



Racing Handbook 2025-2026



***Royal Motor Yacht Club Port Hacking
228 - 232 Woollooware Rd, Cronulla, NSW 2230***

Welcome to Port Hacking Sailing

Located on Port Hacking, with unrestricted views of Gunnamatta Bay, the Royal Motor Yacht Club – Port Hacking is home to a community-minded recreational, entertaining, sailing and cruising club. Formed in 1934, the RMYC Port Hacking has a long history of supporting and encouraging a life enjoyed out on the water.

Ocean yacht racing at Port Hacking was founded by Fred Teiffel in 1963 and was inaugurated in 1964 and known as Port Hacking Ocean Yacht Club (PHOYC) with the first meetings at the Cronulla RSL. Later, the meeting venue was moved to the RMYC-PH and continued as a separate organisation up to 1991. In 1991 some of the PHOYC formed the sailing division of the RMYC-PH and others formed the Cronulla Sailing Club.

Today we remain a division of the RMYC-PH and are known as RMYC - Port Hacking Sailing (PHS). All are welcome to join us on the water.



Cover Photo

Club Champion 2024-2025 –Excentric

Skippered by Michael Wolf

1st Short Haul - Overall

1st Founders Bell Buoy

1st Short Ocean series

2nd Short Haul Spring series

Most Improved performance over the summer Short Haul series (107.6%)

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Section 1

Office Bearers 2025-2026

Sailing Committee Executive Positions

Position	Name	Mobile
Sailing Captain:	Alistair Rowe	0432 424 629
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Treasurer:	Tim Dodds	0418 648 555
Chief Special Regulations Auditor		

General Committee Positions

Position	Name	Mobile
Cruising Master:	Peter Corbett	0402 330 330
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Qualification	Name	Mobile
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EAC	Glenn Smith	0412 210 405
EAC	Jared Macquart	0479 152 235
PCM/ EAC	Bill Dickson	0428 927 071

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RMYC Port Hacking	Name	Phone
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Australian Sailing Qualifications

EAC = Equipment Auditor Club, EAN = Equipment Auditor National,
PCM = Protest Committee Member, CRO = Club Race Official

Section 2

Risk Warning

This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the RMYC Port Hacking, Port Hacking Sailing and the NSW Roads and Maritime Service, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by RMYC Port Hacking.

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 may include, but are not limited to:

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

RMYC-Port Hacking Sailing and the NSW Roads and Maritime Service 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 Port Hacking Sailing.

Participants are also advised that although RMYC Port Hacking is covered by third party liability insurance; this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Australian Sailing. Paid membership to RMYC-Port Hacking Sailing includes membership of Australian Sailing.

Port Hacking Sailing has a risk management process in accordance with the guidance provided by Australian Sailing. This risk management process has produced a suite of three documents designed to identify and manage on-water risk associated with yachting events conducted by Port Hacking Sailing.

These documents are the "[Operational Management Plan](#)", the "[Yacht Incident Management Plan](#)" and the "[Risk Assessment and Risk Register](#)". These three documents (located on the PHS Web Site) together form the Port Hacking-Sailing (PHS) risk management process, and as such they should be read together, not in isolation.

All skippers should read and make themselves familiar with these documents

Section 3

Definitions

The Club	<i>Royal Motor Yacht Club of NSW Port Hacking Branch Ltd.</i>
Port Hacking Sailing (PHS)	<i>RMYC-Port Hacking Sailing a sub-club of the Royal Motor Yacht Club of N.S.W. Port Hacking Branch Ltd.</i>
Rules	<i>The 2025-2028 Racing Rules (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), Marine Orders Part 30, International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at sea (COLREGS) shall always apply to yachts at sea.</i>
Race Committee	<i>Shall consist of the Vice-Captain, Chief Special Regulations Auditor, and the Duty Skipper.</i>
Duty Skipper	<i>The Duty Skipper shall be a financial member of Port Hacking Sailing. A roster of Duty Skippers is maintained by the Vice-Captain and displayed on the PHS website and Notice Board.</i>
Duty Officer	<i>A member of the sailing committee or their nominee who is responsible for the on-water organisation, conduct and return of boats in the Wednesday and weekend race series.</i>
Race Committee Boat (RCB)	<i>Any vessel designated by the Race Committee for starting, finishing, or assisting in the running of PHS races.</i>
The Starter	<i>Any person or his assistant(s) appointed by the Race Committee to conduct a Port Hacking Sailing race.</i>
Web Site	<i>Available at: https://www.sailing-rmycph.org.au</i>
Boat Owner	<i>Owner or Skipper of a sailing vessel with full voting rights.</i>
Crew Member	<i>Sailing crew member with limited voting rights.</i>
Notice Board	<i>Situated inside the clubhouse on the northern wall.</i>

Section 4

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

All races will be governed by the 2025-2028 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations in part 1 for racing boats, the rules of each relevant class and by these Sailing Instructions.

2 ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Subject to any contrary provision in the Sailing Instructions contained elsewhere in this Handbook for any specific Race or series of Races, the following instructions and conditions shall apply to all races conducted by PHS subject also to:

- (a) Permanent additions, deletions, alterations, or variations as may be promulgated by PHS by email or SMS and listed on the PHS Sailing website.
- (b) Any changes or abandonment of a race promulgated on the PHS website, two hours prior to the scheduled race start time, as well as by the Race Committee under the provisions of RRS Part 3 rule 27, which refers to "Other Race Committee Actions before the starting signal".
- (c) The variation may be advised orally on the water (either by hailing or by VHF radio (CH 73) or by SMS). If there is a Race Committee boat on station, it shall hoist code flag "L" (Lima) before the warning signal. The onus shall be on each boat participating to communicate with the Race Committee Boat or the Duty Officer to determine the nature of the variation(s).



3 RACE ENTRIES

- (a) **A boat is eligible for entry in PHS club races provided that:**
 - i. She has entered online through the PHS website and provided the documentation requested.
 - ii. Boat is owned or chartered by a financial member of PHS.
 - iii. The race fee has been paid.

- iv. The boat provides a current Special Regulations audit form appropriate to the Safety Category of each race, as specified in the PHS's Race Programme.*
- (b) Change of ownership will be regarded as a completely new entry in any point score.*
- (c) Should a fleet fall below three (3) starters over three (3) consecutive races in any series, the series may be abandoned.*
- (d) The Race Committee may refuse the entry of any yacht in any race conducted by the club in accordance with RRS 2025-2028 rule 76.*
- (e) Yachts intending to compete in a race with a replacement skipper shall notify the CHANGE of SKIPPER in writing to the Race Committee forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled start of that race. The designated replacement skipper shall comply with RRS 46 and associated rules. An adjustment to the yacht's handicap may be made.*
- ~~*(f) **Combined races** — Yachts may race in combined races with Cronulla Sailing Club without an entry fee, provided they belong to a registered club and meet the eligibility requirements of their club.*~~

4 RESPONSIBILITIES

All those taking part in any race do so at their own risk and responsibility as detailed in the Risk Warning.

The club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to the RRS, Part 1, Fundamental Rules, 4, Decision to Race, and AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 1 - Fundamentals and Definitions Rule 1.02 Owners Responsibility.

5 PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE

A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 while racing may take a one turn penalty at the time of the incident (Amends Rule 44.1). The penalty shall be a 360 degree turn which includes one tack and one gybe. However, if she has caused serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach she shall retire.

A boat which infringes Rule 42 Propulsion by using her engine or being towed after her preparatory signal but before starting shall take a One Turn Penalty under sail before she starts.

A boat which infringes Rule 42 Propulsion by using her engine to take urgent action to avoid or get clear of an obstruction shall take a One

Turn Penalty before continuing to race (Amends rule 42). In Category 3, 4 & 5 races, full details of occurrences shall be included on a Declaration Form & the Race Committee advised within the time limit for the lodgement of protests.

The Race Committee may adjust the elapsed time of the boat at its discretion or add 2 minutes for each part minute over at the start.

The Race Committee may penalise, without a hearing, a boat that acknowledges she has infringed a rule or sailing instruction in a Declaration lodged in accordance with **Instruction 20**. Amends Rules 63.1 and A5.

