DRUMMOYNE
SAILING CLUB

Sailing Instructions

Drummoyne Sailing Club 2022-2023 Season

1. Rules

1.1 Racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 ("RRS") of World Sailing (WS), including:

a) The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS Special Regulations).

b) The rules and regulations of each class, when sailed as a division.

c) Any rules as amended by the prescribed notice of race (NoR) or these Sailing Instructions (SI).

1.2 AS Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats shall apply to all yachts and trailer yachts.

1.3 AS Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply to all dinghy classes and Hartley TS16's.

1.4 All competitors shall comply with the covid safe plan as prescribed by the organising authority.

2. Official Notices

2.1 Official notices will be posted on the Drummoyne Sailing Club (DSC) website via the address:

https://www.dsc.org.au/sailing/sailing-documents/

2.2 Notices may be posted in vicinity of the downstairs bar area of the club either electronically on screens or physically on a nominated board (to be determined). Notices may otherwise be available from the Sailing Office on request.

3. Schedule

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

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

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions, Schedule

4.1 Changes and amendments to the SI's will be published as per Official Notices above.

4.2 Any change to the SIs 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.

5. Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the eastern corner of the seawall at DSC.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signals.

5.3 When flag F is displayed ashore no boats are to leave the shore.

6. Measurement

6.1 The Race Committee may request a measurement check at any time during the season. Owners shall submit their boats to measurement if so requested.

6.2 Where applicable each competitor shall have available for inspection, if requested, a valid measurement certificate relevant to their class, except where:

a) It is not reasonably feasible to obtain a measurement certificate for reasons of practicality

b) A boat has been excused from possessing a measurement certificate by the Race Committee.

6.3 A lack of measurement certificate as per SI 6.2 shall not excuse a boat from compliance with other relevant class rules as required by these SI's or the Notice of Race (NoR).

7. Class Flags

7.1 Flags for each class or division shall be as defined as per Appendices A-H for their class or division.

8. Racing Area

8.1 The course area shall nominally be "off the Drummoyne Sailing Club"; within the confines of the Paramatta River bounded by the Gladesville, Iron Cove, and Sydney Harbour bridges.

8.2 The course area may be extended or confined by the SIs as deemed necessary.

9. Prohibited Areas and Obstructions

9.1 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.

9.2 All navigation marks are obstructions and shall be passed on their designated side.

9.3 Prohibited areas deemed to be continuing obstructions are bounded by:

a) Snapper Island and the north cardinal mark

b) Spectacle Island and the red channel mark to the north

c) Spectacle Island and the green channel pile to the south.

10. Courses

10.1 Courses for each class or division are listed in Appendices A-H.

10.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee shall display the course to be sailed on the Race Committee boat.

11. Marks

11.1 The start/finish mark will be either a buoy with an orange flag or a moored Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag.

11.2 All other marks are DSC marks as described as per Appendices A-H for each class or division.

12. The Start

12.1 Races shall be started as per RRS 26.

12.2 The starting line shall 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 preparatory 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. This amends RRS 63.1.

12.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This amends RRS A4 and A5.

13. The Finish

13.1 The finishing line shall 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.

14. Time Limits

14.1 Time limits for races shall be defined within Appendices A-H for each class or division

14.2 Any boat finishing after the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

15.1 All protests shall conform with the requirements of the RRS. Protest forms may be available at the Sailing Office or via the following link:

https://www.sailingresources.org.au/scripts/download/file/&id=wiceuajbe5tip9sj

15.2 Protests, and requests for redress shall be delivered within the time limit as follows:

a) the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, and

b) the protest time limit for twilight racing shall be no later than 20:30 hours on the day of the race.

15.3 Notices will be posted in accordance with SI 2 no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.4 The Protest Committee will hear protests in the order of receipt. Protests will be scheduled at the earliest possible opportunity.

15.5 Hearings will be held at DSC.

15.6 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted as per SI 2 above to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.7 The Protest Committee may request protests submit to arbitration. In such cases, RRS Appendix T Shall apply (Refer attachment 2).

