



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Autumn 2009

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Inc will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 All races will be non spinnaker events.
- 1.5 Each race is required to have a minimum of 5 boats to sign on and start the race. If less than 5, the race will not be part of the race series.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the venue which will be "F" jetty for races 5 thru 8 and Styles Point for races 1 through 4, 3 and 6 hour to be notified.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before the briefing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted in the club magazine prior to the next race.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the jetty adjacent to the Rathmines Bowling Club

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>		<i>Date</i>	
7 th February	Race 1	8 th February	Race 2
7 th March	Race 3	8 th March	Race 4
4 th April	Race 5	6 th April	Race 6
2 nd May	Race 7	3 rd May	Race 8
3 rd October	3 hour	(Separate Regatta) (30 th Anniversary weekend)	
4 th October	6 hour	(Separate Regatta)	

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race briefing is Saturday 11.30am and Sunday 10.30am. The race briefing will be conducted after the warning signal. Saturday Division 1 Race start 12:35 1 hour after the warning signal Division 2 will start at 12:45, Division 3 will start at 12:50 and Division 4 will start at 12:55. Sunday races will be 1 hour earlier.

- 5.3 Postponement or abandonment will be notified by means of a briefing or a radio call on 27.88

- 5.4 A cancelled race may be rescheduled to a designated Sunday after the series

6 RACING AREAS

Attachment 1 shows the location of racing areas.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Attachments 1 & 2 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The course will be indicated at a briefing approximately 60 minutes prior to the first boat starting or on supplementary sailing instructions.
Course buoys or marks will be identified at the briefing or in the supplementary instructions.
Permanent navigation marks are to be regarded as marks of the course unless they are designated as turning marks.

7.2 All yachts shall round each mark on the designated side.

8 THE START

8.1 The start will be between an Association buoy and a flag on the OOD start boat, unless notified otherwise at the briefing.

8.2 The yacht's engine shall not be used in the 5 minute period prior to its starting time. Staged Starts: Yachts are not to cross the start line before their allotted time. Start times will be available on a sheet at the briefing on Association race days.

8.3 Competitors not on their approach to the start line shall stay clear of the start line and other yachts that are about to start, until 5 minutes before their own starting time.

8.4 Races shall be started with a staged start. Boats will start in four groups designated by the Director of Racing. The four groups will start at 11:35am, 11:45 am, 11:50am and 11:55am respectively. [Saturday races will be 1 hour later.] or alternatively a handicap start with the start time being listed on the sign on sheet.

8.5 A flag will be raised 4 mins before every divisions start. The flag will be lowered in unison with a sounding device at the appropriate divisions starting time [this will constitute the 5 min warning for the next division as the relevant flag is raised].

8.6 The clock takes precedence.

8.7 Any yacht that crosses the line before its allotted starting time shall be subject to rule 29 of the YA racing rules.

8.8 Individual Recalls: A yacht recalled by one long sound signal shall return to the pre-start side of the line around the ends of the line and re-start.

8.9 General Recalls (Scratch starts): If there is a number of unidentified premature starters or an error in starting procedure, a general recall will occur. This will be signalled by 2 sound signals. In this instance a new preparatory signal will be posted approximately one minute after the general recall signal.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

9.1 If it is considered by the O.O.D. that the lead boat may not finish within three and a half (3 ½) hours, or there is a change in the weather conditions which may affect the safety of the competitors, the O.O.D. will consult the Race Organiser and/or his Assistant as soon as possible, to consider shortening of the course.

9.2 The Race Organiser and/or his Assistant may shorten course. This will be notified over the radio on 27.88 MHz by the O.O.D or the Race Organiser.

9.3 The fleet will then be told at which buoy the shortened course will take effect. Yachts will then sail from that buoy to the finish line.

9.4 The finish line shall be between the next buoy or an Association bouy set by the OOD on the designated racecourse and the O.O.D.'s boat.

