



# **SYDNEY 38 AND J 24 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **To be held at SYC on 22 and 23 April 2017**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply
- 1.3. Changes to J24 class rules as described in the Notice of Race (NOR) will apply

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Training Auditorium.

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole next to the Ken King Centre.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes in the race signal AP.

#### **5. BRIEFING**

Crew briefing will be held in the SYC Training Auditorium on Saturday 22 April at 0830.

#### **6. SCHEDULE OF RACING**

- 6.1. Dates of racing:

Date	Class J24	Class S38
Saturday 22 April	Racing	Racing
Sunday 23 April	Racing	Racing

6.2. Number of races:

Class	Races per day
J24	Up to 5
S38	Up to 5

- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0955 hrs.
- 6.4. Races will be started as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race. Classes will not necessarily be started in the same order as the previous race and not necessarily at 5 minute intervals.
- 6.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least four minutes before the warning signal is made. Competitors should keep a listening watch on Ch 77 for the Race Committee's intentions.
- 6.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs.
- 6.7. There will be no resails after Sunday 23 April 2017.
- 6.8.

**7. CLASS FLAGS**

Class Flags will be:

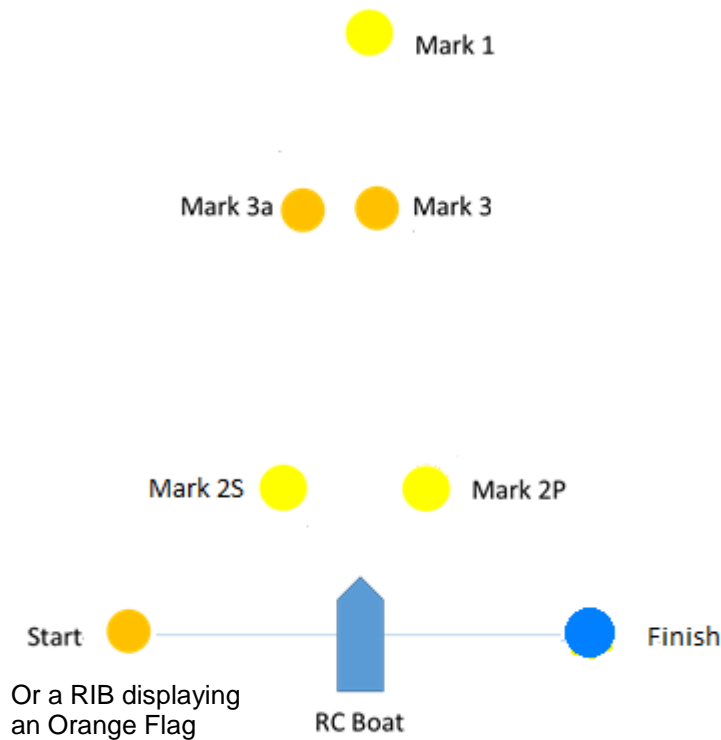
J24	White flag with J24 Class Insignia
Sydney 38	White flag with S38 Class Insignia

**8. RACING AREAS**

Racing will be conducted on Port Phillip to the West of SYC.

**9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1. The diagram below shows the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3. Courses will be advised by the flying of the appropriate numeral pennant (1-6) below the Class Flag.



Course No	Course Configuration
1	Start - 3 - 3a - Finish
2	Start - 3 - 3a - 2P/2S – 3 - 3a - Finish
3	Start - 3 - 3a - 2P/2S - 3 - 3a - 2P/2S - 3 - 3a - Finish
4	Start - 1 - Finish
5	Start - 1 - 2P/2S - 1 - Finish
6	Start - 1 - 2P/2S - 1 - 2P/2S - 1 - Finish

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Mark 1 & 2P/2S shall be Yellow Cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 10.2. Mark 3 and 3a shall be Orange Cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 10.3. Mark 3 will be laid to windward of the starting line. Mark 3a will be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from Mark 3.
- 10.4. Marks 1, 3 and 3a shall be rounded to Port.
- 10.5. The Start mark shall be an Orange Cylindrical inflatable buoy or a RIB displaying an Orange Flag.
- 10.6. The Finish mark shall be a Blue Cylindrical inflatable buoy.
- 10.7. The change mark will be the same colour as the mark it replaces, but with a black band. When changing the position of marks 3 & 3a, the race committee will lay a single new mark.
- 10.8. On any course where a mark is shown as a gate, if there is only one mark in place, boats shall round it to Port.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Prior to the warning signal of their first race of the day, boats shall sign on by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail number and having the hail acknowledged. Boats not signing on may be scored DNC without a hearing. This alters RRS 63.1.
- 11.2. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark or a RIB displaying an Orange Flag.
- 11.4. A crowding mark may be laid adjacent to the Race Committee Boat. When laid, boats approaching the line to start shall leave the crowding mark on the same required side as the Race Committee Boat
- 11.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the sequence for other races.
- 11.6. A boats that does not start within 4 minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. For the Sydney 38 Class, RRS 44.2 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is amended is replaced by a One Turn Penalty, except for infringements which occur within 3 boat lengths of a rounding mark.

## 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Time limit	Mark 1 time Limit	Race Target time
J24	90 minutes	30 minutes	45 minutes
S38	90 minutes	30 minutes	45 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the regatta office, located in the SYC Auditorium. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit
- 16.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the time limit expiry or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later
- 16.3. Notices will be posted on the Notice Board in the Auditorium no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the SYC Commodores room, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. Breaches of SIs 11.5, 18, 21, 23, 24, and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

## **17. ARBITRATION**

- 17.1. At the discretion of the Protest Committee, an arbitration hearing may be heard prior to protest hearing involving an alleged breach of RRS Part 2 (affecting Rule 63). After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat shall meet with the arbitrator, no witnesses allowed. The arbitrator shall be appointed by the Race Committee.
- 17.2. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boat's finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded up to the next whole number, but her score shall be not worse than DNF. All other boats scores will remain unchanged. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to re-opening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.
- 17.3. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be heard by the Protest Committee.
- 17.4. The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee or may observe and give testimony to the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 63.3 (a).

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1. The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 18.2. For S38 and J24's, three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series
- 18.3. For S38's, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no exclusion.
- 18.4. For J24's, when fewer than 6 races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no exclusion. When 6 or more races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with one exclusion.
- 18.5. For J24's Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee and may be recalculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

## **19. SAFETY REGULATION**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules, the notice of race, or within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

## **22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 22.1. Boats shall remain in the water from 2100 on Friday 21 April until the completion of the racing.
- 22.2. The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be hauled out at any time provided it is satisfied that this is required for essential repairs. Haul-out approval is only to facilitate work that could not have been done afloat
- 22.3. The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be launched later than 2100 on Friday 21 April provided it is satisfied that this is for genuine reasons.

## **23. PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**

Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after 1000 on Saturday 22 April, until the completion of the racing.

## **24. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 24.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing, nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This prohibition includes use of mobile phones.
- 24.2. Boats shall carry a VHF radio. Boats may transmit on VHF radio to communicate in the event of an emergency or upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee.
- 24.3. The designated race frequency is VHF Ch 77.

## **25. PRIZES**

Prizes will be as per the Notice of Race.

## **26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **27. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10 Million per incident or the equivalent.