



Cruiser Marathon

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday 18th December 2016

Organising Authority: Nedlands Yacht Club (Inc.)

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Introduction

A open invitational yardstick regatta for keelboats, trailable cruisers, sportsboats and multihulls sailing a Swan River course extending from Matilda Bay to Blackwall Reach

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is the Nedlands Yacht Club (Inc.) – NYC.
- 1.2. The NYC regatta Committee is appointed “Race Committee”.
- 1.3. The “Officer of the Day” (OOD) is the NYC Regatta Committee representative with the authority of the “Race Committee”.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 2.1. Monohull and Multihull Cruisers and Trailable yachts are eligible to compete.
- 2.2. No yacht shall carry a trapeze, leaning plank or frame except for sports boats when allowed in class rules. Safety toe straps are allowed.
- 2.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry

3. RULES

- 3.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the *ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS)*, and the *Prescriptions of Australian Sailing*, hereafter referred to as RRS, Class Rules and as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2 to Category 7 shall apply to this regatta.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Control notice board located at NYC Sail Training Centre.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be indicated by the flying of Code Flag “L” over the relevant Division Flag(s), from the NYC Control tower.
- 5.2. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Race Control notice board located at the NYC Sail Training Centre no later than 45 minutes before the first warning signal of the day.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm adjacent to the NYC Control tower.

7. FLEETS AND STARTING PENNANTS

7.1. The below table shows the Fleets and pennants they will start under.

FLEET	PENNANT
Division 3&4	Naval Numeral Three (3) Pennant
Division 2	Naval Numeral Two (2) Pennant

7.2. All competitors shall fly division flags. Division 3/4 competitors may fly Naval Numeral Four (4) Pennant in lieu of Naval Numeral Three (3) Pennant

8. SCHEDULE AND START TIMES

8.1. Briefings will be held at the discretion of the Race Committee. All Briefings will be held on the verandah of the Nedlands Yacht Club Main Clubhouse.

8.2. Division 3/4 start time will be 10:00

8.3. Division 2 start time will be 11:00

9. RACING AREA

9.1. The racing area will be on the Swan and Canning Rivers, Perth.

9.2. No yacht shall pass through any other Club's Start/Finish Line (boat or fixed) whilst an Orange "In Use" flag is displayed on the signal box or Start/Finish Line. Please note that this also applies to Nedlands Yacht Club's fixed line and extended line unless starting or finishing.

10. COURSE

10.1. The Course is defined in Appendix A

10.2. All navigation marks except Outer Dolphin must be passed on the deep water side except when they are used as rounding marks of course. The Perth Flying Squadron Start line, A line between Brick Landing buoys A and B, A line between Smith and Lucky Bay buoys are to be regarded as obstructions at ALL times. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply for breaching these obstructions. (2 turn penalty).

10.3. Shortening Course: When Code Flag "S" (blue rectangle on white) and the NYC Burgee are displayed near a mark of the course it shall mean all Divisions sailing around that mark shall sail to Hallmark Buoy to port, and then finish in a SW direction. This alters RRS rule 32.

11. NOTICE OF INTENT TO RACE AND RETIREMENT

11.1. Notice of Intent to Race shall be lodged by filling in and signing the Sign On Sheet at NYC or PFSYC prior to the warning signal.

11.2. A boat that retires shall sign the retirement notification sheet within the NYC Sail Training Centre within 15 minutes of reaching the Nedlands shore.

11.3. Boats that retire and do not return to NYC must contact the Race Committee on 9386 5496 as soon as possible to advise of their retirement.

12. POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT

- 12.1. Postponement: Answering Pendant may be accompanied by two sound signals. All races not started are postponed. The Warning Signal will be given one minute after this signal is lowered. One sound signal shall be made with the lowering of the Answering Pendant.