6 CREW ELIGIBILITIES

Australian Sailing prescribes that the person in charge shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and hold a current Australian Sailing Number (ASN), Furthermore, any crew member who sails shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing or have a Sail Pass from Australian Sailing (AS) and have an Australian Sailing Number (ASN) accessed from the PHS website home page. (AS-RRS 2025-2028 rule 46).

7 SCHEDULE of RACES.

As set out in the Racing Program (Section 10).

8 SCORING SYSTEMS.

- (a) A Point Scoring System as set out in RRS 90.3 and Appendix A. A low point score system is used where 1st = 1, 2nd = 2, 3 = 3 and so on.
- (b) Points for Did Not Finish (DNF) = Starters +1, Points for Disqualification (DSQ) = Starters +2.
- (c) Points for all other boats including Did Not Start (DNC) & On Course Side of line (OCS) = Starters +3.
- (d) A boat granted redress shall be awarded points equal to the average of her points in ALL previous races. If there are no races before then she will receive average points of the fleet for that race.
- (e) Any boat that misses a point score race due to participation in a State, National or World Championship for the class, or an approved regatta or competitive race week may request redress. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Sailing Committee before the missed race.

9 DISCARDS

Short Haul - Summer series - Two flexible discards.

Short Haul - Autumn and Spring - One discard in each series.

Short Ocean Series – One discard.

Boat Harbour series – One discard.

Winter Sunday series – One discard.

Two Handed race – One discard.

Wednesday Twilight – 3 discards overall and 0 discards in sub series.

Wednesday Afternoon – 3 discards overall and 0 discards in sub series.

10 HANDICAPS

The handicapping system(s) shall be as promulgated from time to time by PHS and the Section of this handbook entitled Handicapping System (Section 9) shall be deemed to be part of these instructions. In general, the races will be subject to a **Progressive Personal Handicap** (PPH) system adjusted after each race.

Yachts racing as a class may be raced on a “first across the line” basis.

11 MARKS

(a) Unless otherwise prescribed in the sailing instructions, the marks will be yellow buoys or yellow spars or as advised by the Race Committee.

(b) Missing Marks

If marks are not within 0.05 of a nautical mile of the co-ordinates, boats may make a turn after crossing a radius of 0.05nM of the given co-ordinates as per the rounding instruction detail in the course. Rounding at a GPS Position in (c) below.

(c) Procedure for Rounding at a GPS Position

Boats are to cross a line defined by a circle of radius of 0.05nM from the nominated GPS position. This amends Rule 28.1.

The GPS shall be set to the WGS84 datum, and the latitude and longitude of the GPS position shall be entered as a waypoint with an approach alarm of 0.05NM.

When a boat crosses the 0.05nM radius from the mark co-ordinates, she shall make a rounding in the direction specified in the course instruction, but only as permitted by the racing rules or the prevention of collision regulations if other boats are in proximity.

Boats turns should be available from eStela tracker.

Otherwise, skipper may need to show evidence of the boats turn by any other means available. (Distance: .05 nM = 304 feet = 93 metres)

12 ADVERTISING

For all Club races, boats shall comply with ISAF Advertising Code, Category C.

13 COURSES

- (a) Descriptions of courses and race programs are contained in this document and are deemed to be part of these sailing instructions and subject to amendment at the discretion of the Race Committee.*
- (b) For courses laid in Bate Bay, the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark may be displayed by the RCB.*
- (c) Course to be sailed shall be as indicated by flags flown on the Race Committee Boat or as otherwise described in the handbook.*

14 COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Distress or Calling - VHF Channel 16*
- (b) Race Communication Frequency - VHF Channel 73*
- (c) The Race Committee may broadcast its intentions for the day commencing 90 minutes before each race on VHF channel 73. In addition, the Race Committee may broadcast information regarding the course to be sailed, the starting arrangements and/or other information of interest to competitors, and at the appropriate time the names/sail numbers of boats judged to be OCS.*
- (d) The Race Committee may also transmit course information by SMS.*
- (e) Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 and 62.*
- (f) Boats in Category 3, 4 and 5 races shall monitor the radio on the Distress/Calling frequency whilst racing.*

All boats in Category 3 races shall log in with either Marine Rescue South Head (when racing north) or Marine Rescue Port Kembla (south) while in open water. Marine Rescue can be raised on VHF Channel 16, and they will have been supplied with a list of boats.

Each boat should confirm with them the number on board and a mobile phone number for the boat. Marine Rescue will request that the boat reports in as she passes specific points. The boat shall ensure that she logs off before entering Port Hacking or other destination. Logging off can also be done by phone on 02 9337 5033 (Sydney) or 02 4274 4455 (Port Kembla). Should a boat fail to contact the nominated station, she shall call up any other boat in the fleet and report her position.

The use of pre-arranged signals, radio transmissions and the like for the benefit of individual competitors is prohibited, except that a request for the official weather report is permitted and will not infringe Rule 41.

15 RACE TRACKER

Yachts shall use eStela race tracker in all races.

Setup and access code will be provided for new boats at race entry.

Boats may be recorded as DNF for not using eStela unless a plausible explanation can be provided.

16 CREW WEIGHTS

In races under IRC qualifications, the maximum total weight of crew in kilograms that may sail on board a boat shall not exceed the product of the crew number printed on her IRC certificate multiplied by 90. Amends IRC2015 Rule 22.4.

17 ANCHORS

Anchors mounted on the bow for quick access in the event of an emergency, are permitted.

18 MANUAL POWER

RRS 52 is amended to permit the use of power to control winches.



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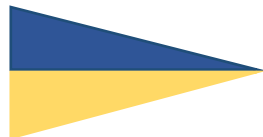
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19 **PENNANTS**

- (a) *All PHS boats, which have a fixed backstay, shall carry the PHS racing pennant at the stern above the deck when racing and in such a manner that is clearly visible. A boat shall not be penalized for infringing the requirements of this instruction without warning and adequate opportunity to comply.*

Racing Pennant (Available from the front desk)



- (b) *In races in Bate Bay under the control of the CSC, boats shall carry a division flag on the backstay of the same colour as the flag which is the starting signal for that boat's division. A boat not displaying a division flag may not be recorded as a starter or finisher.*

20 **BURGEES**

Members may fly the PHS burgee both while underway and at anchor (however, not while racing). Sailing vessels may fly the burgee from the main masthead or from a lanyard under the starboard spreader on the mast.

Power boats fly the burgee off a short staff on the bow.



21 **RACES BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE**

Boats racing or returning from a race between official sunset and official sunrise shall display navigation and stern lights in accordance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

These regulations shall replace the relevant rules of Part 2 of the RRS, except on a race starting in the Estuary after sunset when the RRS shall apply until a line from the Glaisher Point navigation light to Hacking Point is crossed.

22 **RACE RESULTS**

Race results will be posted on the club's web ASAP and may also be on the club notice board.

Section 5

Starting and Finishing Instructions

1 STARTING LINE

- (a) *Unless otherwise prescribed in the sailing instructions, the Starting Line will be between the Race Committee Boat's mast displaying the club burgee and a moored mark at the port end. In addition, a Distance Mark may be laid at or near the Race Committee Boat end of the starting line, in which case boats shall pass between it and the outer mark when starting. A boat shall not pass between the Race Committee Boat and this Distance Mark.*
- (b) **For Category 3, and 4 races** starting in the Estuary, when the Race Committee Boat is on station, the pin-end mark will be a yellow mark with a red band. When the RCB is not on station, the Starting Line will be an extension of the transit line from the Bass and Flinders Obelisk to the starboard lateral marker pile situated below the obelisk. Boats shall start on the southern side of the pile mark, leaving it to port. Even though there is no RCB on station, a yellow/red buoy may be laid in the estuary as the rounding buoy for courses that turn in the estuary.
- (c) **For Category 5 races** courses 3 to 10.
The start line is a transit line from the Sector light at Glaisher Point (lat. 34° 04.206's, long. 151° 9.394'e) through "Mark E" and extending 3 boat lengths towards Port Hacking Point. Start east of "Mark E" and within 3 boat lengths of "E" or between "E" and a yellow mark when placed.
- (d) **For Category 5 races** courses 1 and 2.
Between Starboard channel mark off Hungary Point and a yellow buoy at "mark F" to the SW of the channel mark.

Marks "E" and "F" in category 5 races may be identified with a red band. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. (Warning signal deemed to be 5 minutes before the start and the preparatory signal deemed to be 4 minutes prior to each yachts start).

