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Handbook and Sailing Instructions 2025 – 2026

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Handbook contains sailing instructions and information for the 2025 - 2026 Parramatta River Sailing Club (*PRSC*) season.

Racing at the *PRSC* will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

Please note the information provided in this Handbook is provided in good faith. While *PRSC* makes every effort to provide accurate, reliable, complete, and up-to-date information related to yacht racing arrangements in NSW, Australia, it does not represent or warrant this information's accuracy, adequacy, or completeness.

Members are advised to regularly check the *PRSC* web site for any updates, corrections and /or amendments to this Handbook.

1.1 RISK WARNING

This **RISK WARNING** is issued jointly by the Parramatta River Sailing Club and Maritime Services, pursuant to the **Civil Liberty Act 2002 No 22** to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by the Parramatta River Sailing Club.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit, and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm, and the possibility of death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

The Parramatta River Sailing Club and Maritime Services also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Parramatta River Sailing Club.

Participants are also advised that although the Parramatta River Sailing Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover **DOES NOT** extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Australian Sailing. Membership to the Parramatta River Sailing Club includes membership to Australian Sailing.

It is a requirement, when racing with the Parramatta River Sailing Club, that proof of a Certificate of Currency for insurance incorporating Public Liability exists for each yacht racing.

1.2 Safety and Emergency Plan for Competitors

To minimise the risks of racing and boating, sailors at *PRSC* must be familiar with and obey rules as laid out in the:

- Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 – 28 (*the Blue Book*)
- Australian Sailing Special Regulations
- Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea ("Coll Regs")
- Maritime Safety Act
- and any other Regulation that applies to boating on Sydney Harbour.

Before Racing

- Racing Rules of Sailing Part 1 – Fundamental Rules apply to all your crew racing at the *PRSC*. You and your crew must understand Rules 1 – 5 prior to racing.
- Racing inshore on Sydney Harbour is classed as Category 7 as defined by *AS* Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats. All yachts must have a current valid Safety Compliance Certificate and carry the equipment identified on the certificate at all times.
- All crew members must know where Life Saving Equipment is stowed on your yacht and how to use it.
- Attention is drawn to *AS* Special Regulations Part 1 Section 8: Advisory Appendix E Man Overboard and the need to practice man overboard procedures with your crew regularly.
- Make sure all crew members know how to locate and wear a Lifejacket on your yacht.

Emergencies

The Parramatta River Sailing Club is **UNABLE** to provide emergency assistance to yachts in distress. The crew of any yacht in **distress**, or the crew of another yacht witnessing a yacht in distress should contact emergency services on **000** or **VHF Channel 16**.

In the event that a participant in a race organised by the *PRSC* experiences a man overboard, a crew member sustains an injury, or an injury is observed on another boat, or a yacht is in danger, appropriate action should be taken.

Any yacht that retires from a race it has started should notify the *PRSC* of their retirement at the earliest opportunity.

1.3 Reporting of Marine Accidents

The provisions of the Maritime Safety Act 1998 (t*he Act*) and The Marine Safety (General) Regulations 2016, (t*he Regulations*) are currently in operation.

The *Act* and the *Regulations* replace the obligations under section 30G of the Maritime Services Act 1935 to report marine accidents involving death, injury or damage exceeding $100.

A report is required in the case of an accident, excepted under the circumstances outlined in Regulation 96 of the Regulations. **This has particular relevance to boats competing in an aquatic activity that is being carried out under an aquatic license.**

The following three sections of the *Act* are of note to competitors in *PRSC* events:

Section 98 – Requirements of masters in case of accident involving vessels

1. The master of a vessel involved in a marine accident involving 2 or more vessels or the death of or injury to any person:
   a. Must stop the vessel, and

b. Must give any necessary assistance that the master is able to give to any person injured or vessel damaged in the accident.

Section 99 – Duty to report marine accidents to Minister

1. When a marine accident occurs in connection with a vessel, the master of that vessel (and the owner of the vessel if aware of the accident) must send a report to the Minister containing particulars of the accident as soon as practicable by the quickest means available.

2. A report is not required to be sent:
   a. if a report of the marine accident has already been sent by the owner or master, or
   b. In any other case prescribed by the regulations.

3. After receiving a report of a marine accident, the Minister may require further information from the owner or master of a vessel involved in the accident to determine whether an investigation should be ordered into the marine accident.

Section 100 – Marine accident particulars

The particulars of a marine accident required to be furnished or reported under sections 98 (3) and 99 are as follows:

a. the time, place, and nature of the marine accident,
a1. an explanation of the circumstance of the marine accident,
b. the name and distinguishing number (if any) of each vessel involved in the marine accident,
c. the name and address of each person who was involved in or was a material witness to the marine accident,
d. any loss of life or the estimated extent of any injury or damage resulting from the marine accident.

The following section of the *Regulations* is of note to competitors in *PRSC* events:

Section 139 – Report of certain accidents (Ref: Part 7: Miscellaneous)

2. A report is not required to be sent under section 99 (1) of the Act in relation to a marine accident involving only vessels participating in an aquatic activity carried out under an aquatic licence if the accident does not result in any of the following:

   a. injury to any person or a fatality,
   b. damage to property other than to a vessel participating in the aquatic activity,
   c. damage to any vessel participating in the aquatic activity costing more than $5,000,
   d. damage, or risk of damage, to the environment.

2 CLUB DETAILS

2.1 PARRAMATTA RIVER SAILING CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LTD

ABN:	69 800 125 835
Telephone:	(02) 9816 3916 (Race Days and Meetings only)
Clubhouse:	Looking Glass Point, 96 Wharf Road GLADESVILLE NSW 2111
Postal Address:	PO Box 227, GLADESVILLE NSW 1675
Web Address:	www.prsc.org.au
E-mail Address:	info@prsc.org.au

2.2 EMERGENCY, BOATING INFORMATION AND SERVICES CONTACT DETAILS

Emergency Services	000 or VHF Ch. 16
Water Police	(02) 9320 7499
Marine Rescue Port Jackson	(02) 9719 8609
Gladesville Police	(02) 9879 9699
Transport for NSW	13 12 36 – Boating general enquires.
Marine Rescue NSW	02 9450 2468
Abbotsford Point Boat Shed	(02) 9713 8621
d'Albora Marinas - Cabarita Point	(02) 9743 6277
Gladesville Bridge Marina	(02) 9181 2014
Sydney Waters Service	1300 871 802 - BOM recording.
Australian Sailing	(02) 9170 6906 – Craig Ferris, Club Support Officer, NSW (02) 9170 6948 – Jess Tames, Club Support Officer, NSW
Weather Information	http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/forecasts/sydneywaters.shtml
Sea Breeze	http://www.seabreeze.com.au

2.3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025 - 2026

The Board of Directors is elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Board undertakes its functions on a voluntary basis and meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 19:30.

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Director	Vacant		

2.4 OFFICERS

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Official Starter	Vacant	-	-
Division 1 Captain	Vacant	-	-
Division 3 Captain	Vacant	-	-
Cruising Captain	Vacant	-	-

3 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AS	Australian Sailing
DNS	Did Not Start
DNF	Did Not Finish
DSQ	Disqualified
Moorings	Moorings are apparatus for securing floating vessels that are permanently attached to the seabed.
PFD	Personal Floatation Device
PRSC	Parramatta River Sailing Club Co-operative Ltd.
OCS	On Course Side – A yacht listed as OCS has broken the start.
RET	Retired
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing – Also known as the *Blue Book*
Rules	The 2025 – 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing of World Sailing, and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats of Australian Sailing.
SCC	Safety Compliance Certificate.
Website	The address of the Parramatta River Sailing Club website is: www.prsc.org.au

4 MEMBERSHIP AND FACILITIES

4.1 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Skippers and crews of all yachts are encouraged to become members of the Parramatta River Sailing Club and of *AS*. The skipper and all crew on board a yacht registered with the club and competing in club events must be financial members of PRSC. Membership can be either by payment of an annual membership fee or by the purchase of a SailPass for an individual race.

PRSC memberships are valid for a 12-month period from the 1st May to the 30th April.

The *PRSC* membership includes a subscription to Australian Sailing (AS) including Personal Accident Insurance, which is automatic cover for any current financial members of an Australian Sailing Affiliated Club.

Membership forms are available for download from the *PRSC* website and a SailPass can be purchased via the Australian Sailing website at https://www.revolutionise.com.au/prsc/registration.

Please note all fees and charges below do not include GST.

Initial Membership	Purchase of 5 Shares @ $2 each	$10.00
	Parramatta River Sailing Club Membership *	$295.00
	Total:	**$305.00**
Annual Membership	Parramatta River Sailing Club Membership *	$295.00
	Total:	**$295.00**
SailPass	A one race Temporary Membership	**$10.00**

* Annual Membership of the Parramatta River Sailing Club includes membership of Australian Sailing

PRSC also offers Family Membership for an annual fee of $395.00 and Social and Junior Memberships for an annual fee of $60.00. PRSC offers discounts and incentives for new members and boats. See the membership forms on the website for details.

