – Toby Gursansky</p>




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- Transport for NSW Maritime Briefing**
 Rianna James – Action Senior Boating Safety Officer



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Safety & Risk Management



- Safety Category Compliance
- Marine Operations Policy
- Incident Management Plan
- B-Arm T-head is the MHYC Evacuation Point
- Keelboat Safety Forum & MOB Training – October TBA
- Notices to Competitors
- Race Officer is Incident Controller unless escalated
- Inform the RO of safety hazards or on-water incidents
- Reporting on-water safety incidents
- <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/submit-vessel-incident-reports>



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RRS & Special Regulations



- The 2025-2028 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing take effect from 1 January 2025
- To download the RRS – <https://www.sailing.org/racingrules/>
- Printed copies of the Racing Rules of Sailing (laminated or unlaminated) will be available at Reception
- MHYC Requirements – A current copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing (electronic or printed)
- The Australian Sailing Special Regulations apply for all MHYC races. For information – <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>



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Equipment Safety Audits



Audit Procedure

- Free Get Checked Day were conducted on 29 June and 25 August, but additional audits can be arranged
- Bookings are essential – email sailing@mhyc.com.au
- Audits conducted outside of the Get Checked Days attract the following fees:
 - \$80 for Categories 1-2
 - \$50 for Categories 3-4
 - \$30 for Categories 5-7



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Equipment Safety Audits



Documents to be submitted to the MHYC Sailing Office

- Completed AS Special Regulations Audit Form
- Completed MHYC Requirements Form
- Copy of Current Insurance Policy
- Copy of Current Registration
- Class or Rating Certificates



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Inspection after Grounding



NOR 11.7 & 11.8

- Cat 1-3 – see SR 3.02.6 for procedure
- Cat 4-7 – MHYC requirement the person in charges inspects for any structural damage and satisfy themselves the vessel is still safe
- All unintentional groundings – rocks or sand/mud, however minor
- Guidelines in SR App C “Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure”



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SailPASS




- SailPass is a temporary membership that enables someone who is not a sailing member of an affiliated club to go sailing. To get a SailPass – [click here](#)
- Ensures all crew are affiliated with a club and boats are complying with the racing rules and regulations
- Provides personal accident insurance
- For non-members, SailPass provides a flexible, accessible, easy & affordable introduction to sailing
- Online registration is mobile friendly
- Each MHYC boat that enters any series receives a code for 10 free SailPasses
- Daily SailPass fee is \$15 for 2024-2025



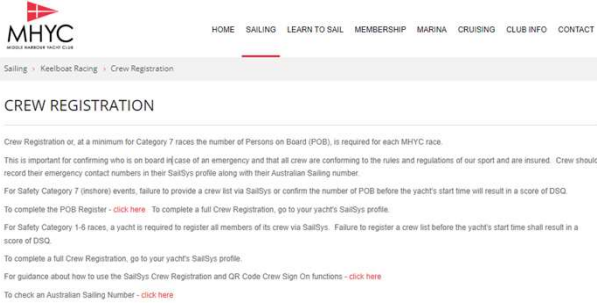
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Crew Registration



- Mandatory for all races (NOR 7.4)
- Via SailSys or POB Register (Cat 7)



CREW REGISTRATION

Crew Registration or, at a minimum for Category 7 races the number of Persons on Board (POB), is required for each MHYC race.

This is important for confirming who is on board (in case of an emergency) and that all crew are conforming to the rules and regulations of our sport and are insured. Crew should record their emergency contact numbers in their SailSys profile along with their Australian Sailing number.

For Safety Category 7 (inshore) events, failure to provide a crew list via SailSys or confirm the number of POB before the yacht's start time will result in a score of DQD.

To complete the POB Register - [click here](#). To complete a full Crew Registration, go to your yacht's SailSys profile.

For Safety Category 1-6 races, a yacht is required to register all members of its crew via SailSys. Failure to register a crew list before the yacht's start time shall result in a score of DQD.