2 REPORTING

In Category 3, 4 and 5 races, each boat shall report on VHF73 to the "Race Duty Officer" advising the boat's name, sail number and number of crew at least 5 minutes before the nominal start.

The report may be made by radio using VHF Channel 73. If there is no Race Committee Boat on station, the required report shall be made via VHF Channel 73 to the Duty Officer who may be positioned at the Bass & Flinders Obelisk or be on another boat in the vicinity.

The starter will acknowledge on VHF Channel 73 and notify them of any change in the instructions or an alternate course number. This is deemed to replace the requirements of code flag "L" in IRS Section 5.2.

3 CREW START LIST

(a) **Cat 3 and 4 offshore races outside Bate Bay.**

Each boat shall submit online from the race web page, a list of crew members providing the name of the next of kin and phone number prior to the start, and changes notified to the starter on VHF 73 prior to the warning signal. Boats failing to lodge a NOK will be recorded with a DNC. A copy will be sent to RMYC reception and each sailing committee member.

(b) **Cat 5 and 7 races inside Port Hacking or in Bate Bay.**

Each boat shall submit online from the race web page, a list of crew members prior to the start, and changes notified to the starter on VHF 73 prior to the warning signal. Boats failing to lodge a crew list may be recorded with a DNC.

4 SIGNALS

(a) Signals will be in accordance with ISAF Race Signals as amended by these instructions.

(b) **Starting Signals**

Races will be started using Rule 26 unless otherwise prescribed and divisions will start in the order of the times specified in the Racing Program.

(c) **No Race Committee Boat** (Amends Rules 26 and 29).

When the Race Committee Boat is not on Station, there will be no start or recall signal flags and the signals for starting the race will be deemed to have been made at their scheduled GPS times. The starter may assist by sounding a horn or by an announcement and giving a 10 second countdown on VHF channel 73 at the time of the usual start signals. The starter will also announce Individual and General Recall Signals if required.

(d) **Pursuit Starts** (Amends Rules 26 and 29)

For Pursuit Races in which time is given before the start, each yacht must start on or after its time as read from a GPS source in accordance with Rule 26. There may be individual recalls.

(e) **Late Starters**

A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start".

(f) **Signals Made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RMYC Port Hacking's flagpole without sound signals.

5 STARTING RECALLS (Amends RRS Rule29)

(a) After an individual recall, the Race Committee may attempt to notify infringing boats. After signalling a general recall in Category 3 and 4 races, the Race Committee may announce the general recall on radio using VHF Channel 73.

(b) Round the end RRS rule 30.1 shall apply only when Code Flag I is flown with the preparatory signal.

6 FINISH LINE AND FINISH PROCEDURE (Category 3, 4 & 5 Races)

(a) Unless otherwise prescribed in the course description, the finishing line will be between the mast of the Race Committee Boat (RCB) and a yellow mark with red band laid nearby.

(b) If there is no Race Committee Boat (RCB) on station, the finishing line will be an extension of the transit line from the Bass & Flinders Obelisk to the starboard lateral marker pile situated below the Obelisk. Boats shall finish on the southern side of the pile mark, leaving it to starboard.

(c) The finishing times should be recorded through eStela tracking.

(d) Each boat must also record their GPS finishing time as local time in a 24-hour format when crossing the line in case called for.

~~(e) The race committee may request one or more boats to remain near the finishing line to record the finishing times of latter boats.~~

7 ONESTARTER

Should one boat appear at the start alone, she will be entitled to sail the course and thereafter be declared the winner of that race.

8 MARINE RESCUE (see Section 5 (14))

Cat 4 races should log on with marine rescue

Cat 3 races shall log on with marine rescue.

8 RETIREMENTS

Any yacht that starts and then retires shall inform the Starter or Race Committee of her retirement as soon as practicable. This can be notified by SMS to the race number or to the race committee via VHF. Receipt of retirement must be acknowledged by the receiver.

9 TIME LIMITS

- (a) **Category 3 Races** -There will be no time limit.*
- (b) **Category 4 Races** -The time limit will be official sunset. If one boat finishes before the time limit, the time limit will be extended by thirty (30) minutes. Boats failing to finish before the time limit extension will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).*
- (c) **Category 5 Races** -The time limit is three hours from nominal start.*
- (d) **Category 7 Races** -The time limit is sunset.*

10 PROTESTS

- (a) Protests shall be lodged in writing, in the format of the RRS Protest Form to a member of the Race Committee consisting of: - the Duty Skipper, the Vice Captain and Chief Special Regulations Auditor within the following time limit of the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day: Notification can be by SMS.
 - (i) For Category 3 races: twelve (12) hours*
 - (ii) For Category 4, 5 and 7 races: two (2) hours**
- (b) The Vice-Captain or his representative will advise the parties involved in a protest of the place and time of the protest hearing.*
- (c) A protest involving CSC and RMYC boats will be heard in accordance with the protocol of the club to which the protesting boat belongs, and that club will have the role to administer the protest as follows:
 - (i) A member of the Race Committee of the administering club will notify the boat or boats being protested that a protest has been lodged.*
 - (ii) A copy of the protest form must be made available within 24 hours.*
 - (iii) The club administering the protest will in the first instance endeavour to mediate prior to formal protest procedure commencing.*
 - (iv) If mediation is unsuccessful, the club administering the protest will appoint 2 persons to the protest committee and invite the club of the protested boat to nominate a 3rd member.*
 - (v) Wherever possible, one of the persons appointed by the administering club shall be an independent chairman of the protest committee.**

Section 6

Wind Warning and Safety Instructions

1 **GALE and STRONG WIND WARNING Category 3 and 4 Races**

- (a) *In the event of a Gale Warning by the Bureau of Meteorology www.bom.gov.au in the race area, which is current within two hours before the scheduled start time of a race or for any other reason that the Race Committee may decide, the race shall be postponed to a later date or cancelled, as the Race Committee may decide.*

STRONG WIND Category 3 and 4 Races

- (b) *In the case of a Strong Wind Warning being issued by the Bureau of Meteorology in the race area, which is current within two hours before the scheduled start time of a race, the race committee has the option to:*
- (i) *Postpone the race to a later date (if a re-sail date has been allocated in the program)*
 - (ii) *Alter the course.*
 - (iii) *Cancel the race or start the race as planned.*

RACE COMMITTEE

- (c) *The Race Committee's decision to hold the race shall be based on the following points.*
- (i) *Forecast for specific race area.*
 - (ii) *Current wind and sea conditions.*
 - (iii) *The course to be sailed.*

WIND and WAVE LIMIT Category 5 and 7 Races

- (d) *The race for the day shall be CANCELLED if the forecast for the race area provided by the Bureau of Meteorology on its MetEye site and/or Willy Weather, within two hours before the nominal start, till the race time limit:*
- (i) *Has wind forecast speeds that are greater than 25kts, and/or*
 - (ii) *The forecast Total Wave Height is greater than 2.5m inclusive, or if.*
 - (iii) *The observed wind speed by the Duty Officer is greater than 25kts.*
 - (iv) *Heavy rain/lightning or sea conditions may also cause the cancellation of a race at the discretion of the Duty Officer.*

All decisions made by the Race Committee shall be posted on the official notice board and/or the web site www.sailing-rmycph.org.au at the earliest possible time. The Race Committee will endeavour to be available at the club house prior to the race and are contactable for updates via telephone.

2 DECLARATIONS for Category 3, 4 and 5 races.

- (a) A boat's retirement and/or protest notification should be sent via a SMS message **within 1 hour** of finishing each race.
- (b) A SMS or voice message sent within the 1-hour deadline will qualify as a valid declaration.
- (c) eStela tracking should provide the GPS mark's turning track when required and the finish time.
- (d) Notification of a protest can also be made by SMS within the time requirement. However, full details must be followed up in writing as per protest in section 6.10.

