

GREAT VETERANS RACE

FOR SYDNEY - HOBART CLASSIC YACHTS and
MODERN CLASSIC YACHTS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA // 9 MAY 2026



1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 AS Special Regulations, Part 1 Category 7 shall apply. All boats entering must hold a current audited AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for race category 7 (or higher).
- 1.3 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of the World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 1.4 The Race is designated **Non-Spinnaker**. Only a mainsail and headsails as defined by RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay.
- 1.5 The minimum number of crew, including the skipper, shall be three. A majority of the crew shall be 18 years or older.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 All those taking part in this race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 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."***
- 2.2 The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA), any sponsor, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

Boats shall have adequate current insurance cover (maintained during the period of racing) of not less than \$10,000,000 public liability for any accident.
- 2.3 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations Clause 1.02 Owners Responsibility.

3. Race Committee

- 3.1 The Sailing Committee Chair, Deputy Chair and a member of the Sailing Committee of the CYCA as nominated by the Sailing Committee Chair shall be the Race Committee for the purposes of and with the powers and discretions contained in RRS 90.1. Where one or more of them could have a potential conflict of interest, the Sailing Committee Chair will appoint another member of the Sailing Committee instead of the member with the potential conflict of interest.
- 3.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat at anytime. This right is in accordance with Special regulation 2.02.2 and 2.02.3.

4. Entry

- 4.1 A boat shall complete the online Entry issued by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia prior to racing at www.cyca.com.au. An audited AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form (Category 7 or higher category), signed Conditions of Entry Form, and a copy of a Certificate of Currency of Public Liability Insurance (minimum \$10 million) shall accompany each entry along with the appropriate entry fees.

- 4.2 A boat that does not supply to the CYCA Sailing Office, prior to starting, a copy of the boat's current audited AS Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form shall be scored DNC in that race.

5. **Notices and Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse of the CYCA.
- 5.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect. IC Flag "L" will be flown from the Committee Vessel if an amendment has been made.

6. **Start/Finish Line**

- 6.1 The start line will be between the flag mast on the Committee Vessel (CV) displaying a white flag with "CYCA" in black at the starboard end and an orange laid mark at the port end (this changes RRS Race Signals).
- 6.2 The start line will be in the vicinity of Point Piper.
- 6.3 The finish line will be between the flag mast on the CV (which may not be the same vessel as the start vessel) displaying a white flag with "CYCA" in black on the starboard end and an orange laid mark on the port end (this changes RRS Race Signals).
- 6.4 The finish line will be in the vicinity of Rushcutters Bay
- 6.5 The CV will maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 72.

7. **Start Signals and Times**

- 7.1 The Race Committee may form racing divisions at its discretion. The constitution of Racing or Start Divisions shall not be subject to protest or request for redress. (this changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1(a))
- 7.2 The race will be a pursuit start.
- 7.3 The Race Committee will allocate a starting number to a boat for the race. A boat shall not start before the Committee Vessel ("CV") has displayed its designated Start Number.
- 7.4 Numbers will be displayed at 1 minute intervals and will commence with the number 0.
- 7.5 Start numbers will be based on time correction factors (TCFs). A boat's TCF shall be determined by the RC or its nominee.
- 7.6 The TCF, and a boat's start number based on it, shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. (this changed RRS 60.1 and 61.1(a))
- 7.7 Start signals will be as follows (this changes RRS 26):

SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION	MINUTES BEFORE 1 st START SIGNAL
Warning	IC Flag W displayed with sound signal	5
Preparatory	IC Flag P displayed with sound signal	4
One-Minute	IC Flag P removed with long sound signal	1
Start	First boat/s start on display of 0	0

- 7.8 The Warning Signal will be made at 1155hrs (1200hrs Start time).
- 7.9 A boat shall not start later than 20 minutes after its Start Signal.
- 7.10 Attention is drawn to RRS 23 "Interfering with another boat". A boat shall not enter the pre-start area prior to its preparatory signal (5 minutes before its start number).

The pre-start area is defined as 50 metres to windward and leeward of the start line.