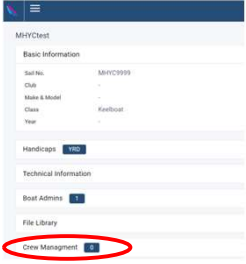
To complete a full Crew Registration, go to your yacht's SailSys profile.


For guidance about how to use the SailSys Crew Registration and QR Code Crew Sign On functions - [click here](#)

To check an Australian Sailing Number - [click here](#)


Crew Registration QR Code

Ask your crew to scan the QR code below from your screen. They will be prompted to sign in or create a SailSys account and then be added to your crew for this boat's next race.









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Sailing Handbook & Race Docs



- Sailing Handbook
- Sailing Handbook and Individual Race Documents online
<https://mhy.com.au/sailing/keelboat-division/keelboat-noticeboard>
- By-Laws, Safety & Emergency Procedures
- Season Notice of Race & Series Sailing Instructions
- Inshore Pointscore (Inshore, CCIS, SHSS, CCSS, Feature)
- Feature Event NOR & Individual Race SIs (not in Handbook)
- Regatta NORs and SIs (not in Handbook)



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Sailing Handbook & Race Docs

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- SailPass
- Regattas & Championships
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- Keelboat Racing
- Crew & Crewing
- Centreboard Racing
- Women's Sailing
- Sailability
- National Training Centre / AST
- Volunteers
- MHYC Vessel Register
- Crew Registration
- Club Racing Notice Board
- 2023-2024 Racing Schedule
- Results
- MHYC Keelboat Trophies
- Protests
- Special Regulations
- Handicapping at MHYC

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Sailing Handbook 2024-2025

MHYC SAILING HANDBOOK 2024 - 2025 THE HEART OF THE HARBOUR

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Sailing Handbook 2024-2025



Important Pages & Information

- Page 11 Safety and Emergency Procedures
- Page 12 Emergency Management
- Page 12 Reporting Marine Incidents
- Page 13 NSW Maritime Brief
- Page 14 Ship & Ferry Exclusion Zone
- Page 15 Harbour Evacuation Points

Emergency on the Water
Call 000
 NSW Water Police



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Sailing Handbook 2024-2025



Key Changes to the Handbook

- Schedule of Races Table for Inshore ORC/IRC/PHS refers to CCIS, SHSS and Event Sailing Instructions (p45)
- The Inshore Naval Course Chart and MHYC Inshore Courses have been removed. One race of the Inshore Pointscore will have Separate SIs (p45)
- Combined Clubs Sunday Series SIs added (p56)
- The Sow & Pigs AS Mark (SP) is now officially named the Beashel Buoy (BB). Mark Descriptions (p99) and Harbour Charlet updated



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Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series



- Pacific Rigging Wednesday Non-Spinnaker Series
- Pursuit racing
- 50 races scheduled across 4 series year-round
- 2 divisions - Average 20 starters
- Some course changes with Naval Mark N3 replacing Clarke Island
- Clubhouse start and finish (unless the start is moved or race shortened)



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Thursday Twilight Series



- Thursday Twilight Non-Spinnaker Pursuit Series
- 24 pointscore races and 1 non-pointscore race
- NPS on 3 Oct then 11 races in Pre-Christmas Series
- 13 races in Post-Christmas Series
- 6 races of Smithy's Waterproofing Women's Twilight Series
- On-water start and finish
- Race management volunteers welcomed



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Friday Twilight Series



- Fleet racing
- 13 pointscore races – fortnightly during daylight saving
- 2 spinnaker divisions and 1 cruising / non-spinnaker division
- On-water start and finish
- BBQ in the Harbour View afterwards
- Race management volunteers welcomed



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Ocean Pointscore Series



- 6 race pointscore series
- CYCA Short Ocean Pointscore Series
(3 race days with MHYC race management)
- Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship
(3 races over 2 race days)
- All races scored on IRC, ORC and PHS for Divisions 1 & 2



