

## **'2016 COMBINED CLUBS WEST HARBOUR SUMMER SERIES'**

The series comprises five pursuit point score races. The Organising Authority is the Balmain Sailing Club ("BSC").

### **1. Rules**

All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), the prescriptions of Yachting Australia and these Sailing Instructions.

### **2. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Club Notice Board outside the Sailing Club and on the club website ([www.balmainsailingclub.com](http://www.balmainsailingclub.com)).

### **3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the club notice board, and the BSC website, no later than 3 hours before the race start.

### **4. Divisions**

4.1 The keelboat fleet will race as two (2) divisions.

4.2 The Race Committee will inform all entrants in which division they will compete. This will not be subject to protest or dispute.

### **5. Race Entry**

5.1 It is the responsibility of each skipper/owner to maintain their boat to the required standard of safety and keep all safety equipment on board and in working order.

5.2 All keelboat races are designated Category 7. Entrants must lodge a current equipment audit form signed by an accredited equipment auditor before racing. Owners are responsible for ensuring that all equipment is kept up to date and in good condition throughout the season.

5.3 All keelboats which do not have navigation lights permanently fitted are required to comply with YA Special Regulations 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being attached to the boat.

5.4 Keelboats will have a minimum crew of two.

5.5 Prior to racing, entrants shall lodge a fully completed Race Entry accompanied by the relevant entry fee and a minimum Category 7 Safety Certificate (keelboats).

5.6 All entrants are required to display legible sail numbers.

### **6. Signals made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed in front of the BSC clubhouse.

## 7. Schedule of Races and Start Time

### Races Schedule

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| Race 1: | 17 January 2016 |
| Race 2: | 31 January      |
| Race 3: | 14 February     |
| Race 4: | 28 February     |
| Race 5: | 13 March        |

The scheduled time of the warning signal is **13:25**.

## 8. The Courses

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course area and a course table, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by the display of a Flags (1, 2 or 3) on the committee boat.
- 8.3 Dinghy courses will be set on the day.

## 9. Marks

All laid marks will be a red chequered flag mark.

Unless otherwise specified, all rounding marks are to be passed on starboard hand.

For a detailed description of the rounding marks, see "Chart of all Marks" in Attachment A.

## 10. Areas that are Obstructions

### 10.1 Moorings

Subject to paragraph 11.6 of these sailing instructions, the area of water between swing moorings and the shoreline shall be considered as prohibited water for all boats after the preparatory signal and throughout the race.

10.2 All navigation marks rank as obstructions and shall be passed on their designated side. The water between a navigation mark and the adjacent shore or hazard shall be considered prohibited water.

10.3 The area of water bounded by Snapper Island, Spectacle Island, and the barges and their pylons shall be considered as prohibited water (a continuing obstruction).

10.4 Infringements under this rule cannot be exonerated. The penalty for breaking this rule will be disqualification.

## 11. The Start

11.1 The race will be started using a count-up sequence.

11.2 Each competitor will be allocated a starting number which will be posted on the BSC website and the BSC Notice Board by 0900 on the day of the race.

11.3 Each boat will start at the display of their allocated number which will be displayed in minutes counting up from zero **(00)** in accordance with the following sequence:

| Time                       | Description          | Visual                               | Aural          |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| T – 5 minutes              | 5 minute warning     | Orange Flag Raised on committee boat | 1 sound signal |
| T – 4 minutes              | 4 minute preparatory | 'P' Flag raised on committee boat    | 1 sound signal |
| T – 1 minute               | 1 minute             | 'P' Flag lowered on committee boat   | 1 sound signal |
| T = 0<br>Commence Count Up | 0 start              | Numeral Board 00 Displayed           | 1 sound signal |
| T + 1 minute               | 1 start              | Numeral Board 01                     |                |
| T + 2 minute               | 2 start              | Numeral Board 02                     |                |
| ...                        | ...                  | ...                                  | ...            |

This changes rule 26.

11.4 The starting line will be located in the area bounded by marks CM, WW and MP. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a mark with an orange flag.

11.5 Boats shall keep well clear of the starting area during the starting sequence unless they are within 5 minutes of their allocated start time. 100 metres clear of the start line is the minimum distance. The Race Committee may disqualify any boat not complying with this rule.

11.6 Late Starters. If a boat is towed or under motor to make the start line after the preparatory signal, it can exonerate itself by completing a one-turn penalty before crossing the start line. This same rule applies to boats sailing into the start area close to the start line from the moorings after their preparatory signal.

11.7 The starting line will close ten minutes after the last scheduled yacht start time.

## Recalls

Individual recalls may not be indicated. This modifies RRS 29.1. If any yacht crosses, and is on the course side of the starting line at the time of her start, she may restart the race or be penalised 3 minutes.

Any yacht starting more than 1 minute before her start may be recorded as DNS at the discretion of the starter.

To assist competitors, the Race Committee may advise individual recalls on VHF 72 (amends RRS 29.2 and 29.3).

