



2017/2018 FARR 40 AUSTRALIAN OPEN SERIES

NSW STATE TITLE

3 & 4 FEBRUARY 2018

MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Middle Harbour Yacht Club conjunction with the Farr 40 Australia Association



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1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing.

1.2 Yachts shall comply with the 2017-2020 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 4 with the following variations and conditions:

1. This only applies to Farr 40 OD class events when all boats are required to comply with the Farr 40 OD class rules and does not apply to Farr 40s competing in mixed fleet rating or handicap events.
2. The race committee shall not start a race offshore if there is a current strong wind warning for the course area at the time of scheduled racing
3. Compliance is not required for the following Special Regulations for Category 4:
 - a. 4.03.2 for clipping points
 - b. 4.05.1 Table 1 for secondary anchor
 - c. 5.02.1 for harnesses and tethers
4. The variation is valid until 30 July 2018 when the new Special Regulations come into effect.

Attention is drawn to Farr 40 OD class rule Appendix 3 which requires that a minimum of Australian Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 safety equipment, or the category that is specified by race organisers, whichever is greater, shall be carried on the Farr 40 while racing. Australian Sailing recognises that any club acting as the organising authority may invoke this class rule and require greater level of safety equipment.

1.3 The Farr 40 class rules will apply.

1.4 Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows:

- a) 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).
- b) 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 or Part 2, Rule 31 or Rule 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-boat length zone of a rounding mark or finishing mark, the penalty to be taken shall be a two-turns penalty.
- c) The maximum amount of drinkable liquid aboard each boat shall not exceed six (6) litres per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 41. Attention is drawn to AS Special Regulation 3.18.4.
- d) Video, and/or photography taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.

1.5 Where there is a conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.



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1.6 The non-competing class representative for this regatta shall be Jennie Hughes (Farr 40 Australia Class Administrator).

1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located outside the Middle Harbour Yacht Club Sailing Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the MHYC Start Tower.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

5.1

Date	Time	Schedule	Venue
Fri, 2 Feb	1600-1800 AEDST	Registration and weigh in	Commodores Room , MHYC
Sat, 3 Feb	0830-0900 AEDST	Registration	Commodores Room , MHYC
	0845 AEDST	Special Owners Meeting	Commodores Room, MHYC
	0900 AEDST	Skipper/Tactician Briefing	Commodores Room, MHYC
	1100 AEDST	Racing commences (up to 4 races)	See attachment A
	1600 AEDST	Regatta Party	Sandbar, MHYC
Sun, 4 Feb	1100 AEDST	Racing commences (up to 4 races)	See attachment A
	1545 AEDST	Trophy Presentation	MHYC Harbour View Room

5.2 Up to four races will be scheduled each day inside Sydney Harbour or offshore on the Manly and/or Macquarie Circle.

5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.



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6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be Code Flag 'F'.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 **Attachment A** shows the location of racing areas.

7.2 The racing area will be on the waters of Port Jackson and the Tasman Sea and will be indicated by a Notice posted by 0900 hrs on the Official Notice Board each day.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in **Attachment B** 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.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 In the event that either 2s or 2p is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2s, and 2p shall be Yellow Inflatable Buoys.

9.2 Mark 1a shall be an Orange Inflatable Buoy.

9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be Pink Inflatable Buoys.

9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Boats shall not sail within the area bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.



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12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the port end and the starboard-end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.2 For the Farr 40 class rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty as per Sailing Instruction 1.4 (b)

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The target time limit for the first boat to finish each race shall be less than 60 minutes.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within ten minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that finished, plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room listed on the protest log beginning at the time posted.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of instructions 11.2, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) Within the protest time limit, if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.



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This changes rule 66.

- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.9 The penalty, if any for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and AS Special Regulations) 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

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no discards).

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Check-Out: Each vessel intending on racing on a race day shall sail past the stern of the race committee boat on starboard and hail their intention to race and the number of persons on board prior to the warning signal.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

20. 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 may be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. ADVERTISING

Boats will be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority as directed at registration.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will display a MHYC burgee.