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Annual Inshore Pointscore



- 20 race Saturday pointscore series
- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (9 races over 3 race days)
- MHYC Inshore Race (1 race with separate sailing instructions)
- All races scored on ORC, IRC and PHS for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 with OD results extracted for classes with 4 or more entries



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Combined Clubs Inshore Series



- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (10 races)
- OA is MHYC, MYC, RANSA, RPEYC, RSYS & VYC
- MHYC race management on 28 September, 30 November (with Manly YC) & 1 February
- Similar courses to 2023-2024 but three additional courses



Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore
Series 2024-2025



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Sydney Harbour Sprint Series



- Sydney Harbour Sprint Series (18 races) – OA is MHYC
- Inshore Pointscore includes 9 W/L races in the Spring Series
- Spring Series – October 19, November 16 & March 22
- 3 races per day starting at 1200hrs
- Starts for Divisions 1, 2 & 3 with One Design results extracted for classes with four or more entries
- Winter Series – May 17, June 14 & July 19



SYDNEY HARBOUR
SPRINT SERIES



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Combined Clubs Sunday Series



- New series jointly run by MHYC and Manly Yacht Club
- Inshore Pointscore includes 5 passage races and 6 windward leeward (sprint) races
- Passage Races – 8 September, 20 October, 17 November, 9 March & 13 April starting at 1255hrs
- Sprints – 13 October (with MC38s) and 16 February (with Adams 10s and possibly FarEast 28R)
- 3 sprint races per day starting at 1155hrs
- Starts for Divisions 1 & 2



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Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series



- Sydney Harbour Combined Clubs Inshore Series (5 races)
- OA is CYCA, MHYC, MYC, RANSA & RSYS
- MHYC race management on Sunday 29 September 2023
- Concludes with 30th Anniversary Manly Women's Challenge



SYDNEY HARBOUR
WOMEN'S KEELBOAT
SERIES



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Feature Events



- 11 races (every month except August)
- Clubhouse start & finish pursuit race (spinnaker & non-spin)



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Feature Events



- 21 September - **Commodore's Cup**
- 12 October - **Harbour Trek**
- 23 November - **Seven Islands Race**
- 21 December - **Christmas Cup**
- 11 January - **Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup**
- 8 February - **Picnic Race**
- 8 March - **March Cup**
- 25 April - **Two Up Cup** (ANZAC Day)
- 24 May - **Autumn Sail**
- 21 June - **Welcome to Winter**
- 12 July - **Christmas in July**



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Regattas



- 15 September - MC38 Act 5 - cancelled
- 13 October - MC38 Act 6 (with Combined Clubs Sunday Series)
- 3 November - MHYC Womens Melges 20 Regatta
- 8 November - MC 38 Australian Champs (with Friday Twilight)
- 9 & 10 November - MC 38 Australian Championships
- 23 & 24 November - Sydney Short Ocean Racing Championship
- 14 - 16 February - Adams 10 Australian Championships
- 1 & 2 March - Sydney Harbour Regatta
- 10 May - MHYC Womens Regatta 2025
- 20 & 21 June - X-Yachts Aurum Cup



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Charity & Corporate Regattas



- Friday, 1 November 2024 SAP Redkite Charity Regatta (CH)
- Friday, 15 November 2024 Giant Steps Charity Regatta (CH)
- Friday, 29 November 2024 ASX Refinitiv Foundation Regatta (OW)
- Friday, 7 March 2025 RFI Spurious Challenge (CH)
- Friday, 21 March 2025 Renewable Energy Cup (OW)

Support through providing a boat, skipper and crew for hosting charity guests is greatly appreciated




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MHYC Winter Program



• Saturday, 17 May 2025	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Winter Series (OW)
• Saturday, 24 May 2025	1230	MHYC Feature Race - Autumn Sail
• Saturday, 14 June 2025	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Winter Series (OW)
• Saturday, 21 June 2025	1230	MHYC Feature Race - Welcome to Winter
• Saturday, 12 July 2025	1230	MHYC Feature Race - Christmas in July
• Saturday, 19 July 2025	1200	Sydney Harbour Sprint Winter Series (OW)
• Saturday, 2 August 2025	1230	Leading Edge Pursuit Series
• Saturday, 9 August 2025	1230	Leading Edge Pursuit Series
• Saturday, 16 August 2025	1230	Leading Edge Pursuit Series
• Saturday, 23 August 2025	1230	Leading Edge Pursuit Series
• Saturday, 30 August 2025	1230	Leading Edge Pursuit Series




