

Drummoyne Sailing Club 2020-2021 Season

Sailing Instructions

The organising authority is the Drummoyne Sailing Club, 2 St Georges Crescent, Drummoyne NSW 2047.

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races and events will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and each associated class association rules.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3. RRS 2017-2020 Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats shall apply to all yachts and trailer yachts.
- 1.4. RRS 2017-2020 Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply to all dinghy classes (and Hartley TS16).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Sailors Bar at Drummoyne Sailing Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the first scheduled race time will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the eastern corner of the seawall at Drummoyne Sailing Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signals.
- 4.3. When flag F is displayed ashore no boats are to leave the shore.

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1. Each competitor shall have available for inspection, if requested, a valid measurement certificate.
- 5.2. Older boats may be given dispensation from this requirement.
- 5.3. **Measurement checks may be made at any time during the season.**

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The schedule of races will be on the DSC website calendar for each class/division (<https://www.dsc.org.au/calendar-new/>).

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags for each sub-club are per Attachment 1 – Special Instructions.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Parramatta River bounded by Gladesville Bridge, Iron Cove Bridge and Sydney Harbour Bridge. Picnic Races for yachts extend the race area to Shark Island, Sydney Harbour.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. Courses for each sailing sub-club are listed in the Attachment – Special Instructions.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course to be sailed.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The start/finish mark will be either a buoy with an orange flag or a moored committee boat displaying an orange flag.
- 10.2. All other marks are DSC marks as described in each sailing sub-club Attachment – Special Instructions.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS AND PROHIBITED AREAS

- 11.1. **Boats shall not pass between any fixed mooring and the nearest shoreline after the preparatory signal and throughout the duration of the race. That is; all moorings should be passed on the channel side.**
- 11.2. **All navigation marks are obstructions and shall be passed on their designated side.**
- 11.3. **Prohibited areas deemed to be continuing obstructions are bounded by:**
- 11.3.1 **Snapper Island and the north cardinal mark.**
 - 11.3.2 **Spectacle Island and the red channel mark to the north.**
 - 11.3.3 **Spectacle Island and the green channel pile to the south.**

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and either the course side of the start mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin-end boat.
- 12.3. Boats whose starting signal has not been made shall keep clear of the start line and other boats starting. Boats failing to observe this instruction may be disqualified by the Race Committee without a hearing.
- 12.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the finish mark at the other end. See course diagrams for details. The finishing line may be in a different position from the starting line.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 15.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Drummoyne Sailing Club.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5. Breaches of instructions 17, 18 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Race Committee so decides.

16. ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

- 16.1. RRS Appendix T will apply and is reproduced in Attachment 2.

17. ELIGIBILITY

- 17.1. To participate in the season's events and be eligible for points, trophies and travel monies, a boat, the skipper and crew must be registered and therefore listed as financial members for the current season in the Drummoyne Sailing Club Registration system and must be Registered Sailors (Adult or Junior).
- 17.2. Any crew member who has sailed at the DSC for more than 3 races is required to join the DSC and register as a Crew using the Drummoyne Sailing Club Registration system.
- 17.3. The DSC Race Registration system is available online at:
<https://www.dsc.org.au/sailing/sailing-fees/>
- 17.4. Boats wishing to enter an event on a casual basis may do so by submitting to the race committee a completed entry form and required entry fee prior to the event. Casual entries do not score points and are not eligible for prizes or trophies.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. DSC Juniors and off-the-beach class events: while on the water, a competitor shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions, except for

equipment provided by the organising authority. This includes mobile phones.

- 18.2. All other classes may use radio equipment. Boats with VHF radio should use channel 77 for communicating with DSC committee and support vessels.

19. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. Competitors participate in all Club races entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 of the RRS which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.
- 20.2. The Club, its officers and servants, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing, nor for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or for damage which might result from competing in Club events.
- 20.3. The person who signs and lodges the boat's entry form warrants the Club that he/she will draw to attention of any person onboard SI 21 RISK WARNING.
- 20.4. The person who signs and lodges the boat's entry form acknowledges receipt of SI 21 RISK WARNING and releases the Club from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered, by him/her or any person claiming through him/her in any event conducted by the Club.