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23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Boat bags must be left open and seapens must be left down or up wet and no chlorine shall be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. However, diving to clean the boat and/or diving apparatus may be used at any time.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 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.

25.2 The race committee shall communicate to the fleet via VHF channel 72.

26. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place
- Corinthian Winner

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 The Owner (Charterer) and each Crew member:

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 Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Farr 40 Australia Association, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive 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;

27.2 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 Middle Harbour Yacht Club 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;

27.3 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.



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- 27.3 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.
- 27.4 All competitors shall acknowledge this by signing the Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights Form provided by the OA.
- 27.5 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."

28. INSURANCE

- 28.1 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.
- 28.2 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.



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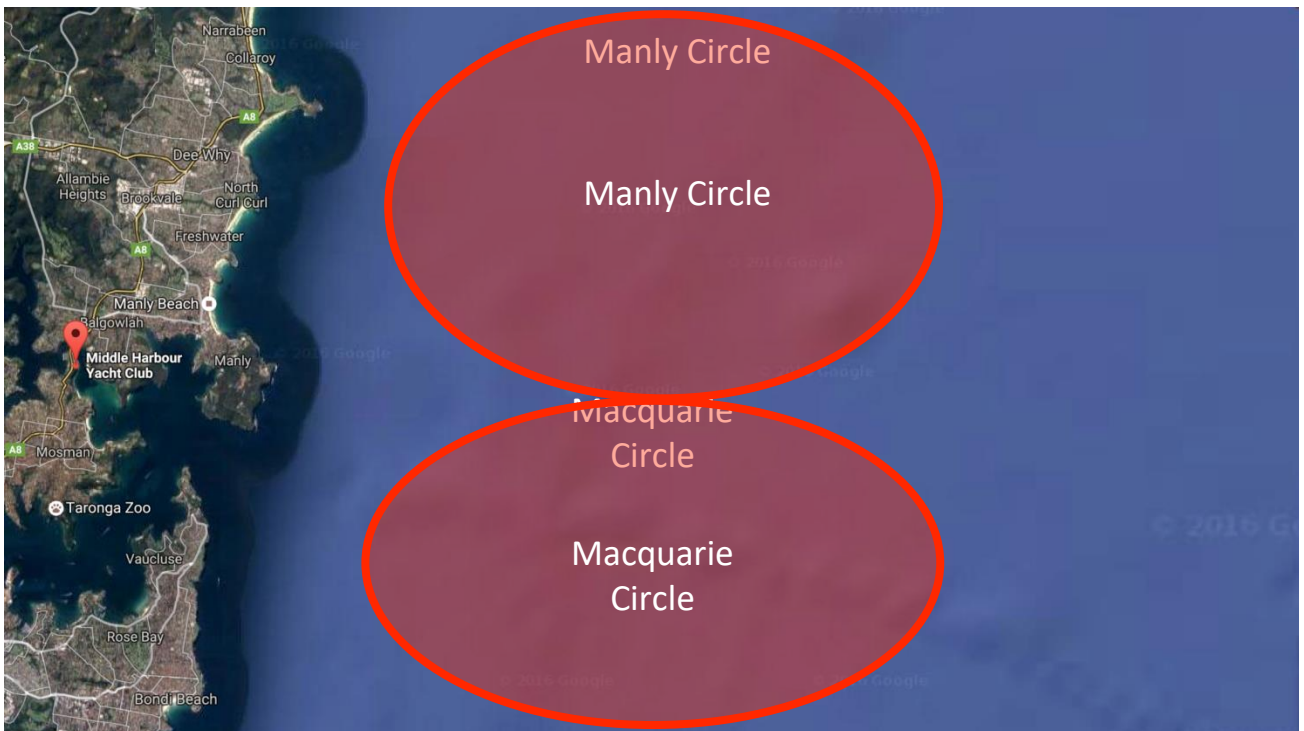
ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREAS

INSHORE RACING AREA



Areas displayed are approximate locations only

OFFSHORE RACING AREAS





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ATTACHMENT B - COURSES

Code	Course
W2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/p - 1 - 1a - Finish
W3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/p - 1 - 1a - 2s/p - 1 - 1a - Finish