16. Average Points

16.1 Average points may be awarded to boats that are unable to sail in a race due to the following reasons:

a) representation of DSC at a recognised event or regatta approved by the Race Committee

b) at the request of the Race Committee, manning a support boat, Race Committee boat, or otherwise providing operation race support.

16.2 Average points may be awarded to boats for other reasons, as determined by the policy of the Race Committee, and provided:

a) the policy has been clearly communicated to all relevant competitors

b) the policy is within the principles of fair sailing as outlined in RRS 2.

16.3 Application for average points must be made in writing to the Race Committee prior to the event, or as soon as reasonably practical. Approval of average points is subject to the discretion of the Race Committee and is not subject to protest or redress. This amends RRS 60.1 (a) and (b), and 63.1.

16.4 Any changes to this section (SI 16) or to policy as outlined in SI 16.2, may be applied retrospectively.

16.5 Average points will be calculated from the boat's average results to the impacted race date of the request.

16.6 Average points will not be awarded for Club Championship races, unless it results from a scoring redress, RRS Appendix A.

17. Support boats

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

17.2 Competitors may be coached while racing at the direction of the Race Committee. This amends RRS 41.

18. Radio Communication

18.1 All Yachts shall have a VHF radio in good working order, and capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 77 and 16

18.2 Whilst racing, off the beach classes shall not use any equipment capable of making radio transmissions, including mobile phones, except where:

a) equipment has been provided for such use by the organising authority

b) equipment is being used in a bona fide emergency

18.3 All boats equipped with a VHF radio shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 77 at all times.

19. Trash Disposal

19.1 Attention is drawn to RRS 47. Competitors are encouraged to store all rubbish until they are able to dispose of it appropriately. If necessary, rubbish may be placed aboard Support and Race Committee boats.

20. Safety Regulations

20.1 All competitors shall observe the Ship & Ferry activated Exclusion Zone, refer Attachment 3. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

20.2 It is a requirement of NSW Maritime that all on water incidents resulting in damage worth more than 10% of the vessels value or otherwise described must be reported to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

20.3 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.

20.4 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.

20.5 Note that none of the above requirements remove or alter the reporting requirements as prescribed in the relevant NSW Maritime Legislation.

21. Disclaimer of Liability

21.1 Competitors participate in all Club races entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 of the RRS which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.

The Club, its Officers, Servants and Volunteers, 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.

Each competitor acknowledges receipt SI 22.1 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.

22. Acknowledgment of Risk

22.1 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by DSC 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.

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:

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

g) injured whilst the boat is rigged, unrigged, launched, retrieved and/or rescued.

The Drummoyne Sailing 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.

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Appendix B: Hartley TS 16's

1. Divisions

1.1 Hartley TS16's shall consist of all boats so entered as per the NoR within a single division

2. Class Flags

2.1 Class and division flags shall be as per below

Class / Division	Flag
Hartley TS16	TS16 Class Flag

3. Marks

3.1 All marks will display a Code Flag Uniform (red/white quarters).

3.2 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 ofr 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)

4. Time Limits

4.1 The time limit is 3 hours after the last starting signal. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored DNF.

5. Scoring

5.1 The RRS Appendix A – Scoring – Low Point Scoring System will apply.

5.2 The Racing Calendar less two races constitute a series for the purposes of the Season Point Score.

5.3 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.

5.4 Irrespective of the helmsperson, all points shall be awarded to the boat.

5.5 The point scores for the season will be determined by:

Championship	Drops – Hartley TS16
Club Championships	Lowest points on scratch in all fleets in the Club Championship races with the worst race score discarded.
Fastest Time Point Score	Lowest points on Scratch in all fleets over the season with the two worst race scores discarded.
Season Point Score	Lowest points on Handicap in all fleets over the season with the two worst race scores discarded.
Spring and Summer Point Scores	Lowest points on Handicap in all fleets over the season with the worst race score discarded.
Other Point Scores	May be run as decided by the Committee.

6. Handicap System

6.1 The winner of each race on a handicap will be penalised three (3) minutes for the first win, four (4) minutes for a second win, and five (5) minutes for all other wins during that season. Second and third placed boats will be penalised two (2) and one (1) minutes respectively.

