

# Melges East Coast Championship, Farreast 28R National Championship, Farr to Young (Sunday only) Regatta & Spring One Design Regatta 2017



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 Melges East Coast Championship, Farreast 28R National Championship & Spring One Design Regatta 2017 – refer NoR 2.
- 1.2 Farr to Young Regatta – refer NoR 1.

### 2. COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the main flag mast on the sun dial lawn.
- 2.2 The Official Notice Board is outside the Administration Office.
- 2.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions ashore will be posted two (2) hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal. Changes made on-water shall be indicated by Code Flag “3<sup>rd</sup> Substitute” being displayed from the Race Committee Signal Vessel. The Race Committee may give temporary oral amendments communicated on race frequency VHF channel 72.
- 2.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’. This changes RRS Race Signals “AP”.
- 2.5 The Race Committee intends to broadcast race information on VHF 72 before and during each race.

### 3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3.1 Further to NoR, below is a summary of the scheduled racing and events:

#### Friday 3 November

1000 – 1500 hrs	Halyards Bar & Bistro open
1600 hrs – close	Admirals Cup Room open
1800 – 1830 hrs	Welcome - upstairs in the Club House
1800 hrs – close	Alfred's Table a la carte open – Bookings essential via reception 9998 3700

#### Saturday 4 November

0800 - 1100 hrs	Breakfast available - Halyards Bistro
0900 hrs	Regatta Briefing – Halyards
1100 hrs	First Warning Signal for all Classes (subsequent races scheduled back to back)
Post Racing	Bar menu available from Halyards Bistro & Bar

#### Sunday 5 November

0800 - 1100 hrs	Breakfast available - Halyards Bistro
1100 hrs	First Warning Signal for all classes (subsequent races scheduled back to back - no warning signal shall be made after 1530)
Post Racing	Presentation – Halyards. Bar menu available from Halyards Bistro & Bar

### 4. CLASSES / DIVISIONS

Class	Division	Code Flag
Etchells	1	Code Flag ‘E’
5.5m	2	Code Flag ‘T’
Farreast 28R	3	Code Flag ‘J’
Mixed Classes – Melges; Vipers; E7s; etc.	4	Code Flag ‘R’
Farr 1020 & Young 88 (Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November only)	5	Code Flag ‘F’

## 5. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 While racing, boats shall not sail within the area of water between the registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline. This includes Police or NSW Maritime moorings. These areas rank as obstructions.

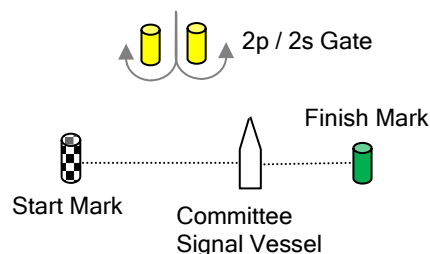
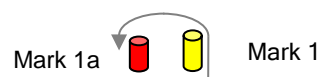
## 6. THE START, THE FINISH AND MARK DESCRIPTIONS

- 6.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 6.2 The starting line will be between the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a **chequered black and white** mark on the port end of the line.
- 6.3 General Recall – When a class in the starting sequence is subject to a general recall and 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute is displayed (two sounds) when 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute is removed (one sound) shall signal 1 minute until the Warning Signal for the next class in the sequence. Changes RRS29.2.
- 6.4 Mark 1 and Gate Marks will be **yellow** inflatable cylindrical marks and will be laid windward of the starting line. The Gate Marks may be laid after the starting signal. If only one Gate Mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to Port.
- 6.5 Mark 1a (offset mark) *if laid*, will be a **red** inflatable cylindrical mark, to Port of Mark 1 and shall be rounded to Port after rounding Mark 1 to Port.
- 6.6 The “Change Mark” shall be a **pink** inflatable cylindrical mark.
- 6.7 The finishing line will be between the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of the **Green** Finish Mark

## 7. COURSES

- 7.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal the Course Number and the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee Signal Boat to the first mark.

Course	Description
Course 1	Start - 1 - 1a - Finish
Course 2	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a -Finish
Course 3	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish



## 8. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 8.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee replace the original mark with a ‘change mark’ in the new position and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

## 9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes in their class shall be scored Did Not Finish ‘DNF’. This amends RRS 35, A4 & A5.

## 10. SCORING & HANDICAPS

- 10.1 Refer NoR 11.
- 10.2 Boats competing under mixed classes (Division 4) will be scored on the application of a Performance Handicap System (PHS). A boat’s handicap will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The PHS will not be subject to protest of dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1 (a)).
- 10.3 Melges East Coast Championship – the results of the Melges classes will be extracted from Division 4 for the purposes of scoring in their Championship.
- 10.4 Farr 1020 & Young 88 fleet scoring and handicaps – refer NoR 10.

## **11. PRIZES**

- 11.1 Melges East Coast Championship, Farreast 28R National Championship & Spring One Design Regatta 2017 – refer NoR 12.
- 11.2 Farr to Young Regatta – refer NoR 10

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 12.1 All those taking part in the regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*.
- 12.2 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race.
- 12.3 Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authority, and the Host Club, their Officers, Members, Staff and Agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 12.4 The Organising Authority, and its Officers, Members, Staff and Agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

## **13. PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION**

- 13.1 Submission of Protests:  
Protests in accordance with RRS 61 will be delivered to the RPAYC Sailing Office within 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat (in the last race of the day when multiple races are conducted).
- 13.2 Hearing of Protests:  
Protests may be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible and notified at the time of lodgment of the protest in the Boardroom on RPAYC.
- 13.3 Reopening a Hearing:  
RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than half an hour after being informed of the decision."
- 13.4 Submission of Arbitration:  
Should all parties agree an arbitration hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 that allege an infringement of RRS Part 2 or Part 4. Such hearings shall be held as soon as possible and subsequent to a protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.
- 13.5 The arbitrator shall decide the time and place of arbitration and such advice may be given orally. One representative of each boat shall attend the hearing and no witnesses shall attend. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.  
After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing, the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
  - i) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - ii) The protest shall proceed to a hearing. (This may be because RRS other than Part 2 or Part 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator)
  - iii) There was no infringement and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - iv) There has been an infringement by one or more boats involved and, if all parties to the protest agree, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to the finishing place midway between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification. If so accepted, the protestor must withdraw the protest. (Half points will be disregarded and the points of other boats will not be adjusted).
- 13.6 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusions of an arbitrator will be subject to appeal or be grounds for requests for redress.