4.2 RACE FEES

Spring.....$100.00
Summer and Long Course $100.00
Autumn.....$100.00
Special Trophies $100.00
Twilight A and B $100.00
Winter..... Nil

Annual Race Package – All Races $295.00

*Discounts and waivers are available for new boats joining the fleet. Please contact the Engagement Officer for details.

5 RACE PRE-REQUISITES, RULES AND ORGANISATION

5.1 EQUIPMENT COMPLIANCE

Yachts competing in club races must comply with AS Special Regulations, Part 1 – Category 7 requirements. All yachts must have submitted a valid Cat 7 Audit Form Mono and Multi as a pre-requisite for racing.

Equipment audits are for the benefit of all. It is important that all owners and crew members be aware of where equipment is located and how it is used. Yacht owners are reminded of the need to brief new crew members of the location and use of all emergency equipment prior to the race start.

5.2 PERSON IN CHARGE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Please be aware of *AS* Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats – Section 1, Fundamentals and Definitions, Regulation 1.02: Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

5.3 GUIDE TO EQUIPMENT

The *PRSC* Safety Compliance Certificate lists the equipment that is required for the *AS* Special Regulations Compliance. Please consult and refer to the *AS* "Racing Rules of Sailing" (the Blue Book) with Australian Sailing Prescriptions, AS Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats and the Roads and Maritime Services Boating Handbook for detailed information.

5.4 SAFETY COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

PRSC uses the AS Equipment Audit Form Category 7 as its Safety Compliance Certificate.

The Category 7 Audit Form can also be downloaded from the *PRSC* website or the Australian Sailing website at https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/equipment-auditing/ or collected from the Club.

In addition, all yachts racing at *PRSC* shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance.

5.5 ANNUAL INSPECTION DAY

The PRSC annual inspection day will not be held for the 2025 - 26 season. In place of this inspection, each Skipper is required to complete an AS Cat 7 Audit Form Mono and Multi (Version 1.5 Dated 14 May 2024), as a self-check of their boat's safety equipment status. The completed form is to be sighted by a Club Director and retained by the skipper. Follow up audits may be arranged to verify the self-check.

A copy of the Audit form is available of the PRSC website.

5.6 AFTER THE INSPECTION

It is the Person in Charge's responsibility to ensure that their yacht and other equipment continue to comply in every way with the Category 7 requirements. They must remain familiar with the AS Special Regulations and make sure all equipment remains on the yacht, is kept in good working order, and is repaired or replaced if necessary, during the season.

5.7 Sail Numbers

Sail numbers provide a means of identifying a yacht that is racing or is in trouble. A yacht must be issued with a sail number by an approved organisation and should display these numbers in accordance with the details laid out in Appendix G of the RRS.

5.8 Race Entry Forms

Race entry forms must be completed in full, signed and returned to an official of the *PRSC* prior to the preparatory signal of any individual race or series. Forms for all *PRSC* events are available from the Clubhouse or the *PRSC* website.

If this is the first time a yacht has raced with the *PRSC* in the current racing season, a current and valid copy of the Safety Compliance Certificate AND a Certificate of Currency (Insurance Policy) incorporating Public Liability Insurance must be provided before the preparatory signal.

5.9 Race Fees

Prior to a yacht entering a race or series, all appropriate race fees will have been paid in full. Upon request, the club will issue a receipt to confirm race fees have been received. Details of race fees can be found in Section 4.2 above or on the *PRSC* website.

The *PRSC* Winter series is a fee free series; however, a valid Safety Compliance Certificate AND a Certificate of Currency (Insurance Policy) incorporating Public Liability Insurance must be submitted for competing yachts.

Visiting yachts racing in *PRSC* invitation events are not required to pay fees. It is the responsibility of the person in charge of visiting yachts to ensure that a valid Safety Compliance Certificate for their yacht has been issued by the visitor's club. A copy of this must be available for inspection upon request of an official of the *PRSC*.

5.10 Insurance/Certificate Of Currency

All yachts racing at the *PRSC* shall be insured with valid third part liability insurance. A Certificate of Currency for this insurance will be held by the yacht owner.

5.11 Responsibility and Indemnity

All those taking part in any race understand that they do so at their own risk and responsibility. The *PRSC* and its respective officers, employees, volunteers, and members accept no liability for any injury, loss, death, or damage that may be suffered by any competitor prior to, during or after any race.

5.12 Rules

All those taking part in any *PRSC* race are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing of World Sailing; the prescriptions/Special Regulations of *AS*; the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions as published by the *PRSC* and all other rules that govern a *PRSC* race.

All *PRSC* events are subject to the Marine Safety Act 1998; the Marine Safety (General) Regulations 2009; the Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea ("Colregs"); and the *PRSC* Aquatic License issued by Maritime Services to the *PRSC*.

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) as outlined in the NSW Boating Handbook will always prevail where racing and non-racing vessels interact and when vessels are racing under different governing body regulations.

Any yacht that is in breach of either the Rules or the Prescriptions or the AS Special Regulations, as amended by these Sailing Instructions and fails to accept an alternate penalty shall be disqualified. Competitors that collide with or cause a collision with a moored or anchored vessel and fail to retire shall be disqualified.

The skipper and all crew on board participating yachts must be financial members of the *PRSC*. Financial membership means either the payment of an annual membership fee or the purchase of a SailPass for an individual race. Yachts racing with non-financial crew aboard will not accrue points for that race.

Visiting yachts need not have a financial member of the Parramatta River Sailing Club on board.

Yachts sailing single handed are not eligible to compete.

The Sailing Committee, or its appointed delegate, reserves the right to refuse entry to any *PRSC* event without giving a reason.

Where a situation arises that is clearly not covered by these Sailing Instructions or the Rules, then the Sailing Committee is empowered to make a ruling.

5.13 Results

Except for twilight races, the results of the days racing will be announced in the *PRSC* Clubhouse at 17:30 during the winter season and at 18:00 for all other events.

Results will be posted on the Official Notice Board and will appear on the *PRSC* website. Results may be emailed to members.

5.14 Club Racing Pennant

The *PRSC* racing pennant must be displayed by all yachts racing in *PRSC* events. Visiting yachts may use their own club pennant. Racing pennants can be purchased from the *PRSC*. The *PRSC* racing pennant consists of three horizontal stripes: a blue top stripe, a yellow middle stripe and blue bottom stripe.

5.15 Marks

Laid *PRSC* marks are a permanent orange cylindrical buoys displaying the *PRSC* name and Mark Number. Temporary flag marks will display the club flag. The approximate location of Marks is shown in Appendix F – Position of PRSC Marks

AS marks are permanent yellow cylindrical buoys with no markings. Location of relevant *AS* marks are displayed in Appendix C – AS Marks

All marks shall be kept to Starboard during rounding or passing unless marked with a “P” in the Course Description, which indicates that they should be kept to Port.

Any special courses will be notified separately with the Notice of Race.

The approximate Latitude and Longitude of *PRSC* marks are as follows:

Mark 1	33° 50'157" S	151° 06 '703" E
Mark 2	33° 50'238” S	151° 07' 56" E
Mark 3	33° 50' 904" S	151° 07' 140" E
Mark 4	33° 51' 244" S	151° 07' 440" E
Mark 5	33° 50' 848" S	151° 08' 119" E
Mark 6	33° 50' 406" S	151° 09' 282" E

5.17 Starting Rules

For all races, the preparatory period commences 5 minutes before the start time. The raising / displaying of either Code Flag A or C shall indicate the starter is on station.

Attention may be drawn to the starting flag sequence by use of sound signals.

Note: Visual signals take precedence over sound signals.

Yachts sailing in the starting area prior to their preparatory period shall keep clear of those yachts that have commenced their preparatory period.

Yachts that are on the course side of the starting line during their preparatory period and prior to the start signal must keep clear of other yachts that have commenced their preparatory period.

Yachts intending to race shall keep clear of the club jetty from the first preparatory signal of the day.

Yachts under tow or power within their preparatory period shall stop their motor or cast off and make a 360 degree turn before starting.

When a Starter is in place, they shall remain on station for 15 minutes after the last scheduled yacht has started. Code Flag “C” or “A” will then be lowered to indicate that the Starter has stood down.

Please see Appendix E for a list of Code Flags.

5.18 Recalls

Individual Recall:

When, at a yacht’s starting signal, any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the starter will display Code Flag “X.” The starter will also endeavour to make one sound signal and to inform the yacht, or yachts recalled. Code Flag “X” will be displayed until all recalled yachts have returned to the pre-start side of the starting line or for 4 minutes, whichever is the lesser duration.

Please see Appendix E for a list of Code Flags.

General Recall:

Where at the starting signal, the starter is unable to identify yachts that are on the course side of the starting line, or where there has been an error in the starting procedure, or the starter otherwise determines, the starter may signal a general recall by displaying Code Flag “First Substitute.” The starter will also endeavour to make two sound signals.

After a general recall has been signalled the “First Substitute” will be lowered a maximum of 4 minutes after the original start time. The re-restart will commence 1 minute later with the raising of the warning signal.

Please see Appendix E for a list of Code Flags.

5.19 HANDICAP SYSTEM

The yacht of an existing competitor is allocated a division and a handicap at the start of the season based on its performance at the end of the previous season.

