

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 – DSC Yachts Special Instructions 2020-21

1. RULES

- 1.1 The DSC Yachts Sub-Club Committee is the appointed Race Committee for the purposes of RRS 89.2.

2. CLASS FLAGS

Class / Division	Flag
Green	Green division flag
Black	Black division flag
Blue	Blue division flag
Yellow	Yellow division flag

3. DIVISIONS AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

- 3.1 Boats will be allocated to a Division at the discretion of the Race Committee.
3.2 Twilight Races:

Division	Start Order	Scheduled Warning Signal
Green	1	17:55
Black	2	18:00
Blue	3	18:05
Yellow	4	18:10

Spinnakers shall not be flown in Twilight Races.

- 3.3 Each participant must fly a backstay pennant appropriate to her division. Replacement pennants are available for purchase at a cost of \$20.00. Any boat not displaying an appropriate pennant may be recorded as DNS.

4. MARKS

- 4.1 The marks will display a Code Flag U (red and white quarters).
4.2 All numbered marks are laid marks, located in the vicinity of their respective position as described below:

Mark 1 - E of Clubhouse & S of Snapper Island
Mark 2 - Mid Channel between White Horse Pt & Cockatoo Island
Mark 3 - E of Manns Pt & W of Balls Head
Mark 4 - W of Cove St Wharf
Mark 5 - SE of Wolseley St Wharf & W of Spectacle Island
Mark 6 - S of Pulpit Pt & W of Spectacle Island
Mark 7 - E of Cockatoo Island & W of Yurulbin Pt & S of Greenwich
Mark 8 - N of Wrights Pt
Mark 9 - Off NE tip of Spectacle Island
Mark 10 - SE of Wrights Pt
Mark 13 - NW of Goat Island
Mark 14 - S of Woolwich Marina
Mark 15 - S of Greenwich Wharf
Mark 16 - NE of Snails Bay

- 4.3 Island marks (clearance marks) are:

CH	DSC Clubhouse	GT	Goat Island
CI	Cockatoo Island	Shark	Shark Island
Clark	Clark Island	SI	Snapper Island
FD	Fort Denison	Spec	Spectacle Island

(Note: All navigation marks and buoys are to be passed on their correct/safe water side).



5. SHORTENED COURSE

- 5.1 The race may be shortened at the starter's discretion. This amends RRS 32. If the course is shortened, the finish will be between a committee boat and a mark displaying an orange flag or the Club flagpole and the palm trees on Snapper Island.



6. TIME LIMITS

- 6.1 Any boat finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF.
6.2 Time limits are:

Twilight Races - The time limit will be 1950 hours.



7. RECALLS

- 7.1 Individual recalls may not be indicated. This modifies RRS 29.1. In a twilight race, if any yacht is on the course side of the starting line at the time of her start, she may restart the race or be penalised 3 minutes. Any yacht starting more than 1 minute before her start may be recorded as DNS at the discretion of the starter.
- 7.2 Any division having a General Recall will be started after later scheduled divisions.



8. HANDICAPPING

- 8.1 Twilight Series. The handicapping system to be used will be a TCF system. Handicaps will be available from time to time on the DSC website;
- 8.2 General. A handicap will be allocated to each yacht by the race committee. A yacht's handicap may be adjusted from time to time by the race committee as it deems necessary.



9. SCORING

- 9.1 All series will use the Low Point System as per Appendix A of RRS.
- 9.2 Any Boat representing the DSC at a regatta may apply to the race committee in advance for points' adjustment.
- 9.3 Disqualifications shall not be dropped. This amends Appendix A9.
- 9.4 Should a race be abandoned after it is started, yachts which were not deemed to be starters will be awarded points equivalent to the total fleet registered plus 1 point (Refer Appendix 9), yachts deemed to have started the race will be given zero points. This may amend RRS 90.3(a).
- 9.5 A boat may discard their two worst results for both the Spring and the Summer series.



10. RACE RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 10.1 The provisional results of each race will be announced at the Drummoyne Sailing Club after each race. Competitors must be present to be eligible for a prize.
- 10.2 Results will also be posted on the internet usually within 48 hours of any race at www.dsc.org.au subject to protest.

11. ELIGIBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 11.1 **CATEGORY 7** - Fixed keel yachts must comply with Category 7 safety requirements of Australian Sailing. All other yachts must comply with Category 6 safety requirements of Australian Sailing. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that their vessel complies with these requirements.
- 11.2 All those taking part in DSC races or events do so at their own risk and responsibility. Refer RRS Fundamental Rule 4. Skippers must provide evidence that their vessel complies with the safety category appropriate for their vessel. The DSC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment
- 11.3 All boats must maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 77 at all times.
- 11.4 **Marine Regulations** – All skippers or a nominated crew must attend a briefing prior to the commencement of the season.
- 11.5 **Damage or injury** - The DSC is not responsible for any damage or injury either ashore or afloat or at sea either to persons or boats that might participate in a race or other organised events.
- 11.6 **Incident report** - Vessels involved in any incident with another competing yacht are required to complete a Sailing Vessel Incident Report under NSW Maritime legislation. See:
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/incidents-emergencies/incident-reporting.html>



12. SAFETY

- 12.1 Give help - A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger. Yachts assisting vessels in distress may apply for redress.
- 12.2 **Learners** - Boats must give way (when possible) to sailing dinghies displaying yellow and black 'L' signs on their sails.
- 12.3 **Anchors** - No anchor shall protrude beyond any vessel.

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.



14. PROTESTS

14.1 Any protest shall conform to the RRS as amended by these sailing instructions and shall be lodged with the Race Committee prior to 2030 for Twilight races on the day of the race. A protest fee of \$50.00 must accompany the completed protest form. Protest forms may be downloaded from the Australian Sailing website at:

<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/scripts/download/file/&id=cwbkztbjorawc4u3>

14.2 Refund of the fee shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

14.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests in the order of receipt.

Protests will be scheduled at the earliest possible opportunity.

Mediation may be used prior to a Protest Hearing as per Attachment 2 of these Sailing Instructions.

15. COURSES

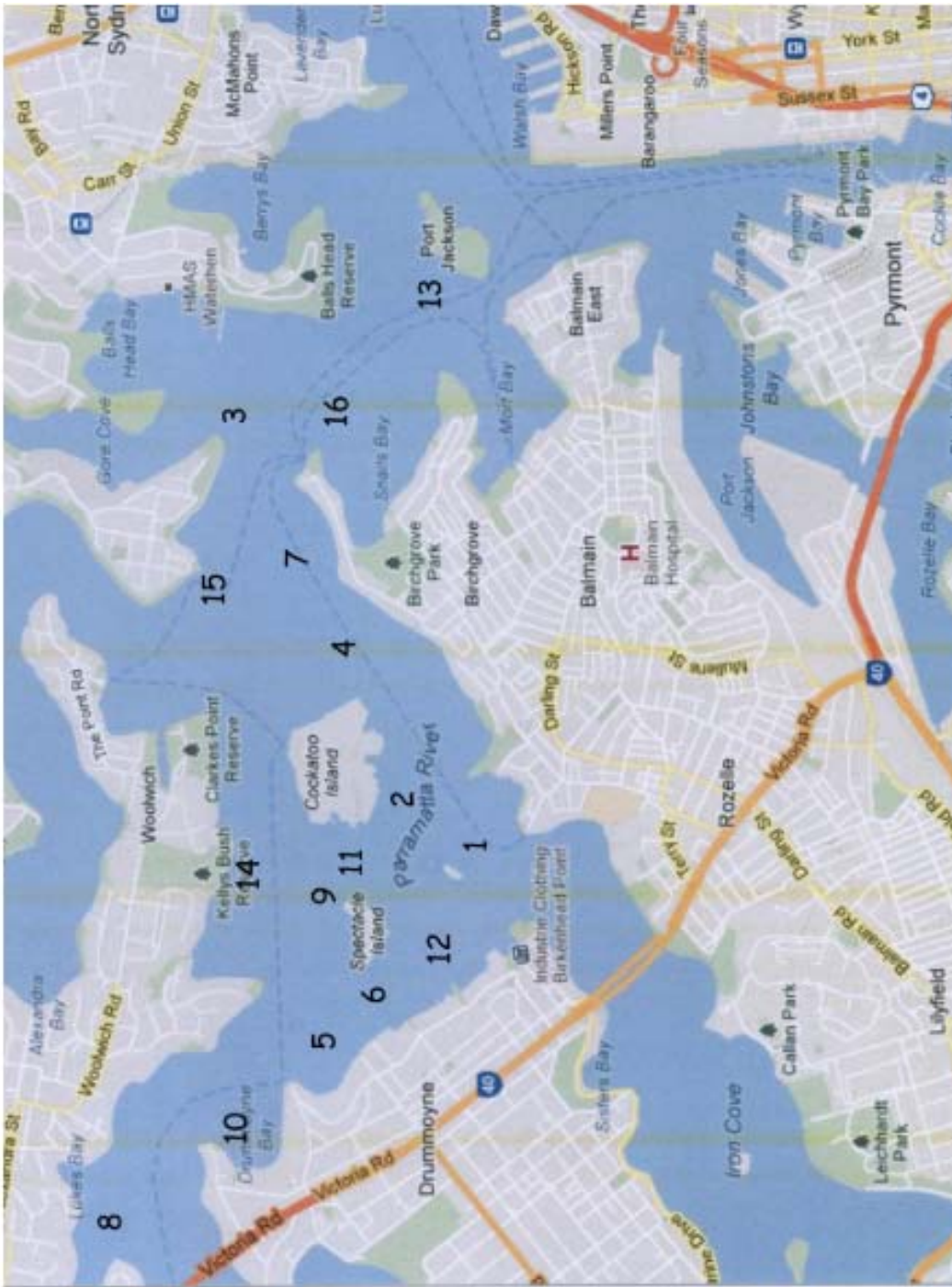
Twilight Green			
Course	Courses	Finish	
1 NE	1-4-Spec-1-4-Spec-1	Vicinity 4	(All P)
2 E	6-4-1-Spec-4	Vicinity 1	(All S)
3 SE	15-4-CI-15-4-1-Spec-SI	Vicinity 1	(All S)
3a S	15-1-Spec-14-1-Spec-14	Vicinity 1	(All S)
4 W	4-CI-Spec-1-CI-Spec	Vicinity 1	(All P)
6 SW	4-1-Spec-4-1-Spec-4	Vicinity 1	(All S)