8. Courses

- 8.1 The course (see Attachment 1 – Course Map) shall be:

DIVISION 1 CLASSICS and MODERN CLASSICS:

Start – LB – SIM – CI – EC2 – SIM – Finish

DIVISION 2 CLASSICS:

Start – LB – SIM – CI – LD – SIM –Finish

- 8.2 All marks are to be rounded to STARBOARD.
- 8.3 Boats are to proceed to all marks shown in these courses in the order listed and are to round each mark on the specified side.

9. Marks

- 9.1 AS Marks mentioned in this instruction may be a yellow spherical, cylindrical or spar shaped buoy and can be replaced with a different mark without warning.

- 9.2 Mark descriptions (all positions and distances are approximate. See attached chart for approximate positions):

CI Clarke Island

LB AS mark 150m W of Lady Bay

EC2 AS mark 150m NW of the Eastern Channel Marker

SIM AS mark SE of Shark Island
The area between the Shark Island Mark (SIM) and Shark Island is a continuing obstruction and no boat shall pass between them.

LD Fixed light beacon 100m north of Shark Island

- 9.3 Cardinal marks are to be considered marks of the Course and must be passed to the indicated side.

- 9.4 The following are continuing obstructions and prohibited areas, namely:

1. The area of Sow and Pigs Reef enclosed by an imaginary line joining all four of the Cardinal Marks surrounding the Reef in sequence N, E, S and W.
2. The non-safe water side of a Cardinal Mark.
3. The area between the Shark Island AS Mark (SIM) and Shark Island.

4. The Start Line / Finish Line except when starting and finishing. When complying with RRS 44.2 at or near the finishing line a boat shall sail around the ends of the finishing line before finishing. (this changes RRS 28).
5. The area between Shark Island and Shark Island Light (north of Shark Island)
6. The area enclosed by moorings.

10. Recall

- 10.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

11. Retirement

- 11.1 A boat that retires shall notify the Committee Vessel or the Sailing Office at the CYCA as soon as possible by whatever means is available at the time of its retirement.

12. Shortening Course

- 12.1 If IC Flag "S" and a "Blue" Flag are displayed on a Committee Vessel near a rounding mark of the course, then boats shall finish by passing between the Committee Vessel and the nearby mark of the course (RRS 32 and RRS "Race Signals" Refers).
- 12.2 Should the Race Committee intend shortening course for specific divisions only, the divisional flag for those divisions for which the course is to be shortened will be flown below Code Flag "S".

13. Time Limit

- 13.1 The time limit for finishing is 1630 hours, boats which have not finished by this time shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) (this changes RRS 35)

14. Scoring

- 14.1 A boat's finish time shall be used for the calculation of its racing division results. The boat with the earliest finish time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
- 14.2 All times will be recorded in minutes and whole seconds. Boats with equal finishing or corrected times shall be scored as a dead heat.

15. Commercial Shipping / NSW Roads and Maritime

- 15.1 Boats shall not cause interference to an ocean-going vessel or other vessels having right of way under the government right of way regulations.
- 15.2 Competitors must maintain a minimum distance of 500m from the bow of any ship and 200m from any ferry and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry.
- 15.3 Competitors are reminded of their obligation to report Marine Incidents that result in injury to crew (requiring hospitalisation) or vessel damage in excess of \$5000. These incidents need to be reported to the CYCA and RMS within 48 hours of the incident.

16. Alternative Penalties

- 16.1 RRS 44.2 Two Turns Penalty applies for breaking a Rule of RRS Part 2 and RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty for breaking any other rule.

