



Sailing Instructions

INTERNATIONAL MIRROR 51th NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 2016/2017

**Race Series 2
18th – 19th February 2017**

Organising Authority:
Hunters Hill Sailing Club

In conjunction with:
The International Mirror Class Association of NSW (IMCANSW)

Hosted by:
Hunters Hill Sailing Club
Merrington Place, Woolwich NSW 2010



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The International Mirror Class in conjunction with Hunters Hill Sailing Club as the Organising Authority will conduct the Race Series 2 of the International Mirror 51th NSW State Championship. To be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour east of Spectacle Island and west of Mans Point on Saturday 18th February and Sunday 19th February 2017

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), the rules of the International Mirror class.
- 1.2. Where there is a conflict with Class rules and these sailing instructions, these sailing instructions will apply
- 1.3. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.3.1. A boat that does not sign on shall be scored DNC for the first race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS63.1).
 - 1.3.2. A boat that does not sign off shall be scored DNF for the last race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS63.1).
 - 1.3.3. When flag AP is flown ashore, the warning signal will be made no earlier than 30 minutes after its removal (amends Race Signals).

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Mirror whose crews are affiliated with YA and a State or Territory Association affiliated with the International Mirror Class Association (IMCA).
- 2.2. Eligible boats must enter by completing the entry form attached to this Notice of Race. The entry form must be signed by skipper and crew(s), signed by parents / guardians for skippers / crews under 18 years of age, and posted, emailed or presented at registration.
- 2.3. Boats shall present a copy of their certificate of insurance at registration if not shown in Round 1 of the regatta.

3. Notice to Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located inside the foyer of the HHSC clubhouse.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard not later than 2hrs before the first race on the day it will take affect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take affect.

5. Signals Made ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast located on the foreshore in front of the club
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. Schedule – Race Series 2 Hunters Hill Sailing Club

Saturday 18 th February 2017	09:30 – 11:00	Registration
	11:30 – 12:00	Briefing
	Not before 12:55	First warning signal (5min signal). Subsequent race will be started after completion of the preceding race
Sunday 19 th February 2017	Not before 12:55	First warning signal (5min signal). Subsequent race will be started as soon as possible after completion of the preceding race
	After Racing	BBQ & Presentation

- 6.2. All competitors shall attend pre race meeting
- 6.3. All competitors shall attend the briefing
- 6.4. Maximum number of races: 6
- 6.5. No warning signal will be made after 15:30 on Sunday 19th February

7. Class Flag

- 7.1. The Class Flag is a red flag with black class insignia

8. Sailing Area

- 8.1. The racing area will be in the vicinity of HHSC

9. The Courses

- 9.1. The diagrams in attachment A show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. Marks

- 10.1. Marks 1 will be a pole with an orange flag
- 10.2. Marks 2 and 3 will be poles with green and yellow flags.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between the mast on the start boat and an pole with an orange flag.
- 10.4. The finishing mark will be a pole with a black and white checker located on the starboard side of the start boat.

11. The Start

- 11.1. Races will be started as per RRS26
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A4.
- 11.4. Recalls as per RRS29

12. Change of the Position of the next mark

- 12.1. To change the position of the next mark the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing 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.
- 12.2. Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

13. The Finish

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

14. Penalty System

- 14.1. The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (amends RRS44.1)

15. Time Limit

- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within the time limit, or within 30 minutes after the first boat of their class finishes, whichever is the later, will be scored "DID NOT FINISH" without a hearing". This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

16. Protests and Request for Redress

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race committee and the Protest Committee and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and rule 62.2.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the location and time of hearings in which they are parties or are named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5. For the purpose of Rule 64.3(b) the "authority responsible" is the measurer appointed by the Class Association.
- 16.6. Breaches of instructions 18,21, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

17. Scoring

17.1. Race Series 1 (WSC) & Race Series 2 (HHSC)

17.1.1. Race Series 1 & Race Series 2 will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS 2013-2016 using the Low Point System.

17.2. NSW State Championship Result

17.2.1. Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a NSW State Championship result.

- When up to five (5) are completed, a boat's Championship score shall be the total of its race scores
- When six (6) to eight (8) races are completed, a boat's Championship score shall be the total of its race scores excluding her worst score.
- When nine (9) or more races are completed, a boat's Championship score shall be the total of its race scores excluding her worst two results.

18. Safety

18.1. Each skipper is required to personally sign on before leaving the beach, and sign off before the end of protest time each day.

18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.3. Failure to sign on or sign off may result in disqualification (refer clauses 1.3.1 & 1.3.2).

18.4. A PRE-RACE meeting will be conducted for all sailors, in the Clubhouse

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee

19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee.

Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested within one hour of the finish time of the last boat to finish in a race session.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rule and sailing instruction. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. Advertising

21.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority

22. Official Boats

22.1. Official boats will display an orange flag. When on station at the start or finish line, the Race committee vessel will display a black sphere from the flag mast.

23. Support Boats

23.1. Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres outside racing laylines from the time of the preparatory signal until the finish of the last boat in a race, except when asked to assist by the race committee. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action being taken by the race committee against the support personnel and/or any boats supported by them.

24. Radio Communication

24.1. Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications.

25. Prizes

25.1. Prizes will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race

26. Disclaimer of Liability

26.1. It is the competitor's decision enter the Australian International Mirror Championships or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See RRS Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision to Race. The organizing Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the event. Attention is drawn to clause 19, "risk warning" of the Notice of Race.

27. Insurance

27.1. A boat and its crew shall comply with the insurance requirements of the Notice of Race.

28. Harbour Safety

28.1. Competitors shall comply with the Navigation Collision Regulations of NSW. These regulations permit ferries flying the orange diamond priority over sail.

