



The Series will be conducted in Port Jackson from Wednesday 7th May 2014 to Wednesday 17th September 2014. The Organising Authority is the RAN Sailing Association (RANSA).

1. RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2013 - 2016 of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) except as amended herein.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between any of the *rules* or regulations, other than the RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.3 Boats with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability (Amends RRS 51).
- 1.4 RRS 52 does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.

2. ADVERTISING

All races governed by this Notice of Race are classified Category C in accordance with RRS 79.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 **Mono-Hull Yachts** – All races are open to any single-hulled yacht on the register of a Yacht Club recognised by a National Authority and must be skippered by a member of a recognised Yacht Club.
- 3.2 **Non-Spinnaker Race** – Boats are not permitted to fly spinnakers. Headsails may be poled out but shall be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked or attached to the forestay by a luff groove device.
- 3.3 **Helmsperson and Crew** – No boat will be allowed to start unless there is a minimum of two (2) persons aboard.

4. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 YA Special Regulations, (**Category 7** Part 1 Section 2) shall apply. All boats that do not have navigation lights permanently fitted are additionally required to comply with YA Special Regulations 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being attached to the boat.
- 4.2 **Random equipment audits** may be carried out throughout the season. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 4.3 **Anchors** – A boat shall comply with YA Special Regulation 4.05 by carrying an anchor ready for immediate use. However, boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.

5. RADIO CONTACT

The committee vessel may be contacted on VHF Channel 73 during racing.

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 **Block entries** – An Entry Form is attached. Entry Forms are also available from the RANSA Sailing Office and/or website. For a valid entry Competitors shall:
 - lodge the Entry Form with the RANSA Sailing Office by the date and time stated thereon;
 - include the entry fee as detailed on the Entry Form; and
 - attach a **current** completed and checked Category 7 (or higher) Yachting Australia Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form [a boat that does not supply a copy of the boat's current audited YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form to the Sailing Office prior to starting, shall be scored DNC in that race (amends RRS 78.2)].

- Block entries for the Series on the entry form attached, together with the block entry fee, should reach the Secretary, RAN Sailing Association, New Beach Road, Edgecliff, 2027 by **Wednesday 23 April 2014**.

6.2 **Casual Entries** – All documentation listed above in 6.1 and the entry fee must be lodged at the RANSA Sailing Office no later than 1200 of the race day.

6.3 **Racing Flag** – All eligible Competitors shall fly the RANSA racing flag from their backstay while racing.

6.4 **Fees** – Entry fees are as follows:

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| - | Block entries | \$240.00 |
| - | Individual entries | \$35.00 |

6.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any boat (RRS 76.1).

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the RANSA Sailing Office prior to the first race of the series. Where possible, Sailing Instructions will be sent to Competitors by email. Sailing Instructions will also be available on the RANSA website.

8. RACING AREA AND COURSES

Racing will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour). The Start Line and Finish Line will be in the vicinity of the Man-of-War Anchorage (east of Garden Island). Courses will be between 8 and 10 nautical miles in length as described in the Sailing Instructions. The Committee Vessel will be RANSA ONE or another vessel flying the RANSA burgee.

9. SCORING

9.1 **Scoring System** – The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments (Affects *RRS Appendix A*):

- (a) *Non-Starting*. Boats that do not rank as starters shall be awarded points equal to the number of block entries in the Series plus one point.
- (b) *Non-Finishing*. Boats that start and retire or are otherwise not recorded as finishers shall be awarded points equal to the number of block entry starters in the race plus one point.
- (c) *Disqualification*. Boats that are disqualified shall be awarded points equal to the number of block entries in the Series plus two points.
- (d) *Abandonment*. When a race is abandoned after the start and not re-sailed, boats that started shall be awarded zero points. Where a race is abandoned before the start, all boats entered shall be awarded zero points.
- (e) *Requirement for Block Entry Boats to Provide Race Officials*. Block entries will be balloted for duty on the committee boat to provide at least three (3) personnel to start and finish the races. Should the boat then not be able to race she shall receive points for a fourth place. (Amends RRS 89.2, RRS Appendix A4.2 and RRS Appendix A5).

9.2 **Pointscore** – The series will comprise races conducted each Wednesday from 7th May 2014 to 17th September 2014. The pointscore is open to block entries only. No boat will be eligible to enter the pointscore after the number of discarded races has been sailed. Boats may drop four (4) races.

10. DIVISIONS AND HANDICAPS

10.1 It is intended that boats will race in four (4) divisions. The warning signal will be made:-

Division 1(S)	1345
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Division 2	1355
Division 3	1400

10.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to determine the division to which a boat is allocated for the season.

10.3 Handicaps will be determined by the Race Committee based on performance and will be by Time Correction Factor (TCF) reviewed weekly taking into account all previous races sailed and may be subject to arbitrary adjustment at the Race Committee's discretion.

10.4 Determinations or decisions pursuant to 9.1 and 9.2 shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 and 62).

11. ALTERATIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

11.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to onboard skill level should be notified in writing to reach the Sailing Office not later 1400 hours on the day prior to the start of the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap and a boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

11.2 It is the Skipper's obligation to declare any change in or addition to the sail wardrobe including new and replacement sails.

11.3 Any change of helmsperson from those listed on the Entry Form must be notified to the Sailing Office not later than the start of the race and may result in a change of handicap.

12. PRIZES

12.1 **Weekly Prizes** – A prize will be awarded to the winner of each division each week. Second and third prizes may be awarded, depending on the number of starters. These prizes will be presented at the RANSA Clubhouse at the end of each race. Prizes not collected within one week may be forfeited.

12.2 **Trophies** – A trophy will be awarded to the winner of each point score in each division at the end of the season. In addition the winner's name/s will be inscribed on RANSA Perpetual Trophies. End of season trophies will also be awarded to second and third placegetters in each division.

13. RESPONSIBILITIES

13.1 **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 sailing, 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 sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in sailing 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.

13.2 **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 2013-2016.

All Competitors who sign the entry form in doing so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia and the Sailing Instructions, including:

(a) the helmsperson and crew shall comply with RRS 46 and 56;

(b) Yachting Australia Special Regulations;

(c) be covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;

(d) the person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;

(e) the person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing 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;

13.3 **Decision to Participate** – All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 that states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". RANSA, any sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

RANSA, any sponsors, 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.

All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

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15. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Janet Doyle at the RANSA Sailing Office (Tuesday to Thursday 0930 to 1430) on (02) 9363 9939, or email ransa@bigpond.com.