



ANZAC DAY REGATTA 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions and special Regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation, the rules of each class concerned, all as modified by the Notice of Regatta and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Boats shall comply with the Part 2 regulations of the AYF Special Regulations, AYF Addendum 'A'.

Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4 'Decision to Race' and YA Special Regulations part 2: 1.02 'Responsibilities.'

2. ENTRIES.

Entries will be accepted only from persons completing the prescribed Entry Forms. All participants whose entries have been accepted must complete registration at Race Headquarters at Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Inc. before racing.

3. RACE HEADQUARTERS

The Race Headquarters will be located upstairs in the Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Clubhouse. The Championship Notice Board will be situated at Race headquarters.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Championship Notice Board not less than 45 minutes before the start of any race to which it applies.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be flown from the flag mast outside Race Headquarters.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Race is scheduled as below:

RACE DAY	DATE	WARNING SIGNAL
Wednesday	25 April 2018	Not before 12.55 p.m.

6.2 There will be a competitor's meeting at 12:15 pm on 25 April in the Clubhouse.

7. DIVISIONS

Division to be sailed will be announced at the competitors meeting

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Cockle Bay and Warners Bay at the northern end of Lake Macquarie.

9. COURSES

9.1 The course configuration will be a triangle bounded by Mark 1 (windward), Mark 2 (wing), and Mark 3 (leeward).

9.3 The course to be sailed by each group of yachts will be announced at the competitors meeting.

9.4 Courses may be shortened at any mark by displaying the "S" flag at that mark. Yachts shall continue sailing from that mark to the finishing line at the Clubhouse. "This amends RRS 32.2"

10. MARKS

10.1 The Starting and Finishing marks will consist of a buoy flying code flag "O".

10.2 Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be orange inflatable buoys

10.3 An inner course maybe laid using stick marks flying a pink flag.

11. COMMITTEE VESSEL

The Committee Vessel for the Regatta will display a plain orange flag when on station.

12. THE START

12.1 Races shall be started as follows, which changes rules 26 and 30.

Title	Signal		Minutes before starting Signal
Warning	Class/group flag	1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, I, Z, or black flag	1 sound	2
One Minute	Preparatory signal removed	1 sound	1
Starting	Class/group flag removed	1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding classes/groups shall be made with the starting signal for the preceding class. The starting order of each group of yachts and the class/group flag will be announced at the competitors meeting.

- 12.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 12.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 12.5 A distance (or preventer) mark may be laid near the Committee Vessel. Should a yacht pass between this mark and the Committee Vessel from the pre-start side of the line after its preparatory signal, it shall return to the pre-start side of the line around either end of the line. Any yacht which passes between the distance mark and the Committee Vessel from the course side of the starting line after the preparatory signal shall be disqualified.

13. GENERAL RECALL

General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2 except that when a General Recall has been signalled for a group, the new preparatory signal for that group shall be the start of the last designated group.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Clubhouse and the finishing mark in front of the Clubhouse.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat in each group to finish will be three hours. Boats finishing after 3 hours or more than 30 minutes after the first boat in that division, whichever is the later, shall be scored "Did Not Finish".

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Club and delivered there within one hour after the time of the last boat's finish.
- 16.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 16.3 Protest notices will be posted within thirty minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The low Point scoring system, rule A4, will apply.
- 17.2 Division Results will be based on the points awarded to each yacht based on her corrected time calculate on the VYC Yardstick.
- 17.3 Where a class of yachts is formed (minimum of six yachts) a scratch point score will be run and where handicaps are known, a handicap point score competition will also be run.

18. SAFETY

A member of each crew is required to sign on up to 30 minutes before each race and sign off after each race within one (1) hour after the last yacht finishes using the sign on/off forms provided at Race Headquarters. Entrants in breach of this instruction shall be disqualified.

19. INDEMNITY

All those taking part in this Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Incorporated and all sponsors (as noted in Section 20) are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of the equipment or the competency of its helms person or crew. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry or withdraw a previously given acceptance of an entry. **Attention is drawn to R.R.S. 4 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".**