A new yacht will be assigned a division and a handicap by the Race Secretary considering all relevant factors. The initial handicap will be reviewed after the yacht has completed its first three races.

The handicap range for Spring, Summer and Autumn races is 0 - 40 minutes and all handicaps will be pegged to the scratch yacht.

The handicaps for Twilight and Winter races are based on a one division competition and will be separate from and not affected by other series events. The handicap range is 0 - 30 minutes and all handicaps will be pegged to the scratch yacht.

Handicaps for each series will be set by the Race Secretary prior to the first race of the series. The Race Secretary will generally use the handicap time from the last race of the preceding series and adjusted as appropriate.

For races beyond the Harbour Bridge, handicaps shall be calculated by multiplying each yacht’s handicap, after adjustment from the previous Saturday’s race, by a course factor. The course factors shall be:

For Division 1	- 150%
For Division 3	- 150%

Yachts that record a DNS will not have their handicaps adjusted, however if they fail to start in three consecutive races, they may lose their handicap and will be treated as a new yacht for the purposes of being assigned a handicap when they do start.

If four or more yachts start in a race, the handicaps for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in each race will be reduced by 3, 2 and 1 minutes respectively.

If three yachts or less start in a race, then the handicap reductions are as follows:

If 3 yachts start	1st Place	2-minute reduction
	2nd Place	1-minute reduction
	3rd Place	No change

If 2 yachts start	1st Place	1-minute reduction
	2nd Place	No change
If 1 yacht starts	1st Place	No Change

Additional handicap adjustments may be applied by the Race Secretary if and when deemed necessary.

5.20 RETIREMENT

If a yacht retires from a race the person in charge is responsible for notifying the Starter, a Race Official or the Race Secretary as soon as possible. This can be done in person or via phone to the club on 9816 3916.

If a yacht has not finished or retired in a reasonable time after it was expected to finish, the Race Officer may call the Water Police.

5.21 PROTESTS

Any protest must comply with the requirements of Part 5 Section A of the RRS.

The Starter, or a Club Director, shall be notified of any protest on completion of the race in which the alleged incident occurred.

A fee of $20.00 must accompany the protest form which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

Upon notifying the protested yacht of the lodgement of a protest the sailing committee shall:

1. where no injury or serious damage has occurred, or
2. no serious infringement of the yachts has occurred,

Offer the protested yacht the opportunity to Retire (RET) from the event.

Handicaps are not affected by the outcome of protests.

Where a yacht's points score is subject to adjustment as the result of the protest the Race Secretary will notify such changes in the next result sheet.

Protests shall be convened in the Clubhouse, or virtually if this is not possible, and shall be heard within 7 days of the notification of the protest.

5.22 SCORING POINTS

Yachts which comply with the Rules listed in Section 5.12 of this Handbook and Sailing Instruction are eligible to score points. Visitors are not eligible to score points however they are eligible to win the trophy of the day.

Points shall be awarded under the "Low Point System" as described in the Appendix A: Scoring to the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Except yachts that start and Do Not Finish (DNF/RET) yachts will be scored points for finishing one more than the number of yachts that started and yachts that Do Not Start (DNS) will be scored one more than the number of yachts entered in the series.

Yachts that are disqualified following a protest hearing or for any other reason will score points one more than the number of yachts entered in the series.

The Sailing Committee may award average points to yachts which:

1. participate in State or National or Major events which clash with *PRSC* point score races,
2. volunteer not to start in order to carry out essential services deemed necessary to the functioning of the club or,
3. are interrupted or discontinue racing on the instructions of the Police or Maritime authorities.

Average points mean the average of points awarded to finishers in that yacht's division for that race.

Dead heat yachts. The points available to the dead heat yachts shall be the total of the points available to the yachts involved, distributed evenly amongst them. All other placings are unchanged.

Races that are cancelled or abandoned will not be re-sailed. All yachts in the series will be awarded DNS points.

In calculating the total points earned for the series, the worst race point score is to be discarded. Disqualifications cannot be discarded. The Series winner is the yacht with the lowest point score for that series.

For the current season, the Club Champion in each Division is the yacht achieving the lowest total points scored from the points awarded in the Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Special Trophies series and Long course races, after any discards.

5.23 TROPHIES AND PRESENTATIONS

Trophies that may be awarded are summarised in the table below.

Trophy	Event
Dragon Shield	Club Championship – Division 1
Colin Imber Shield	Club Championship – Division 3
Tarban Creek Trophy	1st Spring Series – Division 1
Bob Hodgins Memorial Trophy	1st Spring Series – Division 3
Stanton Trophy	1st Summer Series – Division 1
Endeavour Trophy	1st Summer Series – Division 3
Robin Cox Memorial Trophy	1st Autumn Series – Division 1
John Cook Memorial Trophy	1st Autumn Series – Division 3
Brass Monkey Trophy	1st Winter Series
Colin Dismore Memorial Trophy	1st Twilight Series A
Leichhardt Trophies Shield	1st Twilight Series B
Lukes Bay Bowl	1st Special Trophies – Division 1
Glades Bay Bowl	1st Special Trophies – Division 3
Lionel Thearle Memorial Trophy	1st Short Course Series
Haggerty Trophy	Most Improved Boat
The Oar	Spectacular acts on the river
Laughlin Trophy	Services to the Club
Eric Harvey Trophy	1st Long Course Series
Flotsam and Jetsam Award	Boat most recently on hard times
Div. 3 Shield Long Course Series	1st Long course Series Division 3
John Bradshaw Memorial Trophy	Fastest Home - Special Trophies Heat 1

6 RACES: SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 SPRING, SUMMER AND AUTUMN SERIES

1 Rules

1.1 The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (*AS*), except as amended by the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions which are also considered part of the rules; and the Rules as defined by Section 5.12 of the *PRSC* Handbook.

2 Notice to Competitors

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the Bar in the *PRSC* Clubhouse and on the *PRSC* website - www.prsc.org.au.

2.2 Handicaps will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the Bar in the *PRSC* Clubhouse and on the *PRSC* website - www.prsc.org.au.

2.3 Handicaps may also be obtained from the starter by telephone on 9816 3916 or by hailing the starter on the balcony prior to the first warning signal of the day.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the sailing Official Notice Board in the Clubhouse. Where possible, attention will be drawn to the changes by the Race Secretary by e-mail.

3.2 Late changes will be signalled by Code Flag “L” flown from the Clubhouse deck and be communicated on the water by the Race Secretary or their delegate to all yachts in the vicinity of the start line, prior to the first warning signal of the day.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the *PRSC* flagpole at the eastern end of the Clubhouse deck.

4.2 An abandoned race (either before or after the start) is signalled by Code Flag "N" flown from the Clubhouse deck. A numbered board '1' or '3' shall be displayed on the Clubhouse railing indicating which division is abandoned. Attention may be drawn to the Code Flag "N" by 2 short sound signals.

4.3 A race may be postponed at any time prior to the Starting Signal. Postponement is signalled by displaying Code Flag "Answering Pennant". A numbered board '1' or '3' shall be displayed on the Clubhouse railing indicating which division is postponed.

4.4 In the event that both divisions have been postponed beyond their published starting times, the starter may elect to start both divisions simultaneously by displaying both class flags (yellow and blue) simultaneously as the Warning Signal.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 The schedule of races is shown in Appendix D – Club Calendar.

6 Division Flags

6.1 Divisions will be indicated by the following flag during the start sequence: Blue Flag - Division 1, Yellow Flag - Division 3. Both Flags may be flown together to indicate a Combine Division Start.

7 The Courses

7.1 The courses for Division 1 are shown in Appendix A1 and Appendix A3 – Short Courses.

7.2 The courses for Division 3 are shown in Appendix A2 and Appendix A4 – Short Courses.

7.3 The number of the course to be sailed will be signalled by a numeral pennant flown from the Clubhouse deck. The numeral pennant shall remain in place for the duration of the race.

7.4 If Code Flag S "Short Course' is displayed prior to the start, along with a numeral pennant, then the Short Course will be sailed. (see Appendix A3 and A4).

8 Shortened Course

8.1 A shortened course is signalled by Code Flag "S" flown from the Clubhouse deck after the start of a race. A large board painted to represent the Code Flag "S" and a numbered board '1' or '3' will be displayed on the Clubhouse railing and facing the direction of the last mark to be rounded. Individual yachts attention may be drawn to the Code Flag "S" by 2 short sound signals.

9 Areas that are Obstructions

9.1 Except for the Naval mooring buoys in Sydney Harbour, yachts competing in *PRSC* events must pass all moorings on the hand that keeps the mooring between the yacht and the nearest shore.
9.2 Vessels at anchor are not considered moored vessels.
9.3 Yachts competing in *PRSC* events must not pass between the mooring dolphins in Snails Bay.
9.4 The area south of an imaginary line extending from Dawes Point to Garden Island northern shoreline and west of a second imaginary line extending due south from Kirribilli Point, is out of bounds. See Appendix B – Obstructions for an explanatory diagram.