6.2 Boats that do not start in a Point Score Race shall not benefit from a general adjustment to the handicaps that may result from that race unless they are in the vicinity of the starting line. Redress may apply.

6.3 Where a substitute skipper is nominated, the Race Committee must be notified at least one hour before the race. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in the skipper being classified as a visitor.

6.4 New boats to the Division shall start on a handicap of scratch, which will be reviewed after three races or as deemed equitable by the Race Committee.

6.5 Owners who replace boats will start with half their previous handicap (rounded down), which may be reviewed by the Race Committee after three races.

6.6 A skipper may apply in writing to the Race Committee to have their handicap reviewed after completing three races and thereafter at the Handicap Committee discretion.

6.7 The Race Committee can cause a handicap to be reviewed. The decision of the Race Committee is final.

7. Class Rules

7.1 All boats shall have a current "A Class" Registration Certificate as issued by the Hartley TS16 Association of Australia. However, boats may use sail cloth other than the

Association nominated material for club racing only. Irrespective of material used in construction all sails must conform to Association measurement standards.

7.2 Rule 9a of the Hartley TS16 Special Racing Rules is modified to apply only to each race. “B Class” boats may be admitted to compete in handicap events and point scores only.

8. Safety

8.1 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.

8.2 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.

8.3 If a boat signs on after 1245 she must inform the Race Committee boat or the DSC clubhouse radio operator.

8.4 Centreboards must be locked in position following adjustment so that they may not retract into the case should the boat invert. The boat must have sufficient stability to right itself in case of a capsize.

9. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

9.1 Where a substitute crew is nominated, the Race Committee must be notified at least one hour before the race with details as per Boat and Individual Member Entry Form.

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10. Courses

Start	Marks	Finish	Rounding
No 1 EAST			
Vicinity mark 6	3-Cockt-1-6-3-6-3-Cockt-1	Vicinity of DSC	(All S)
No 2 NORTH EAST			
Vicinity mark 1	3-Cockt-6-1-3-Cockt-6-1-3-Cockt(S)	Vicinity of DSC	(All P)
No 3 SOUTH & SOUTH EAST			
Vicinity mark 6	1-Snap-9-8-1-8-1-Snap-9-8	Vicinity of DSC	(All P)
No 4 WEST (approx. 21.7km)			
Vicinity mark 7	6-1-3-6-3-Cockt(S)	Vicinity of DSC	(All P)
No 5 SOUTH WEST			
Vicinity mark 4	1-6-3-1-3-1-6-3-Cockt	Vicinity of DSC	(All S)
No 6 NORTH WEST			
Vicinity mark 6	8(P)-9(S)-Snap(S)-1(S)-8(P)-1(S)-8(P)-9(S)-Snap(S)-1(S)	Vicinity of DSC	