10 THE FINISH

The finish will be between a buoy and the OOD's boat or as notified at the time of briefing. Competitors are requested to assist the timekeeper by not re-crossing the finish line. Yachts which do re-cross the finish line will receive a penalty of 2 minutes added to their time. In addition, yachts are requested to keep clear of the general area of the finish line after finishing..

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalties for breaking rules of part 2 of the Yachting Australia will apply with provision for a 360 degree turn including one tack and one gybe to any boat that touches a mark of the course

12 TIME LIMITS

Any boat that does not finish within one and a half (1 1/2) hours of the finishing time of the first boat for staged starts, or two (2) hours for scratch starts, will be recorded as DNF

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Protest forms are available from the race officer.
- 13.2** The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has crossed the finish line.
- 13.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses
- 13.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 13.5** Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.
- 13.6** The protest Committee will be made up from committee members or of financial members of the club chaired by a qualified Race Officer.
- 13.7** On completion of the race the race officer shall work out the corrected times from the finish times as recorded by the Officer Of the Day. The results will be posted for a period of 15 minutes prior to the announcement of the results. During this period any member that finds an error in the results it can be discussed with the race officer prior to the announcement. Results once announced are recorded as being the final results.

14 SCORING

- 14.1** The scoring system is as follows:
 - The Low points system as described in A4.1 with First accruing 0.75
 - A boat that DNF (Did Not Finish) Number of finishers in the race plus 1
 - A boat that DNS (Did Not Start) Highest number of finishers in the series plus 2
 - A boat that DSQ (Disqualified) Number of finishers in the race plus 3
 - OOD (Officer Of the DAY) Average points for the series, but not greater than the DNF points for the race
- Any Series Ties to be resolved by comparing the number of firsts, etc.
- A racing yacht that renders assistance to another vessel in distress will be allocated it's average series points but not greater than the DNF points for the race.
- No DSQ can be dropped from any point score series.
- Series points are calculated on the best 6 races. DNF and DNS can be dropped from the series for the purpose of calculating the series points.
- Any person participating in the buddy system will be awarded Average points for the series, but not greater than the DNF points for the race
- 14.2** All yachts must be financial members of the NHTYA and race fees paid, \$25.00 per season or \$10.00 per race before points will be allocated or medals are given.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** Check-out and check-in. each Person in charge will sign in prior to the briefing. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race OOD as soon as possible. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of number of starters plus 10 points.
- 15.2** If the Hunter Coastal Waters forecast is for wind strength to exceed 25 knots inshore during the time of the race, the race may be cancelled by the race organizer.
- 15.3** All Yachts shall meet the safety Category of the Yachting Australia Category 7.
- 15.4** Mainsail Reefing System all yachts must be fitted with a mainsail reefing system capable of substantially reducing the area of the mainsail.
- 15.5** Engine and Fuel – all yachts must be fitted with a motor in good working order. Outboard motors shall be mounted at all times. The mounting may be raised but not removed. The motor may be tilted but not removed.
- 15.6** Clause 2.24.3 Retrieval of crew from water. All boats shall be able to demonstrate equipment or method by which crew may be assisted back on board. Clause 4.26 additional requirements of the NHTYA inc.
- 15.7** All Yachts shall have a current NHTYA Safety Audit or an equivalent certificate issued by another club, completed prior to competing in any race.

- 15.8** All persons are required to wear approved floatation devices while racing. Failure to do so will mean disqualification.
- 15.9** Keels must remain locked down during the race.
- 15.10** Radios shall be on 27.88 to listen for any notice of shortened course and weather reports from the OOD.

16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 16.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

18 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be the OOD and Committee member boats

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Medal for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing on handicap

Husband and wife trophy for the first husband and wife to finish on corrected time.

