



# **Open Invitational Off the Beach Marathon**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Sunday 10 December 2023**

Organising Authority: Nedlands Yacht Club (Inc.)

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## **Introduction**

An open invitational yardstick regatta for Off the Beach dinghies sailing a Swan River - Melville Waters West course.

### **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 2, regulation 5.01 (Personal Flotation Devices) will be enforced for all off the beach sailors.

### **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 warning signal.

### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

## **6. DIVISIONS AND STARTING PENNANTS**

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

<b>Division</b>	<b>Pennant</b>
Open dinghies	National 125 Class flag

## **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. Warning signal will be 1225hrs.

## **8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1. The racing area will be on the Swan River – Melville Waters West as described in Appendix C – Race Course 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 Baths Buoy (41C) 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.
- 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 must be passed on the correct navigable side except where used as a rounding mark of the course [DP].
- 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.

## **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 signing the Sign-on Sheet at NYC prior to the warning signal.
- 11.4. Boats failing to sign on shall be awarded a score of Did Not Compete.
- 11.5. A boat that retires shall sign the retirement notification sheet within the NYC Sail Training Centre within 15 minutes of reaching the Nedlands shore.
- 11.6. 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. THE START**

- 12.1. The start line will be the normal 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 Appendix B – NYC Marathon Start/Finishing Line).

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finish line shall be NYC's 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 Appendix B – NYC Marathon Start/Finishing Line).
- 13.2. Having finished no boat shall sail back through the start or finishing lines [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. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 – Taking a Penalty, are amended so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, are required.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. A time limit of 3½ hours from the starting signal 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. Parents of interested parties from the junior fleet may accompany their children to the hearing, or mediation, as observers only.
- 16.6. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 13.2 and 13.3 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **17. ARBITRATION**

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

## **18. SCORING AND 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".
- 18.2. A boat's corrected time shall determine her finishing place.

## **19. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

- 19.1. Attention is drawn to the RRS, Part 1, Fundamental Rule 3, "Decision to Race", which states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 19.2. The Club and its officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of boats or for the sufficiency or adequacy of their equipment.
- 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 [DP].

## **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.

## **22. PRIZES**

- 22.1. Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 22.2. NYC Pennants will be given for First, Second and Third on corrected time.
- 22.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of prizes depending on the number of entries.
- 22.4. Results shall be announced as soon after 1700hrs as possible 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.

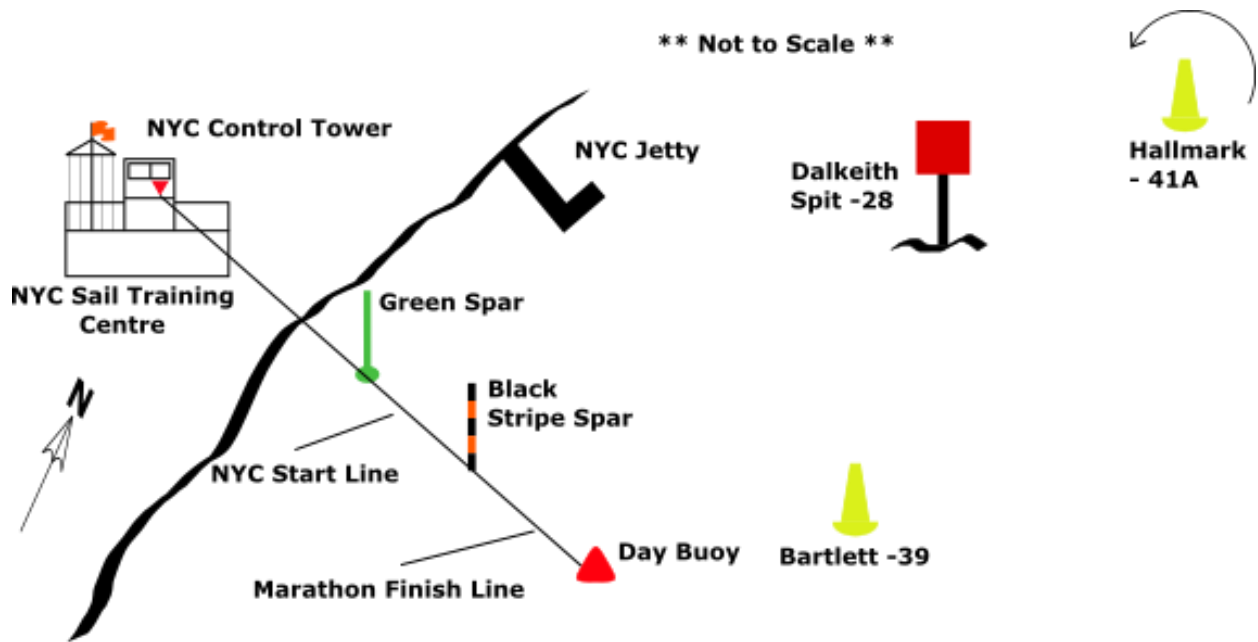
## **24. INSURANCE**

- 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 – Courses:

Course No.1 – South West				Course No.2 – East		
Start in a South Westly direction				Start in an Easterly direction		
Smith	35A	P		Dolphin West	42A	S
Lucky Bay	35B	P		Smith	35A	P
Dee Road	38	P		Lucky Bay	35B	P
Baths	41C	P		Dee Road	38	P
Smith	35A	P		Baths	41C	P
Lucky Bay	35B	P		Smith	35A	P
Dee Road	38	P		Lucky Bay	35B	P
Baths	41C	P		Dee Road	38	P
Smith	35A	P		Baths	41C	P
Lucky Bay	35B	P		Smith	35A	P
Dee Road	38	P		Lucky Bay	35B	P
Baths	41C	P		Dee Road	38	P
Finish in a South Westerly direction				Baths	41C	P
				Finish in a South Westerly direction		

## APPENDIX B ~ NYC MARATHON START/FINISHING LINE



## APPENDIX C ~ RACE COURSE AREA