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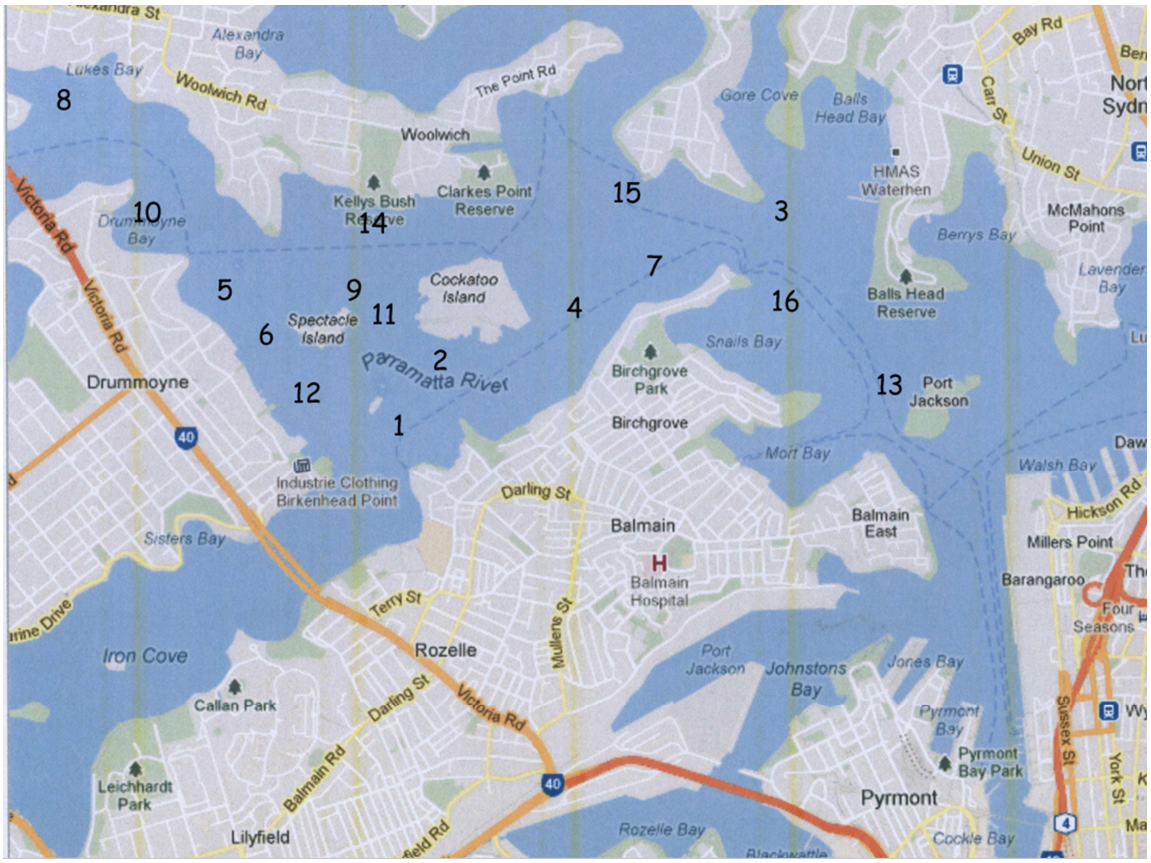
11. Course Map



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Attachment 2

ARBITRATION

T1 POST-RACE PENALTIES

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.

A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

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 boat may:

(a) take a Post-Race Penalty, or
(b) 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.

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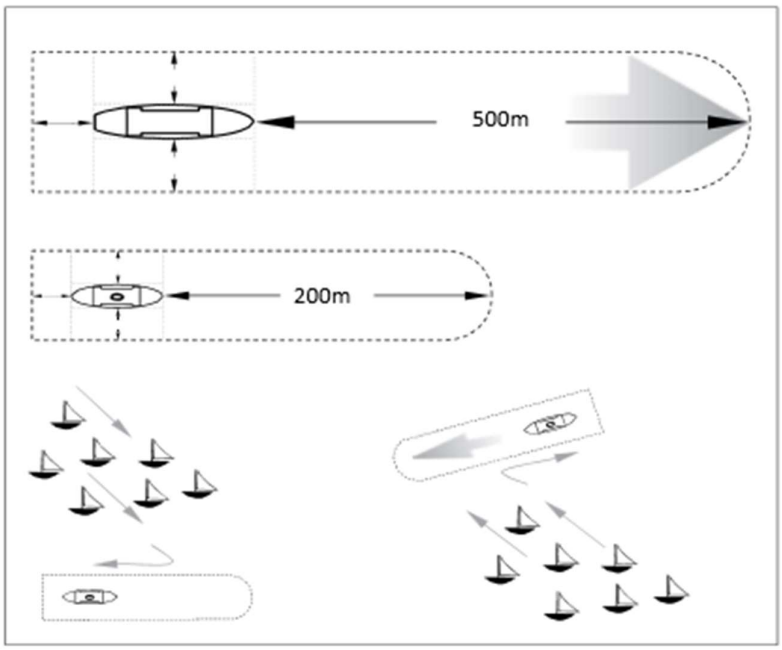
Attachment 3 – Ship & Ferry Activated Exclusion Zone

(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 ship[1] and 200m from the bow of any ferry[2] and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.

Failure to do so will result in disqualification.



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[1] Oil tankers & seagoing Cruise ship

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