10 The Start

10.1 The Start line shall be between the Starter's sighting device on the Clubhouse deck and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed. Yachts starting must cross the starting line travelling in the direction of the first mark to be rounded.
10.2 As a guide, the start line prescribes a line between the two flag poles atop the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed extending across the river to the Clubhouse deck.
10.3 **Handicap starts** are signalled by Code Flag "A" displayed from the Clubhouse deck.
10.4 Notionally all Summer Series races will be a scratch start, however this will be at the starter's discretion.
10.5 If required for a Handicap start, handicap start times will be e-mailed to skippers, published on the club notice board and the website 48 hours prior to a scheduled handicap start. It is the skipper's responsibility to determine their start time.
10.6 Both divisions will start together.
10.7 The earliest start will be 13:45 hrs.
10.8 A warning signal is the time 5 minutes prior to start time.
10.9 Each yacht shall aim to start at or after her Division's assigned start time.
10.10 A yacht that starts prior to her allocated start time will be listed as OCS. A yacht which mistimes its start may exonerate itself by restarting after her allotted start time.
10.11 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made should avoid the starting area.
10.12 There may be a countdown for handicap starts. However, competitors should synchronise their watches prior to the start. Time can be confirmed by the flag signals displayed by the starter.
10.13 There will be no recalls.
10.14

Time	Signal	Action
Prior To 13:40	Course Pennant Displayed	
13:40	Warning Signal	Blue and Yellow Class Flags Raised
13:41	Preparatory Signal	Code Flag P Raised
13:44	One Minute	Code Flag P Lowered
13:45	Start Signal	Blue and Yellow Class Flags Lowered - First Yacht Starts
After 13:45	If it is a handicap start, each yacht will cross the line at or after their allocated start time.	

10.15 **Scratch starts** are signalled by Code Flag “C”, flown from the Clubhouse deck

10.16

Time	Signal	Action
Prior To 13:45	Course Pennant Displayed	
13:45	Division 3 Warning Signal	Yellow Class Flag Raised
13:46	Division 3 Preparatory Signal	Code Flag P Raised
13:49	Division 3 One Minute	Code Flag P Lowered
13:50	Division 3 Start Signal	Yellow Class Flag Lowered

10.17

Time	Signal	Action
Prior To 13:55	Course Pennant Displayed	
13:55	Division 1 Warning Signal	Blue Class Flag Raised
13:56	Division 1 Preparatory Signal	Code Flag P Raised
13:59	Division 1 One Minute	Code Flag P Lowered
14:00	Division 1 Start Signal	Blue Class Flag Lowered

10.18 The starter may choose to start both divisions together. This will be signalled by Code Flag L being flown from the Clubhouse deck prior to 13:45.

10.19

Time	Signal	Action
Prior To 13:45	Course Pennant Displayed Code Flag L displayed	
13:55	Warning Signal	Blue and Yellow Class Flags Raised
13:56	Preparatory Signal	Code Flag P Raised
13:59	One Minute	Code Flag P Lowered
14:00	Start Signal	Blue and Yellow Class Flags Lowered

11 The Finish

11.1 The Finish line shall be between the Starter’s sighting device on the Clubhouse deck and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed. When finishing, yachts must pass between the Starters sighting device and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club.

11.2 As a guide, the finish line prescribes a line between the two flag poles atop the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed extending across the river to the Clubhouse deck.

11.3 Yachts that have finished racing shall not obstruct the starter’s view of other yachts crossing the finishing line.

12 Penalty System

12.1 A yacht which acknowledges an infringement of Part 2 of the Rules may elect to take a Two Turns Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2. Each turn must be in the same direction and include one tack and one gybe.

12.2 A yacht which acknowledges an infringement of Rule 31 may elect to take a One Turn Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2. The turn must include one tack and one gybe.
12.3 If a yacht has caused serious injury or damage, or has gained a significant advantage in the race or series, she shall not be entitled to accept an alternative penalty under Sailing Instructions 12.1 or 12.2 and she shall retire.

13 Time Limits
13.1 Rule 35 shall not apply to *PRSC* events.
13.2 The race time limit for a scratch start is 17:00 plus handicap.
13.3 The race time limit for a handicap start is 17:30 for all yachts.
13.4 Notwithstanding rule 13.2 or 13.3, the time limit for all races shall elapse at sunset.
13.5 The Club Burgee will be lowered at the time the last starting yacht finishes or at the latest elapsed time and an extended sound signal shall be made.

14 Protests
14.1 All protests shall be made in writing, addressed to the protest committee, and lodged in the protest box by 19:00 on the day of the event. Protests will be addressed as per section 5.21 of the *PRSC* Handbook.

15 Scoring
15.1 As per section 5.22 of the *PRSC* Handbook.

16 Safety Regulations
16.1 It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that their yacht complies with the requirements of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the *AS* addendum A and the *AS* Special Regulations at all times when racing.
16.2 Entries will only be accepted from yachts that meet Category 7 safety and equipment requirements and hold a valid Safety Compliance Certificate.
16.3 If a yacht retires from a race the person in charge is responsible for notifying the Starter, a Race Official or the Race Secretary as soon as possible. This can be done in person or via phone to the club on 9816 3916.

17 Disclaimer of Liability
17.1 All those taking part in races conducted by the *PRSC* do so entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the Racing Rules of Sailing Rules 1.2 and 4. *PRSC* will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after *PRSC* events.
17.2 The *PRSC* is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or of the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The *PRSC* reserves the right to refuse an entry.

18 Insurance
18.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. A Certificate of Currency for this insurance will be held by the yacht owner.

6.2 WINTER SERIES

1 Rules

1.1 The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), except as amended by the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions which are also considered part of the rules; and the Rules as defined by Section 5.12 of the *PRSC* Handbook.

2 Notice to Competitors

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the Bar in the *PRSC* Clubhouse and on the *PRSC* website - www.prsc.org.au.

2.2 Handicaps will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the Bar in the *PRSC* Clubhouse and on the *PRSC* website - www.prsc.org.au.

2.3 Handicaps may also be obtained from the starter by telephone on 9816 3916 or by hailing the starter on the balcony prior to the first warning signal of the day.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Clubhouse. Where possible, attention will be drawn to the changes by the Race Secretary by e-mail.

3.2 Late changes will be signalled by Code Flag “L” displayed from the Clubhouse deck and be communicated on the water by the Race Secretary or his delegate to all yachts in the vicinity of the start line, prior to the first warning signal of the day.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the *PRSC* flagpole at the eastern end of the Clubhouse deck.

4.2 An abandoned race (either before or after the start) is signalled by Code Flag “N” flown from the Clubhouse. Attention may be drawn to the Code Flag “N” by 2 short sound signals.

4.3 A race may be postponed at any time prior to the Starting Signal. Postponement is signalled by displaying code flag “Answering Pennant”. Attention may be drawn to the Code Flag “N” by 2 short sound signals.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 The schedule of races is shown in Appendix D – Club Calendar.

5.2 All races in the Winter Series are sailed as a “no extras” races.

6 Division Flags

6.1 The Winter Series is sailed as one division so no Division Flags will be used.

7 The Courses

7.1 The courses for the Winter Series are shown in Appendix A5.

7.2 The number of the course to be sailed will be signalled by a numeral pennant flown from the Clubhouse deck. The numeral pennant shall remain in place for the duration of the race.

8 Shortened Course

8.1 A shortened course is signalled by Code Flag “S” flown from the Clubhouse deck. A large board painted to represent the Code Flag “S” shall be displayed on the Clubhouse railing and facing the direction of the last mark to be rounded. Individual yachts attention may be drawn to the Code Flag “S” by 2 short sound signals.

9 Areas that are Obstructions

9.1 Except for the Naval mooring buoys in Sydney Harbour, yachts competing in *PRSC* events must pass all moorings on the hand that keeps the mooring between the yacht and the nearest shore.

9.2 Vessels at anchor are not considered moored vessels.

9.3 Yachts competing in *PRSC* events must not pass between the mooring dolphins in Snails Bay.

9.4 The area south of an imaginary line extending from Dawes Point to Garden Island northern shoreline and west of a second imaginary line extending due south from Kirribilli Point, is out of bounds.

See Appendix B – Obstructions for an explanatory diagram.

10 The Start

10.1 The Start line shall be between the Starter's sighting device on the Clubhouse deck and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed. Yachts starting must cross the starting line travelling in the direction of the first mark to be rounded.

10.2 As a guide, the start line prescribes a line between the two flag poles atop the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed extending across the river to the Clubhouse deck.

10.3 Winter Series races will be a scratch start as signalled by Code Flag "C", flown from the Clubhouse deck. All yachts will race as a single division in the Winter Series.

10.4

Time	Signal	Action
Prior To 13:25	Course Pennant Displayed	
13:25	Warning Signal	Blue Class Flag Raised
13:26	Preparatory Signal	Code Flag P Raised
13:29	One Minute	Code Flag P Lowered
13:30	Start Signal	Blue Class Flag Lowered

11 The Finish

11.1 The Finish line shall be between the Starter's sighting device on the Clubhouse deck and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed. When finishing, yachts must pass between the Starters sighting device and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club.

11.2 As a guide, the finish line prescribes a line between the two flag poles atop the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed extending across the river to the Clubhouse deck.

