



The Shorthanded Sailing Association of Australia Inc

Sailing Instructions

Winter Series 2015

Pittwater to Botany Bay to Sydney race

Race 6, 1000 hrs, 10th October 2015

Note: This race is Race 6 of the 2015 Winter Series. Results for the race will be calculated under handicap/divisions as advised in the Notice of Race. Results will also count towards the SSAA Champion Award.

1 Race Rules

1.1 This race will be governed by the:

1.1.1 The rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.1.2 The International regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, when applicable,

1.1.3 The Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2009,

1.1.4 The Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations NSW,

1.1.5 The Notice of Race 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 must be flying at all times while racing.

1.4 Competitors seen dumping rubbish overboard shall be disqualified

2 Safety

As per Notice of Race

3 Entries

3.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by lodging the Entry Form with the SSAA by midday 9th October 2015.

3.2 The crew must have supplied:

3.2.1 A current YA Category 4 Equipment Audit form or higher.

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

3.2.3 A clear beam-on photograph of the entered vessel.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Changes in Sailing Instructions will be notified by the appointed Starting Vessel as part of the routine starting report or at the discretion of the Committee by radio on Channel 73.

5 Race Schedule and Start

5.1 The Race is expected to start at 1000 hours, Saturday 10th October 2015. 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 1000 hours using properly synchronized and calibrated timepieces.

- 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 Virtual mark of 34° 04.00' S, 151°13.0'E and then return to the finish line in Sydney Harbour.

7 The Finish

- 7.1 A yacht will be deemed to have finished when it crosses in a southerly direction, a transit line from the Starboard hand channel marker of the western channel approx. 0.2nm east of Middle Head, to the Junction Bell. The transit line extends east of the Junction Bell; the Junction Bell is to be left to starboard.
- 7.2 Competitors must take their own finishing times, and report these to the Race Office by telephone or sms to 0414 344 914 as soon as possible but within 12 hours of finishing. It would be of assistance to the Race Office to identify any other yachts finishing near your finishing time.

8 Radio Communications

Yachts shall keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 16 (and HF 2182MHz if fitted) during the race. The Committee may communicate on Channel 73 prior to the race.

9 Alternative Penalties

Yachts involved in an infringement of a Right-of-Way rule may do a 720-degree turn and proceed 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 notify the Race Office at the earliest possible time.

11 Protests

Protests will be heard, and will be treated with concern.

All protests must be made in accordance with RRS 68 and 69 and delivered to the SSAA Race Committee within 8 hours of the protesting yachts finishing time.

12 Race Office

Short-Handed Sailing Association of Australia
P.O. Box 7033
McMahons Point 2060

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

13 Charts

All competitors shall carry current versions of the following charts as a minimum requirement:

AUS197, AUS198, AUS200.