Trophies as follows:

Winner of the Spring Series

Winner of the Autumn Series

Winner of the Combined Series.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

23 PERSON IN CHARGE

The person in charge of each boat will be a financial member of the YA

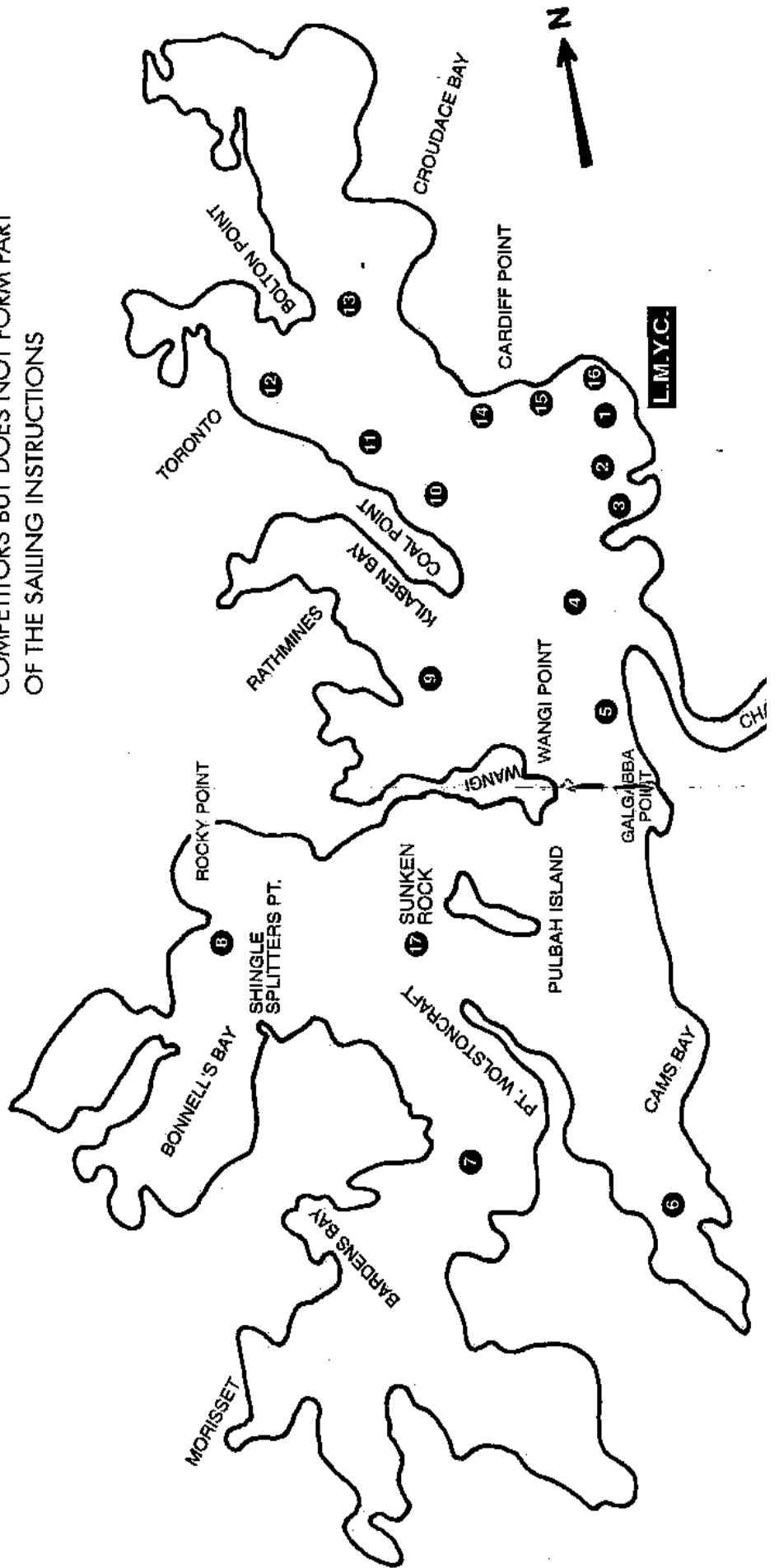
ADDENDUM A

APPROXIMATE BUOY POSITIONS FOR THE LAKEMACQUARIE YACHT CLUB COURSES

- 1 LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB
- 2 ANDERSONS
- 3 MARKS POINT
- 4 CHANNEL
- 5 COON ISLAND
- 6 CRANGAN