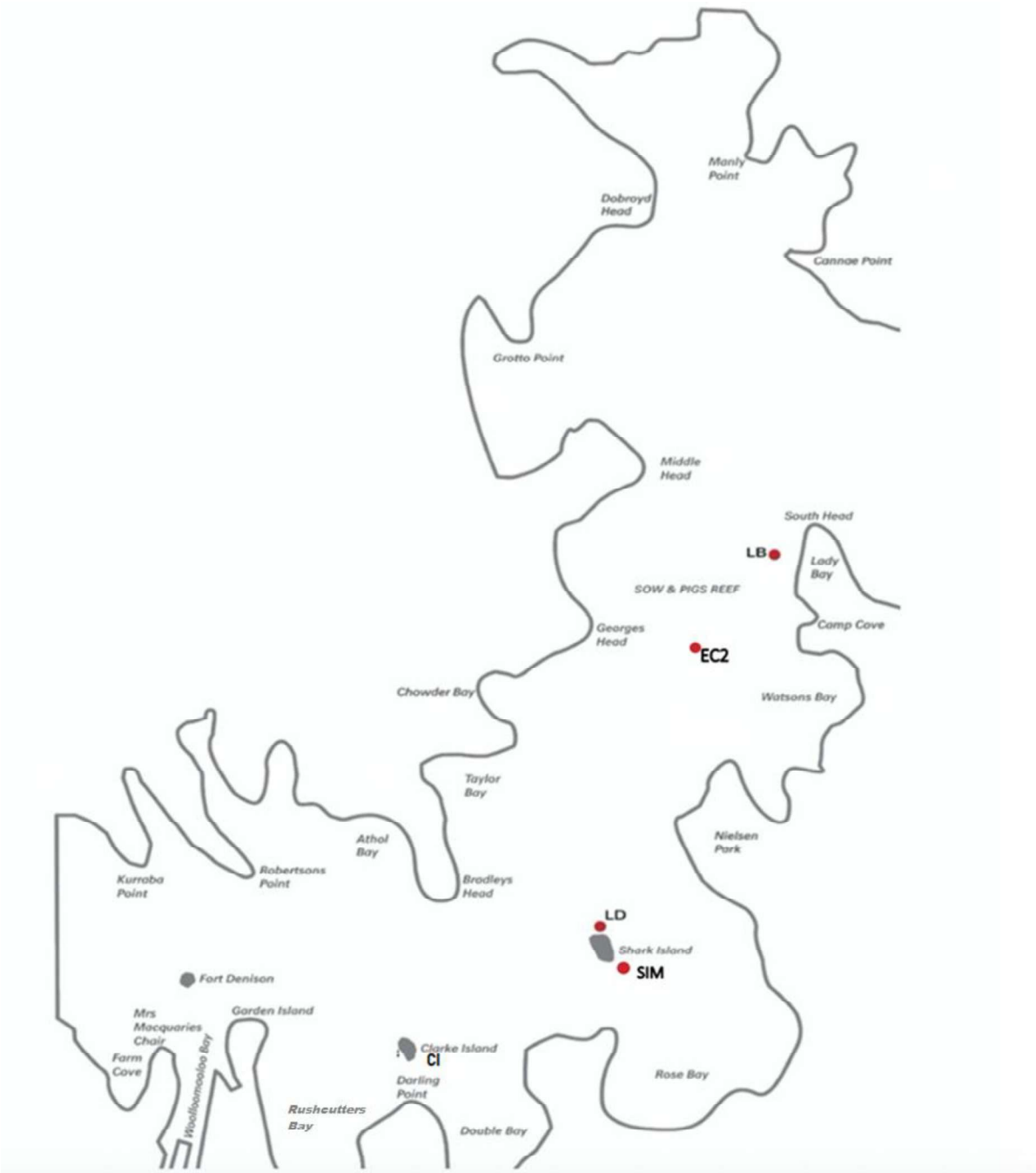
17. Protests

- 17.1 The Race Committee wishes to discourage the necessity for protests during social racing and looks to competitors to enter the event in the right spirit, be meticulous in observing the rules, and complete two turns penalties (or retire) immediately if they breach them.
- 17.2 Should competitors feel the need to protest, this should be done using an official protest form available from the Sailing Office. Protests must be delivered to the Sailing Office within 60 minutes of the protesting Boat's finish time.

18. Protest Mediation

- 18.1 Should a protest be submitted to the Sailing Office regarding an incident that does not involve injury to crew or significant damage to the yachts involved, both parties may agree to settle the protest by mediation. There shall be no witnesses involved in mediation.
- 18.2 The Race Committee will assign a Mediator. The Mediator will attempt to determine whether a rule has been broken. The boat likely to have broken the rule will then be provided with the opportunity to retire prior to a hearing. Should the Mediator be unable to resolve the matter, the protest will continue to a hearing.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Course Map





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