



Sailing Instructions

INTERNATIONAL MIRROR 50th NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 2014/2015

**Race Series 1
22nd - 23rd November 2014**

Organising Authority:
Balmoral Sailing Club

In conjunction with:
The International Mirror Class Association of NSW (IMCANSW)

Hosted by:
Balmoral Sailing Club
The Esplanade, Mosman NSW 2088

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Sailing Instructions

The International Mirror Class in conjunction with Balmoral Sailing Club as the Organising Authority will conduct the Race Series 1 of the International Mirror 50th NSW State Championship. To be held in the area of Hunters Bay and THE SOUND on the 22nd November to Sunday 23rd November 2014.

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), the rules of the International Mirror class.
- 1.2. Where there is a conflict with Class rules and these sailing instructions, these sailing instructions will apply
- 1.3. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.3.1. A boat that does not sign on shall be scored DNC for the first race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS63.1).
 - 1.3.2. A boat that does not sign off shall be scored DNF for the last race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS63.1).
 - 1.3.3. When flag AP is flown ashore, the warning signal will be made no earlier than 30 minutes after its removal (amends Race Signals).

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Mirror whose crews are affiliated with YA and a State or Territory Association affiliated with the International Mirror Class Association (IMCA).
- 2.2. Eligible boats must enter by completing the entry form attached to this Notice of Race. The entry form must be signed by skipper and crew(s), signed by parents / guardians for skippers / crews under 18 years of age, and posted or presented at registration.
- 2.3. Boats shall present a copy of their certificate of insurance at registration

3. Notice to Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted at Balmoral Sailing Club on the official noticeboard located in the clubhouse upstairs.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard not later than 2hrs before the first race on the day it will take affect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take affect.

5. Signals Made ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast located on the North West corner of the Sailing Club
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute ' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. Schedule – Race Series 1 Balmoral Sailing Club

Saturday 22 nd November 2014	09:30 – 12:00	Registration
	12:30 – 13:00	Briefing
	Not before 13:55	First warning signal (5min signal). Subsequent race will be started after completion of the preceding race
	After Racing	AGM & BBQ
Sunday 23 rd November 2014	Morning Session - not before 10:25	First warning signal (5min signal). Subsequent race will be started as soon as possible after completion of the preceding race
	Afternoon Session - not before 13:55	First warning signal (5min signal).

- 6.2. All competitors shall attend pre race meeting
- 6.3. Number of races: 5
- 6.4. Races per day:
 - Saturday maximum of 2 races
 - Sunday maximum of 3 races with no more than 2 races in a race session
- 6.5. No warning signal will be made after 15:30 on Sunday 23rd November

7. Class Flag

- 7.1. The Class Flag is a red flag with black class insignia

8. Sailing Area

- 8.1. Racing will be conducted in the area of Hunter Bay and THE SOUND.
- 8.2. All CARDINAL MARKS shall be observed. Failure to observe these marks shall result in disqualification.- NB Sailing in THE BOMBORA shall result in disqualification.
- 8.3. Sailing is not permitted in NAVAL WATERS or in DESIGNATED SECURITY AREAS.
- 8.4. Racing is not permitted in the area of permanently moored boats.

9. The Courses

- 9.1. Saturday 22nd November
 - 9.1.1. The courses on Saturday will be as per the Sailing Instructions of Balmoral Sailing Club. Course sheets will be available in the club. The mark positions are fixed and are in the vicinity of those indicated in the diagram. The course to be sailed will be indicated by a numeral board on the back of the cabin roof.
- 9.2. Sunday 23rd November
 - 9.2.1. The courses are as in the ATTACHMENT A. The diagram shows a Port rounding; a starboard rounding is the mirror image. A board indicating the course to be sailed will be displayed at the rear of the committee boat. A red or green flag will be flown to indicate a Port or Starboard rounding.

