

Section 15

Wednesday Race Instructions

Category 7 Races in the Estuary

1 Objectives for these Events.

- (a) *To promote and encourage participation in sailing, and to promote Port Hacking Sailing.*
- (b) *Guests are welcomed to compete for individual race prizes.*
- (c) *PHS members only are eligible for the perpetual trophies.*
- (d) *Participants should show courtesy towards other boats and give them their due rights under the rules.*

2 Amended Rules for the Event.

- (a) *Category 7 (AS Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2).*
- (b) *Additional Item: All boats, which do not have navigation lights permanently fitted, are additionally required to comply with AS SR 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being attached to the boat.*
- (c) ***Life jackets must be worn by crew on boats without life rails.***
- (d) *At least one means of serviceable electronic communication, which may be a mobile phone, is required to be carried on vessels participating in Category 7 races.*
- (e) *Non-Spinnaker race. No sail may be set forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. Any sail set forward of a mast shall not be set flying.*
- (f) *A Duty Officer or their nominee will be in control of this event and will check that all boats return home.*
- (g) *The Duty Officer or their nominee may mediate on rule breaches they witness on the water or protests brought to their attention after the race. All parties will be given the opportunity to give their account of the incident to the mediation hearing. The outcome will be announced prior to the race results after the race.*
- (h) *Boats must keep at least one boat length from moored boats or moorings.*
- (i) *Boats may exonerate rule breaches on the water by completing a 360° turn as soon as possible and clear of other boats. A three-place penalty may be applied after mediation subject to all parties agreeing.*
- (j) *Start times & shortening races are managed to allow boats to finish before sunset.*
- (k) *The Macquart racing pennant applies in lieu of PHS pennant for the twilight series.*

Note: The amended rules apply as stated. Otherwise, the rules that are documented elsewhere in the “Racing Handbook” remain valid.

3 Summary for Wednesday Sailing Events

- (a) These events will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing as amended and the Maritime rules.
- (b) All participants must complete the ON LINE entry form and pay the entry fee when accepted.
- (c) The competition is open to Skippers who belong to a AS affiliated yacht club and have a current Australian Sailing Number (ASN).
- (d) Yachts racing regularly will be encouraged to join the PHS club.
- (e) All participants must provide a valid category 7 or above audit with additions and Insurance papers.
- (f) All participants must have knowledge of the COLREGS.
- (g) All participants must understand the NSW Waterways requirements in case of accidents.
- (h) Boats shall carry navigation lights and shall illuminate them after official sunset.
- (i) Boats must avoid collisions, irrespective of individual rights.
- (j) Yachts not given their rights must signal with a red flag, in the racing area that she was involved in or saw. She shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity to give the other boat an opportunity to exonerate their error with a 360° turn.
- (k) A protest committee may protest a boat if it learns of an incident involving her that may have resulted in injury or serious damage or blatant breaches of the rules as per Rule 60.3. This includes unprotested collisions.
- (l) The protest flag shall be Code Flag "B" or a "Red" flag.
- (m) Mediation will be available after the race. If the parties are still at 'variance' a protest meeting will be provided without prejudice.
- (n) The Race Committee may refuse the entry of any yacht in any race conducted by the club in accordance with RRS 2021-2024 rule 73.
- (o) Races will be cancelled as per the details in Section 7.

4 Race Dates and Starting Times

Macquart Marine Twilight series – 2024 and 2025

The Boat Maintenance	Start 5:30pm	Oct 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th , Nov 6 th .
The Boat Management	Start 6:00pm	Nov 13 th , 20 th , 27 th , Dec 4 th , 11 th , 18 th .

Christmas holiday break

The Boat Detailing	Start 6:00pm	Jan 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th , Feb 5 th , 12 th , 19 th .
The Boat Solutions	Start 5:30pm	Feb 26 th , Mar 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th , Apr 2 nd .

Perpetual Trophy for overall. Prize of a Jacket for each individual series (4).
Weekly race prizes of a Polo Shirt and meat tray.

Infinity Rigging- Wednesday Afternoon Overall Series – 2025

Series 1	Start 3pm	April 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th.
Series 2	Start 3pm	May 21st, 28th, Jun 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Jul 2nd.
Series 3	Start 3pm	July 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Aug 6th, 13th, 20th.
Series 4	Start 3pm	Aug 27th, Sept 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, Oct 1st.