3 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- (a) A yacht shall not be regarded as having entered any races unless holding a current AS Special Regulations Audit Form for her division which has been accepted by the PHS's Chief Special Regulations Equipment Auditor.
- (b) Each yacht must provide proof of insurance.
- (c) Yachts will be subject to AS Special Regulations Equipment audit at dates arranged by PHS and on a random basis.
- (d) All yachts shall comply with the NSW Roads and Maritime Service Safety Regulations.
- (e) All yachts maintain a continuing listening watch on VHF16 at sea.
- (f) A requirement in case of Accident – Attention is drawn to the necessity of complying with the NSW Roads and Maritime Service, as set out in section 11 of this Handbook.
- (g) Except two handed events, Yachts in Category 3, 4 and 5 races intending to fly extras shall have at least 3 crew over the age of 18 years. Yachts competing in Category 3, 4 and 5 races not intending to fly extras shall have at least 2 crew over the age of 18 years.
- (h) Two Handed Sailing Events must have two crew over 18 years.
- (i) COLREGS shall take precedence over the Racing Rules of Sailing between sunset and sunrise.
- (j) Wearing of PFD is always recommended during a two-handed event and mandatory on deck after dark

Section 7

NSW Roads and Maritime Services

Incident Reporting

1. If a boating accident occurs in any port or navigable water in NSW, the master of the vessel must:
 - (a) Stop the vessel immediately.
 - (b) Give any assistance which may be necessary.
 - (c) Produce any licence.
 - (d) Give details to any person having reasonable grounds for requesting them (e.g., other persons involved in the accident).
 - (e) Details must include the master's name and address and any distinguishing number (that is, registration number or permit number) which is required to be displayed on the vessel.
2. If requested by a Maritime Officer or Police officer, provide the following details:
 - (a) Full identification.
 - (b) Time, place, and nature of accident.
 - (c) Name and registration number of every vessel involved in the incident.
 - (d) Name and address of every person who was concerned with or witnessed the accident.
 - (e) Extent of any injury or damage resulting from the accident.
 - (f) Produce a boat driver's licence or certificate of competency.
3. Where the accident has resulted in the death of, or injury to, a person; or damage more than \$5,000 to a vessel, or any other property, a written report must be forwarded to Maritime within 24 hours setting out the particulars, unless these have already been given to a Maritime officer.

Vessel Incident Report Forms

Vessel Incident Report forms are available from any **Maritime operations centre**, or download from Maritime's website, the Police, and Marine Rescue NSW.

A copy of the Incident Report should also be forward to the Sailing Captain.

NOTE: Penalties apply for not reporting an accident to Maritime.
Emergency Contacts: Tel 000 or VHF16

The above requirements are found in the Roads and Maritime Services website at this address: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/incidents-emergencies/incident-reporting.html>

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Section 8

Sunday Program and Instructions

Bate Bay and Offshore Courses

1 Amended Rules for the Event

- (a) Bate Bay courses require Safety Category 5 (AS Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2). Additional item: VHF fixed radio as per 3.25.4 or Hand-held VHF radio as per 3.25.6 (Cat 7+ for CSC boats in combined racing).
- (b) Offshore races require category 4 for Short Ocean courses.
- (c) A Duty Officer or their nominee will be in control of the on-water event and will verify that all boats return to port.

2 Summary of Rules for Sailing Events

- (a) These events will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), as amended and the Maritime rules.
- (b) All participants must complete the ON LINE entry form complete with audit document and proof of insurance and pay the entry fee when accepted.
- (c) All participants must have knowledge of the COLREGS.
- (d) All participants must understand the NSW Waterways requirements in case of accidents.

3 Starting Line (Courses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10)

The start line is a transit line from the Sector light at Glaisher Point (lat. 34° 04.206's, long. 151° 9.394'e) through "Mark E". Start east of "Mark E" and within 3 boat lengths of "E" or between "E" and a yellow mark when placed.

4 Finish Line (Courses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10).

Bass and Flinders transit line.

The line will be an extension of the transit line from the Bass & Flinders Obelisk (lat. 34° 4.375's, long. 151° 9.210'e) to the starboard lateral marker pile situated below the Obelisk.

Boats shall finish on the southern side of the Starboard Lateral mark, leaving it to starboard.

5 Start and Finish Line (Courses 1 and 2)

Between Starboard channel mark off Hungary Point and a yellow buoy at "mark F" to the SW of the channel mark.

Start in direction to next mark. Finish in direction from last mark.

6 Start and Finish Line for Short Ocean races.

Courses that start or finish in Port Hacking will use the Bass and Flinders transit line.

Otherwise, see courses and instructions in "Racing Handbook".

7 Finish Times and Places

Yachts shall use eStela tracking app. To record starting time, track and finish time.

Otherwise, yachts will be recorded as DNF without a valid explanation.

Yachts shall record their finishing time in case it is called for.

8 Radio


The race frequency is VHF73. Boats shall logon to the Duty boat within 30 minutes prior to the "Nominal" warning signal and remain on watch during the race. Course changes and shortening of the course shall be advised on the race frequency.

9 Adjustment to Yacht Times

Each boat's elapsed time will be used to calculate the next race TCF, this is then used to calculate the pursuit starting time for the next race as per the description in Section 9.

10 Course Signals

The course will be advised by SMS or at time on logging in.

On start mark code flag "L"  means come within hailing distance of the duty boat or listen for altered instructions on VHF 73.

11 Recovery of Marks

a) Courses 3 to 10.

The 1st boat shall recover "Mark C" if laid, the 2nd boat shall retrieve "Mark E", the 3rd boat shall recover the yellow starting line mark if laid. Recovery after the last boat has rounded or after the time limit.

b) Course 1 and 2

By boats placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

Return buoys to the nominated boat as directed or the designated hooks in the PHS's storage shed if nominated boat is not available.

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

12 Two Handed series with CSC

Race	Day	Date	Course	Start	Cat	Comment
TWH1	Saturday	18-Oct-25	CSC course 29	12:00 AEDT	4	With CSC starter
TWH2	Saturday	13-Dec-25	CSC course 41	12:00 AEDT	4	With CSC starter
TWH3	Saturday	21-Feb-26	CSC course 71	12:00 AEDT	4	With CSC starter

13 Summer Program 2025-2026

Race	Start	Date	Course	Start	Cat	Comment
SH1	Pursuit	14-Sept-25	1-10	12:30 AEST	5	All PHS Sunday boats
SO1	Scratch	21-Sept-25	20/46	11:30 AEST	4	Founder's Bell Buoy
HBR1	Pursuit	21-Sept-24	1-10	12:30 AEST	5	Founder's race
SH2	Pursuit	12-Oct-25	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	6 th Oct Daylight saving
SO2	Scratch	19-Oct-25	26/21	12:30 AEDT	4	Marley/Wattamolla
HBR2	Pursuit	19-Oct-25	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	Boat Harbour series
NPS		1/2-Nov25		10:00 AEDT	4	Shell Cove with CSC
SH3	Pursuit	9-Nov-25	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	All PHS Sunday boats
SH4	Pursuit	16-Nov-25	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	All PHS Sunday boats
SO3	Scratch	30-Nov-25	23/20	12:30 AEDT	4	Yellow mark or CCBuoy
HBR3	Pursuit	30-Nov-25	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	Boat Harbour series
SH5	Pursuit	14-Dec-25	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	Finish Spring series


Christmas – New Year's break

SH6	Pursuit	11-Jan-26	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	Start Autumn Series
NPS		17-Jan-26	CSC			Navigators Cup (CSC)
		26-Jan-26				Australia day
SH7	Pursuit	1-Feb-26	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	All PHS Sunday boats
SO4	Scratch	7-Feb-26	30/53	12:00 AEDT	4	Combined with CSC
SO5	Scratch	8-Feb-26	25/27	12:00 AEDT	4	Combined with CSC
HBR4	Pursuit	8-Feb-26	1-10	13:30AEDT	5	Boat Harbour series
SH8	Pursuit	1-Mar-26	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	All PHS Sunday boats
SH9	Pursuit	15-Mar-26	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	All PHS Sunday boats
SO6	Scratch	29-Mar-26	64/21	12:30 AEDT	4	Burning Palms/Wattamolla
HBR5	Pursuit	29-Mar-26	1-10	13:30 AEDT	5	Boat Harbour series
		3/4/5 April				Easter 2026
SH10	Pursuit	12-Apr-26	1-10	12:30 AEST	5	6 th Apr 2026 ESTime
NPS		22-28 April	2026			Port Stephens Regatta