11.3 Yachts that have finished racing shall not obstruct the starter's view of other yachts crossing the finishing line.

12 Penalty System

12.1 A yacht which acknowledges an infringement of Part 2 of the Rules may elect to take a Two Turns Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2. Each turn must be in the same direction and include one tack and one gybe.

12.2 A yacht which acknowledges an infringement of Rule 31 may elect to take a One Turn Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2. The turn must include one tack and one gybe.

12.3 If a yacht has caused serious injury or damage, or has gained a significant advantage in the race or series, she shall not be entitled to accept an alternative penalty under Sailing Instructions 12.1 or 12.2 and she shall retire.

13 Time Limits

13.1 Rule 35 shall not apply to *PRSC* events.
13.2 The race time limit for Winter Series races is 15:30 plus handicap.
13.3 Notwithstanding rule 13.2, the time limit for all winter races shall elapse at sunset.
13.4 The Club Burgee will be lowered at the time the last starting yacht finishes or at the latest elapsed time and an extended sound signal shall be made.

14 Protests

14.1 All protests shall be made in writing, addressed to the protest committee, and lodged in the protest box within two hours of the elapsed time for the race. Protests will be addressed as per section 5.21 of the *PRSC* Handbook.

15 Scoring

15.1 As per section 5.22 of this *PRSC* Handbook

16 Safety Regulations

16.1 It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that their yacht complies with the requirements of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the *AS* addendum A and the *AS* Special Regulations at all times when racing.
16.2 Entries will only be accepted from yachts that meet Category 7 safety and equipment requirements and hold a valid Safety Compliance Certificate.
16.3 If a yacht retires from a race the person in charge is responsible for notifying the Starter, a Race Official or the Race Secretary as soon as possible. This can be done in person or via phone to the club on 9816 3916.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 All those taking part in races conducted by the *PRSC* do so entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the Racing Rules of Sailing Rules 1.2 and 4. *PRSC* will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after *PRSC* events.
17.2 The *PRSC* is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or of the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The *PRSC* reserves the right to refuse an entry.

18 Insurance

18.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability. A Certificate of Currency for this insurance will be held by the yacht owner.

6.3 SPECIAL TROPHIES SERIES

1 Rules

1.1 The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (*AS*), except as amended by the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions which are also considered part of the rules; and the Rules as defined by Section 5.12 of this *PRSC* Handbook.

2 Notice to Competitors

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the Bar in the *PRSC* Clubhouse and on the *PRSC* website - www.prsc.org.au.

2.2 Handicaps will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the Bar in the *PRSC* Clubhouse and on the *PRSC* website - www.prsc.org.au.

2.3 Handicaps may also be obtained from the starter by telephone on 9816 3916 or by hailing the starter on the balcony prior to the first warning signal of the day.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Clubhouse. Where possible, attention will be drawn to the changes by the Race Secretary by e-mail.

3.2 Late changes will be signalled by Code Flag “L” flown from the Clubhouse deck and be communicated on the water by the Race Secretary or his delegate to all yachts in the vicinity of the start line, prior to the first warning signal of the day.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the *PRSC* flagpole at the eastern end of the Clubhouse deck.

4.2 An abandoned race (either before or after the start) is signalled by Code Flag “N” flown from the Clubhouse deck. A numbered board ‘1’ or ‘3’ shall be displayed on the Clubhouse railing indicating which division is abandoned. Attention may be drawn to the Code Flag “N” by 2 short sound signals.

4.3 A race may be postponed at any time prior to the Starting Signal. Postponement is signalled by displaying code flag “Answering Pennant”. A numbered board ‘1’ or ‘3’ shall be displayed on the Clubhouse railing indicating which division is postponed.

4.4 In the event that both divisions have been postponed beyond their published starting times, the starter may elect to start both divisions simultaneously by displaying both class flags (yellow and blue) simultaneously as the Warning Signal.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 The schedule of races is shown in Appendix D – Club Calendar.

6 Division Flags

6.1 Divisions will be indicated by the following flag during the start sequence: Blue Flag - Division 1; Yellow Flag - Division 3. Both Flags may be flown together to indicate a Combine Division Start.

7 The Courses

7.1 The courses for Division 1 are shown in Appendix A1 and Appendix A3 – Short Courses.

7.2 The courses for Division 3 are shown in Appendix A2 and Appendix A4 – Short Courses.

7.3 The number of the course to be sailed will be signalled by a numeral pennant flown from the Clubhouse deck. The numeral pennant shall remain in place for the duration of the race.

7.4 If Code Flag S “Short Course’ is displayed prior to the start, along with a numeral pennant, then the Short Course will be sailed. (see Appendix A3 and A4).

8 Shortened Course

8.1 A shortened course is signalled by Code Flag “S” flown from the Clubhouse deck. A large board painted to represent the Code Flag “S” and a numbered board ‘1’ or ‘3’ will be displayed on the Clubhouse railing facing the direction of the last mark to be rounded. Individual yachts attention may be drawn to the Code Flag “S” by 2 short sound signals.

9 Areas that are Obstructions

9.1 Except for the Naval mooring buoys in Sydney Harbour, yachts competing in *PRSC* events must pass all moorings on the hand that keeps the mooring between the yacht and the nearest shore.

9.2 Vessels at anchor are not considered moored vessels.

9.3 Yachts competing in *PRSC* events must not pass between the mooring dolphins in Snails Bay.

9.4 The area south of an imaginary line extending from Dawes Point to Garden Island northern shoreline and west of a second imaginary line extending due south from Kirribilli Point, is out of bounds. See Appendix B – Obstructions for an explanatory diagram.

10 The Start

10.1 The Start line shall be between the Starter’s sighting device on the Clubhouse deck and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed. Yachts starting must cross the starting line travelling in the direction of the first mark to be rounded.

10.2 As a guide, the start line prescribes a line between the two flag poles atop the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed extending across the river to the Clubhouse deck.

10.3 Special Trophies races will be a **scratch start** as signalled by Code Flag “C”, flown from the Clubhouse deck.

10.4

Time	Signal	Action
Prior To 13:15	Course Pennant Displayed	
13:15	Division 3 Warning Signal	Yellow Class Flag Raised
13:16	Division 3 Preparatory Signal	Code Flag P Raised
13:19	Division 3 One Minute	Code Flag P Lowered
13:20	Division 3 Start Signal	Yellow Class Flag Lowered

10.5

Time	Signal	Action
Prior To 13:25	Course Pennant Displayed	
13:25	Division 1 Warning Signal	Blue Class Flag Raised
13:26	Division 1 Preparatory Signal	Code Flag P Raised
13:29	Division 1 One Minute	Code Flag P Lowered
13:30	Division 1 Start Signal	Blue Class Flag Lowered

11 The Finish

11.1 The Finish line shall be between the Starter’s sighting device on the Clubhouse deck and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed. When finishing, yachts must pass between the Starters sighting device and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club.

11.2 As a guide, the finish line prescribes a line between the two flag poles atop the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed extending across the river to the Clubhouse deck.

11.3 Yachts that have finished racing shall not obstruct the starter’s view of other yachts crossing the finishing line.

12 Penalty System

12.1 A yacht which acknowledges an infringement of Part 2 of the Rules may elect to take a Two Turns Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2. Each turn must be in the same direction and include one tack and one gybe.

12.2 A yacht which acknowledges an infringement of Rule 31 may elect to take a One Turn Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2. The turn must include one tack and one gybe.

12.3 If a yacht has caused serious injury or damage, or has gained a significant advantage in the race or series, she shall not be entitled to accept an alternative penalty under Sailing Instructions 12.1 or 12.2 and she shall retire.

13 Time Limits

13.1 Rule 35 shall not apply to *PRSC* events.

13.2 The race time limit is 17:00 plus handicap.

13.3 Notwithstanding rule 13.2, the time limit for all Special Trophies Races shall elapse at sunset.

13.4 The Club Burgee will be lowered at the time the last starting yacht finishes or at the latest elapsed time and an extended sound signal shall be made.

14 Protests

14.1 All protests shall be made in writing, addressed to the protest committee, and lodged in the protest box by 19:00 on the day of the event. Protests will be addressed as per section 5.21 of the *PRSC* Handbook.

15 Scoring

15.1 As per section 5.22. of this *PRSC* Handbook.

16 Safety Regulations

16.1 It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that their yacht complies with the requirements of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the AS addendum A, and the AS Special Regulations at all times when racing.

16.2 Entries will only be accepted from yachts that meet Category 7 safety and equipment requirements and hold a valid Safety Compliance Certificate.

16.3 If a yacht retires from a race the person in charge is responsible for notifying the Starter, a Race Official or the Race Secretary as soon as possible. This can be done in person or via phone to the club on 9816 3916.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 All those taking part in races conducted by the *PRSC* do so entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the Racing Rules of Sailing Rules 1.2 and 4. *PRSC* will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after *PRSC* events.

17.2 The *PRSC* is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or of the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The *PRSC* reserves the right to refuse an entry.

18 Insurance

18.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability. A Certificate of Currency for this insurance will be held by the yacht owner.

