



2016 Farr 40 Sydney Open



February 11 - 13
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
Sydney, Australia

Notice of Race

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Farr 40 Class Association in conjunction with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS)

2 HEADQUARTERS

The Event Headquarters will be at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli NSW 2061 Australia.

3 RULES

3.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Farr 40 Class Rules.

3.2 Yachts shall comply with the 2016 – 2017 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 (except that 5.01.1 (a) shall not apply for this event) and Appendix 3 of the Farr 40 Class Rules. In the event of conflict, designer and manufacturers original standards shall prevail.

3.3 Please refer to Class Rule 30 which states “Except on a beat to windward, a boat’s crew may pull in any sail any number of times. This changes RRS 42.3 (c).

3.4 Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following:
A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while *racing*. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of a mark other than a starting mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty. **This changes RRS 44.1.**

3.5 When leaving the dock, boats shall carry a minimum of 1.5 liters of drinkable liquid up to a maximum of 4 liters, per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for moveable ballast in RRS 51, except when being consumed by a crew member.

3.6 In RRS 55 add the following: Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash under this rule. A breach of this rule, pertaining to non-biodegradable sail stops only, is not open to protest by boats and may only be protested by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. **This changes RRS 55.**

3.7 In RRS 61.1(a), after the second sentence, add the following words: “The red flag shall have the minimum dimensions of 45cm x 45 cm and shall be displayed vertically from the backstay, below the F40 backstay flag (15.3).” **This changes RRS 61.1.**

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3.8 Video, electronic data and /or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at a protest hearing or request for redress, except that Race Committee voice recordings are permitted to be used as evidence. **This changes RRS 63.6.**

3.9 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. Neither the NOR nor the SI shall change nor alter any Class Rules. **This changes RRS 63.7.**

4 ELIGIBITIY - The regatta is open to all Farr 40 Class yachts as defined by the Class Rules. Owners, Charterers and Substitute helmsmen shall be current members of the Farr 40 Class Association and approved by the Farr 40 Class Eligibility Review Committee.

5 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

5.1 Eligible boats may enter on line at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1583>. The entry fee is included in the 2016 Rolex Farr 40 Worlds entry fee.

5.2 The entry form shall be completed and submitted to <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1583> no later than Monday January 25, 2016. The OA may accept an entry after this date at their discretion.

5.3 Crew lists and World Sailing Sailor User IDs for all crew shall be submitted to <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1583> no later than February 5, 2016. Designation of alternate, relief or substitute helmsmen and a copy of a valid 2016 One Design Certificate shall be submitted to Stagg Yachts no later than February 9, 2016.

5.4 Registration shall be completed with the OA as described below. Sail declarations may be made on site during registration. To be entered a competitor shall have completed the following no later than 1700 February 10, 2016.

- (a) Registered with the OA, including payment of all fees;
- (b) Entry Form and 2016 One Design Certificate on file with the OA;
- (c) Owner, Charterer and Substitute Helmsmen Class Membership Dues for 2016 paid and on file with Stagg Yachts
- (d) Liability waivers signed and on file with the OA;
- (e) Crew classification declared and verified at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1583>, and on file with the OA;
- (f) All owners, tacticians and boat captains shall have signed and submitted to the OA Appendix 10 stating they have read the Class Rules, that their boat fully complies with the Class Rules and that they will abide by said Class Rules while racing.

5.5 Sail Declaration form shall be on file with the OA no later than 1600 February 10, 2016.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 February 9 Registration and Weigh In – Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
February 10 Registration and Weigh In – Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
February 11 Registration and Weigh In – Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
February 11 Race Day One, Initial Warning 1200
February 12 Race Day Two, Initial Warning 1200
February 12 Race Day Three, Initial Warning 1200

6.2 The race committee intends to conduct as many races as practicable, not to exceed three (3) races on any day, up to a maximum of 9 races for the series. No Warning Signal will be made after 1600 on the last scheduled day of racing, except as a consequence of a general recall.

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6.3 After consultation with a noncompeting Class Representative, the Race Committee may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

7 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

Please refer to section 7 of the 2016 Rolex Farr 40 Worlds NOR.

8 EVENT ADVERTISING

8.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

8.2 Each yacht may be required to display event advertising on their bow, backstay and boom.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=1583> and no later than 72 hours prior to the first race.

10 COURSES AND RACING AREA

Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. Races will be held in the Tasman Sea off the Sydney Heads or Sydney Harbour, Port Jackson. Attachment A shows the location of the Tasman Sea courses.

11 PENALTIES

The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4) other than rules of Part 2 will be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee in consultation with the Class Representative, and may be other than disqualification. **This changes RRS 64.1.**

12 SCORING

12.1 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all of her race scores with no discard. **This changes RRS Appendix A2.**

12.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Trophies for the Farr 40 Sydney Open will be awarded for first through third place overall and first through third Corinthian boats.

14 DOCKAGE

Please refer to section 15 of the 2016 Rolex Farr 40 Worlds NOR.

15 SUPPORT BOATS

15.1 Competitors' attention is drawn to the applicable Class Rules and Interpretations.

15.2 Support and Media boats shall register with the OA.

16.2 While racing, the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) by any team or persons associated with, supporting or employed by a team, is prohibited within the area described in Class Rule Interpretation 63 and extended vertically. A breach of this rule is not open to protest by boats and may only be protested by the Race Committee, Protest Committee, or Organizing Authority.

15.3 Dockage for support boats must be arranged with Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron in advance.

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Yachts may be hauled out only with the prior written permission of the Protest Committee, and under such terms as they may decide. Normally, the Protest Committee shall grant such permission only if necessary to repair damage. While hauled out, bottoms and foils shall not be sanded, polished, washed or otherwise worked on except in the area of repair, as permitted by the Protest Committee. Hulls and appendages may be cleaned in the water.