Twilight Blue / Yellow / Black			
Course	Courses	Finish	
1 NE	1-7-5-1-7-5-1	Vicinity 4	(All P)
2 E	6-7-1-5-7	Vicinity 1	(All S)
3 SE	15-4-1-5-15-4-1-5-15	Vicinity 1	(All S)
3a S	15-1-5-14-15-1-5-14-15	Vicinity 1	(All S)
4 W	4-5-1-7-5-1-7-5	Vicinity 1	(All P)
6 SW	4-1-5-7-1-5-7	Vicinity 1	(All S)

The course to be sailed on the day will be indicated by a numbered flag or board, displayed on the starting boat or Club flagpole, corresponding to the selected course. The channel mark to the North of Spectacle Island must be observed.



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.

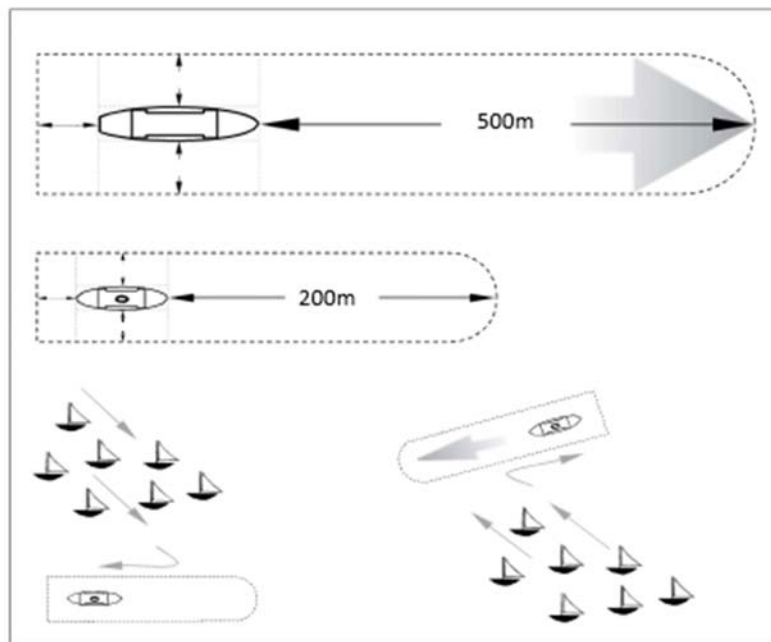
Unless all *protests* involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.

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