6.4 TWILIGHT SERIES

1 Rules

1.1 The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing , the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing *(AS)* except as amended by the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions which are also considered part of the rules; and the Rules as defined by Section 5.12 of this *PRSC* Handbook.

2 Notice to Competitors

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2.2 Handicaps will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to the Bar in the *PRSC* Clubhouse and on the *PRSC* website - www.prsc.org.au.

2.3 Handicaps may also be obtained from the starter by telephone on 9816 3916 or by hailing the starter on the balcony prior to the first warning signal of the day.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Clubhouse. Where possible, attention will be drawn to the changes by the Race Secretary by e-mail.

3.2 Late changes will be signalled by Code Flag “L” flown from the Clubhouse deck and be communicated on the water by the Race Secretary or his delegate to all yachts in the vicinity of the start line, prior to the first warning signal of the day.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the PRSC flagpole at the eastern end of the Clubhouse deck.

4.2 An abandoned race (either before or after the start) is signalled by Code Flag “N” flown from the Clubhouse deck shall be displayed on the Clubhouse railing. Attention may be drawn to the Code Flag “N” by 2 short sound signals.

4.3 A race may be postponed at any time prior to the Starting Signal. Postponement is signalled by displaying code flag “Answering Pennant” from the Clubhouse deck.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 The schedule of races is shown in Appendix D – Club Calendar.

5.2 All races in the Twilight Series are sailed as a “no extras” races.

6 Division Flags

6.1 The Twilight Series is sailed as one division so no Division Flags will be used.

7 The Courses

7.1 The courses for the Twilight Series are shown in Appendix A5.

7.2 The number of the course to be sailed will be signalled by a numeral pennant flown from the Clubhouse deck. The numeral pennant shall remain in place for the duration of the race.

8 Shortened Course

8.1 A shortened course is signalled by Code Flag “S” flown from the Clubhouse deck. A large board painted to represent the Code Flag “S” facing the direction of the last mark to be rounded. Individual yachts attention may be drawn to the Code Flag “S” by 2 short sound signals.

9 Areas that are Obstructions

9.1 Except for the Naval mooring buoys in Sydney Harbour, yachts competing in *PRSC* events must pass all moorings on the hand that keeps the mooring between the yacht and the nearest shore.

9.2 Vessels at anchor are not considered moored vessels.

9.3 Yachts competing in *PRSC* events must not pass between the mooring dolphins in Snails Bay.

9.4 The area south of an imaginary line extending from Dawes Point to Garden Island northern shoreline and west of a second imaginary line extending due south from Kirribilli Point, is out of bounds. See Appendix B – Obstructions for an explanatory diagram.

10 The Start

10.1 The Start line shall be between the Starter's sighting device on the Clubhouse deck and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed. Yachts starting must cross the starting line travelling in the direction of the first mark to be rounded.

10.2 As a guide, the start line prescribes a line between the two flag poles atop the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed extending across the river to the Clubhouse deck.

10.3 Twilight Series races will be a **scratch start** as signalled by Code Flag "C", flown from the Clubhouse deck. All yachts will race as a single division in the Twilight Series.

10.4

Time	Signal	Action
Prior To 17:40	Course Pennant Displayed	
17:40	Warning Signal	Blue Class Flag Raised
17:41	Preparatory Signal	Code Flag P Raised
17:44	One Minute	Code Flag P Lowered
17:45	Start Signal	Blue Class Flag Lowered

11 The Finish

11.1 The Finish line shall be between the Starter's sighting device on the Clubhouse deck and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed. When finishing, yachts must pass between the Starters sighting device and the flag mast on the western end of the Sydney Rowing Club.

11.2 As a guide, the finish line prescribes a line between the two flag poles atop the Sydney Rowing Club Boatshed extending across the river to the Clubhouse deck.

11.3 Yachts that have finished racing shall not obstruct the starter's view of other yachts crossing the finishing line.

12 Penalty System

12.1 A yacht which acknowledges an infringement of Part 2 of the Rules may elect to take a Two Turns Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2. Each turn must be in the same direction and include one tack and one gybe.

12.2 A yacht which acknowledges an infringement of Rule 31 may elect to take a One Turn Penalty in accordance with Rule 44.2. The turn must include one tack and one gybe.

12.3 If a yacht has caused serious injury or damage, or has gained a significant advantage in the race or series, she shall not be entitled to accept an alternative penalty under Sailing Instructions 12.1 or 12.2 and she shall retire.

13 Time Limits

13.1 Rule 35 shall not apply to *PRSC* events.

13.2 The race time limit for Twilight Series races is 19:30 plus handicap.

13.3 Notwithstanding rule 13.2, the time limit for all Twilight races shall elapse at sunset.

13.4 The Club Burgee will be lowered at the time the last starting yacht finishes or at the latest elapsed time and an extended sound signal shall be made.

14 Protests

14.1 All protests shall be made in writing, addressed to the protest committee, and lodged in the protest box within two hours of the elapsed time for the race. Protests will be addressed as per section 5.21 of the *PRSC* handbook.

15 Scoring

15.1 As per section 5.22 of this *PRSC* Handbook.

16 Safety Regulations

16.1 It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that their yacht complies with the requirements of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the *AS* addendum A, and the AS Special Regulations at all times when racing.

16.2 Entries will only be accepted from yachts that meet Category 7 safety and equipment requirements and hold a valid Safety Compliance Certificate.

16.3 If a yacht retires from a race the person in charge is responsible for notifying the Starter, a Race Official or the Race Secretary as soon as possible. This can be done in person or via phone to the club on 9816 3916.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 All those taking part in races conducted by the *PRSC* do so entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the Racing Rules of Sailing Rules 1.2 and 4. *PRSC* will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after *PRSC* events.

17.2 The *PRSC* is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or of the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The *PRSC* reserves the right to refuse an entry.

18 Insurance

18.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability. A Certificate of Currency for this insurance will be held by the yacht owner.

APPENDIX A – RACE COURSES

APPENDIX A1 SPRING, SUMMER AND AUTUMN RACING COURSES – DIVISION 1

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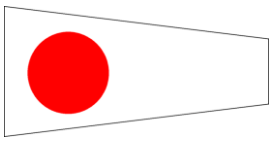
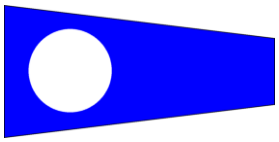


Course 1 North-East and East (11.6 Nm)
Start – 6P – 1P – 5P – 3P – 6P – 3P – Finish



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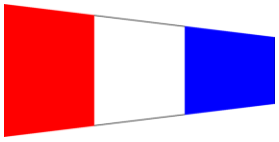

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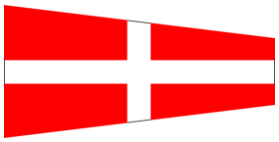

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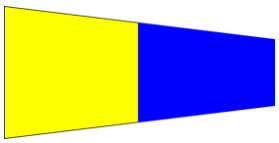

Course 5 North-East and East (Alternative) (11.5 Nm)
Start – Spectacle P – Snapper P – Cockatoo P – Spectacle P – 1P – 5P – 3P – 5P – Finish

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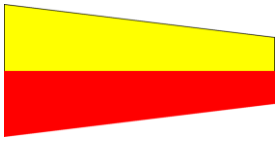
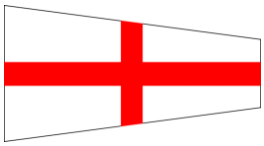


Course 7 Harbour Course (15.8 Nm)

Start - Spectacle - Cockatoo - Goat - Fort Denison P - Shark Island - Shark Island *SA* Mark - Fort Denison P - Goat P - Cockatoo P - Spectacle P - 1P - Finish



Course 8 Islands Course (11.6 Nm)
Start – Spectacle – Cockatoo – Goat – Cockatoo – Snapper – Spectacle – 1P– 5P – 1P – Finish

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APPENDIX A2 SPRING, SUMMER AND AUTUMN RACING COURSES – DIVISION 3

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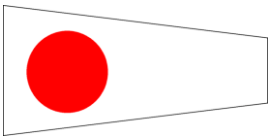

Course 1 North-East and East (10.9 Nm)
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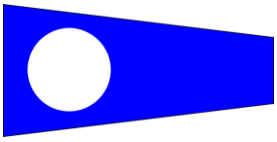

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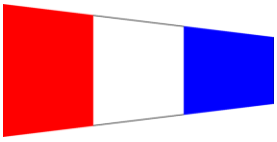

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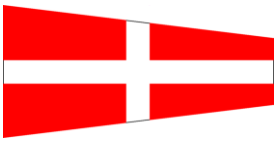

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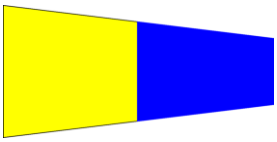

Course 5 North-East and East (Alternative) (10.5 Nm)
Start – Spectacle P – Snapper P – Cockatoo P –
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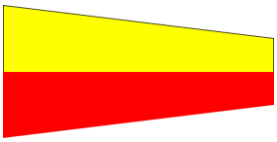
Start – 1P – 6P – 2P – 5P – 2P – 5P – Finish



