

## **RISK WARNING**

This **Risk Warning** is issued jointly by the Botany Bay Yacht Club and the NSW Maritime Authority pursuant to the **Civil Liability Act 2002** to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Botany Bay Yacht Club.

Participants are warned that regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks include but are not limited to:

- ◆ The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- ◆ The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- ◆ The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- ◆ The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- ◆ The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delay may occur before medical care is available.
- ◆ Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Botany Bay Yacht Club and the NSW Maritime Authority also warn participants that, regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress.

Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Botany Bay Yacht Club.

# BOTANY BAY YACHT CLUB

## CONDITIONS OF SAILING

### 1. Rules

Rules for the duration of this Program from September, 2011 to August, 2012

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by Part B - Steering and Sailing Rules of The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012, the Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations of NSW, these Conditions of Sailing as amended by the Sailing Instructions (S.I.).

### 2. Race Committee (RC)

The Race Committee of Botany Bay Yacht Club is comprised of:

- \* BBYC Commodore
- \* BBYC Rear Commodore
- \* BBYC Honorary Race Secretary
- \* BBYC Honorary Secretary
- \* a BBYC Starter

### 3. Responsibility

- 3.1 All those taking part in events do so at their own risk.
- 3.2 BBYC, the RC, and sponsors are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 3.3 BBYC, the RC and sponsors are not responsible for any damage or injury which occurs, either ashore or afloat, to persons or property which might result from participation in races. It is mandatory that boats have adequate insurance cover.
- 3.4 Attention is drawn to RRS Part 1, Rules 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- 3.5 The attention of Skippers and crews is drawn to YASR Appendix C "Man Overboard Procedures".
- 3.6 In the event of a man overboard incident when proceeding to, during or following a race, Competitors **MUST** notify the Committee Vessel by radio (mobile phone if no radio available).

### Definition of Races

- 4.1 **OCEAN RACE:** Races in which yachts proceed to sea. A boat is deemed to be "at sea" when it is to seaward of the transit of Cape Solander and Cape Banks.
- 4.2 **BAY RACES:** Races which are conducted totally within Botany Bay using inflatable buoys as marks.
- 4.3 **TRANSIT RACES:** Races which are conducted totally within Botany Bay, Georges River and/or Kogarah Bay, usually with a handicap start.
- 4.4 **SPRINT RACES:** Races which are usually conducted within Botany Bay using short windward-leeward courses around inflatable buoys.
- 4.5 **TWILIGHT/SUNDAY RACES:** Normally non-spinnaker races which are conducted totally within Botany Bay, Georges River and/or Kogarah Bay using mostly fixed marks.

### 5. Eligibility

- 5.1 All races are open to single hulled fixed keel or trailable yachts that comply with YA Special Regulations Part 1.
- 5.2 Yachts must be on the register of a yacht club recognised by a National Authority.
- 5.3 The Race Committee shall be the sole arbiter of compliance with eligibility requirements.
- 5.4 RRS 50.2 is amended to allow yachts with fixed and retractable spinnaker poles to set spinnakers from such poles.

## 5.5 **Racing Divisions:**

Racing will be provided for classes which enter sufficient boats.

Provision has been made for:

- 5.5.1 **Division 1** - Mixed Division of Non-Spinnaker boats with Arbitrary Handicap.  
Boats of various types wishing to enter a series of Non-Spinnaker Twilight and/or Bay Races.
  - 5.5.2 **Division 2** - Mixed Division with Arbitrary Handicap.  
Boats of varying types wishing to participate in a series of Bay and Sprint Races.
  - 5.5.3 **Division 3** - Mixed Division with Arbitrary Handicap.  
Nominated boats of varying types with a TCF greater than 0.900 wishing to participate in a series of Bay Races.
  - 5.5.4 **Division 5** - Mixed Division with Arbitrary Handicap.  
Boats of varying types wishing to participate in a series of Transit Races, usually with a handicap start.
  - 5.5.5 **Division 7** - Offshore Division with Arbitrary Handicap.  
Boats of various types wishing to participate in a series of Ocean Races.
- 5.6 To be eligible to compete in a point score series, a yacht must remain under the same ownership and be entered for the entire series. Change of ownership requires a new entry to be lodged by the new owner for any point score series or race.
- 5.7 All yachts competing in a one class division or a one class point score series must abide by the rules and measurements of the Class Association.

## 6. **Entry**

- 6.1 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the requisite BBYC race entry form and informing the Race Committee of their intention to race at least 2 hours prior to the scheduled start time.
- 6.2 For a yacht to be entered in a point score series, the owner of that yacht must be a full & financial member of BBYC.
- 6.3 Casual entrants are not point score series entrants.
- 6.4 Entries must be accompanied by payment of the prescribed race or point score series entry fee. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the requisite entry fee.
- 6.5 Entries must be accompanied by a copy of a current Equipment Audit form.
- 6.6 Entries must include Insurance details.

