



BPYC & SASC Interclub Series 2020-2021

Hosted by Sydney Amateur Sailing Club

Introduction

In the 2020-2021 season, Blues Point Yacht Club (BPYC) and Sydney Amateur Sailing Club (SASC) invite members of their respective clubs to participate in a four-race series. The principal purpose of this event is to foster interaction between the clubs based on their joint love of sailing and friendly competition.

Rules

The series will be governed by

- a) the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing (WS)
- b) the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS)
- c) the Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2016
- d) the General Sailing Instructions of SASC
- e) the Sailing Instructions as amended

in the event of conflict between the RRS and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

Eligibility

The series is open to any yacht owned by a member of BPYC or SASC. All yachts must hold a current Australian Sailing Category 7 Safety Certificate signed by an accredited AS Equipment Auditor, and in the case of BPYC yachts, the BPYC Addendum – “Other Safety Equipment Requirements” plus their yacht’s current Certificate of Insurance.

Entry Fee

Each yacht shall pay an entry fee of \$20 to enter the Series of four races payable to their respective clubs.

Race Dates

Race 1 Saturday 19 September 2019 [*POSTPONED due to COVID-19 restrictions*]

Race 2 Saturday 17 October 2020

Race 3 Saturday 28 November 2020

Race 4 Saturday 16 January 2021

Race 1 [rescheduled] 20 February 2021

Discards

Each yacht may drop its worst result, including a DSQ, DNF, DNS or DNC, provided that not less than three results remain.

Conduct of Races

Sailing Instructions, including Courses, will be available two weeks before the first race of the series.

The starting boat will be the SASC Captain Amora and results will be published on the SASC website.

Yachts from BPYC will join the SASC Mixed Fleet start in the scheduled race on the dates above. BPYC members should note that these are scratch (not handicap) starts using a “5-4-1-Go” protocol. The scheduled start time for each race is 1300 hours but may vary depending on conditions on the day. Competitors are reminded to watch for their starting code flag.

Handicaps - PHS

Before the first race, BPYC will provide SASC with a TCF for each BPYC yacht competing based on the yacht's latest performance handicap. These shall be used to calculate corrected times following the race. Handicaps shall be adjusted for subsequent races using SASC's race management system TopYacht.

Post-Race

BPYC yachts competing in the series are invited to return to SASC after the race for refreshments. Limited docking and tender service will be available.

Determination of Club Series Winner and Individual Winning Yacht, and Trophies

To be eligible to win individually, and to represent its Club in the Club Series, a yacht must compete in at least three races.

The Individual Winning Yacht will be the yacht with the lowest total points in the Series after any discards.

The Club Series Winner will be the Club with the lowest total points, after any discards, scored by its best three yachts.

A perpetual, interclub trophy will be awarded to the winning Club and shall be displayed there for the season.

A trophy will also be presented to the Individual Winning Yacht.

Further Information

1 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.1 Risk Warning - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.
- 1.2 Competitors Declaration - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 and the Rules above.
- 1.3 All competitors who enter have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:
 - (a) RRS 46;
 - (b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
 - (c) being covered by current Third-Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
 - (d) the person who lodges the entry form is warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht to the risk warning above;
 - (e) the person who lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority is acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- 1.4 Disclaimer of Liability
 - (a) All those taking part in these races do so 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". The organising authority, sponsors,

respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

- (b) The organising authority, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

2 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 No litter shall be disposed of overboard.
- 2.2 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations specify *"Priority over Sail – some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal."* Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 2.3 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers because of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 2.4 Any yachts reported by NSW Roads and Maritime Services as having contravened NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. (This amends RRS 63.1). Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.
- 2.5 Competitors are required to notify the Organising Authority of any contact incident occurring during racing regardless of whether it results in a Protest or a report to NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

ENTRY FORM

(Please complete and return this form to your Club)

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS MONDAY 12th October, 2020

Please enter the YACHT Sail No
in the BPYC & SASC Interclub Series 2020-2021.

I AGREE to the Conditions of Entry and Other Instructions above.

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(Name of Owner/Owner's Representative)

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(Signature)

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(Club Name)

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(Date)