Any error or omission in the advice will not be grounds for protest or redress.

## 12. Short Courses

12.1 The course may be shortened by relocating the finish line. This changes RRS rule 32.

## 13. Race Cancellation

The Race Committee may cancel or abandon any race for any reason. The Race Committee will advise cancellation or abandonment at the clubhouse and will endeavour to advise boats already on the water by announcement on VHF 72 and /or advice direct from the committee / rescue boat. Such cancellation shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

## 14. The Finish

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a mark with an orange flag. The designated location of the finishing line is in front of the Balmain Sailing Club.

14.2 A boat that has either retired or finished a race shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats still racing. Do not obstruct the starter's view of the finishing line.

## 15. Time Limits

15.1 Time limit is 1700hrs.

## 16. Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 Protests and Requests for Redress must be in writing.

16.2 Protest shall be delivered as follows:

- Within 60 minutes after the time limit for that race to the Sailing Office, or
- By 10am of the day after the race by email (to [racing@bal mainsailingclub.com](mailto:racing@bal mainsailingclub.com))  
Receipt of protests delivered by email will be acknowledged by the Protest Committee within 12 hours.

16.3 Protest mediation may be used prior to a formal protest hearing. (Details available on BSC website)

## 17. Handicaps

17.1 A Performance Handicap System (PHS), applied as a Time Correction Factor (TCF), will be used for the Series. A boat's handicap may be adjusted based on race performance or for changes in equipment, skipper, crew or ownership.

17.2 Handicaps and changes to handicaps shall be determined by the Race Committee and not open protest.

## 18. Scoring

18.1 **Scoring System** - The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments:

18.1.1 Non-Starting. A boat scored Did Not Start (DNS) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in that race plus one point.

18.1.2 Non Finishing. Boats which start and retire (RAF) or are otherwise scored Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore finishers in the race plus one point.

18.1.3 Disqualification. Boats which are disqualified (DSQ) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in the race plus two points.

18.1.4 Abandonment. When a race is abandoned after the start and not re-sailed, boats that started shall be awarded zero points. When a race is abandoned before the start, all boats entered shall be awarded zero points.

18.2 **Races Dropped** - Boats shall drop one (1) race (amends RRS Appendix A)

18.3 A pointscore series is open only to full series entries.

18.4 Casual entrants will be included in the race day result however they will have no impact on the series point scores.

18.5 A boat's points will not be transferred with a change of ownership or change of division.

18.6 Tied point scores for 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the end of a series shall be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A Rule A8.

18.7 The Sailing Committee will publish preliminary results on the club website ([www.balmainsailingclub.com](http://www.balmainsailingclub.com)) as soon as possible after the race. Errors and queries must be directed to the Sailing Committee ([racing@balmainsailingclub.com](mailto:racing@balmainsailingclub.com)) within 48 hours of results being published.

## 19. **Equipment**

19.1 Extras may be carried (spinnakers, bloopers, ringtails, tallboys, etc.).

19.2 Anchors shall not be carried at the bow or on the deck of any racing keelboat. The penalty for this will be disqualification.

## 20. **Safety Regulations**

20.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Starter, either by radio (Channel 72), phone (0413879020) or in person as soon as possible after the retirement.

20.2 It is a requirement of NSW RMS that all boats competing keep 200 metres from the bow and at least 30 metres from the sides or stern of any ferry underway and 500 metres from the bow and at least 30 metres from the sides or stern of any large commercial vessel underway. Boats infringing this instruction may be subject to penalties such as a DSQ.

## 21. **Prizes**

21.1 Race Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd handicap placings in each Division at the BSC clubhouse (unless advised otherwise) following each race. Prizes not collected at the time of the presentation will lapse.

