



Woollahra Sailing Club

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Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

For the 2011 Spring Series Optimist and Mirror Fleets At Woollahra Sailing Club (Organising Authority) 4, 11, 18 September

These sailing instructions apply to the Woollahra Sailing Club Spring Series 2011. This series forms part of the Club Championship 2011/12.

1. Venue

The Series race area will be on the waters of Sydney Harbour east of Fort Dennison and organised by Woollahra Sailing Club Limited.

2. Rules

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the YA "Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012", the Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations of NSW and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The YA Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the beach boats) and prescriptions shall apply, and Personal Flotation Devices in accordance with Regulation 1 shall be worn at all times while afloat.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Entries will only be accepted on the official event entry form and must be lodged at the WSC Office. All competitors shall be financial members of the Woollahra Sailing Club or agree to pay a daily casual sailor fee of \$10.
- 3.2 A boat must sail under the sail number advised on its Entry Form. Consent to carry a sail displaying a number different to that which is shown on the Entry Form must be sought in writing and granted from the Race Committee at least one hour before the scheduled start of racing that day.

4. Signing On and Signing Off Provisions

- 4.1 All boats intending to race must sign on prior to launching. A boat failing to sign on will be scored , without a hearing, DNC for the first race of that day. This amends rules 63.1 and A5.
- 4.2 All boats returning to shore must sign off as soon as practicable, but no later than one (1) hour after completion of the final race of the day. A boat failing to sign off will be scored, without a hearing, DNF for the last race of the day. This amends rules A4 and A5.
- 4.3 A boat which has been granted approval to carry a number other than that on its entry form under clause 3.2, shall note **both** its 'entered' number and the number it is sailing with on the sign on sheet.

5. Notice to Competitors

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the WSC clubhouse no later than one hour before the commencement of racing.

6. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard not later than one hour before the commencement of racing. Code flag "L" displayed on the Club mast together with a single sound signal indicates a change has been placed on the notice board.

7. Signals Made Ashore

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast, which is approximately 20 metres in front of the office tower.
- 7.2 Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. Lowering of the "AP" flag with one sound signal means that the warning signal will be made in not less than 30 minutes.
- 7.3 Code Flag "D" means foul weather exists or is expected shortly. All boats to stay ashore.

8. Schedule of Race / Social Activities

Sunday 4 September

Registration	0900-1000hrs	WSC
Racing (first warning signal)	1030hrs	Sydney Harbour

Sunday 11 September

Racing (first warning signal)	1030hrs	Sydney Harbour
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Sunday 18 September

Racing (first warning signal)	1030hrs	Sydney Harbour
Presentation	ASAP after racing	WSC

8.2 Racing Schedule

- Maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled over three (3) days of racing.
- Minimum of three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- One race may be discarded after five (5) completed races.
- No warning signal shall be made after 1200hrs on Sunday 18 September, the last day of racing.

9. Division and Warning Signals

- 9.1 The warning signal shall be the Optimist class flag for the Optimist class and Flag V for the Mirror Class.

10. Racing Area

The racing area will be on the waters of Sydney Harbour.

11. The Course

11.1 The courses to be sailed, including the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side to which each Mark is to be left are shown in Attachment Three.

11.2 Designation of course. The course designation shall be indicated by an alphanumerical designator (eg: W2) on the stern of the committee boat.

12. Marks

12.1 The committee boat is a red-hulled cabin cruiser displaying the WSC Burgee.

12.2 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be yellow cylinders.

12.3 Mark 1a will be a yellow cylinder with a black band.

12.4 The start / windward finish mark will be a white cylinder and the downwind finish mark will be a blue cylinder.

13. The Start

13.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Start Vessel at the Starboard end and a starting mark at the port end. The starting mark will be as described in Attachment Two.

13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, unless finishing

13.3 The Race Committee Vessels may hold position by using engines. Any effects will not be grounds for granting redress. This alters RRS 60.1(b) and 62

13.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

14. Time Limit –

14.1 The time limit for completion of a Race will be 15 minutes for the first boat to reach the first mark or 50 mins for the first boat to sail the course.

14.2 Any boat finishing more than 10 minutes after the first boat in her division will be scored a DNF.

15. Protests

15.1 Protests shall be lodged in writing at the WSC office, on the form available from the office, within 90 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat to finish in the last race of the day.

15.2 In the event of a protest, the protest committee reserves the right to mediate with both parties to reach a binding decision.

15.3 Protests will be heard at the WSC clubhouse as soon as practicable and approximately in order of receipt (this may be the following Sunday). The time and date of a hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16. Prizes

16.1 Prizes will be awarded as determined by the organising authority.

17. Port Regulations

All boats must abide by the Navigation (Collision) Regulations 1983. Any infringement may render an offending boat subject to disqualification. Keep clear, 200m ahead x 50m on side of ferries displaying Orange Diamond.

19. Risk and Responsibility

All those taking part in Club racing do so at their own risk and responsibility. Woollahra Sailing Club Limited is not responsible for any damage or injury ashore or on the water, nor for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted, nor for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Club reserves the right to refuse an entry.

Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rules, and in particular Rule 4, which states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

21. Event Disclaimer

It is the competitor's decision to enter an event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that sailing involves inherent risks and that their participation in an event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in an event, competitors waive any liability for, and further and/or in the alternative indemnify Woollahra Sailing Club Limited, its officers, members, servants, employees and agents, whether paid or unpaid in respect of all claims, suits, demands, actions for damages or claims for compensation or other claims as may seem open to them for any personal injury, including defamation, or property damage arising from, in connection with, or howsoever arising from their intended participation in or actual participation in any event either organised by Woollahra Sailing Club Limited or in which Woollahra Sailing Club Limited has any interest as an organiser, facilitator, adviser, or provider of facilities. In accordance with clause 25 of the relevant Aquatic Licences competitors are advised that the organiser's insurances do not cover competitors for injury or loss sustained as a result of participating in this event.

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22. Rights to use Name and Likeness

By participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to Woollahra Sailing Club Limited the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, any motion still or live pictures, taped or film television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the event without compensation in cash or in kind.

Attachment 1- Course Descriptions

Optimist (Blue/Red Pod)


S - 1a - 4 - 1a - Finish


Optimist Green Pod


S - 1a - Finish


Mirror

S - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - FUW

Mark 1 

Mark 1a 

 Mark 2

Mark 4 


Start



Mark 3 