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Start – Spectacle – Cockatoo – Goat – Fort Denison P
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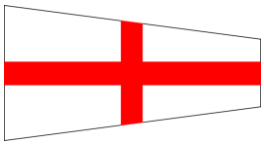

Course 7 Islands Course (10.2 Nm)
Start – Spectacle – Cockatoo – Snapper – Spectacle
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APPENDIX A3 SHORT COURSES – DIVISION 1

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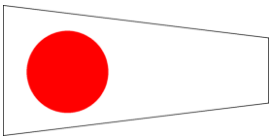

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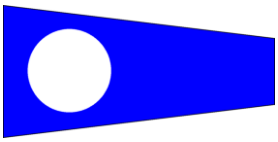

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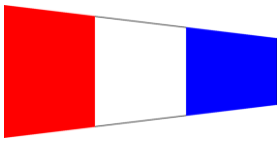

Course 3 South (5.6 Nm)

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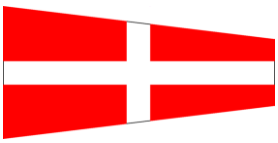

Course 4 West and North-West (5.6 Nm)

Start – 1P – 5P – 1P – 5P – Finish

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APPENDIX A4 SHORT COURSES – DIVISION 3

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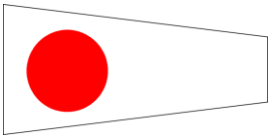
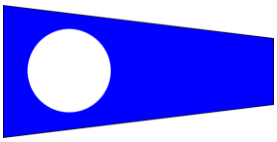
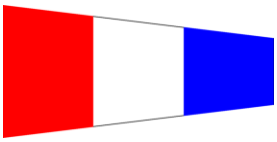
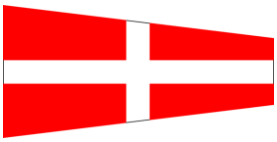
	**Course 1** North-East and East (5.5 Nm) Start – 5P – 2P – 5P – 3P – Finish
	**Course 2** South-East (5.2 Nm) Start – 5P – 2P – 4 – 2P– 5P – Finish
	**Course 3** South (5.6 Nm) Start – 4 – 1P – 4 – 2P – Finish
	**Course 4** West and North-West (5.6 Nm) Start – 1P – 5P – 2P – 5P – Finish

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APPENDIX A5 TWILIGHT AND WINTER COURSES (ALL DIVISIONS)

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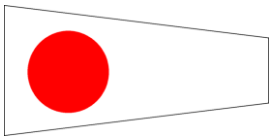

Course 1 North-East and East (3.9 Nm)

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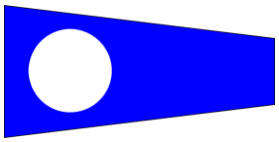

Course 2 South-East (3.9 Nm)

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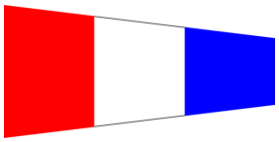

Course 3 South (5.6 Nm)

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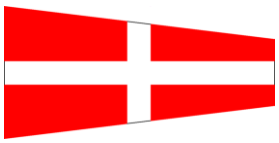

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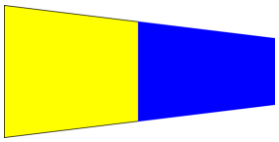

Course 5 West (4.7 Nm)

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Course 6 East (Alternative) (5.9 Nm)

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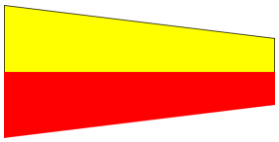

Course 7 West (Alternative) (5.9 Nm)

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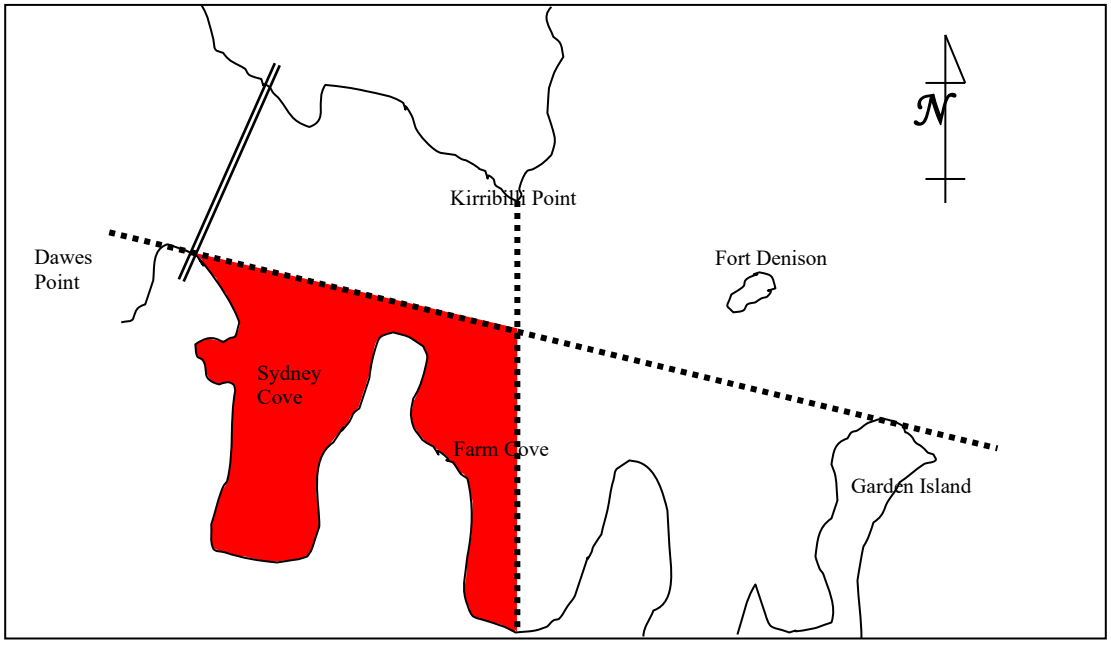
APPENDIX B – OBSTRUCTIONS

When yachts race beyond the Harbour Bridge, the area south of an imaginary line extending from Dawes Point to the Garden Island northern shoreline and west of a second imaginary line extending due south from Kirribilli Point, is out of bounds.



APPENDIX C – AS MARKS

Shark Island AS Mark: AS NSW yellow buoy approx. 10 m southeast of south cardinal mark off Shark Island.

APPENDIX D – CLUB CALENDAR

PRSC 2025 / 26 Season Sailing Calendar

2025 RACES

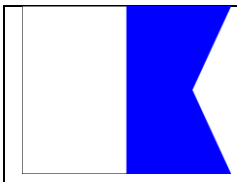
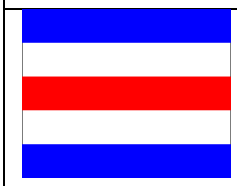
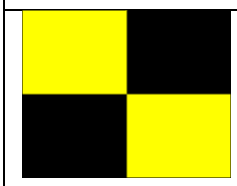
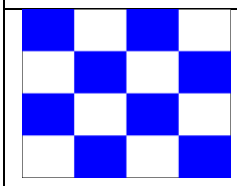
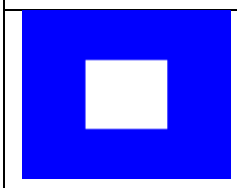
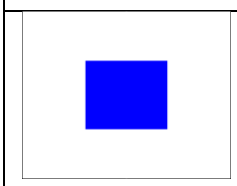
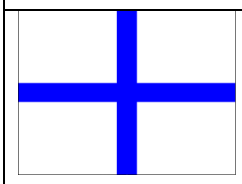
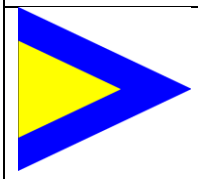
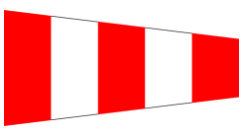
	Day	Date	Series / Race	Start Time
1	Saturday	06-Sep-25	Spring Series - Race 1	13:45
2	Saturday	13-Sep-25	Spring Series - Race 2	13:45
3	Saturday	20-Sep-25	Spring Series - Race 3	13:45
4	Saturday	27-Sep-25	Spring Series - Race 4	13:45
5	Saturday	04-Oct-25	***NO RACING - LONG WEEKEND***	--
6	Wednesday	08-Oct-25	Twilight Series A - Race 1	17:45
7	Saturday	11-Oct-25	Spring Series - Race 5	13:45
8	Wednesday	15-Oct-25	Twilight Series A - Race 2	17:45
9	Saturday	18-Oct-25	Spring Series - Race 6	13:45
10	Wednesday	22-Oct-25	Twilight Series A - Race 3	17:45
11	Saturday	25-Oct-25	Spring Series - Race 7	13:45
12	Wednesday	29-Oct-25	Twilight Series A - Race 4	17:45
13	Saturday	01-Nov-25	Summer Series - Race 1	13:45
14	Wednesday	05-Nov-25	Twilight Series A - Race 5	17:45
15	Saturday	08-Nov-25	Summer Series - Race 2	13:45
16	Wednesday	12-Nov-25	Twilight Series A - Race 6	17:45
17	Saturday	15-Nov-25	Summer Series - Race 3	13:45
18	Wednesday	19-Nov-25	Twilight Series A - Race 7	17:45
19	Saturday	22-Nov-25	Summer Series - Race 4	13:45
20	Wednesday	26-Nov-25	Twilight Series A - Race 8	17:45
21	Saturday	29-Nov-25	Summer Series - Race 5	13:45
22	Wednesday	03-Dec-25	Twilight Series A - Race 9	17:45
23	Saturday	06-Dec-25	Summer Series - Race 6	13:45
24	Wednesday	10-Dec-25	Twilight Series A - Race 10	17:45
25	Saturday	13-Dec-25	Summer Series - Race 7	13:45
26	Wednesday	17-Dec-25	***NO RACING***	
27	Saturday	20-Dec-25	***NO RACING***	
28	Wednesday	24-Dec-25	***NO RACING***	
29	Saturday	27-Dec-25	***NO RACING***	
30	Wednesday	31-Dec-25	***NO RACING***	

