

**2009 – 2010
MANLY JUNIOR
41ST AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

28 DECEMBER 2009 TO 3 JANUARY 2010

***SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS***

***ORGANISING AUTHORITY
MANLY JUNIOR SAILING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA***

***HOSTED BY
AVALON SAILING CLUB***



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Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of Yachting Australia and by part 2 of the Yachting Australia Special Regulations except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Where there is a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Clubhouse at the top of the stairs.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than the start time of the Competitor Briefing for the racing session it will affect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore shall be made on the flagmast located on the southern end of the Clubhouse veranda.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the Race Signal AP.
- 4.3. A green flag when displayed ashore indicates that all competitors have signed on, that the Race Committee believes there are adequate support vessels operating, and that competitors may go afloat and proceed to the racing area.

5. Regatta Schedule

5.1. Schedule of Races:

- a. A total of seven races are scheduled over the Championship, with a maximum of three races to be conducted on any one day. The racing schedule shall not get more than one race ahead of the Race Schedule at Instruction 5.2 on any one day.
- b. Code Flag AP over Code Flag A shall be flown from the Committee Vessel when no more races are to be conducted that day.
- c. No Warning Signal shall be displayed after 1500 hours on the last day of racing of the Championship.



5.2. Race Schedule:

Date	Event	Time (hours)
Monday 28 December 2009	Registration and Measurement	0730 - 1200
Monday 28 December 2009	Competitors Compulsory Briefing	1200
Monday 28 December 2009	Invitation Race – Warning Signal	1400
Tuesday 29 December 2009	Competitors Compulsory Briefing	0930
Tuesday 29 December 2009	Race 1 Warning Signal	1100
Tuesday 29 December 2009	Race 2 Warning Signal	ASAP after Race 1
Wednesday 30 December 2009	Competitors Compulsory Briefing	1130
Wednesday 30 December 2009	Race 3 Warning Signal	1300
Thursday 31 December 2009	Competitors Compulsory Briefing	0930
Thursday 31 December 2009	Race 4 Warning Signal	1100
Friday 1 January 2010	Layday	
Saturday 2 January 2010	Competitors Compulsory Briefing	0900
Saturday 2 January 2010	Race 5 Warning Signal	1030
Saturday 2 January 2010	Race 6 Warning Signal	1430
Sunday 3 January 2010	Competitors Compulsory Briefing	1030
Sunday 3 January 2010	Race 7 Warning Signal	1200
Sunday 3 January 2010	Trophy Presentation	1730

6. Divisions and Class Flags

- 6.1. There shall be two Divisions, the Open Division and the Novice Division. The Novice Division shall be formed as per NOR 5.3. All other entrants shall sail in the Open Division. The Race Committee shall have ultimate discretion in the allocation of boats to Divisions.
- 6.2. The Class Flag for the Open Division shall be a white flag with a red Manly Junior emblem.
- 6.3. The Class Flag for the Novice Division shall be a red flag with a white Manly Junior emblem.
- 6.4. Novice Division boats shall each fly a supplied green ribbon from the mainsail clew at all times whilst racing.

7. Racing Area

The racing area shall be the waters of Pittwater in the area bounded by West Head, the SW corner of Barrenjoey and the north coast of Scotland Island.

8. Courses

- 8.1. Attachment A shows the approximate course layouts, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which the marks are to be left.
- 8.2. The Course to be sailed shall be signified by Numeral Pennant.
- 8.3. No later than the Warning Signal, the Committee Vessel shall display the Course Signal signifying the course to be sailed.



9. Marks

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be inflatable yellow cylinders.
- 9.2. The Start Mark will be a danbuoy with an orange flag.
- 9.3. The Finish mark will be a danbuoy with a blue flag.
- 9.4. A new mark, as provided in Sailing Instruction 11.1, will be an inflatable orange cylinder.
- 9.5. A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in Instruction 11.2.

10. The Start

- 10.1. The start line will be between the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and the Start Mark at the port end.
- 10.2. The Starting Order shall be the Open Division followed by the Novice Division. The Warning Signal for the Novice Division may be made concurrently with the Starting Signal for the Open Division.
- 10.3. Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course the Race Committee shall lay a new mark (or move the Finish 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.
- 11.2. Boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark. This changes RRS 28.1.

12. The Finish

The finish line will be between the flagstaff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and the Finish Mark at the port end.

13. Time Limits

- 13.1. If no boat has finished within 120 minutes of the start of that race the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

14. Mediation

- 14.1. A Mediation Hearing will be conducted for all Protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 and SI 15 which allege an infringement of a Part 2 or Part 4 of the RRS. Such Mediation Hearings will be held subsequent to the Protest being lodged and prior to the Protest Hearing.
- 14.2. The Mediator will decide the time and place of the Mediation Hearing and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the Mediation Hearing and no witnesses will be called. The Mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.



- 14.3. After taking testimony at the Mediation Hearing the Mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- a. The Protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the Protest.
 - b. The matter shall proceed to a Protest Hearing. This may be because the Rules other than Part 2 or Part 4 are involved or may be involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the Mediator.
 - c. No Rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - d. A Rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finish and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the Protest. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.
- 14.4. A Mediation Hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a Mediator shall be subject to Appeal or be Grounds for Redress.
- 14.5. Should the Protest proceed to a Protest Hearing then the Mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a Mediator during a Protest Hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the Hearing.
- 15. Protests and Requests for Redress**
- 15.1. RRS 61.1(a)(2) is amended by deleting "if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display a red flag".
- 15.2. Protest Forms are available at the Race Office. Protests are to be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area, and to Requests for Redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4. Notices shall be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of Hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, the order of Hearings and the time of the first Hearing.
- 15.5. Notices of Protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).
- 15.6. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 10, 17, and 21 shall not be grounds for Protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than Disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.7. On the last day of the Championship a request for reopening of a Hearing shall be delivered:
- a. within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.



16. Scoring

- 16.1. Seven races are scheduled of which five shall be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 16.2. A boat may discard its worst score after 6 races are completed.

17. Safety Regulations

- 17.1. All helmspersons intending to race shall sign on for each racing session, and sign off for each racing session within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the session. The Green Flag will not be hoisted until all competitors intending to race have signed on.
- 17.2. A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

18. Replacement of Crew

- 18.1. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2. Substitution of helmspersons is not allowed.

19. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 19.1. NoR 5.1 is amended such that compulsory weighing and centreboard and rudder measurement will not be carried out during the Measurement period.
- 19.2. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. Support Boats

- 20.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel (collectively Support) boats shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a Postponement, General Recall or Abandonment.
- 20.2. The Novice Division may be coached by a coach nominated by the Organising Authority. This coach is not bound by Instruction 20.1. Notice to Competitors Number One details the duties and restrictions placed on the nominated coach.

21. Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22. Prizes

Prizes shall be awarded as per NoR 12.

Appendix:

- A. Course Sheets (Open Division Courses 1, 2, 3; Novice Division Courses 1, 2, 3)

