

2023
Hawkesbury River Cup
4-5 March

Sailing
Instructions

Organising Authority

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai (PCYC) Sailing Club



1. Rules

This regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1. the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 2 (Off the Beach Classes) shall apply.
- 1.3. All relevant class rules shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T - Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.5. The RRS are altered as follows:
 - 1.5.1. Rule 61.1(a)(2), Protest Requirements, for RS Feva, Flying 11 and Manly Junior classes is amended by deleting the sentence at 61.1(a)(2): "If the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display a red flag."
 - 1.5.2. Rule 64.2 is changed in that the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.
 - 1.5.3. A boat intending to protest must inform the start boat on station in the course area within 15 minutes of the last boat of the last class finishing for the day. This may be done in person or via radio or phone communication.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board located at the Regatta Office/canteen.
- 2.2. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 2.3. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Regatta flag mast located at the Northern side of the club house.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME or FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Saturday 4 March	Towing from Parsley Bay to Dead Horse Bay	1100 to 1300
	MJ, RS Feva, Flying 11 and 125 Briefing	12:45
	MJ, RS Feva, Flying 11 and 125 Racing	Not before 1330
	Skiff Briefing	13:15
	Skiff Racing	Not before 14:00
	Welcome Function	ASAP after racing
Sunday 5 March	MJ, Flying 11 and 125 Briefing	12:45
	MJ, Flying 11 and 125 Racing	Not before 1330
	Skiff Briefing	13:00
	Skiff Racing	Not before 13:45

- 5.1. A competitors briefing each day will be conducted at HKSC as outlined in the schedule of events.
- 5.2. A maximum of eight (8) point scoring races will be sailed for each class.
- 5.3. For the VS/16' skiff class the following schedule is intended

Saturday	1 x sprint	1 x long
Sunday	1 x long	

For the 13' skiff class the following schedule is intended

Saturday	1 x sprint	1 x long
Sunday	2 x short	

For the 125 and Flying 11 classes the following schedule is intended

Saturday	1 x sprint	2 x short
Sunday	1 x sprint	2 x short

For the Manly Junior and RS Feva* classes the following schedule is intended. * RS Feva is Saturday only.

Saturday	2 x short
Sunday	1 x long

Changes to the race schedule on water may be made and notified to affected competitors by HKSC official vessels.

If required up to four races may be sailed per day to recover any lost sailing days.

- 5.4. On 5 March 2023, there shall be no warning signal after 1600hrs.

6. Race Target Times and Limits

- 6.1. The target time for the first boat to finish a **sprint course** will be 20 mins. The target time for the first boat to finish a **short course** will be 40 mins. The target time for the first boat to finish a **long course** will be 90 mins. Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for protest. This changes RRS62.1 (a).
- 6.2. The time limit for the first boat to finish any race will be 120 minutes.
- 6.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course* and finishes will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished. *Except for the last race of the day for that class in which the time limit will be extended to 30 minutes.

7. Class Flags

- 7.1. The Skiff Fleet Class Flag will be a white flag with a black "VS" emblem.
- 7.2. The 13' Skiff Class Flag is a white flag with a blue "125" emblem.
- 7.3. The 125/Flying 11 class flag will be a white flag with a blue "Flying Eleven" emblem.
- 7.4. The Manly Junior and RS Feva class flag will be a white flag with a red "Manly Junior" emblem.

8. Courses

- 8.1. Courses to be sailed will be on display at HKSC and outlined at the competitors briefing each day. Courses are in Attachment B.
- 8.2. Skiff courses will be set using the VS class course lengths as a guide.

9. Marks

- 9.1. Marks be orange cylinders or yellow cones depending on class sailed.
- 9.2. The Start Mark shall be flying a yellow flag.
- 9.3. The Finish Mark shall be flying a yellow flag.
- 9.4. A new mark, as provided in Instruction 10 will be a yellow cylinder displaying a black band.

10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting order and the method of starts will be at the discretion of the Race Officer. The method may be concurrent, sequential or separated starts. It is intended classes will start their first race each day in the following order: Manly Junior/RS Feva, 125/Flying 11 then skiffs.\
- 10.2. The starting line will be between an orange pole or flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying a yellow flag on a port end starting mark.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain clear of the starting area.

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

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. The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and a cylindrical black and white chequered mark at the port end of the line.

13. Shortening Course

If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be, at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S; The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line. This changes rule 32.2.

14. Protest and Requests for Redress

- 14.1. Protests shall be delivered to the regatta office within the protest

time limit. Protests must have been lodged with the start boat as according to item 1.5.3.

- 14.2. The protest form lodgment time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3. Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.4. For the purpose of Rule 64.4(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by each class association.
- 14.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered not later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 14.6. Breaches of Instructions 16, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

15. Arbitration

Appendix T shall apply. Attachment A shows Appendix T in full.

16. Scoring

- 16.1. Appendix A5.3 will be used for scoring.
- 16.2. Two (2) races are required to constitute a series.
- 16.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes A2.1.
- 16.4. When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes A2.1.
- 16.5. All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results and according to the organising authorities prize distribution determination.

17. Safety Regulations

- 17.1. All crews intending to race are to sign on prior to going afloat and sign off within 30 minutes of coming ashore, or within the protest time limit, whichever is earlier.
- 17.2. Boats failing to sign on before leaving shore will be scored an additional 3 points (but not worse than DNF) without a hearing for the first race for which they should have signed on. Boats failing to sign off before the end of protest time will be scored an additional 3 points (but not worse than DNF) for the last race for which they should have signed off. This amends Rule A5.
- 17.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the start boat as soon as possible.

18. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 18.1. Crew changes are permitted but must be submitted to the HKSC canteen in writing before the starting signal for that class that day. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed as required.
- 18.2. If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the HKSC Measurer after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

19. Measurement

- 1.1. A boat or her equipment may be inspected at any time during the regatta for

compliance with the class rules, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 and the Sailing Instructions.

20. Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall register with the Organising authority and stay 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless exception is granted by express authority from the Race Committee.

21. Rubbish

No rubbish is to be dumped into the water. All rubbish is to be handed to official boats or taken ashore.

22. 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.

23. Prizes

Will be awarded for scratch, handicap and other placings as determined by the race committee and organising authority.

24. Insurance

It is the competitor's responsibility to have current Third Party Liability and Public Liability Insurance of not less than AUS \$10,000,000 for any one incident, valid for the period of the Regatta. The competitor's signature on the Entry Form or by clicking the Acceptance box on the online registration confirms the boat has such cover. Evidence of currency of insurance may be requested by the Race Committee.

25. Liability Disclaimer

- 25.1. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organising 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.

26. Attachments:

Appendix T Arbitration
Courses

Attachment A

Appendix T Arbitration

T1. POST-RACE PENALTIES

- A. Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- B. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

- C. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

T2. ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T3. ARBITRATOR'S OPINION

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

- A. the protest is invalid,
- B. no boat will be penalised for breaking a rule, or
- C. one or more boats will be penalised for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T4. ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES

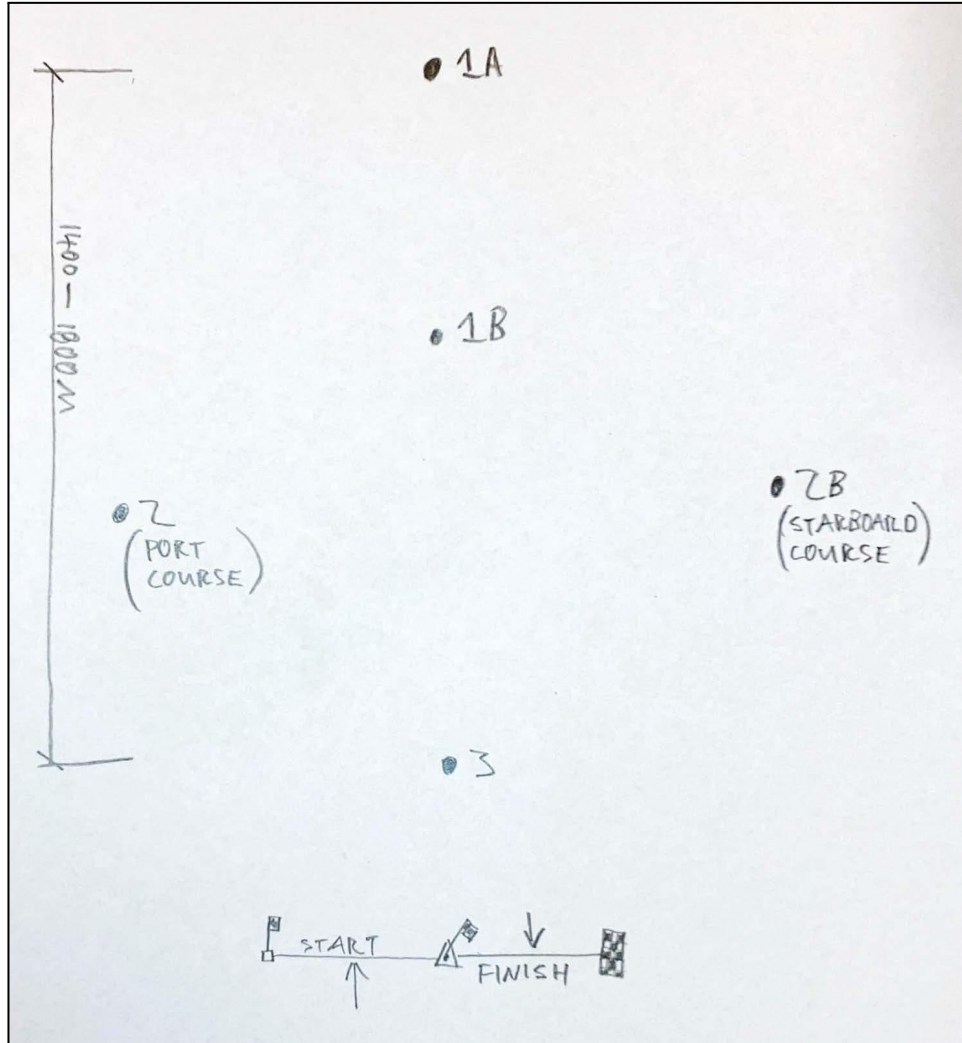
After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

- A. a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and
- B. a boat may ask to withdraw her protest. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal. Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.

Attachment B

Courses

Mark map (indicative only)



All marks rounded to port or starboard (where mark 3 is shown as 3B) as indicated at daily briefing or the relevant red or green flag on the start boat.

Skiff sprint: 1A, F.

Skiff short: 1A, 3, 1A, F.

Skiff long: 1A, 3, 1A, 3, 1A, 3, 1A, F.

125/Flying 11 sprint: 1B, 2, F.

125/Flying 11 short: 1B, 2, 3, 1B, F.

125/Flying 11 long: 1B, 2, 3, 1B, 3, 1B, 2, F.

Manly Junior/RS Feva sprint: 1B, 2, F.

Manly Junior/RS Feva short: 1B, 2, 3, 1B, F.

Manly Junior/RS Feva long: 1B, 2, 3, 1B, 3, 1B, 2, F.