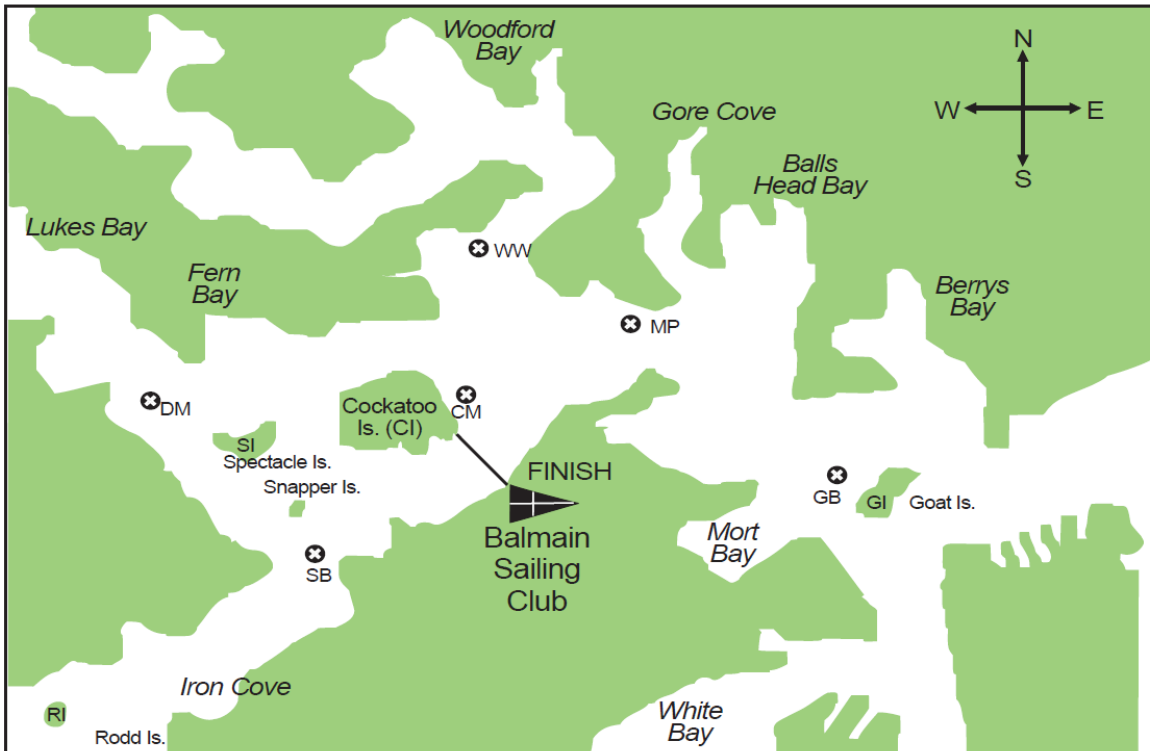
## 22. **Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk - see rule 4, Decision to Race. The Balmain Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any racing.

## 23. **Insurance**

Each participating keelboat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.

# ATTACHMENT A



## List of Marks

- MP Laid mark S of Mann's Point
- CI Cockatoo Island
- DM Laid mark NW of Spectacle Island
- GB Laid mark W of Goat Island
- GI Goat Island
- SB Laid mark SE of Snapper Island
- SI Spectacle Island
- WW Laid Mark approximately 150 Metres E of Woolwich Dock.
- CM Laid Mark E of Cockatoo Island.

## Courses

### Division 1 (approx. 10nm)

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 | Start - GI(P) - MP(P) - DM(P) - SB(P) - GI(P) - MP(P) - DM(P) - SB(P) - Finish         |
| 2 | Start - DM(P) - SB(P) - GI(P) - MP(P) - DM(P) - SB(P) - GI(P) - MP(P) - CI(P) - Finish |
| 3 | Start - CM - SB - DM - WW - GI - CM - WW - CM - SB - DM - WW - CM - Finish             |
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### Division 2 (approx. 8nm)

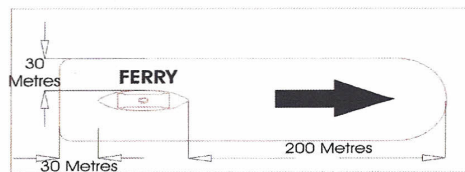
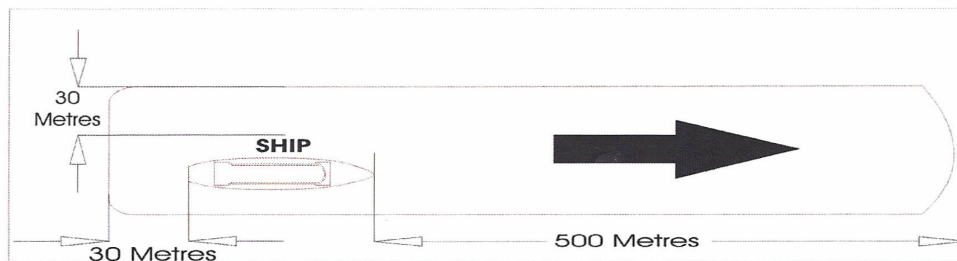
|   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 | Start - GB(P) - MP(P) - SI(P) - SB(P) - GB(P) - MP(P) - SI(P) - SB(P) - Finish         |
| 2 | Start - SI(P) - SB(P) - GB(P) - MP(P) - SI(P) - SB(P) - GB(P) - MP(P) - CI(P) - Finish |
| 3 | Start - CM - SB - SI - WW - GB - CM - WW - CM - SB - SI - WW - CM - Finish             |
|   |  |

(P) leave mark to port when rounding.

## Condition 100

### ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SAILING EVENTS

- All competitors **must** maintain a minimum distance of **500m** from the bow of any ship<sup>1</sup> and **200m** from the bow of any ferry<sup>2</sup> and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.
- The Aquatic Licensee must ensure that all competitors receive a briefing in relation to the requirement to keep clear of ships and ferries.
- Vessels are not to navigate between moorings whilst competing.



### SHIP & FERRY ACTIVATED EXCLUSION ZONE

1 Oil tankers & Seagoing Cruise Ships

2 Other seagoing commercial vessels such as the James Craig or a ferry operating in accordance with an approved timetable