

SAILING DIVISION - OFFSHORE SERIES

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SYDNEY HARBOUR & RETURN RACE

SATURDAY 17th & SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2024

INVITATION

The Royal Motor Yacht Club of Broken Bay extends an invitation to the owners of eligible yachts that have entered the Offshore Series to participate in Races 7 & 8, Pittwater to Sydney Harbour and return, to be conducted on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th February 2024.

All boats participating in the Sydney Harbour Race and return must complete the online CYCA link to ensure a berth is made available by Wednesday 31st January 2024.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/12ec263e70bb46aac2e535e9868586e>

The Marina Manager is Phillip Pembroke, **T: 8292 7807 or M: 0418733933**

No fee is payable for the berthing however it is expected that in return crews will patronise the Bar/Bistro facilities of the CYCA.

The start of the Race will be in the vicinity of the Barrenjoey Headland, Pittwater and the finish of the first race will be in Sydney Harbour, NSW.

The return race will be conducted on Sunday, 18th February 2024 and will start from Sydney Harbour and the finish at the Offshore Finish line or as directed by the committee vessel.

The invitation is also extended to cruising yachts wishing to accompany the racing fleet to Sydney Harbour. All participating vessels, whether racing or cruising, must be equipped (safety gear) in accordance with the current Waterways Authorities open water.

Channel VHF-77 is mandatory. Cruising Skippers will be required to submit a declaration certifying that they have the required safety equipment to RMYC Sailing Division, Attention: Jaz Rowntree: Jaz@royalmotor.com.au

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Instructions following are supplemental to the full Sailing Instructions as published in the RMYC Sailing Handbook 2023/24.

SATURDAY RACE 7 OFFSHORE SERIES:

Starting off the Offshore Starting Line as detailed in the following instructions at 1100 hours. All racing Yachts will take their own finishing times (**CLOCK**) on arrival at Sydney Harbour finishing line, unless notified during the race on Channel VHF-77 that there will be a Committee boat to take the finish times.

Yachts must report to the Starting Boat by radio prior to the warning signal - Channel VHF-77 on each day, the start boat will be identified on Saturday and Sunday.

START:

The Starting Line shall be in the vicinity of the Barrenjoey Headland between the main mast on the Committee Boat and a laid mark at the port end.

The Starting Line shall be between the main mast flying an RMYC burgee on the Committee Vessel at the Starboard end of the Starting Line.

If the conditions require a change to the Start Line a radio broadcast will be made at 10:30 am by the Committee Vessel on Channel VHF-77.

FINISH:

Finish Line shall be a **transit** extended from a line through the Port Lateral Mark (RED) Light Buoy (West of Inner South Head) and the North Cardinal Bell Mark (Black situated between Middle Head and South Head).

NOTE: The Port Lateral Mark must be left to Starboard.

Boats that pass between the marks will be Disqualified.

NOTE: Competitors are to record their own elapsed times or actual time of finish (by GPS) and to lodge a declaration with the race Coordinator (Colin Hills) at the conclusion of the race.

All boats are required to send their elapsed time and boat name by SMS to mobile Colin Hills (Gusto) 0411 190 690 as soon as practical after crossing the finishing line. If the Committee boat is on station, they will take the times.

Any boat retiring must confirm by SMS and or VHF 77, so all boats are known to have finished or retired.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Cont:

SUNDAY RACE 8 OFFSHORE SERIES:

Start at 1100 hours. Sound signals only will be given from the Starting Vessel

START:

Start Line shall be a **line** between the Port Lateral Mark (RED) Light Buoy (West of Inner South Head) at the starboard end and the North Cardinal Bell Mark (situated between Middle Head and South Head) at the port end. NOTE: Vessels are required to start **between** the marks.

An alternate Start Line may be fixed by the Race Committee to suit the most favourable weather conditions for the return race.

FINISH:

The finish line will be determined by the Committee Vessel. However, if not on station the finish will be between Barrenjoey Headland (Western End) and Lion Island, along a transit line by **Shark Rock** most western point of Barrenjoey Headland and the **Wind Sock** at the end of the Palm Beach Boat House. **The transit line bears 155 degrees.**

NOTE: Competitors are to record their own elapsed times or actual time of finish (by GPS) and to lodge a declaration with the race Coordinator (Colin Hills) at the conclusion of the race. All boats are required to send their elapsed time and boat name by SMS to mobile Colin Hills (Gusto) 0411 190 690 as soon as practical after crossing the finishing line.

If the Committee boat is on station, they will take the times and lay a finish line.

Any boat retiring must confirm by SMS and or VHF 77, so all boats are known to have finished or retired.

RESULTS:

Results will be calculated as per Top Yacht System.

OTHER POINTS:

- All racing yachts must be Category 4 (minimum) and carry current offshore spinnaker racing insurances.
- Radio VHF is to be left open on Channel 77 while racing.
- All yachts must report by radio to the starting boat before racing.
- Please observe radio silence period - 3 minutes after the hour and ½ past the hour on all radios.
- In the event of bad weather, the decision to start the race or shorten the course will rest with the Sailing Division Committee represented by the Race Coordinator.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please remind your crew that suitable identification will be required in order to gain entry to the club.

There is an amenities card available at the marina office, a deposit may be necessary.