

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2016 Farr 40

Sydney Open

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Sydney Australia

February 11 - 13, 2016



1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Farr 40 Class Rules.
- 1.2 Yachts shall comply with the current 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.
- 1.3 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).
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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 movable ballast in RRS 51, except when being consumed by a crew member.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 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 (SI 15.2)." This changes RRS 61.1.
- 1.8 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.
- 1.9 If there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NON-COMPETING CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

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3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.
- 3.2 The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF 74 (International) before and during each race. Failure of such communication to be given or received, or the order in which OCS calls are broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress,

except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. This changes RRS 62.1.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before they will take effect and shall be approved by the Class representative. Other changes will be posted before 0900hrs on the day they take effect.
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3rd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.
- 5.2 The Warning Signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".

6. RACING AREA

Races will be held in the Tasman Sea off Sydney Heads or Sydney Harbour Port Jackson as determined by the OA and PRO. The Race Committee will announce the location of the race course over VHF 74 (International) at 0900hrs each morning. The failure to make this announcement in a timely manner, or for a yacht to hear this announcement will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). The Race Committee has the discretion to move the course as needed.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1

Date	First Warning Signal
11 – 13 February	1200hrs
- 7.2 It is the intent of the Race Committee 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 event. No Warning Signal will be made after 1600 hours on the last scheduled day of racing, except as a consequence of a general recall.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal the Course Number, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee Signal Boat to Mark 1.
Course 2: Start - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
Course 3: Start - 1 - 1a – 4P/4S – Finish (Upwind)
Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a – 4P/4S - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
Course 5: Start - 1 - 1a – 4P/4S - 1 - 1a – 4P/4S – Finish (Upwind)
Course 6: Start - 1 - 1a – 4P/4S - 1 - 1a – 4P/4S - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)
- 8.2 (a) Marks 1 and 1a shall be to windward of the gate (Marks 4P/4S) and rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned approximately 50 meters to port of Mark 1.
(b) In the event Mark 1a is not in place the boats shall round Mark 1 to port
(c) Marks 4P/4S are a gate and shall be laid approximately 50 meters to windward of the starting line. When a boat passes through the gate it must leave either Mark 4P to port or 4S to starboard.
- 8.3 (a) In the event that a Gate Mark is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.
(b) Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned approximately 50 meters to windward of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
(c) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.4 Except for when there is a change of course:
(a) The Finish for course 2, 4 and 6 will be downwind of the Gate; and

(b) The Finish for course 3 and 5 will be upwind of Mark 1.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 4P and 4S will be yellow inflatable buoys with the lettering RSYS.
- 9.2 The starting mark and finishing mark will be an orange inflatable buoy with the lettering RSYS
- 9.3 New marks as provided in clause 12 will be yellow Rolex inflatable buoys with a black band.

10. THE START

The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a starting mark.

11. FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a finishing mark.
- 11.2 The finishing line may be a shorter length than the starting line.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

When changing the course, the original inflatable buoys will be moved, although they may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. If a change of course is signaled for a windward leg, Mark 1a (the "offset") may also be placed in position and shall be rounded to port. (See also 8.2 (b))

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit shall be 90 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that finished that race plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is ninety (90) minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of that day.
- 14.2 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes after expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room.
- 14.3 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4) other than RRS Part 2 and RRS 31 is 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.
- 14.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 14.5 The Protest time limit for sailor classification is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of Day 1.

15. FLAGS AND DECALS ON BOATS

- 15.1 All materials will be provided to each boat at registration. Signage should be displayed from no later than the close of Registration on 10 February 2016, until 1700 hours on 13 February, 2016 as noted below.

- 15.2 Backstay flag: It is required that boats fly the Farr 40 flag on the backstay at a height of 2m from the working deck to the bottom of the flag, from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the boat finishes the last race of the day.

- 15.3 Boom decals provided by supporting sponsors shall be affixed according to the diagram provided at registration.

16. PROTEST COMMITTEE OBSERVATION

Members of the Protest Committee will normally observe the racing. If a Protest Committee member witnesses what he or she believes to be an infringement of a Rule of Part 2, Rule 42, or Rule 31, this may be signaled with one long sound signal from a Protest Committee boat.

17. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 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.

18. REGISTRATION - Refer NOR 5

19. MEASUREMENT - Refer NOR 7

20. SCORING - Refer NOR 12

21. PRIZES - Refer NOR 13

22. SUPPORT BOATS AND UAV'S - Refer NOR 15

23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Refer NOR 16

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Refer NOR 17 & 18