



The Shorthanded Sailing Association of Australia Inc

Pittwater to Newcastle

Short Handed race

Sailing Instructions

0800 hrs, 17th May 2014

Note: This race is Race One of the 2014 Winter Series. Results for the race will be calculated under handicap/divisions as advised in the Notice of Series. Results will also count towards the SSAA Champion Award.

1 Race Rules

1.1 This race will be governed by:

- 1.1.1 The rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF),
- 1.1.2 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, when applicable,
- 1.1.3 The Marine (General) Regulation 2009,
- 1.1.4 The Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations NSW,
- 1.1.5 The Notice of Series and as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

1.3 The SSAA burgee should be flying at all times while racing, and at the Marina in Newcastle.

1.4 Competitors seen dumping rubbish overboard shall be disqualified

1.5 The crew is limited to one, two or three people. All crew shall be a minimum of 18 years of age as of the day of the race.

2 Safety

As per the Notice of Series.

3 Entries

3.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by lodging the Entry Form with the SSAA to be received by midday 16th May 2014 by mail to the postal address of SSAA (see paragraph 11), by email to mccroc@bigpond.net.au, or by fax to **(02) 9660 5648**.

3.2 The crew must have supplied:

3.2.1 A current YA Equipment Audit to at least Cat 4,

3.2.2 A summary of previous yachting experience of all crew members together with supporting evidence in each case,

- 3.2.3 A clear beam-on photograph of the entered vessel,
- 3.2.4 Yachts shall notify whether they are entering the Handicap or Line Honours division, or both.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

There will be no starting vessel for this race. Any changes in Sailing Instructions will be posted on the website the day before or notified on Channel 73 prior to the start.

5 Race Schedule and Start

- 5.1 The Race is expected to start at 0800 hours, Saturday 17th May 2014. The start may be postponed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

The Start Line will be the line between Barrenjoey Lighthouse and the north-eastern extremity of Lion Island. Yachts shall cross the starting line from west to east.

Competitors shall start at 0800 hours using properly synchronized and calibrated time pieces.

- 5.2 Race Time for the entire race, including starting and finishing will be coordinated with Eastern Standard Time - telephone 1194, or from a GPS receiver.

6 The Course

The course is from the start line to the finish line in Newcastle.

7 The Finish

- 7.1 A yacht will be deemed to have finished when the Lighthouse at Nobby's Head bears 290°M. Refer to chart AUS208.
- 7.2 Competitors must take their own finishing time, and report these to the Race Office by SMS **0414 344 914** as soon as possible, but within 12 hours of finishing. **Competitors shall notify the Race Office of any other visible yachts finishing near their finishing time in the order of the yacht ahead and the yacht behind.**

8 Radio Communications

Yachts shall keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 16 (and HF 2182MHz if fitted) during the race. Any race communications if necessary will be on VHF 73 after contact is made on Ch 16.

After finishing, if staying in Newcastle proceed to the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club marina. The marina is located up the Hunter River on the Southern shore.

As a safety requirement, yachts should advise other entrants should weather conditions deteriorate and winds exceed 35 knots.

9 Alternative Penalties

Yachts involved in an infringement of a Right-of-Way rule may do a 720-degree turn and continue in the race but the Committee reserves the right to impose additional time penalties or disqualification for rule infringements.

10 Retirements

If a yacht retires or abandons the Race, the skipper shall be responsible for notifying the Race Office at the earliest possible time by SMS on the number already provided. It is recommended that any yacht retiring use VHF 73 to advise other entrants.

11 Race Office

Short-Handed Sailing Association of Australia

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For any urgent queries contact Peter McCorquodale on 0414 344 914.

12 Charts

Current versions of the following charts shall be carried by all competitors as a minimum requirement:

AUS 204, AUS 809, AUS 208, AUS 209 and AUS 207.