## 7. **Equipment Compliance.**

- 7.1 All yachts shall comply with YA Special Regulations Part 1. Yacht owners shall have obtained and possess a current Equipment Compliance Form signed by a YA accredited Equipment Auditor as appropriate for the category of race.

### 7.2 **Event Categories**

- 7.2.1 Division 1: YA Category 7 plus navigation lights.
- 7.2.2 Division 2: YA Category 7 plus navigation lights.
- 7.2.3 Division 3: YA Category 7 plus navigation lights.
- 7.2.4 Division 5: YA Category 7 plus navigation lights.
- 7.2.5 Division 7: YA Category 4 including alternate Bay courses.
- 7.2.6 Novelty Events: YA Category 7 plus navigation lights

### 7.3 **Equipment Compliance Inspections**

- 7.3.1 Inspections can be arranged by appointment.
- 7.3.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to conduct additional inspections at any time. Yachts failing to comply with the YA Special Regulations Part 1 may be liable for disqualification
- 7.3.3 Owners are expected to make all equipment readily available for inspection and be able to demonstrate equipment use as required by the Equipment Auditor.
- 7.3.4 Attention is drawn to YA Special Regulations Rule 1.02 "Owners Responsibility".
- 7.4 A life ring or horseshoe must be carried on deck ready for immediate deployment (RRS 1.2).

## 8. Point Scores

Point scores are calculated on handicap places unless specified otherwise. Point scores series will be conducted for:

- 8.1 **Division 2 & 3** - Series of races held on Bay courses.
- 8.1.1 Spring Series (Sept to Dec)
- 8.1.2 New Year Series (Jan to May)
- 8.1.3 Summer Series (combination of Spring & New Year)
- 8.2 **Endeavour Championship** - Series for Endeavour class yachts based on yard stick placing in the Summer Series.
- 8.3 **Transit Series** - Series of transit races mostly with handicap starts.
- 8.4 **Sprint Series** - Series of races held on course "W".
- 8.5 **Twilight Series** - Series of races held on Kogarah Bay & Georges River during Daylight Saving on Friday evenings.
  
- 8.6 Other point scores may be conducted at the discretion of the Race Committee and/or Board.

## Schedule

Dates of events and races are listed in the Schedule of Events. Other events and races may be conducted at the discretion of the Race Committee and/or Board.

## 10. Scoring

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring System, Appendix A RRS shall apply inclusive of these amendments:
- 10.1.1 Boats which start and retire or otherwise are not recorded as finishers, shall be awarded points for the place immediately following that of the lowest place finisher.
- 10.2 **Discards:** For any series:
  - 10.2.1 Where four (4) races or less are sailed in a series, all races are to count to the point score.
  - 10.2.2 Where five (5), six (6), or seven (7) races are sailed in a series, a yacht is permitted to drop 1 race in that point score.
  - 10.2.3 Where eight (8), nine (9) or ten (10) races are sailed in a series, a yacht is permitted to drop 2 races in that point score.
  - 10.2.4 Where more than 10 races are sailed in a series, a yacht is permitted to drop 3 races in that point score series.
- 10.3 Boats competing in State, National, World Championships & other recognised interclub events and are also entered in a point score series, shall be eligible to receive points for the races missed equal to the boats average points for that point score series. Average points will be based on all races in the series (including discards) except the race(s) in question.

## 11. Sailing Instructions

- 11.1 Sailing Instructions are detailed in this BBYC Programme.
- 11.2 Separate sailing instructions may be issued for special events.

## 12. Courses

- 12.1 Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 13. Alterations to Conditions of Sailing, Programme and Sailing Instructions.

- 13.1 The RC reserves the right to alter these Conditions of Sailing, the Program and Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 These changes will be made available in writing.
- 13.3 Changes will be posted on Club Notice Board not later than 1200 hours on the day of racing.

#### 14. [Protests](#)

Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS Part 5.

#### 15. [Handicaps](#)

- 15.1 **Bay Races and Ocean Races.** Arbitrary Handicap races will be decided through the application of a Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of the yachts elapsed time. The Race Committee will at its sole discretion determine and adjust a yachts TCF based on its previous performance.
- 15.2 Any alteration to a yacht affecting its performance, including but not limited to: changes in sail area, ballast, displacement, propeller dimension or configuration, keel or rudder shape or hull shape must be notified to the RC in writing. Failure to do so may be grounds for disqualification. Owners are encouraged to seek clarification as required from the Rear Commodore or Honorary Race Secretary.
- 15.3 The Race Committee may require a yacht to complete 3 races before allocating a handicap.
- 15.4 A change of ownership or helmsperson of a yacht may result in an adjustment to TCF for that yacht.

#### 16. [Prizes](#)

Prizes will be presented at the discretion of the Race Committee and/or Board.