13. THE START

- 13.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26
- 13.2. The Start Line will be the normal NYC Start line and will consist of a line from the Orange Triangle on the front of the Nedlands Yacht Club Control Tower to the Orange & Black striped outer spar buoy. The extremities of the Start Line are the inner green buoy and the outer Orange & Black striped spar buoy. The Green Inner Buoy is only approximately on the Start Line.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The Finish Line shall be NYC's extended finish line and will consist of a line from the Orange Triangle on the front of the Nedlands Yacht Club Control Tower to a large inflatable buoy. The extremities of the Finish Line are an outer buoy (large inflatable) and an inner spar buoy (Orange & Black striped). The Inner Buoy is only approximately on the Finish Line.
- 14.2. Having finished no boat shall sail back through the Finish line.
- 14.3. It is a requirement to keep clear of other boats that may be starting or finishing their event using NYC's normal start or finish line.
- 14.4. Boats that have finished a race shall stay clear of boats still racing

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. A time limit of 6 hours from the starting signal of Division 2 will be applied to the regatta.
- 15.2. Yachts finishing 60 minutes after the first yacht finishes or after the time limit, whichever is the later will be recorded as 'did not finish'. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. All protests shall be in accordance with RRS Part 5 Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals
- 16.2. Verbal notification of intention to protest must be given to the Officer of the Day within 15 minutes of the return of the protesting yacht to the Club
- 16.3. Protests and Requests for Redress shall then be written on the appropriate forms which are available from the OOD's office and delivered to the OOD prior to the elapse of 60 minutes after the protesting boat returning to shore.
- 16.4. Hearings, if they are to proceed following mediation (see below), will be held at the earliest possible opportunity at the discretion of the OOD.
- 16.5. Breaches of Sailing Instructions will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these Sailing Instructions may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

17. MEDIATION

- 17.1. A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 17.2. The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The mediator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 17.3. After taking testimony, the mediator will make one of the following conclusions:
 - a. The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
 - b. The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to mediation may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may have occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the mediator.
 - c. No rule was broken and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
 - d. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification and if so accepted, the protestor should withdraw the protest. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted (This changes rule 44.1)
- 17.4. A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

18. HANDICAPS AND RESULTS

- 18.1. To determine race results NYC Individual Handicaps will be used . These handicaps will be based on the best available information and at the sole discretion of the Nedlands Yacht Club Cruiser Section Handicapper

19. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 19.1. Part 1 (Fundamental Rules) of the RRS shall apply.
- 19.2. Attention is drawn to the RRS, Part 1, Fundamental Rule 4, "Decision to Race", which states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 19.3. The Club and its officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of boats or for the sufficiency or adequacy of their equipment.
- 19.4. To be eligible to race, boat owners must be covered for Third Party Liability Insurance to the minimum value of \$10,000,000.
- 19.5. Competitors must comply to a level of Category 7 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2.
- 19.6. The Club or its officials are not responsible for any damage or injury, either ashore or on the water, either to persons or boats, which might result from participating in Club racing.

- 19.7. Racing may be abandoned or postponed when the average wind speed in the race area is greater than 25 knots or in any event if at the discretion of the OOD conditions for racing become unsafe. When abandoning, flag 'N' will be flown ashore and by the rescue boats and all boats shall return to the shore to receive further signals.

20. ADVERTISING

- 20.1. Advertising will be restricted to ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code..

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1. Support boats will display a green over white diagonal flag.
21.2. Support boats and crew will be supplied by the Organising Authority under its standard operating procedures.
21.3. Support boats have right of way at all times. Redress does not apply to a boat disadvantaged by a support boat performing rescue operations.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. The following prizes will be awarded:
- a. The Ian Quirk Perpetual Trophy for the Overall Winner of the Nedlands Yacht Marathon on corrected time.
 - b. Prizes for the Fastest Time, and first, second and third on corrected time.
 - c. The Duncan Urquhart Memorial Trophy for the first NYC yacht on corrected time.
- 22.2. The Race Committee reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of prizes depending on the number of entries.
22.3. Results shall be announced at approximately 17:30 hrs in the main NYC Club House on the day of the race.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1. All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The Organising Authority, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused. Attention is also drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with current third party property and personal liability insurance cover with a minimum cover of AU\$10,000,000 per event.

