

CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

2021 SOLAS BIG BOAT CHALLENGE

Tuesday 7 December 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The race shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) of World Sailing, the IRC 2021 Rules Parts A, B and C, and the Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations, all as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

2 RACE DOCUMENTS

These Sailing Instructions are the Notice and Instructions required by RRS 89.2 and 90.2.

3 RACE BRIEFING

A compulsory race briefing for skippers and support boat drivers will be held via Zoom at 1800 hours (AEDT) on Monday 6th December 2021 (link to be provided upon registration).

Skippers and support boat drivers will be required to register and attend.

A declaration shall be lodged through the CYCA Website (<https://cyciforms.seamlessdocs.com/f/SBBCBriefing>) by each attendee confirming attendance.

4 DOCUMENTATION

A boat shall comply with Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 7. The number of people on board shall not exceed the maximum number specified on the boats Equipment Audit Form.

All boats are required to submit a COVID Contact Crew List via the online entry portal Sailsys by 1030 hours on the day of the Race.

Boats not complying with this shall be scored DNC.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments to these Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the downstairs hallway of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia by 0930 hours on the day of the race.

Amendments made after this time will be available from the Committee Boat on which Code Pennant "1" flown beneath Code Flag "L" will indicate amendment 1 and so on. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing.

6 CREW

IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply.

7 HANDICAPPING

Handicaps will be published and made available to skippers by 0930 hrs on the day of the race. Handicap results for the race will be based on IRC handicap ratings and performance handicaps (PHS).

8 THE START

The start line will be located in the vicinity of Point Piper. The start line shall be between the flag mast on the Committee Vessel (CV) identified as flying a white flag with "CYCA" in black lettering moored at the starboard end and an orange laid mark at the port end (amends RRS Race Signals)

The start line will have exclusion zone marks proceeding up the course from the extensions of the start line. Competitors must stay on the course side of these marks. These marks will proceed up the course for a distance of approximately 200-300m. Competitors noted as entered into the spectator area will be given a 5 minute time penalty.

9 STARTING SIGNAL/SEQUENCE

Start Signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26 with the following amendments:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Start Signal
Warning	“W” ↑: 1 sound	5
Preparatory	“P” ↑: 1 sound	4
One Minute	“P” ↓: 1 long sound	1
Start	“W” ↓: 1 sound	0

The Warning Signal will be made at 1225 hours.

10 RECALLS

Individual Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The sail number of the recalled boat may be announced on VHF Channel 72. (Amends RRS 29.1)

General Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The words “General Recall” may be announced several times on VHF Channel 72. (Amends RRS 29.2)

11 COURSES

The Course shall be as follows:

Start – Cannae Point – Shark Island Mark – Cannae Point – Shark Island Mark – Finish.

All marks to be rounded to starboard.

12 POSITION OF MARKS (Chart AUS 200)

Start – In the vicinity of Point Piper

Finish – East of the Opera House.

Cannae Point - An orange inflatable mark laid approximately 500m SW of the Cannae Point

Shark Island Mark - An orange inflatable mark laid approximately 100m SE of the Shark Island

13 PROHIBITED AREAS

For the purposes of RRS 19 & 20 the following are continuing obstructions and prohibited areas, namely:

1. The area of Sow and Pigs Reef enclosed by an imaginary line joining all four of the Cardinal Marks surrounding the Reef in sequence N, E, S and W.
2. The non-safe water side of a Cardinal Mark with the exception of Junction Bell.
3. The area between the Shark Island Mark and Shark Island.
4. The area between Shark Island and Shark Island Light (north of Shark Island)
5. RMS Designated spectator areas

A boat shall not sail into a prohibited area.

Competitors that sail into spectator areas will be given a time penalty of 5 minutes for each infringement.

14 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the flag mast of the CV displaying a white flag with “CYCA” in black lettering at the starboard end of the line and an orange inflatable mark on the port end (Amends RRS Race Signals). The finish line will be in the vicinity of Farm Cove.

15 TIME LIMIT

The time limit shall be 3 hours. A boat that fails to finish within the Time Limit shall be scored DNF.

16 TROPHY PRESENTATION

A Trophy Presentation will be at the CYCA at approximately 1600 hours on 7 December 2021.