*Perpetual Trophy for Overall series
The galley and RMYC Voucher for winners of each series.
Meat tray for race winners.*

5 Starting Times (Pursuit starts)

Finishing times from the last same named series will be used for the start of a new series. All new boats will be allocated an arbitrary starting time to be reviewed for 3 races.

Each yacht's start time will be shown on the web site prior to each race. Skippers should use GPS time for their starts.

6 Finish Times and Recovery of Buoys

(a) The winning boat to record places and pass to the Duty Officer.

(b) 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th boats pick-up the laid marks and anchors.

If unable to pick up mark, arrange another yacht to do so.

Boats failing their duty may forfeit their next race prize.

(c) Marks and anchors to be returned as notified via SMS from the Duty Officer. Otherwise, to designated hooks in the sailing shed.

7 Adjustment to Yacht Times

16 & above – *Times adjusted so 1st = +3, 2nd and 3rd = +2, 4th and 5th = +1. The last 9 boats get -1 minutes.*

Nine to 15 yachts - *Times adjusted by +3, +2 and +1 to 1st, 2nd and third. The last six places get -1 mins.*

Five to eight yachts - *Times adjusted by +2 and +1 to 1st and 2nd. The last three places get -1 minutes.*

Two to four yachts - *First boat gets +1 last boat gets -1.*

The aim above is to cause an average change of zero.

Yachts scored a DNC, DNS, DNF, DSQ, OCS or RET, have no change.

8 Communications

Race instructions may be SMSed around 8am on the race day.

Changes to the race may be notified via SMS before the start.

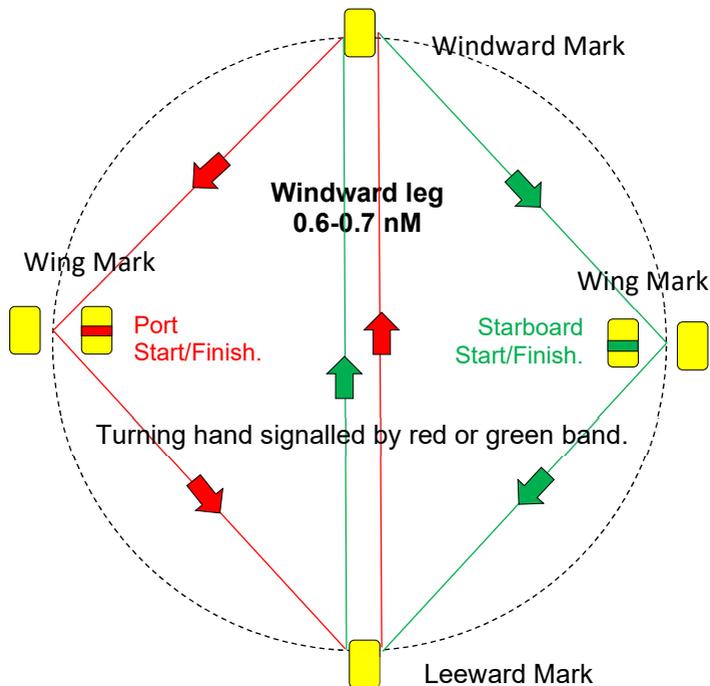
Changes necessary on the water may be signalled by sounding a horn and/or broadcasting on VHF channel 73.

9 Marks.

Orange inflatable buoys.

10 Course

- The course will move about the Port Hacking Estuary to cater for the current wind direction.
- The windward leg will be approximately 0.66 nM.
- The wing marks will be close to a right angle to the other two marks.
- The turning direction will be signalled by a red (port hand) or green (Starboard hand) band on the starting/rounding buoy.
- The course will be three triangles.



11 Starting and Finish line.

The start and finish line will be between the two wing marks.

12 Shorten Course.

- a) If the leading boat has not finished within 1.5 hours of the nominated starting time or insufficient time for most yachts to complete before sunset, the finish will be signalled by the sounding of a horn when the leading boat is adjacent to the new finishing mark.
- b) A message may also be broadcast on VHF 73.
- c) In light air the finishing places for yachts still racing may be declared according to their positions from the finish line by the recording boat working back through the fleet notifying each yacht still racing of their finish.