21. RISK WARNING

- 21.1. This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Club and NSW Roads and Maritime Services, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW) to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Drummoyne Sailing Club.
- 21.2. 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.
- 21.3. As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
- a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions
 - b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
 - c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
 - d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.

- e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
 - f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 21.4. The Club and NSW Roads and Maritime Services 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 the Club.

22. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 22.1. All competitors shall observe the Ship & Ferry activated Exclusion Zone (Refer Attachment 3 of these Sailing instructions). Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- 22.2. It is a requirement of the Club's Aquatic License that all on water incidents resulting in damage worth more than 10% of the vessels value or otherwise described in must be reported to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).
- 22.3. Reports can be made directly to the RMS (forms are available on the RMS Website or at the Sailing Office). The Sailing Office must also be provided with a copy as part of our own incident and risk management requirements.
- 22.4. If a protest is heard following a reportable incident, and a result is given by the protest committee, this should be forwarded to the RMS and in most cases will satisfy the reporting requirements for all parties. Otherwise, a formal report should be made to the RMS and the Sailing Office.
- 22.5. Note that none of the requirements in this section remove or alter the reporting requirements as prescribed in the relevant NSW Maritime Legislation.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of A\$10 Million per event. All competitors who complete the entry process are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

Attachment 1 – 16ft Skiff Special Instructions

1. CLASS FLAGS

Class / Division	Flag
16 Foot Skiffs	16 Foot Skiff Class Flag

2. MARKS

- 2.1. All marks will display a Code Flag Uniform (red/white quarters).
- 2.2. All numbered marks are laid marks, located in the vicinity of their respective position as described below:

Mark 1	E of clubhouse and S of Snapper Is.
Mark 2	Mid-channel between White Horse Pt and Cockatoo Is.
Mark 3	E of Manns Pt and W of Balls Head
Mark 4	W of Cove St Wharf
Mark 5	SE of Wolseley St (Drummoyne) Wharf and W of Spectacle Is
Mark 6	S of Pulpit Pt and W of Spectacle Is
Mark 7	E of Cockatoo Is and W of Yurulbin and S of Greenwich
Mark 8	N of Wrights Pt and W of Hunters Hill
Mark 9	Off NE tip of Spectacle Is
Mark 10	SE of Wrights Pt
Mark 11	E of Spectacle Is and N of Snapper Is
Mark 12	SSW off Spectacle Is
Cockt	Cockatoo Island
Snap	Snapper Island (Including north cardinal mark)
Spec	Spectacle Island (including channel markers)

3. TIME LIMITS

- 3.1. The time limit for all classes is 3 hours after the last starting signal. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored DNF.

4. SCORING

- 4.1. The low point system, RRS Appendix A will apply with A9 (DNF points are: boats started + 1).
- 4.2. 16ft Skiffs will use their preferred handicap system.
- 4.3. Boats shall compete in at least 75 percent of all scheduled club races to be eligible to be scored in the Club Championship. A boat's score will not be adjusted if any other boat does not meet this requirement.
- 4.4. Irrespective of the helmsperson, all points shall be awarded to the boat.
- 4.5. The point scores for the season will be determined by:

Championship	Drops – 16ft Skiffs
Club	Highest points on scratch in all the Club

Championship	Drops - 16ft Skiffs
Championships	Championship races with the worst two race scores discarded.
Fastest Time Point Score	Lowest points on Scratch in all fleets over the season with the six worst race scores discarded.
Season Point Score	Lowest points on Handicap in all fleets over the season with the six worst race scores discarded.

5. AVERAGE POINTS

- 5.1. Boats participating in association events of the same class may be awarded average points at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.2. Average points will be calculated from the boat's average from results to date.
- 5.3. Application for average points must be made prior to the event in writing to the Race Committee.
- 5.4. Average points will not be awarded for Club Championship races (unless as the result of a scoring redress, RRS Appendix A).
- 5.5. Average points will be awarded to boats that do not start in a race due to manning a support or committee boat.

6. SAFETY

- 6.1. Competitors shall sign on prior to leaving the shore and sign off on returning to shore each race day. Sign off must be within 60 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. Any boat failing to sign on as specified herein will have an extra 2 points added to their score for the race day. Failure to sign off will incur the same penalty. Subsequent infringements may be scored DNC.
- 6.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Retirements, DNS and penalties taken must also be recorded on the Sign On/Off sheet.
- 6.3. If a boat signs on after 1245 she must inform the committee boat or the DSC clubhouse radio operator.

7. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. Substitution of crew or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 7.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 7.3. Substitution of crew or equipment will not be allowed for the Club Championship except at the discretion of the Race Committee, which comprises the Race Officer and the class representative to the Sailing Committee, on receipt of written application.

8. RACES RESCHEDULED

- 8.1. Any race may be postponed or re-sailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9. SUPPORT BOATS

9.1. Support boats must stay clear of all competing boats during races unless they require immediate assistance or as directed by the Race Committee.

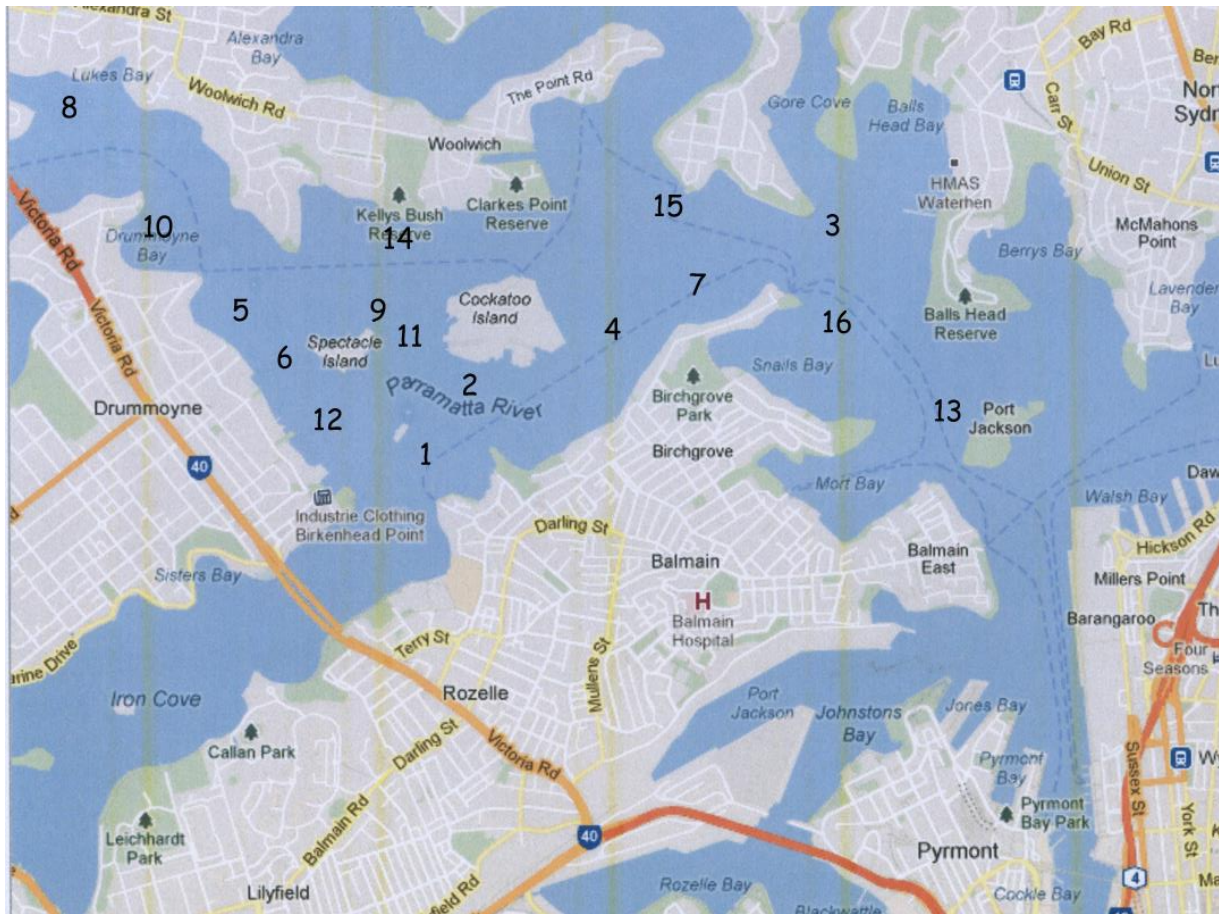
10. COURSES

10.1. 16 Foot Skiff Courses:

