



2015/16 FARR 40 AUSTRALIAN OPEN SERIES

24-25 OCTOBER 2015

MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

The Farr 40 Owners' Group of Australia invites entries to the Farr 40 Australian Open Series being sailed on Sydney Harbour 24-25 October 2015.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Farr 40 Australia Association. The regatta will be held at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC) which is located at Lower Parriwi Road, The Spit, Mosman NSW 2008.

2. RULES

2.1 This Regatta will be governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- The prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia;

2.2 The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Farr 40 website: www.farr40.asn.au

3. RACING RULES OF SAILING - CHANGES

3.1 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)".*

3.2 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 finish mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty".*

3.3 The maximum amount of drinkable liquid aboard each yacht shall not exceed six (6) litres per person, per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 51.

3.4 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.

3.5 Except on a beat to windward, the boat's crew may pull in any sail any number of times in order to initiate or to maintain surfing or planing.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 This regatta is open to all Farr 40 yachts. Owners, Charterers and Substitute helmsman shall be current members of the Farr 40 Australia Association, and a member of a Yacht or Sailing Club recognised by Yachting Australia or an equivalent national authority.

4.2 Yachts shall comply with the Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 7.

5. ENTRY DOCUMENTATION AND REGISTRATION

5.1 Entry forms for the 2015/16 Farr 40 Australian Open Series are available at www.farr40.asn.au



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- 5.2 Entries shall be submitted to Jennie Hughes E: farr40australia@gmail.com no later than Friday, 16 October 2015. Late entries will be accepted, however an additional fee of \$250 AUD will be charged for late entries.
- 5.3 Entries shall include the following documentation:
- Completed entry form submitted to Farr 40 Class Administrator
 - The entry fee of \$1,200 AUD
 - a) Registration with Jennie Hughes Farr 40 Class Administrator, including payment of fees;
 - d) Crew ISAF classification declared on the Crew Declaration Form
 - g) Yachting Australia Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form Category 7.

NOTE: All regatta paperwork shall be submitted to Jennie Hughes E: farr40australia@gmail.com no later than Friday, 16 October 2015.



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6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 2015/16 FARR 40 AUSTRALIAN OPEN SERIES

Fri, 23 Oct	1600-1800 AEDST	Registration *NO SOCIAL FUNCTION*	Members Room, MHYC
Sat, 24 Oct	0800-0930 AEDST	Registration	Members Room, MHYC
	0930 AEDST	PRO/Skipper/Tactician Briefing	Members Room, MHYC
	1100 AEDST	Racing commences (up to 4 races)	The Sound, Sydney Harbour
	1600 AEDST	Dock Party	MHYC Marina
	1700 AEDST	Participant BBQ	The Sandbar, MHYC
Sun, 25 Oct	1100 AEDST	Racing commences (up to 4 races)	The Sound, Sydney Harbour
	1600 AEDST	Trophy Presentation	MHYC Main bar and deck

6.2 The initial warning signal for racing each day will not be made before 1100hrs, however, no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

6.3 The Race Committee may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

6.4 Races will be conducted 'back-to-back' and races subsequent to the first race of the day will be started as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.

7. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

7.1 No weigh-in is required for this regatta.

7.2 No sail declaration is required for this regatta.

8. EVENT ADVERTISING

Each yacht may be required to display event advertising on the bow, boom, backstay and/or forestay.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1300 on 19 October 2015 via email to the competitors and the Farr 40 website: www.farr40.asn.au



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10. COURSES AND RACING AREA

- 10.1 Races will be held on The Sound, Sydney Harbour in the vicinity of the MYHC race area (See Attachment 1).
- 10.2 The courses to be sailed will be windward/return races as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTIES

The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 for 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 disqualified. This changes RRS 64.1.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 There will be a maximum of eight (8) races.
- 12.3 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races (no discards).

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 1st Place – Australian Farr 40 Open Series Winner
- 13.2 2nd Place and 3rd Place
- 13.3 Corinthian Division Winner

14. BERTHING

- 14.1 Limited casual berthing and moorings are available to boats competing. All requests for casual berthing and moorings shall be made by completing the 'Casual Berthing Registration' form available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au
- 14.2 The MYHC will be responsible for the assignment of mooring positions for all entrants. All entrants will be notified on their arrival at the MHYC for their mooring position.
- 14.3 Should a mooring be required for a longer period, entrants may extend the booking by contacting Matthew Pyne at the MHYC Marina Office on T: 02 8969 3114. Extended bookings will be chargeable at the current marina rates. Early booking is recommended.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

Competitor's attention is drawn to the applicable Class Rules and Interpretations.

"A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency."



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16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

17. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

17.1 The Media Centre will be at the Regatta Office. Attendance at a media/press conference each day may be required for the top three competitors as well as individual heat winners. Suitable notification will be given.

17.2 By entering this regatta, the Owner (or Charterer) and Crew members on competing yachts grant, at no cost, the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Farr 40 Class Association, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, affiliated companies and other sponsors.

17.3 The Farr 40 Class Association, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, affiliated companies and other sponsors shall not use the names, voices, images, likenesses or biographical material of an Owner (Charterer) or Crew member in a way that constitutes an endorsement of products unless the competitor or crew member is otherwise engaged by or affiliated with companies to endorse products or otherwise gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

17.4 Owners (Charterers) and Crew members shall acknowledge and accept the granting of media rights referred to in this paragraph 17 by signing the Entry Form and the Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights Form provided by the Class Administrator Jennie Hughes.

18. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20. DISCLAIMER OF ENTRY

20.1 The Owner (Charterer) and each Crew member:

- a. Acknowledges and accepts the risks (including the risk of harm to persons and property and the risks associated with the perils of the sea and the seaworthiness of any boat) associated with participation in this regatta and waives all rights against and releases the Farr 40 Class Association, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive



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- Committee, any sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members in respect of any loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, suffered in connection therewith;
- b. Acknowledges that participation in this regatta by him or her is on the basis that participation is entirely at his or her risk and responsibility and that the Farr 40 Class Association, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, any sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members are not responsible for any boat or its crew;
 - c. Acknowledges and agrees that this form is governed by the laws of Australia and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that this regatta and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.
- 20.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The OA 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.
- 20.3 All competitors shall acknowledge this by signing the Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights Form provided by the OA.
- 20.4 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 4 'Decision to Race'. *"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the Owner/Charterer/Owners' representative. It is the responsibility of the Owner to provide insurance for the yacht covering eventual damage to persons or property.
- 21.2 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party insurance of minimum cover of \$10,000,000 AUD, and it is the Owner's or Owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Middle Harbour Yacht Club Sailing Manager: Jenna Walters M: 0450 908 502 E: Sailing.manager@mhyc.com.au	Farr 40 Association Australia Class Administrator: Jennie Hughes M: 0407 387 302 E: farr40australia@gmail.com
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