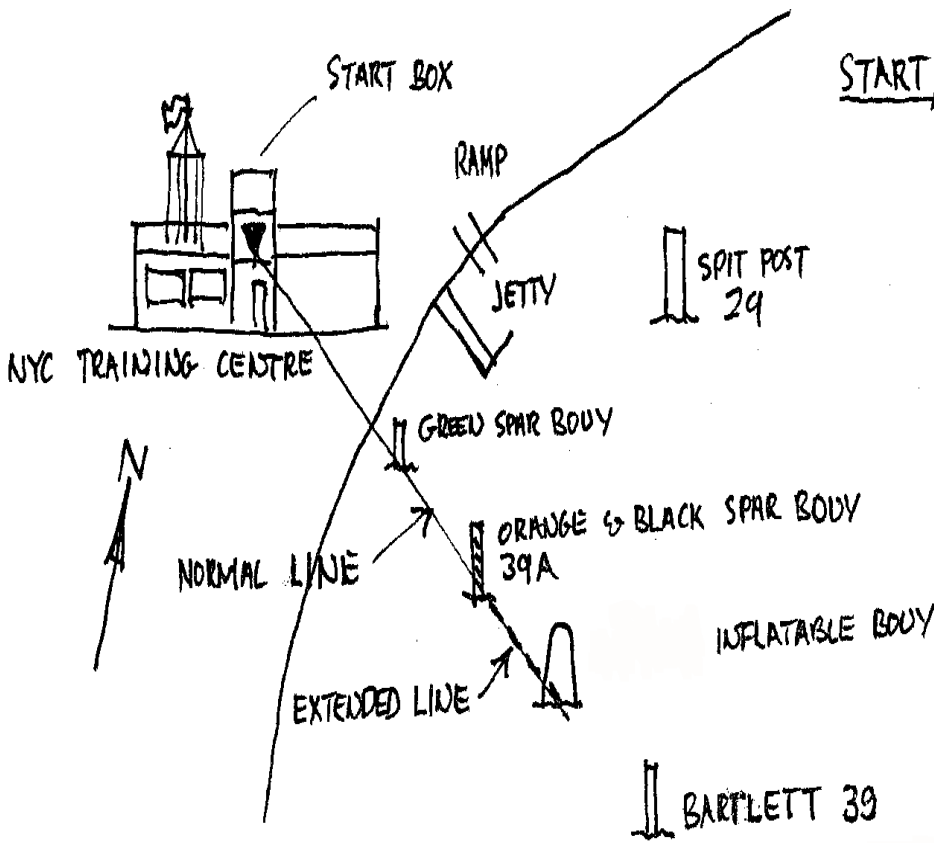
Appendix A – Course – all divisions

Start in an easterly direction

Outer Dolphin	Spit	17	P
Knot	Spit (passing)	14	S
Poplar	Buoy	47	P
Crawley	Buoy	45	P
Knot	Spit (passing)	14	P
Concrete	Spit (passing)	15	P
Foam	Spit (passing)	18	P
Como	Buoy	65	S
Martin	Buoy	69	P
Weaver	Buoy	68	P
Sampson	Spit	19	P
Armstrong	Buoy	32	P
Armstrong	Spit	36	S
Bricklanding A	Buoy	33A	S
Bricklanding B	Buoy	33B	S
North Point Walter	Spit	52	P
Mosman	Buoy	14	P
Mt Lyall	Buoy	9	S
Blackwall Reach	Buoy	11	P
Burnside	Spit	58	S
College	Buoy	23	S
North Point Walter	Buoy	26A	P
Dee Road Orange	Buoy	38	P
Hallmark	Buoy	41A	P

Finish In SW direction

All marks are to be rounded except where specified as passing.



START/FINISH LINE DIAGRAM

NOT TO SCALE.