- 7 SUNSHINE
- 8 ROCKY POINT
- 9 FISHING POINT
- 10 COAL POINT
- 11 CAREY BAY
- 12 TORONTO
- 13 BOLTON POINT
- 14 CARDIFF POINT
- 15 SLIP
- 16 BELMONT BAY
- 17 SUNKEN ROCK

NOTE: THIS MAP IS FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF COMPETITORS BUT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS





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ADDENDUM B BAY COURSES

June 2006

<p><u>North:</u> Start Fishing Point (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Mark's Point (P) Slip (P) Carey Bay (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Coon Island (S) Finish</p>	<p><u>North-East:</u> Start Fishing Point (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Slip (P) Carey Bay (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Coon Island (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Mark's Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Finish</p>	<p><u>East:</u> Start LMYC Dropover (S) Mark's Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Coal Point (S) Cardiff Point (S) LMYC Dropover (P) Coon Island (S) Fishing Point (S) LMYC Dropover (S) Mark's Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Finish</p>
<p><u>South - East:</u> Start Coon Island (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Coal Point (S) Cardiff Point (S) Slip (S) LMYC Dropover (P) Fishing Point (P) Coon Island (P) Finish</p>	<p><u>South:</u> Start Fishing Point (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Mark's Point (P) Cardiff Point (P) Coal Point (P) Andersons (S) LMYC Dropover (P) Coon Island (S) Finish</p>	<p><u>South - West:</u> Start LMYC Dropover (S) Mark's Point (S) LMYC Dropover (P) Coon Island (S) LMYC Dropover (S) Carey Bay (S) Slip (S) LMYC Dropover (P) Fishing Point (S) Finish</p>
<p><u>West:</u> Start Cardiff Point (S) Mark's Point (S) LMYC Dropover (P) Fishing Point (P) Coon Island (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Mark's Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Finish</p>	<p><u>North - West:</u> Start Coon Island (S) Fishing Point (S) LMYC Dropover (S) Slip (P) Cardiff Point (P) Coal Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Coon Island (S) Finish</p>	

Note: - Waterways Cardinal and Navigation buoys are to be treated as Marks on the course.

Marks used are Lake Macquarie Yacht Club Markers.

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ADDENDUM B PASSAGE COURSES

June 2006

<p><u>North:</u> Start Gas Buoy (S) Pulbah Island (P) Fishing Point (S) Coon Island (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Marks Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Finish</p>	<p><u>North-East:</u> Start Coon Island (S) Pulbah Island (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Marks Point (P) Coal Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Fishing Point (S) Finish</p>	<p><u>East:</u> Start Fishing Point (P) Coon Island (S) Sand Buoy (S) LMYC Dropover (S) Marks Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Finish</p>
<p><u>South-East:</u> Start Coon Island (S) Pulbah Island (P) Fishing Point (S) Coon Island (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Marks Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Finish</p>	<p><u>South:</u> Start Gaslight Buoy (S) Pulbah Island (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Marks Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Finish</p>	<p><u>South-West:</u> Start Coon Island (S) Pulbah Island (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Marks Point (P) Coal Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Fishing Point (S) Finish</p>
<p><u>West:</u> Start Fishing Point (P) Coon Island (S) Sandy Mark (S) LMYC Dropover (S) Marks Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Finish</p>	<p><u>North- West:</u> Start Coon Island (S) Fishing Point (S) Coon Island (P) LMYC Dropover (S) Marks Point (P) LMYC Dropover (P) Finish</p>	

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