Start	Marks	Finish	
No 1 EAST (approx. 20.4km)			
Vicinity mark 6	7-Cockt-1-6-7-6-7-Cockt Is-1-6-7-1	Vicinity of DSC	(All S)
No 2 NORTH EAST (approx. 21.6km)			
Vicinity mark 1	7-Cockt Is-6-1-7-1-7- Cockt Is-6-1-7	Vicinity mark 1	(All P)
No 3 SOUTH & SOUTH EAST (approx. 21.5km)			
Vicinity mark 6	1-Snap- Spec-8-1-Snap- Spec-8-1-Snap-Spec-6	Vicinity DSC	(All P)
No 4 WEST (approx. 21.7km)			
Vicinity mark 7	8-Cockt-3-8-Cockt-3-8- 2(S)	Vicinity mark 1	(All P except 2)
No 5 SOUTH WEST (approx. 21.3km)			
Vicinity Cove St Wharf	1-6-3-1-3-1-6-3-1-7	Vicinity mark 1	(All S)
No 6 NORTH WEST (approx. 20.3km)			
Vicinity mark 6	8(P)-Spec(S)-Snap(S)-8(P)- Spec(S)-Snap(S)-8(P)- Spec(S)-Snap(S)-8(P)- Spec(S)-Snap(S)	Vicinity DSC	



Course Map



Attachment 2

ARBITRATION

T1 POST-RACE PENALTIES

- a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

T2 ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each *party* is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T3 ARBITRATOR'S OPINION

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

- a) the protest is invalid,
- b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
- c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T4 ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES

After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

- a) a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and
- b) a boat may ask to withdraw her protest. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal.

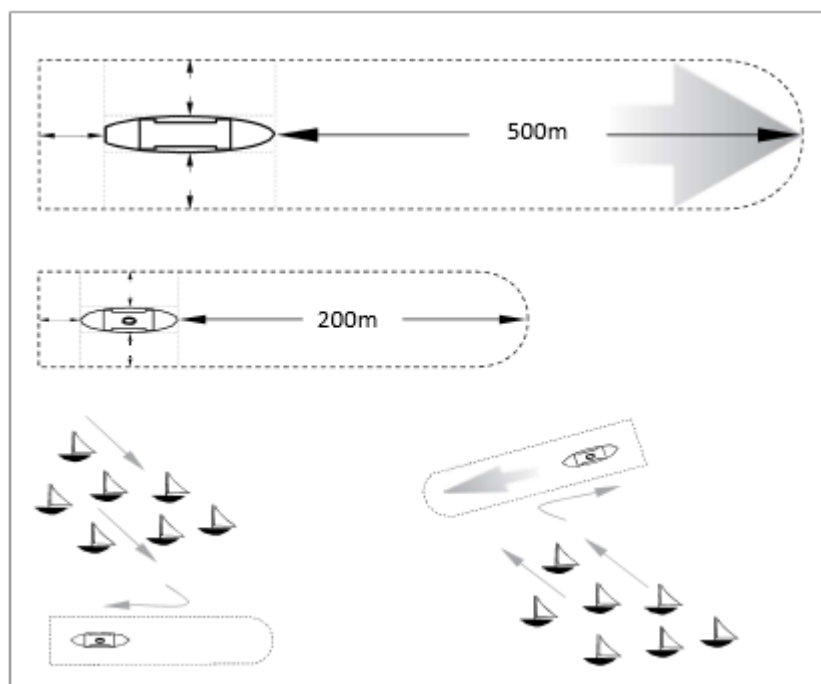
Unless all *protests* involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.

Attachment 3 – Ship & Ferry Activated Exclusion Zone

(NSW RMS Exemption Order Condition 100)

Additional Conditions for Sailing Events

- All competitors must maintain a minimum distance of 500m from the bow of any ship¹ and 200m from the bow of any ferry² and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.
- Failure to do so will result in disqualification.



¹ Oil tankers & seagoing Cruise ship

² Other seagoing commercial vessel or Ferry operating in accordance with an approved timetable