28.2. Competitors shall not interfere with inbound or outbound shipping.

28.3. To comply with SI 27.1 and 27.2, competitors shall keep 200m clear ahead and 30m from the sides and stern of ferries and naval shipping navigating the port, and 500m clear ahead and 30m from the sides of commercial shipping. A NSW Maritime vessel may escort a vessel from a position ahead of the vessel. A diagram illustrating this exclusion zone is attached to these Sailing Instructions. Boats infringing these SI's may be subject to penalties such as DSQ or DNE.

28.4. Competitors shall not approach within 540 metres of Naval property, such as Garden Island and the Chowder Bay wharf.

28.5. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2.

29. Rights to use name and likeness

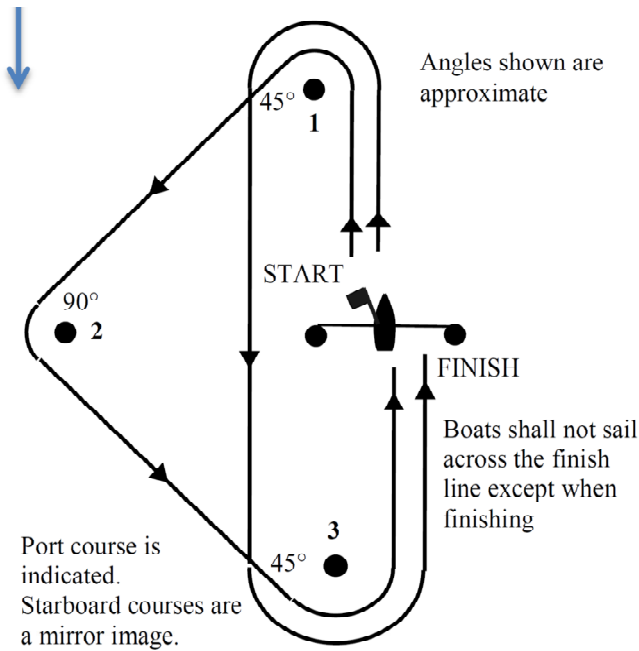
29.1. By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show at their discretion, any photography, radio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them, at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue.

30. Further Information

For further information please contact the Hunters Hill Sailing Club Race Officer:

Attachment 1- Course Description

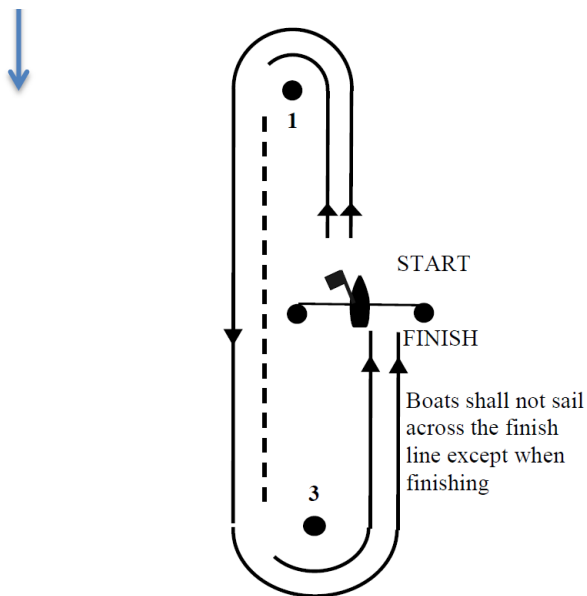
WINDWARD-LEEWARD-TRIANGULAR COURSES



Course 0	Start-1-3-Finish
Course 1	Start-1-2-3-Finish
Course 2	Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish
Course 3	Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-Finish

Finish

WINDWARD-LEEWARD-TRIANGULAR COURSES



Course W1	Start-1-3-Finish
Course W2	Start-1-3-1-3-Finish
Course W3	Start-1-3-1-3-1-3-Finish

NSW Maritime - Yacht Person's Brief

1. Be Safe!

1. Observe Collision Regulations and in particular Rule 1 (b) and Rule 2(a)(b) i.e.:

Nothing in these Rules shall exonerate any vessel, or the owner, master or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with these Rules or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

In complying with these Rules due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of the vessels involved, which may make a departure from these Rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.

What this means is that if you're about to be involved in a collision, having stood on or given way in accordance with the Rule; every party involved is responsible in taking avoiding action to prevent a collision.

3. Local Rules require sail craft to keep out of the way of ferries displaying the orange diamond. When necessary (after hearing 5 Short blasts) give priority to the Ferry. Pass the ferry clear at least 200m ahead and 30 m either side and astern.

4. Be mindful of larger ships' bow flare. When closing any vessel, to prevent being overrun, ensure that you remain within sight of the officer of the watch on the vessel's bridge. Beware of overhanging bows and other parts of ship that might obstruct this line of sight. This means that your vessel may disappear from sight inside 200-400 m from the bows of very large ships.

5. For coaches – You must not lay buoys in the main shipping channels. Your vessel should be registered otherwise if involved in an accident you may not be covered by insurance and there could be severe penalties arising under NSW Law.

6. Shipping Sound Signal Meanings:

One short blast – I am altering course to starboard (right).

Two short blasts – I am altering course to port (left).

Three short blasts – I am operating engines astern (stopping).

Five (or more) short blasts - I'm unsure of your intentions and I doubt whether you are taking enough avoiding action to avoid collision.

7. When not racing keep at least 200 m clear of any ferries displaying the Orange Diamond.