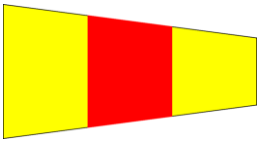
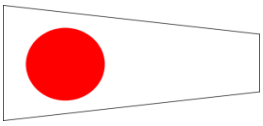
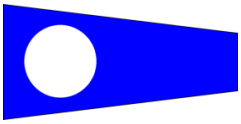
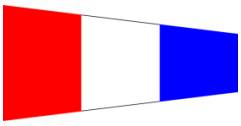
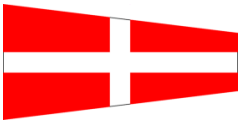
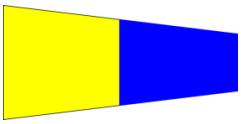
2026 Races

	Day	Date	*Series / Race*	Start Time
31	Saturday	03-Jan-26	***NO RACING***	
32	Wednesday	07-Jan-26	***NO RACING***	
33	Saturday	10-Jan-26	***NO RACING***	
34	Wednesday	14-Jan-26	***NO RACING***	
35	Saturday	17-Jan-26	***NO RACING***	
36	Wednesday	21-Jan-26	***NO RACING***	
37	Saturday	24-Jan-26	***NO RACING***	
38	Wednesday	28-Jan-26	Twilight Series B - Race 1	17:45
39	Saturday	31-Jan-26	Autumn Series - Race 1	13:45
40	Wednesday	04-Feb-26	Twilight Series B - Race 2	17:45
41	Saturday	01-Feb-26	Autumn Series - Race 2	13:45
42	Wednesday	11-Feb-26	Twilight Series B - Race 3	17:45
43	Saturday	14-Feb-26	Autumn Series - Race 3	13:45
44	Wednesday	18-Feb-26	Twilight Series B - Race 4	17:45
45	Saturday	21-Feb-26	Autumn Series - Race 4	13:45
46	Wednesday	25-Feb-26	Twilight Series B - Race 5	17:45
47	Saturday	28-Feb-26	Autumn Series - Race 5	13:45
48	Wednesday	04-Mar-26	Twilight Series B - Race 6	17:45
49	Saturday	07-Mar-26	Autumn Series - Race 6	13:45
50	Wednesday	11-Mar-26	Twilight Series B - Race 7	17:45
51	Saturday	14-Mar-26	Autumn Series - Race 7	13:45
52	Wednesday	18-Mar-26	Twilight Series B - Race 8	17:45
53	Saturday	21-Mar-26	Autumn Series - Race 8	13:45
54	Wednesday	25-Mar-26	Twilight Series B - Race 9	17:45
55	Saturday	28-Mar-26	Autumn Series - Race 9	13:45
56	Wednesday	01-Apr-26	Twilight Series B - Race 10	17:45
57	Saturday	04-Apr-26	***EASTER SATURDAY***	

1	Saturday	02-May-26	Winter Series - Race 1	13:30
2	Saturday	16-May-26	Winter Series - Race 2	13:30
3	Saturday	30-May-26	Winter Series - Race 3	13:30
4	Saturday	13-Jun-26	Winter Series - Race 4	13:30
5	Saturday	27-Jun-26	Winter Series - Race 5	13:30
6	Saturday	11-Jul-26	Winter Series - Race 6	13:30

APPENDIX E - CODE FLAGS

	***Code Flag A*** *Used to indicate a handicap start*
	***Code Flag C*** *Used to indicate a scratch start*
	***Code Flag L*** *Used to signal late changes to sailing instructions*
	***Code Flag N*** *Used to abandon the race*
	***Code Flag P*** *Used as the preparatory signal during the start sequence*
	***Code Flag S*** *Used to indicate a course has been shortened*
	***Code Flag X*** *Used to indicate one or more yachts have broken the start*
	***Code Flag First Substitute*** *Used to indicate a general recall*
	***Code Flag Answering Pennant*** *Indicates race has been postponed*

	**Numeral Flag 0**
	**Numeral Flag 1**
	**Numeral Flag 2**
	**Numeral Flag 3**
	**Numeral Flag 4**
	**Numeral Flag 5**
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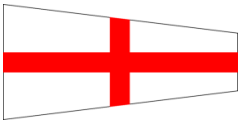	**Numeral Flag 8**
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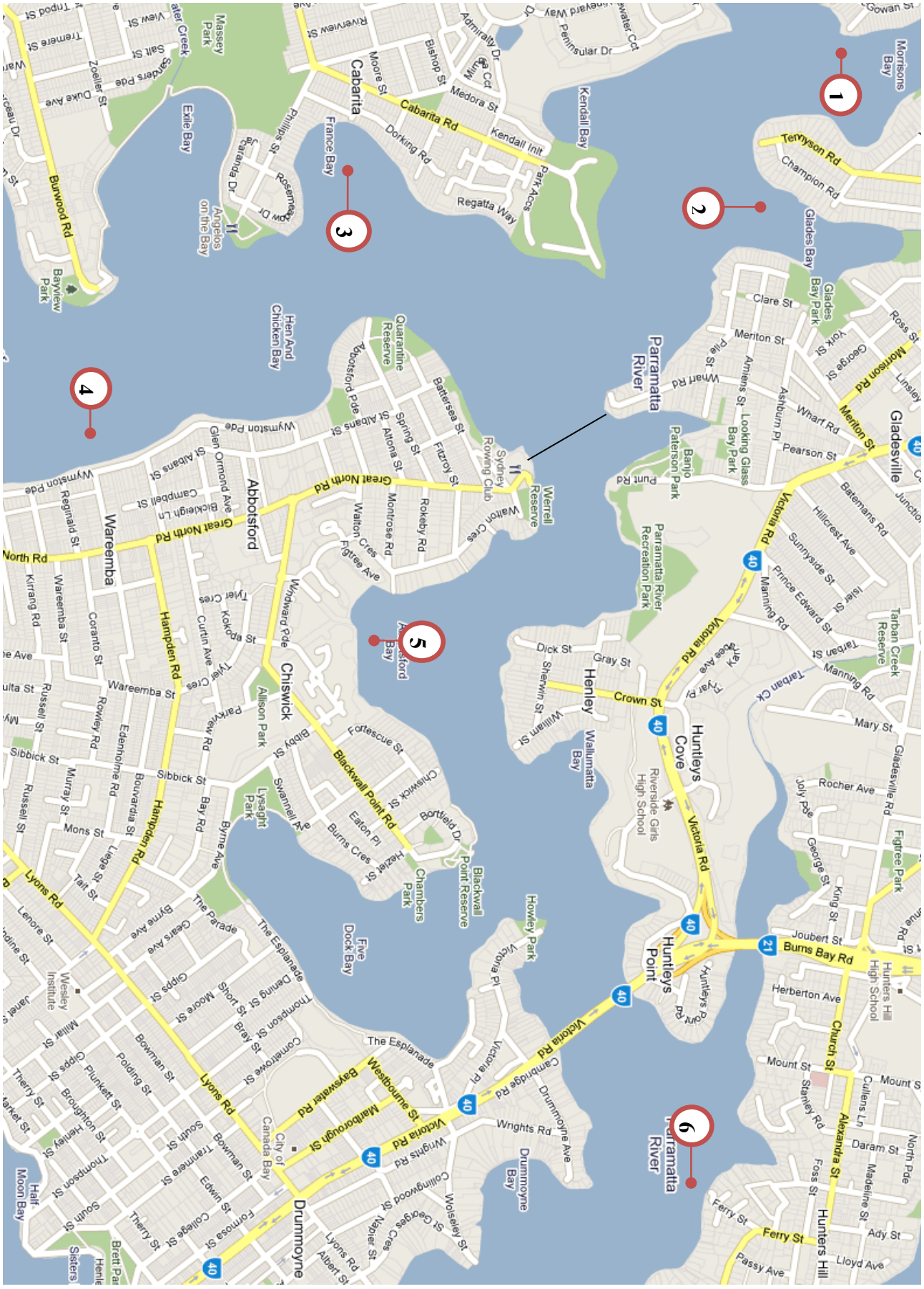
PRSC marks are permanent orange cylindrical buoys displaying *PRSC* and Mark Number.