14 Winter Program 2026

Race	Day	Date	Course	Nominal Start	Cat	Comment
WTR1	Sunday	3-May-26	1-10	13:00 AEST	5	
	Sunday	10-May-26				Mother's Day
WTR2	Sunday	17-May-26	1-10	13:00 AEST	5	
WTR3	Sunday	31-May-26	1-10	13:00 AEST	5	
	Monday	8-June-26				King's Birthday
WTR4	Sunday	14-Jun-26	1-10	13:00 AEST	5	
	Saturday	20-Jun-26				Presentation night
WTR5	Sunday	28-Jun-26	1-10	13:00 AEST	5	
WTR6	Sunday	12-Jul-26	1-10	13:00 AEST	5	

15 PHS - BATE BAY COURSES

<p>P H S C o u r s 1 to 10</p>  <p>M a r k "E" & "F"</p>	<p>COURSE 1: (unable to race in Bate Bay). Start line at Hungary Point to PH(p), S(p), H(s), F(s), PH(p), S(p), H(s), F(s), PH(p) to finish line off Hungary Point – 8.2nM.</p>
	<p>COURSE 2: (Category 7 race in the estuary). Start line at Hungary Point to PH(s), H(s), F(s), PH(s), H(s), F(s), PH(s), H(s), PH(s), to finish line off Hungary Point - 8.0nM.</p>
	<p>COURSE 3: (unable to set C mark) Long: Start line E to K(s), B(s), E(s), K(s), B(s) to *B&F Finish - 10.25 Short: Start at E to K(s), B(s), E(s), K(p) to *B&F finish - 7.45nM.</p>
	<p>COURSE 4: (K mark missing) Long: Start at E to C(p), B(p), E(p), C(p), B(p) to *B&F Finish -10.3nM Short: Start at E to C(p), B(p), E(p), C(s), to *B&F finish - 7nM.</p>
	<p>COURSE 5: (Port Triangles or B mark missing) Long: Start E to C(p), K(p), E(p), C(p), K(p), E(p), C(p), K(p), E(p), C(s) *B&F finish. (Three laps + sausage – 10.8nM). Short: Start E to C(p), K(p), E(p), C(p), K(p), E(p), C(s), *B&F finish. (Two laps + sausage – 7.9nM).</p>
	<p>COURSE 6: (Starboard triangles or B mark missing) Long: Start E to K(s), C(s), E(s), K(s), C(s), E(s), K(s), C(s), E(s), then K(p) to *B&F finish. (Three laps + sausage – 11.3nM) Short: Start E transit line to K(s), C(s), E(s), K(s), C(s), E(s) then K(p) to *B&F. (Two laps + sausage – 8.4nM)</p>
	<p>COURSE 7: Bate Bay Passage (long 14.2nM, short 11.9nM) Long: Start E, K(s), B(s), C(s), K(s), B(s), C(s), K(s), B(s), C(s), B&F. Short: Start E, K(s), B(s), C(s), K(s), B(s), C(s), K(s), C(s), B&F.</p>
	<p>COURSE 8: Bate Bay Passage (long 14.2nM, short 11.9nM) Long: Start E, C(p), B(p), K(p), C(p), B(p), K(p), C(p), B(p), K(p), B&F. Short: Start E, C(p), B(p), K(p), C(p), B(p), K(p), C(p), K(p), B&F</p>
	<p>COURSE 9: Bate Bay Passage Long: Start E, C(p), K(s), B(s), E(p), C(p), B(p) to *B&F Finish. 11.25 Short: Start E to C(p), K(s), B(s), E(p), C(s) to *B&F Finish. - 7.95nM.</p>
	<p>COURSE 10: Bate Bay Passage Long: Start E, B(p), K(p), C(s), E(s), B(s), C(s) to *B&F Finish - 11.25 Short: Start E to B(p), K(p), C(s), E(s), C(s) to *B&F Finish - 7.95nM.</p>

***B&F:** Finish transit line off Bass & Flinders obelisk.
See marks latitude and longitude in section 11.

Section 9

Skipper's Check List.

From risk management document

Skippers are responsible for the safety of the vessel, people on board and aiding vessels in difficulty. If responding, they must not place themselves, crew or vessel in danger. The following is a check list to be used in conjunction with the risk management system.

1 Entering and preparing to sail in a race series.

- ☐ Does the race require crew with a Marine Radio Operators Proficiency Certificate?
- ☐ Brief your crew on emergency response in the case of an incident.
- ☐ Provide training in the location of safety equipment and how it is to be used.

2 Regularly during the race season

- ☐ Ensure that your yacht is adequately prepared as per your audit form.
- ☐ Update as necessary your yachts Incident Management Plan.
- ☐ Brief your crew with your yachts Man-Over-Board (MOB) recovery procedures.
- ☐ Practice safety routines at reasonable intervals including MOB.
- ☐ Ensure the crew is drilled in the use of the heavy weather equipment.

3 Before each race.

- ☐ All Safety Equipment is on board, in date and in good working order.
- ☐ Have appropriately experienced crew on board to cope with the conditions.
- ☐ Submit Next of Kin form (NOK) for cat 3 and 4 races, advise starter of changes.
- ☐ Refer to the latest weather forecasts for the race area paying attention to forecast hazardous weather.
- ☐ Ensure enough fuel on board to return from any point in adverse conditions.
- ☐ For category 3, 4 and 5 races, log on using VHF 73 to the Starter and give POB.
- ☐ Check position of preferred evacuation locations for injured persons.
- ☐ Check if there are any specific safety requirements for each race.

4 During each race

- ☐ The skipper should monitor crew for continued well-being while on board.
- ☐ Ensure safety equipment is deployed as appropriate to the conditions.
- ☐ Wearing of PFD is always recommended during two handed events.
- ☐ Monitor VHF 16 and be prepared to assist other vessels in need of assistance.
- ☐ Alternative communicating includes mobile phones or VHF channel 73 relay via another vessel.
- ☐ Emergency communication when in line of sight of other vessels, aircraft or the shore may include flares, V-sheet or other visual means.
- ☐ Should an incident occur, and you need outside assistance be prepared to notify the other competitors and Marine Rescue as appropriate.

5 After each race.

- ☐ Log off by sending the finishing time by SMS to the race contact number.
- ☐ In the case of a DNF, SMS the reason and location of the yacht.
- ☐ SMS not required for yachts using Race Logger which shows "sent" at finish.

Section 10

Bate Bay and Estuary Courses

Category 5 races

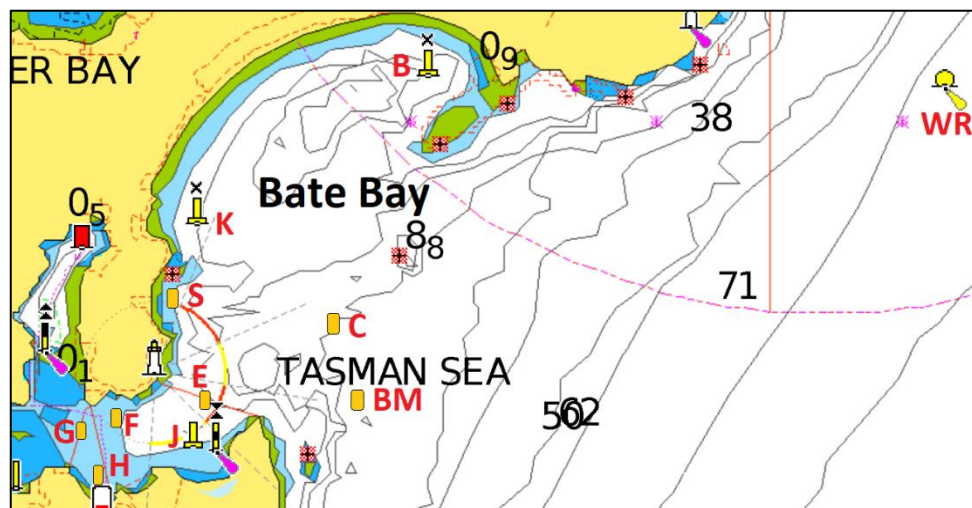


Figure 1 – Bate Bay

Codes for Marks

E	Estuary - yellow buoy/red band (lat.34 ° 04.330'S, long.151 °9.670'E)
B	Boat Harbour - yellow pillar buoy (lat. 34° 02.4'S; long. 151° 11.4'E)
C	Sea mark - yellow buoy (lat. 34° 04.00'S long. 151° 10.600'E)
K	Kingsway mark - shark buoy (lat.34° 04.767'S; long.151°09.827'E)
BM	Bombora mark - yellow buoy (Lat 34° 04.30' S; Long 151° 10.9' E)
WR	Wave Rider - yellow spherical buoy (lat. 34° 02.435'S, long. 151° 15.182'E) moored approximately 1.5NM east of Cape Bailey.
F	Fisheries mark - yellow buoy (lat. 34° 04.500'S, long. 151°08.862'E)
H	Horden's mark - yellow buoy (lat. 34° 04.875'S, long. 151°08 .920'E)
PH	Port Hacking mark – yellow buoy (lat. 34°04.33S, long 151° 9.88'E)
J	Jibbon mark - yellow pillar buoy (lat.34° 04.767'S, long.151°09.694'E)
S	Shelly mark - yellow buoy (34° 03.790'S, long. 151°09.680'E)
Rounding (p) Port Rounding/Passing (s) Starboard Rounding/Passing.	
Note: Boats shall always pass to seaward of Shark Island.	
Co-ordinates: Are approximate and may vary from those given above.	

