

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*Farr 40 National Championships
John Calvert-Jones Trophy
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Sydney
26-28 March 2015*



1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by:
- the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - the rules and regulations of the Farr 40 One Design Class,
 - the prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia
 - the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with the 2013-2017 Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7.
- 1.3 Remove the second sentence of RRS 30.2 and replace with the following: "If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 10% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (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 rounding mark or finishing mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.5 The maximum amount of drinkable liquid aboard each boat shall not exceed six litres per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 51.
- 1.6 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 1.7 Except on a beat to windward, the boat's crew may pull in any sail any number of times to initiate or to maintain surfing or planning. This changes RRS 42.3(c).
- 1.7 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NON-COMPETING CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Jennie Hughes is the Farr 40 Class Administrator.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located underneath the Careening Cove Anchorage stairs 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 Jury. This changes RRS 62.1.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000 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

- 6.1 The Racing Area will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour).
- 6.2 Boats shall not sail within the area bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are prohibited and are deemed to be continuing obstructions.
- 6.3 The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Maritime regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamond and vessels engaged in towing as set out in appendix A. The exclusion zone outlined in the appendix is deemed to be an obstruction.
- 6.4 A breach of the exclusion zone as outlined in appendix 'A' will not be subject to protest by competitors. This changes RRS 60.

7. SCHEDULE

Thur, 26 March 2015	0700-0900hrs	Registration/Weigh In *NOTE: If you sailed in the NSW State Title, a second weigh in is not required.
	0930hrs	Skipper/Tactician/PRO Briefing
	1100hrs	Racing commences (up to 4 races)
Fri, 27 March 2015	1100hrs	Racing commences (up to 4 races)
Sat, 28 March 2015	1100hrs	Racing commences (up to 4 races)

7.2 The Race Committee intends to conduct up to four races each day with a maximum of twelve (12) races for the Series. Each boat's score shall be the sum of all her races (no discards). This changes RRS Appendix A2. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.

8. COURSES

8.1 A board displaying the approximate compass bearing and course to Mark 1 will be displayed by the Race Committee Boat. The approximate distance to Mark 1 will be displayed.

Course 2: Start - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)

Course 3: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate – Finish (Upwind)

Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)

Course 5: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate – Finish (Upwind)

Course 6: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate- 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)

8.2 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.

8.3 (a) In the event that a Gate 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 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 to leeward of the Gate; and

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

9. MARKS

9.1 Mark 1, 1a and the Gate marks will be yellow inflatable buoys with Aberdeen Asset Management branding.

9.2 The start/finish mark will be a black and white inflatable buoy.

9.3 The change mark(s) as per SI 12, will be yellow inflatable buoys with Aberdeen Asset Management branding and a black band.

10. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the start/finish mark as described in SI 9.2.

11. FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the start/finish mark as described in SI 9.2.

11.2 The finishing line may be a shorter length than the starting line.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If a change of course is signaled for a windward leg, Mark1a (the "offset") may also be placed in position and shall be rounded to Port.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for each race shall be 60 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.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 All decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.

14.2 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of that day.

14.3 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 jury room.

14.4 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and YA Special Regulations, Category 7) other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Jury in consultation with the Class representative, and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

14.5 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.

14.6 The Protest time limit for sailor classification is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of Day 1.

15. FLAGS AND DECALS ON BOATS

15.1 Materials will be provided to each boat at registration. If provided, signage should be displayed from no later than the close of Registration on 26 March 2015 until 1800 hours on 28 March 2015.

16. REGISTRATION - Refer NoR 5.4

17. MEASUREMENT - Refer NoR 7

18. SCORING - Refer NoR 12 and SI 7.2 and 13.2

19. PRIZES - Refer NoR 13

20. SUPPORT BOATS - Refer NoR 15

21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Refer NoR 16

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Refer NoR 20