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Race Management & Safety



- **Accredited Race Officers** - Steve Tucker, Toby Gursanscky & David Staley
- **Race Management Volunteers** - Rob Armstrong, Paula Beaumont, Fernando Calero, Brad Hair, Fred Hemming, Bryan Moore, Sue Morris, Rob Ogilvie, John Roxburgh, Chris Saunders, Tracy Saunders-Murray, Renee Spinks, Rachel Ward, Alex Ware, Andrew Ware, Robert Warnes, Greg Young
- **Accredited Protest Committee Members** - Kerry Burke, Geoff Charters, John Crawford, Catherine Rofe, Nathan Blair
- **Accredited Safety Equipment Auditors** - Phil Darling, Tony Levett, Michael McEvoy, Evan Hodge, Bryan Moore, Phil West, Glynne Attersall, Andrew Forbes, Peter Lewis, Matt Miles, Dallas O'Brien, Catherine Rofe, Niclas Westling & Paul Wotherspoon
- **MHYC Sailing Office**
Sailing Manager & Principal Race Officer – David Staley
Sailing Administrators – Catherine Rofe & Kathy Johnston (KJ)



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Race Management Volunteers



- Competitor's Race Management Scheme (Handbook p 32) – let Catherine or KJ know the preferred date/s your boat would like to provide a volunteer to assist the team
- Regatta weekends have a high demand for volunteers
- Take the time to help out - you would be surprised what you learn when you volunteer for race management
- On Water and Onshore roles, Saturdays, Sundays & Midweek
- Informal and formal training opportunities are available (race management & officiating, powerboat handling, radio etc.)



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Reminders - Procedures



- Read the By-Laws, Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions
- Notices to Competitors are posted on the [Keelboat Racing Noticeboard](#)
- Clubhouse Start and Finish Restricted Areas (NOR 15.1) – moorings
- Spit Channel (NOR 15.3) – give way to vessels using the channel
- Clubhouse pre-start area (NOR 16.5) – D Arm to Start Line before Prep
- Check in at the Start Boat (NOR 18.1) except for Thursday Twilights
- Do not sail through the finish line unless finishing (NOR 19.2)
- As a courtesy – avoid sailing through active start and finish lines (when orange or blue flags are displayed)
- Advise Race Committee if retiring (NOR 20)



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Reminders - Procedures



- A written incident report must be forward to NSW Maritime within 24 hours if one of the following applies:
 - The incident has resulted in the death, or injury to, a person
 - The incident has result in damage in excess of \$5000 to a vessel or any other property
 - Damage or risk to the environment has occurred
- Incident Report Form online (MHYC or NSW Maritime website)



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Reminders – Safety & Information



- Race management and safety information is transmitted on VHF Channel 72 for most MHYC Series
- Race management and safety information is transmitted on VHF Channel 73 for the Combined Clubs Inshore Series
- Alternative race management frequencies may be advised
- Recommended that the Race Management Channel be monitored from 30 minutes before the first warning signal until the conclusion of racing



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Reminders – Events



- MHYC Season Opening Day 10am on Saturday 21 September
- Welcome & Morning Tea
- Sail Past & Matt Pyne Cup for best dressed boat
- Commodore's Front Up! Cup Feature Event
- Prizegiving & Live Music
- Cruising Group Get Together
- Skippers & Crew Meet & Greet 7pm on Thursday 26 September
- Skippers can outline their program
- Crew looking for a regular sail
- Thursday Twilight Warm-Up Race 5pm on Thursday 3 October



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Questions



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Thankyou!

Good luck for Season 2024-2025



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