17 MEDIA AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

17.1 By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing yachts grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the OA, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, and other sponsors.

17.2 The Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and other sponsors shall not use the names, voices, images, likenesses or biographical material of an owner (charterer) or crew member in a way that constitutes an endorsement of products unless the competitor or crew member is otherwise engaged by main sponsor or affiliated companies to endorse its products or otherwise gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

17.3 Owners (charterers) and crew members shall acknowledge and accept the granting of media rights referred to in this paragraph 17 by signing the Declaration contained on the Appendix 5 Crew Declaration Form.

18 DISCLAIMER

18.1 All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. The owner (charterer) and each crew member:

(a) acknowledges and accepts the risks (including the risk of harm to persons and property and the risks associated with the perils of the sea and the seaworthiness of any boat) associated with participation in this regatta and waives all rights against and releases, the Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members in respect of any loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, suffered in connection therewith;

(b) acknowledges that participation in this regatta by him or her is on the basis that participation is entirely at his or her risk and responsibility and that, the Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members are not responsible for any boat or its crew;

(c) acknowledges and agrees that this form is governed by the laws of Australia and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that this regatta and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.

18.2 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". All competitors shall acknowledge this by signing the Declaration contained on the Appendix 5 Crew Declaration Form.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative. It is the responsibility of the owner to provide insurance for the yacht covering potential damage to persons or property.

19.2 Adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing.

20 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

20.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defense shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations specify "Priority over Sail – some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal". Attention is drawn to the guidelines published in the appendices in this Handbook.

20.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

20.3 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.

20.4 Any yachts reported by NSW Roads and Maritime Services as having contravened NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. (This amends RRS 63.1). Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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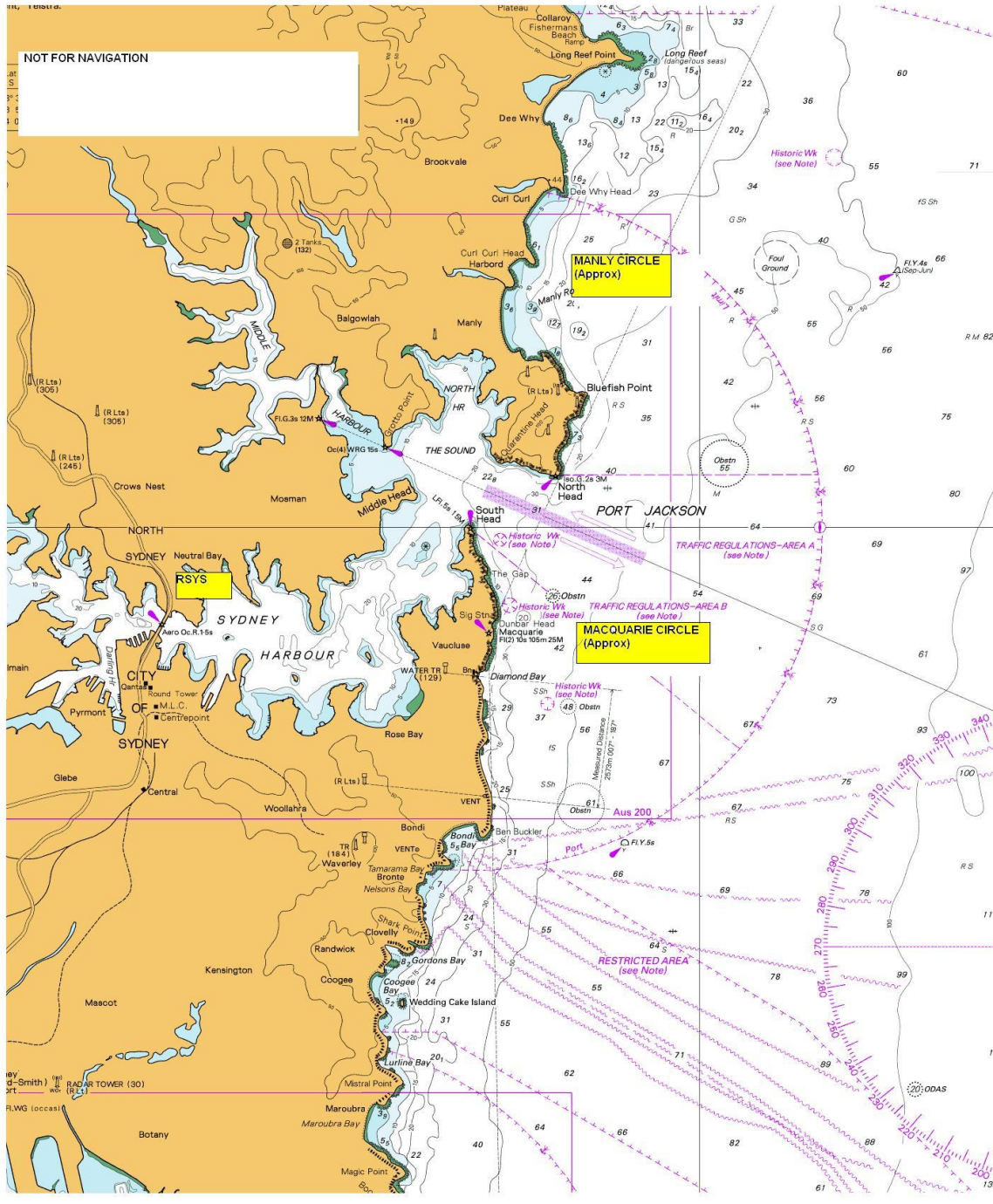
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Attachment A



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