10. Marks

- 10.1. Marks will be a staff with an orange flag with a horizontal white black white stripe. They may fly a smaller top flag that may be marked with their number.
- 10.2. The Starting and Finishing Marks will be a staff with an orange flag and the Balmoral Sailing Club Burgee flying from the small forward mast.
- 10.3. A starting limit mark (distance mark) may be laid. When laid this will rank as a mark of the course. This will be a red/orange ball positioned in the vicinity of the Race Committee boat.

11. The Start

- 11.1. Races will be started as per RRS26
- 11.2. The starting line will be between the small forward mast on the race committee boat flying the Club Burgee and the starting mark at the port end.
- 11.3. A starting limit mark (distance mark) may be laid. When laid, this will rank as a mark of the course. This will be a red/orange ball. This mark will be positioned in the vicinity of the Race Committee boat. Boats shall leave this mark to starboard when starting. Following its preparatory signal, no boat shall pass between the race committee boat and the starting limit mark from the course side of the starting line.
- 11.4. Recalls as per RRS29

12. Change of the Position of the next mark

- 12.1. To change the position of the next mark the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. The Finish

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and the small mast on the committee boat flying the Club Burgee.

14. Penalty System

- 14.1. The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (amends RRS44.1)

15. Time Limit

- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within the time limit, or within 30 minutes after the first boat of their class finishes, whichever

is the later, will be scored "DID NOT FINISH "without a hearing". This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

16. Protests and Request for Redress

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race committee and the Protest Committee and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and rule 62.2.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the location and time of hearings in which they are parties or are named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5. For the purpose of Rule 64.3(b) the "authority responsible" is the measurer appointed by the Class Association.
- 16.6. Breaches of instructions 18,21, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. Race Series 1 (BSC) & Race Series 2 (WSC)
 - 17.1.1. Race Series 1 & Race Series 2 will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS 2013-2016 using the Low Point System.
- 17.2. NSW State Championship Result
 - 17.2.1. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a NSW State Championship result.
 - When up to six (6) are completed, a boat's Championship score shall be the total of its race scores
 - When seven (7) to nine (9) races are completed, a boat's Championship score shall be the total of its race scores excluding her worst score.
 - When ten (10) or more races are completed, a boat's Championship score shall be the total of its race scores excluding her worst two results.

18. Safety

- 18.1. Each skipper is required to personally register on the SIGN ON sheet located upstairs in the sailing club, no later than 30 minutes before race start time.
- 18.2. Each skipper is required to personally SIGN OFF on the sheet located outside the front door of the Club, as soon as possible after arriving on shore.
- 18.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, and the skipper is required to personally SIGN OFF on the sheet located outside the front door of the Club, as soon as possible after arriving on shore.
- 18.4. Failure to sign on or sign off may result in disqualification (refer clauses 1.3.1 & 1.3.2).
- 18.5. A PRE-RACE meeting will be conducted for all sailors, in the Clubhouse

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested within one hour of the finish time of the last boat to finish in a race session.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rule and sailing instruction. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. Advertising

- 21.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority

22. Official Boats

- 22.1. Official boats will display the Club Burgee. When on station at the start or finish line, the Race committee vessel will display a black sphere from the flag mast.

23. Support Boats

- 23.1. Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres outside racing laylines from the time of the preparatory signal until the finish of the last boat in a race, except when asked to assist by the race committee. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action being taken by the race committee

against the support personnel and/or any boats supported by them.

24. Radio Communication

24.1. Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications.

25. Prizes

25.1. Prizes will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race

26. Disclaimer of Liability

26.1. It is the competitor's decision enter the Australian International Mirror Championships or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See RRS Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision to Race. The organizing Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability 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 regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the event. Attention is drawn to clause 19, "risk warning" of the Notice of Race.

27. Insurance

27.1. A boat and its crew shall comply with the insurance requirements of the Notice of Race.

28. Rights to use name and likeness

28.1. By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show at their discretion, any photography, radio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them, at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue.

29. Further Information

For further information please contact the BSC Race Officer:

Attachment A – Courses