Section 11

Botany Bay and Harbour Marks

Category 3 and 4

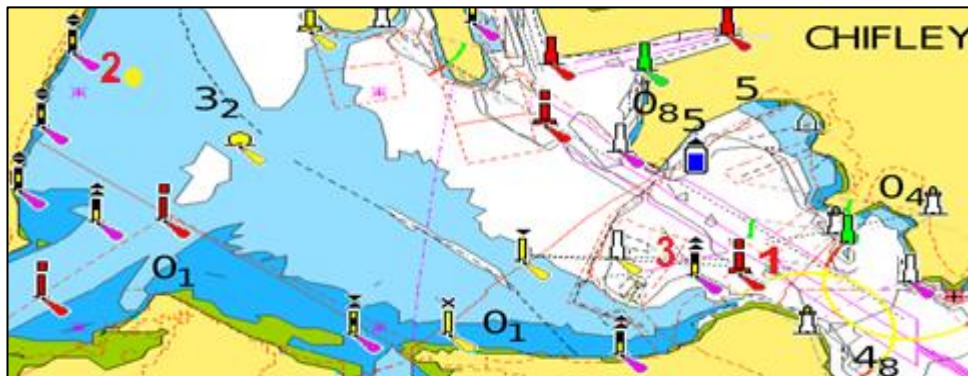


Figure 2 - Botany Bay

Botany Bay Turning Marks

Captain Cook buoy (1): A red pillar buoy (lat. 33°59.9's; long. 151°13.2'e).

Botany Bay Waverider (2): Yellow Buoy (lat 33° 59.190's long 151° 09.240'e)

Note: Yachts must keep clear of shipping and the channel into Port Botany and sail north of the Kurnell cardinal mark (3).

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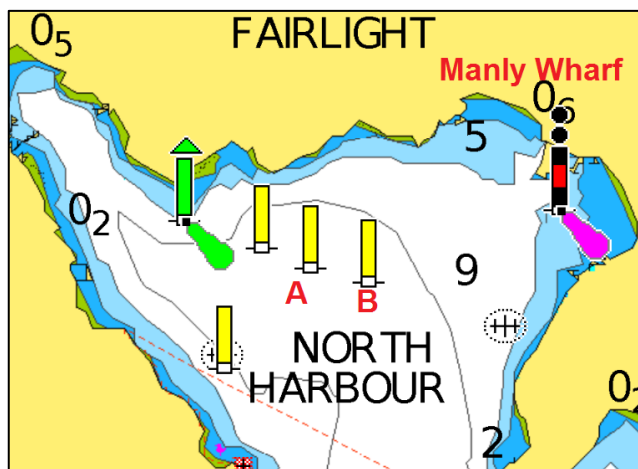


Figure 3 – Port Jackson (4)

Port Jackson Turning Marks

MW-Manly West Yellow spar buoys (A)

AS #10 in Manly Cove lat. 33°48.18'S; long. 151°16.63'E

ME-Manly East Yellow spar buoys (B)

AS #11 mark in Manly Cove lat. 33°48.20'S; long. 151°16.73'E

Clarke Island Starboard Marker (C) lat. 33° 51.814'S long. 151° 14.488'E

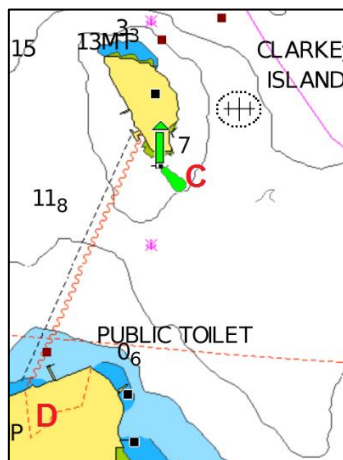
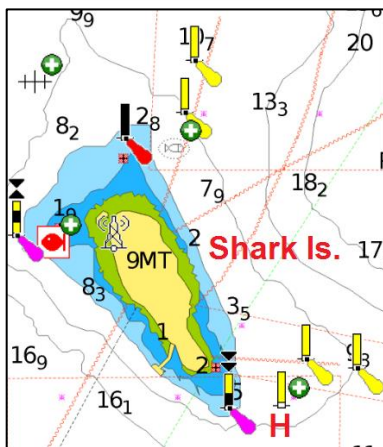
Public Jetty Flag Mast (Darling point) (D) lat. 33° 52.000'S long. 151° 14.375'E
Bearing 206°T form Clarke Island Starboard mark.

EC-Starboard eastern channel mark (E)
lat. 33°50.50'S; long. 151°16.30'E (Wedding Cake)

Obelisk - On Laing's Point (F) east of the Wedding Cake LB-Lady Bay Yellow spar buoys.

AS mark #14 (G) lat.33°50.08'S; long. 151°16.61'

Shark Is Mark. (H) Yellow spar buoy at lat. 33°51.63'S long. 151°15.54'E



Section 12

Offshore Courses

Category 3 and 4 Races

20

CAPTAIN COOK BUOY to Waverider – 17NM



From the starting line, proceed to Botany Bay and turn to starboard after crossing the 'Captain Cook Transit Line', then to the Waverider buoy (stbd), thence to the finishing line in Port Hacking.

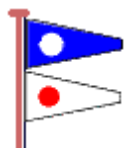
Transit Line: A line from the Flag Mast with yard arm at lat 34° 00.155'S long 151° 13.281'E through the Captain Cook Buoy.

Boats must pass north of the Captain Cook Buoy.

Record 1 hrs 45 min 49 sec, "Color Tile" Warren and Kristy Buchan, January 2010

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WAVERIDER, WATTAMOLLA AND RETURN – 18NM



From the starting line, proceed to the Waverider leaving the mark to starboard, thence to a mark* (stbd), located approximately one and a half nautical miles East of Wattamolla Beach (lat. 34° 08.6'S; long. 151° 09.0'E), thence to the finishing line.

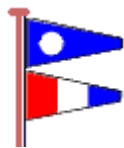
*(This mark may be substituted with the GPS rounding procedure.

Note: all boats shall pass to seaward of the Jibbon Bombora (lat. 34° 04.9'S; long. 151° 10.5'E).

Record — 2 hrs 20min 25 sec, "Color Tile" Warren and Kristy Buchan, February 2014 (New course)

23

BOTANY BAY YELLOW WR MARK Waverider Estuary – 22NM



From the starting line, proceed to Botany Bay to the Lady Robinson Yellow Cone buoy at approximately lat 33° 59.190's long 151° 09.240'e (stbd), thence to the Waverider buoy (stbd), to Port Hacking to the finishing line.

Note: Keep clear of the Port Botany shipping channel and past to the north of the Kurnell cardinal mark.

Yellow mark changed to Yellow Cone in line with Ramsgate Road.

Record – 2h 29mins 06 secs, "Color Tile" Warren and Kristy Buchan, September 2013.

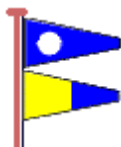
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PORT HACKING TO WATSONS BAY – 18nM



From the starting line, proceed to Port Jackson to the finishing line, between the Eastern Channel Pile Light and the Obelisk on the foreshore of Laings Point, Watsons Bay, crossing from North to South.
Record: 2h.6m. Nov. '82 - Bob Drummond - "If Only" - S111

25 WATSONS BAY TO PORT HACKING – 19NM



From the starting line, being a line between the Eastern Channel Pile Light in Port Jackson and the Obelisk on the foreshore of Laings Point, Watsons Bay, proceed to South Head, thence to Port Hacking to the finishing line.

