



# Marathon 2023

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday 10 December 2023

Organising Authority: Nedlands Yacht Club (Inc.)

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## **Introduction**

An open invitational yardstick regatta for keelboats, trailable cruisers, sportsboats, multihulls and Off the Beach Catamarans sailing a Swan River course extending from Matilda Bay to Blackwall Reach.

The Race Committee encourages all Cruiser Division boats to monitor VHF Channel 74, and to offer support to any boat requiring assistance during the extended race area. Boats offering support may request redress from the Race Committee.

## **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 “Race Officer” and is the representative of the “Race Committee”.

## **2. RULES**

- 2.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. The Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations will apply.
- 2.3. These Sailing Instructions may change racing rules. Changes will appear in full below
- 2.4. The Notation [DP] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification
- 2.5. The Notation [NP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions indicate a breach of that rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.6. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2 to a level of Category 7 shall apply to Cruiser fleets.
- 2.7. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, regulation 5.01 (Personal Flotation Devices) will be enforced for Dinghy and Off the Beach catamaran fleets.

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

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

## **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. 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 30 minutes before the first warning signal of the day.

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm adjacent to the NYC control tower.

## **6. FLEETS AND STARTING PENNANTS**

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

<b>FLEET</b>	<b>PENNANT</b>
Cruiser Division 3&4	Naval Numeral Four (4) Pennant
Cruiser Division 2	Naval Numeral Two (2) Pennant
Cruiser Division 1	Naval Numeral One (1) Pennant
Hobie 16	Black Hobie class emblem on white
Open Catamarans	Black Tornado class emblem on white

- 6.2. Competitors in Cruiser Divisions shall fly division flags. Division 3/4 competitors may fly Naval Numeral Four (4) Pennant in lieu of Naval Numeral Three (3) Pennant

## **7. SCHEDULE AND START TIMES**

- 7.1. Briefings will be held at the discretion of the Race Committee. All briefings will be held on the verandah of the NYC main clubhouse.
- 7.2. Cruiser Division 3/4 scheduled start time is 10:00
- 7.3. Cruiser Division 2 scheduled start time is 11:00
- 7.4. Hobie 16 scheduled start time is 11:05
- 7.5. Cruiser Division 1 scheduled start time is 11:10
- 7.6. Open Catamaran scheduled start time is 11:15

## **8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1. The racing area will be on the Swan and Canning Rivers, Perth, as described in Appendix C – Race Area.

## **9. COURSE**

- 9.1. The Course is defined in Appendix A
- 9.2. 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.

## **10. MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1. All marks used will be permanent Swan River Racing marks or NYC Day Buoys.
- 10.2. Marks are defined in Appendix A – Courses.
- 10.3. The start line marks are a green spar buoy and a black stiped spar buoy.
- 10.4. The finish line marks are a black striped spar buoy and a red pyramid buoy.
- 10.5. No yacht shall pass through any other Club's start / finish line (boat or fixed) while an orange "In Use" flag is displayed by the club. This also applies to the NYC fixed line and extended line, unless starting or finishing. Refer to Appendix B – NYC Marathon start / finish line. [DP]
- 10.6. All navigation marks except Outer Dolphin, Pilbara and Court must be passed on the correct navigable side except where used as a rounding mark of the course.
- 10.7. A line between Bricklanding A and B buoys, and a line between Smith and Lucky Bay buoys are to be regarded as obstructions at ALL times. Sailing Instruction "14 – PENALTY SYSTEM" shall apply for breaches of these obstructions. [DP]

## **11. NOTICE OF INTENT TO RACE AND RETIREMENT**

- 11.1. It is a safety requirement that all boats register their intent to race, and if they retire or fail to finish must notify the Race Committee via the retirement sheet.
- 11.2. Boats visiting from other clubs must register on-line via the NYC web page (<http://www.nyc.org.au/sailing/regattas/>) before 17:00 on 9 Dec 2023. Boats registered to Nedlands Yacht club are pre-registered for the regatta.
- 11.3. Notice of Intent to Race shall be lodged by signing the Sign-On Sheet at NYC prior to the warning signal.
- 11.4. Boats competing from other clubs who are arriving by water and who have completed an on-line registration may signal their intent to race by sailing in the vicinity of the start area within 5 minutes of their start signal.
- 11.5. Boats failing to sign on shall be awarded a score of Did Not Compete.
- 11.6. A boat that retires shall sign the retirement notification sheet within the NYC Sail Training Centre within 15 minutes of reaching the Nedlands shore.
- 11.7. Boats that retire and do not return to NYC must contact the Race Committee on 9386 5496 or VHF Ch74 as soon as possible to advise of their retirement.

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1. The start line will be the NYC Club Start line and will consist of a line from the orange triangle on the front of the NYC control tower to the black striped outer spar buoy. The extremities of the start line are the inner green buoy and the outer black striped spar buoy. The green inner buoy is only approximately on the start line. Refer to Appendix B – NYC Marathon Start / Finish Line.
- 12.2. Recalled fleets will go to the end of the sequence of starts that are underway with the last fleet's start signal being the recalled fleet's warning signal. This changes RRS rule 29.2
- 12.3. RRS rule 29.2 will apply if the restart is for the last fleet in the sequence.
- 12.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races [DP].

