

# SYDNEY AMATEUR SAILING CLUB

## GAFFERS DAY - SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**RACE OFFICIALS:** SASC Committee Vessel – Ph: 0419 625 883 & VHF Channel 73

**RULES** The rally will be governed by the current versions of:

- (a) the rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (“RRS”) of World Sailing.
- (b) the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (“Special Regulations”) except as any one of these are amended by the Sailing Instructions.

#### STARTING TIMES:

#### STARTING SIGNALS

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| 12:50 | Warning Signal   | Sound Signal and Code Flag W      |
| 12:55 | Preparatory Signal   | Sound Signal and Code Flag P      |
| 13:00 | Couta Boats (Scratch Start)  | Sound Signal and fall Code Flag P |
| 13:05 | Rangers & Historic 18ft Skiffs (Scratch Start).  |                                   |
| 13:10 | All other yachts will start at their start time as listed separately.<br>Entrants and Starting Times will be published via SailSys<br>A numeral board will display time (minutes only).<br>Boats start at the <u>appearance</u> of their time (minutes). |                                   |

**TIMING:** Race time will be coordinated with Eastern Daylight-Saving Time.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The flying of the Answering Pennant (Red and White vertical bars) will mean that the start will be postponed until such time as the Warning Signal is made.

**STARTING LINE:** The starting line will be in Athol Bight, between the SASC Committee Vessel and an orange buoy. Competitors must cross the line in the direction of the first mark. In certain winds this may mean a running start.

**FINISHING LINE:** In Athol Bight between the SASC Committee Vessel and an orange mark. Yachts must cross in the direction from the last mark.

**TIME LIMIT:** The time limit is normally 15.30 hours, however, may be extended at the discretion of the starters.

**EXTRAS:** No running sails such as spinnakers may be set. Headsails may be poled out. Square sails may be set on a yard if the yacht is normally so rigged.

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**STARTING LINE:** Yachts must keep clear of the Starting Line and yachts starting unless engaged in starting.

Yachts that have finished must keep clear of yachts heading to the Finish Line. Yachts having retired must not cross the Finish Line.

**RIGHT OF WAY:** Very large yachts may use their engines if necessary for easy and safe manoeuvring up to two (2) minutes before their allocated starting time. For safety reasons, yachts should yield right of way to other vessels, which are slow to respond.

**COURSES:** **(Refer to Course Guide at the end of this document)**

**COUTAS, GAFF RIGGED DIVISION 1, RANGERS and HISTORIC 18 FT SKIFFS**

Course A: From Starting Line to White SASC buoy south of Clark Island (SC) (port rounding); Taylor Bay YA mark; Shark Mark; Taylor Bay YA mark; Shark Mark (all starboard rounding); finish Athol Bight.

**GAFF RIGGED DIVISION II, CYGNET 20:**

Course B: From Starting Line to White SASC buoy south of Clark Island (SC) (port rounding); Taylor Bay YA mark; Shark Mark (all starboard rounding); finish Athol Bight.

**BERMUDIAN DIVISION I, E30 and METRE YACHTS:**

Course C: From Starting Line to White SASC buoy south of Clark Island (SC) (port rounding); Obelisk YA mark; Lady Bay YA mark; Shark Mark (all starboard rounding); finish Athol Bight.

**BERMUDIAN DIVISION II:**

Course D: From Starting Line to White SASC buoy south of Clark Island (SC) (port rounding); Chowder Bay YA mark; Eastern Channel YA mark; Shark Mark (all starboard rounding); finish Athol Bight.

**DRESS:** All crew competing in the Gaffers Day rally are expressly requested to dress in appropriate period costume or the Club colours of blue and white.

**LADIES CHOICE:** Judging of the best-dressed boat, as well as crew with the best costume, will be made on the water.

**CONDUCT OF THE RALLY:**

Entrants are reminded that this event is conducted principally as a rally and not a race. Skippers and crew are expected to participate in that spirit and to accept all conditions nominated by the organising authority without demur.

## **BERTHING:**

Yachts may request berthing at the SASC Clubhouse for Gaffers Day. Depending on availability yachts will be allocated positions alongside the pontoon or on a specific mooring at SASC on the day.

Please note that whilst we will make all efforts to satisfy these allocations, we may have to make other arrangements on the day. It will greatly help for yachts that have allocated positions to arrive at the club as early as possible.

These yachts should contact the Dock Master - Tony Cousins 0412 824 631 on arrival for more instructions. The tender driver assisting yachts mooring can be contacted on 0418 678 690 (The Nancy K - Rod).

It is essential that yachts have adequate warps and fenders ready on arrival.

Any other yachts must make sure to keep the ferry lane clear. Again, please contact the Dock Master - Tony Cousins 0412 824 631 and/or tender driver for further instructions on 0418 678 690.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> tender for the day can be contacted 0418 678 819 (The Jack Millard) – please note we will have additional tenders assisting on the day.

## **OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence 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.*” Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

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 because of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.

## **RISK WARNING**

The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

## **COMPETITORS' DECLARATION**

It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024. All competitors who enter the rally and accept the Conditions of Entry in doing so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will always while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46; (this is about the Person in Charge and being a member of AS
- (b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations.
- (c) being covered by current Third-Party Property Liability insurance and Third-Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.
- (d) the person who enters the rally warrants to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht to the risk warning above.
- (e) the person who enters the rally acknowledges receipt of the risk warning (see previous section) and releases the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

## **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The organising authority, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The organising authority, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) All those taking part in this rally are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility

**COURSE GUIDE – ROUNDING MARKS:**



All marks are rounded to starboard unless otherwise indicated. The notation (P) in course description denotes port-hand rounding.

- A Fort Denison
- BB Beasbel Mark – ASNSW buoy, south-west of Sow & Pigs reef
- CB Chowder Bay Mark – ASNSW buoy, north-west of Chowder Head
- EC YA buoy, approx. 100 m west of the Eastern Channel Pile Light
- EB Edwards Beach – ASNSW Mark, east of Edwards Beach
- GH Georges Head – ASNSW buoy off Georges Head
- GI Garden Island Mark – SASC WHITE buoy southeast of Garden Island
- KP Kirribilli Point Mark – SASC WHITE buoy east of Kirribilli Point
- LB Lady Bay Mark – ASNSW buoy, west of Lady Bay
- ME Manly East Mark (easternmost) – AS buoy, western side of Manly Cove, 400 m south-south-west of Manly Wharf
- MW Manly West Mark (westernmost) – ASNSW buoy, 100 m west-north-west of ME
- NM Neutral Bay Mark – SASC ORANGE buoy with SASC flag, south west of Cremorne Point ferry wharf
- NP Neilson Park Mark – ASNSW buoy south west of Neilson Park Beach
- N2 Naval Buoy No. 2 – Approximately 150m North West of Clarke Island
- N3 Naval Buoy No. 3 – Approximately 200m East North East of Clarke Island
- OB Obelisk Bay Mark – ASNSW buoy in Obelisk Bay
- PP Point Piper Mark – ASNSW buoy, north of Point Piper
- RB Rose Bay Mark – ASNSW buoy approximately 200 m off the eastern shore of Rose Bay in front of the Convent
- RP Rocky Point – ASNSW buoy, east of Rocky Point
- SM Shark Mark – ASNSW buoy approx. 10 m southeast of the south cardinal mark off Shark Island, to be rounded by passing both the light north of Shark Island and Shark Island to starboard
- TB Taylor Bay Mark – ASNSW buoy in Taylor Bay