Record: 2h.14'30" Feb. '93 - Phil Bates - "Passing Wind" - Adams 10

26 WAVERIDER, MARLEY, BOAT HARBOUR, and RETURN – 20NM



From the starting line, proceed to the Waverider buoy (stbd), thence to a mark* (stbd), located approximately one and a half nautical miles East of Marley Beach (lat. 34° 07.5'S; long. 151° 10.1'E), thence to the Boat Harbour Mark (port), thence to the finishing line.

*(This mark may be substituted with the GPS rounding procedure.

Note: all boats shall pass to seaward of the Jibbon Bombora (lat. 34° 04.9'S; long. 151° 10.5'E).

Record – 2:22:34 "Color Tile" Warren and Kristy Buchan, Nov 2013

27 CLARKE ISLAND TO PORT HACKING – 20NM



From the starting line in Port Jackson, being a transit bearing 206 true from the Clarke Island Starboard mark (lat. 33° 51.814'S; long. 151° 14.488'E) to the Flag mast on the Darling Point public jetty, distance 0.2NM, (lat. 33° 52.0'S; long. 151° 14.4'E) proceed to South Head, thence to Port Hacking to the finishing line.

Record: 2h.08'05" Nov. '09 - W & K Buchan - "ColorTile"- Sayer 44

29 WEDDING CAKE ISLAND to Waverider – 24NM

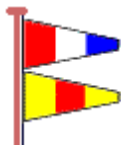


*From the starting line, proceed to *Wedding Cake Island (lat. 33° 55.7'S long. 151° 15.8'E) rounding the island to starboard, thence via the Waverider buoy (stbd) to Port Hacking to the finishing line.*

**The rounding at Wedding Cake Island may be substituted with the GPS rounding at lat. 33° 55.500'S long. 151° 16.250'E. (Section 5.11)*

Record: 3 hrs 45 mins 29 sec October 2008 - Chris Bran "Brannie Three" (via Waverider).

30 PORT HACKING TO CLARKE IS. VIA MANLY COVE – 26NM



From the starting line, proceed to Manly Cove in Port Jackson to the Manly West YNSW Mark (stbd), to the Manly East YNSW Mark (stbd), to Shark Island leaving the YNSW Mark and the adjacent South and West Cardinal Marks to starboard, thence to the Clarke Island finishing line between the Clarke Island Starboard mark (Lat. 33° 51.814'S; long 151° 14.488'E) to the Flag mast on the Darling Point public jetty (Bearing 206°T), Distance 0.2NM, (lat. 33° 52.0'S long. 151° '14.40'E).
Record: 3h.12'10" Feb. '27 -Warren & Kristy Buchan - "ColorTile"

39 **BATE BAY Windward / Leeward - 12NM**

Separate Start and Finish Lines will be laid to leeward in Bate Bay. The start line will be between the signal mast of the Race Committee Boat and a mark laid to port and the finish line will be between the signal mast and a mark laid to starboard.



Up to three differently coloured top marks may be laid approximately 1.5NM to windward of the RCB to allow for varying wind directions and the RCB will indicate on a white board before the start which one of the top marks will be Mark 1 for that race and give the approximate bearing to the mark. Each boat should check the top mark with the RCB before each race. The bottom Mark 2 will be laid approximately 100m to windward of the RCB.

All divisions: Start to 1(p), 2(p), 1(p), to Finish.

46 **PORT HACKING TO WAVERIDER and RETURN - 10NM**

From the starting line, proceed to the Waverider yellow spherical buoy (lat. 34° 02.435'S, long. 151° 15.182'E) moored approximately 1.0NM east of Cape Bailey rounding the mark to port, thence to Port Hacking to the finishing line.



Note: The Waverider buoy and its mooring lines shall be treated as an obstruction and boats are warned to keep at least 2 boat lengths from the mark.

Record ---

53 **PORT HACKING TO CLARKE IS. via SHARK ISLAND – 24NM**

From the starting line, proceed to Port Jackson to Shark Island leaving the YNSW Mark and the adjacent South and West Cardinal Marks to starboard, thence to the Clarke Island finishing line, between the Clarke Island Starboard mark (lat. 33° 51.814'S: long. 151° 14.488'E) to the Flag mast on the Darling Point public jetty (bearing 206°T), distance 0.2NM, (lat. 33° 52.0S: Long. 151° 14.370'E).

Record: 3h 24m 18s Mar '14 - Warren & Kristy Buchan - "ColorTile".

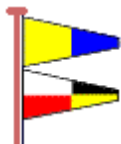
59 **WINDWARD / LEEWARD COURSE**

East, Southeast, Northwest or West Winds

Mark C to be laid to suit wind direction relative to Mark K, 1.5NM.

For **CSC Offshore 1 and Etchells:** Start at E to C(p), K(p), C(p), K(p), C(p), K(p), to Finish at E. (10NM)

For **CSC Inshore:** Start at E to C(p), K(p), C(p), K(p), to Finish at E. (7NM)



60

WINDWARD / LEEWARD COURSE

Northeast OR Southwest Winds

For **CSC Offshore and Etchells:**

Start at E to B(p), K(p), B(p), K(p), B (p), to Finish at E. (12NM)

Record --- 2 hrs 23 min 14 sec, "Short Shipped", March 2005

For **CSC Inshore:**

Start at E to B(p), K(p), B(p), K(p), to Finish at E. (9NM)



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WINDWARD / LEEWARD COURSE

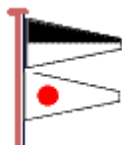
North or South Winds

For **CSC Offshore and Etchells:**

Start at E to C(p), B(p), C(p), B(p), C(p), B(p), to Finish at E. (14NM)

For **CSC Inshore:**

Start at E to C(p), B(p), C(p), B(p), to Finish at E. (10NM)



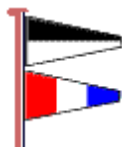
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WAVERIDER BUOY DOUBLE - 22NM

From the starting line, proceed to the Waverider yellow spherical buoy moored approximately 1.0NM east of Cape Bailey rounding the mark to starboard, to the Port Hacking starting line pin-end mark (stbd), to the Waverider buoy (stbd), thence to Port Hacking to the finishing line.

Note: The Waverider buoy and its mooring lines shall be treated as an obstruction and boats are warned to keep at least 2 boat lengths from the mark.

Record --- 2 hrs 53 mins 07 sec 'Sea Hawk' March 2009



64

BURNING PALMS and RETURN - 23NM

From the starting line, proceed to the *Bombora Mark leaving the mark to starboard, thence to a *mark (stbd) located approximately due east of Burning Palms (lat. 34° 11.4'S, long. 151° 03.9'E) thence to Port Hacking finishing line.

*Marks may be substituted with the GPS rounding procedure.
(Section 5.11)

Note: All boats shall pass to seaward of the Jibbon Bombora (lat. 34° 04.9'S; long. 151° 10.5'E).

Record - 2 hrs 27 mins 18 secs "Color Tile" Warren and Kristy Buchan, April 2011.



69

WAVERIDER, ESTUARY, BOAT HARBOUR and RETURN - 16NM

From the starting line, proceed to the Waverider buoy (port), to Estuary starting line "E" mark (stbd), to the Boat Harbour mark (port), thence to Port Hacking to the finishing line.

Record --- 2 hrs 00 mins 15 secs "Yknot"

David Newton and Graeme Amey, January 2019.



Section 13

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 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) A permanently fitted or handheld VHF transceiver 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 initiate a mediation hearing 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. A three-place penalty may be applied after mediation subject to all parties agreeing. 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) A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 while racing may take a one turn penalty at the time of the incident (Amends Rule 44.1). The penalty shall be a 360 degree turn which includes one tack and one gybe. However, if she has caused serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach she shall retire.
- (j) Start times & shortening races are managed to allow boats to finish before sunset.