### **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finish line shall be the NYC Marathon finish line and will consist of a line from the orange triangle on the front of the NYC control tower to a red inflatable buoy. The extremities of the finish line are an outer buoy (red inflatable) and an inner spar buoy (black striped). The inner buoy is only approximately on the finish line. Refer to Appendix B – NYC Marathon Start / Finish Line.
- 13.2. Having finished no boat shall sail back through the finish line. [DP]
- 13.3. Boats that have finished a race shall stay clear of boats still racing or within their start sequence [DP]

### **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. For Hobie 16, Open Catamarans and for Multihulls Cruiser division 1, Rules 44.1 and 44.2 – Taking a Penalty, are amended so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, are required. This changes Rules 44.1 and 44.2

### **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. A time limit of 5.5 hours from the starting signal of Division 2 will be applied to the regatta.
- 15.2. Yachts finishing 60 minutes after the first yacht of its division 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 OOD 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 Arbitration (see below), will be held at the earliest possible opportunity at the discretion of the OOD.
- 16.5. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 12.4, 13.2 and 13.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

### **17. ARBITRATION**

- 17.1. Arbitration will be in accordance with *RRS* Appendix T – Arbitration

### **18. RESULTS**

- 18.1. A boat’s time to complete the course will be adjusted by its Class published yardstick to determine the boat’s “corrected time”.

## **19. SAFETY**

- 19.1. The Club and its officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of boats or for the sufficiency or adequacy of their equipment.
- 19.2. Competitors in Cruiser divisions must comply to a level of Category 7 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2.
- 19.3. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, regulation 5.01 (Personal Flotation Devices) will be enforced for all off the beach sailors.

## **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 NYC 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.
- 21.4. All competitors are expected to provide support to other competitors with difficulties when support boats are not in the area. Boats offering support may request redress from the Race Committee.

## **22. PRIZES**

- 22.1. Pennants will be awarded for first, second and third on yardstick corrected time for each division.
- 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. RISK STATEMENT**

- 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 3 which states “The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.

## **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**

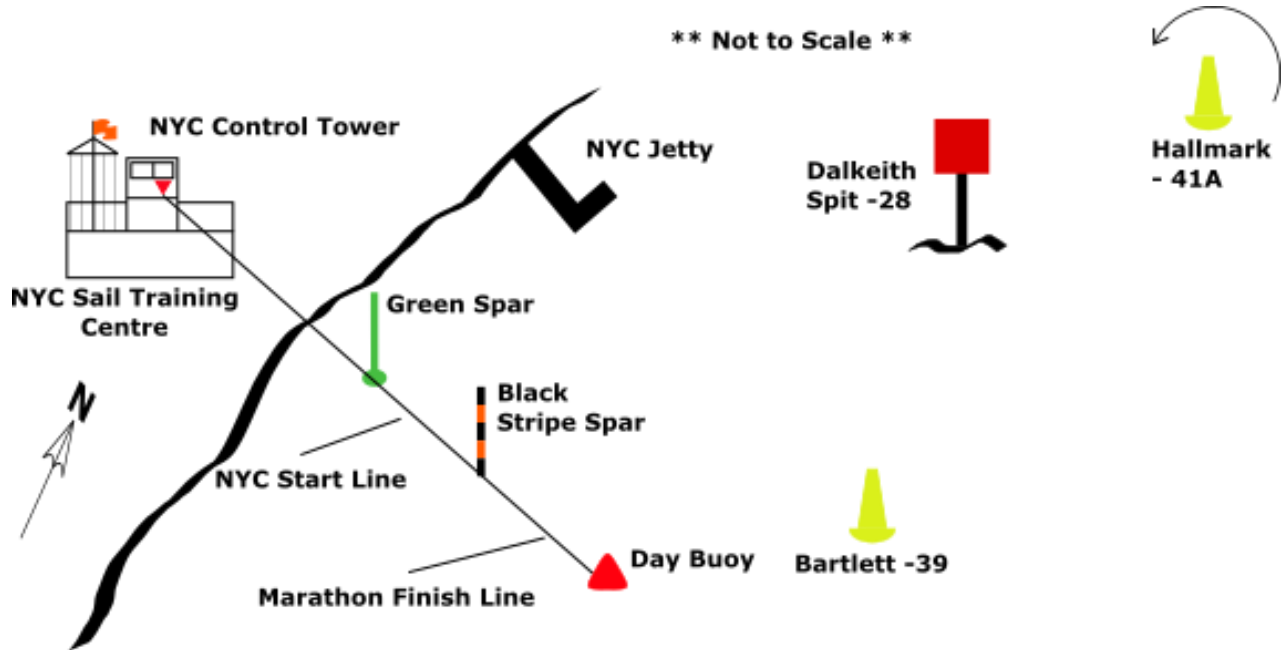
### **Start in an easterly direction**

Outer Dolphin	Spit	17	P
Knot	Spit (passing)	14	S
Poplar	Buoy	47	P
Crawley	Buoy	45	P
Knot	Spit (passing)	14	P
Foam	Spit	18	P
Como	Buoy	65	S
Martin	Buoy	69	P
Weaver	Buoy	68	P
Sampson	Spit	19	P
Armstrong	Buoy	32	P
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	Buoy	38	P
Hallmark	Buoy	41A	P

**Finish In SW direction (NYC Extended Finish Line)**

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

## Appendix B – NYC Marathon Start / Finish Line



## Appendix C – Race Course Area – Swan and Canning Rivers