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 shall run eStela tracking while racing.
- (e) Yachts racing regularly will be encouraged to join the PHS club.
- (f) All participants must provide a valid category 7 or above audit with additions and Insurance papers.
- (g) All participants must have knowledge of the COLREGS.
- (h) All participants must understand the NSW Waterways requirements in case of accidents.
- (i) Boats shall carry navigation lights and shall illuminate them after official sunset.
- (j) Boats must avoid collisions, irrespective of individual rights.
- (k) 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.
- (l) 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.
- (m) The protest flag shall be Code Flag "B" or a "Red" flag.
- (n) Mediation will be available after the race. If the parties are still at 'variance' a protest meeting will be provided without prejudice.
- (o) 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.
- (p) Races will be cancelled as per the details in Section 7.

4 Race Dates and Starting Times

Sponsor TBA - 2025 and 2026

Series 1	Start 5:30pm	Oct 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th , Nov 5 th
Series 2	Start 6:00pm	Nov 12 th , 19 th , 26 th , Dec 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th .

Christmas holiday break

Series 3	Start 6:00pm	Jan 14 th , 21 st , 28 th , Feb 4 th , 11 th , 18 th .
Series 4	Start 5:30pm	Feb 25 th , Mar 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th , Apr 1 st .

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 – 2026

Series 1	Start 3pm	April 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, May 6th, 13th.
Series 2	Start 3pm	May 20th, 27th, Jun 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, Jul 1st.
Series 3	Start 3pm	July 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Aug 5th, 12th, 19th.
Series 4	Start 3pm	Aug 26th, Sept 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

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.

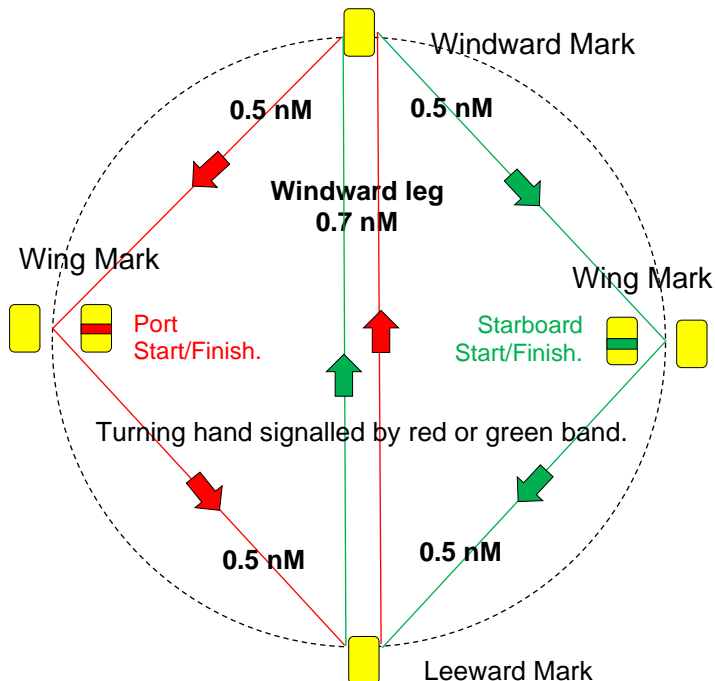
Changes necessary on the water may be signalled by sounding a horn and/or broadcasting on VHF channel 73.

9 Marks.

Yellow 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.
- One boat must complete one lap, or the race will be abandoned.



11 Starting and Finish line.

The start and finish line will be at the wing mark.

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.*



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Section 14

Port Hacking Cruising



1 Cruising Division

The Cruising Division shall comprise those boats participating in organised cruising events.

2 Disclaimer of Liability

All those taking part in an organised cruise do so entirely at their own risk. The club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in connection with or prior to, during, or after a cruising event conducted by the club.

Organised cruises do not rank as races.

3 Direction

Cruising events shall be conducted under the direction of the Cruising Master or his nominee who will be responsible for event schedules and liaison with other clubs.

4 Program

Advice of coming events will be published on the Cruising page in the sailing Web Site.

Completed events and other useful information can be found on the Cruising web site; [Coming Social and Cruising Events – Sailing \(sailing-rmycph.org.au\)](http://Coming Social and Cruising Events – Sailing (sailing-rmycph.org.au))

5 Proposed Events

Date	Location	Description
6-Sept-2025	Season Opening RMYC	Presentation and snacks
6-Oct-2025	Wildflowers Picnic Low tide 0.2m 14:14	TBA
5-Dec-2025	Audley tide 1.9 9am	BBQ and overnight
	Wattamolla	
26-Jan-2026	Australia Day	
	Yarra Bay/La Perouse	
8-Jun-2026		Kings Birthday weekend

Specific dates to be advised closer to the events

6 Safety

Each boat participating in a club cruising event shall carry the appropriate safety requirements of the Roads and Maritime Authority.



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Section 15

Race Signals

The meanings of visual and sound signals are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down (↑ ↓) means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot (•) means a sound; five short dashes (-----) mean repetitive sounds; a long dash (—) means a long sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

Postponement Signals



↑ • • • ↓ •
AP Races not started are *postponed*. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *postponed* again or *abandoned*.



↑ • •
AP over H Races not started are *postponed*. Further signals ashore.



↑ • •
AP over A Races not started are *postponed*. No more racing today.



Pennant 1 ↑ • • ↓ •



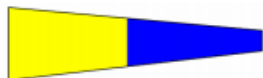
Pennant 2 ↑ • • ↓ •



Pennant 3 ↑ • • ↓ •



Pennant 4 ↑ • • ↓ •



Pennant 5 ↑ • • ↓ •



Pennant 6 ↑ • • ↓ •

AP over a numeral pennant 1–6 *Postponement* of 1–6 hours from the scheduled starting time.

Abandonment Signals



↑ • • • ↓ •
N All races that have started are *abandoned*. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *abandoned* again or *postponed*.



↑ • • •
N over H All races are *abandoned*. Further signals ashore.

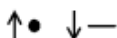


↑ • • •
N over A All races are *abandoned*. No more racing today.

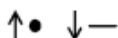
Preparatory Signals



P Preparatory signal.



I Rule 30.1 is in effect.



Z Rule 30.2 is in effect.

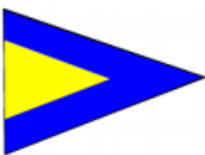


Black flag.
Rule 30.3 is in effect.

Recall Signals



X Individual recall.



First Substitute General recall.
The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

Shortened Course



S The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.

Changing the Next Leg



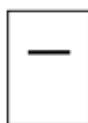
C The position of the next *mark* has been changed:



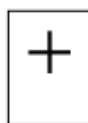
to starboard;



to port;



to decrease the length of the leg;

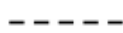


to increase the length of the leg.

Other Signals



L Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted.
Afloat: Come within hail or follow this boat.



M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



Y Wear a personal flotation device.



(no sound)

Blue flag or shape. This race committee boat is in position at the finishing line.

Notes

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Section 17

Emergency Communications

Extracted from the Yacht Incident Management Plan

Radio Channels

VHF Channel 16	Distress and calling channel
VHF Channel 67	Distress, Urgency and Safety calling and weather
VHF Channel 73	For RMYCPH inter-fleet communications
VHF Working Channel	As determined and advised by Marine Rescue

Ambulance, Fire, Police & Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter. 000

Typical questions may include:	What was the address of the emergency?	or call RMYC at 9523 9300 to co-ordinate the rescue.
	What was the contact phone number?	
	Is the patient Male or female?	
	The approximate age of the patient?	
	Is the patient conscious?	
	Is the patient breathing?	
	Please explain exactly what happened?	

Other Emergencies

Water Police - Sydney	9320 7499
Water Police - Botany Bay	9529 8140
Water Police - Broken Bay	9910 7899

Marine Rescue Stations

Sydney	9450 2468
Solander (for Port Hacking/Botany Bay)	9668 9888
Broken Bay	9999 3554
Cottage Point	9456 3055
Middle Harbour	9969 3270
South Head	9337 5033
Port Kembla	4274 4455
Hawkesbury	9985 9012

General

Royal Motor Yacht Club - Port Hacking	9523 9300
General Manager RMYC-PH	9523 9300
RMYC-PH Tender	0466 083 201
Cronulla Sailing Club (Jared Macquart)	0479 152 235
Weather	13 1236

Port Hacking Emergency Evacuation Recovery Point

The Royal Motor Yacht Club Port Hacking marina's western end of the southern finger is a designated emergency evacuation point for Port Hacking.