



**Middle Harbour 2020 SheSails
Invitational Teams Racing Regatta**

Saturday 29 February, 2020

Notice of Race

Organising Authority

Middle Harbour Yacht Club

and

New South Wales Team Sailing Association





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TEAMS RACING REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

The Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC) will conduct, in association with the New South Wales Team Sailing Association (NSWTSA), the 2020 SheSails Invitational Teams Racing Regatta at Middle Harbour, Sydney, New South Wales, on the 29th February, 2020.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by:
 - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix D – Team Racing Rules.
 - 1.1.2. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2; 5 Personal Equipment.
 - 1.1.3. The Sailing Instructions - where there is conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail over the Notice of Race.
- 1.2. No Pacer Class Association rules will apply.
- 1.3. Races will be umpired.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. The regatta will be focused of developing women's secondary school teams racing, but will also consider additional open teams to ensure full participation.
- 2.2. The regatta will be open to teams, who comply with the following criteria:
 - 2.2.1. Teams shall represent a school or club that has been invited to compete by NSWTSA/MHYC.
 - 2.2.2. Where a team is entered by a school all team members shall be bona fide students of the same secondary school, unless otherwise agreed by the Organising Authority.
 - 2.2.3. Where a team is entered by a club, team members may be included from other clubs with a majority from the one club.
 - 2.2.4. All team members shall be female with a min 12 years of age on 31st December 2020.
 - 2.2.5. All competitors shall be members of an Australian Sailing affiliated Club.
- 2.3. A team may consist of a minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 members and any combination of six team members may compete in any race providing all requirements are met or otherwise agreed by the Organising Authority.
- 2.4. Guardian declaration forms will be required to be signed and handed in at registration in respect of any team member born after 29 February, 2002 (i.e. under 18).
- 2.5. The Organising Authority retains discretion in allowing other participants if required to complete a team or the fleet, however a mixed team will not be eligible to win the regatta.



3. Entry

- 3.1. Eligible teams will confirm their participation by completing the prescribed 'Entry Form' via Try booking – <https://www.trybooking.com/BICUL>
- 3.2. Confirmation of booking is required by 5pm 21 February, 2020. Late entries will NOT be accepted unless otherwise agreed with the Organising Authority.
- 3.3. Should less than six (6) teams confirm participation at the regatta by the close of nominations then the regatta may be cancelled at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.4. All teams must be individually identifiable in appropriate school/club attire. When multiple teams are entered from one school or club – each team must be attired differently. Failure to do so may eventuate in exclusion from the competition.

4. Fees

4.1. Event Fees:

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| 4.1.1. Entry Fee per team: | \$200.00 |
| 4.1.2. Damage Deposit: | \$500.00 |

4.2. Payment and Registration:

- 4.2.1. Each team will register and complete payment via trybooking. The trybooking link is - <https://www.trybooking.com/BICUL>
- 4.2.2. Booking will be available from 20 January, 2020 and close at 5pm 21 February, 2020.
- 4.2.3. Should a school/club not be able to register and complete payment via trybooking they will contact the NSW TSA and seek invoice for direct debit payment to NSW TSA account and submit paperwork accordingly. Please contact - info@nswtsa.com
- 4.2.4. Note all booking close at 5pm 21 February, 2020.

5. Schedule of Events - Saturday 29/02/19

08:30 to 09:15	Registration and Rig Boats (All teams to be present and assist)
09:15	Briefing
10:00	First Warning Signal - Racing commences
13:00	Racing concludes (target time)
13:30	Pack Up
14:00	Lunch, Debrief and Presentation

6. Boats

- 6.1. Where possible teams should supply their own Pacer class boats.
- 6.2. Depending on the number of teams, teams may be able to organize the charter of such boats with the MHYC and the Organising Authority. Preference will be given to teams who are able to supply boats.
- 6.3. Boats and equipment may only be changed in accordance with Rules for Boat Handling

[Sailing Instructions - Attachment A]

- 6.4. A team found by the Race Committee to be responsible for causing specific damage to other boats may be charged for such damage and the cost billed to that team/club/school following the regatta. Any damage to a boat may be proportioned to all teams involved in the incident at the umpires' discretion. This is not protestable.
- 6.5. The limit of damage liability for any one incident is \$500.

7. Racing format

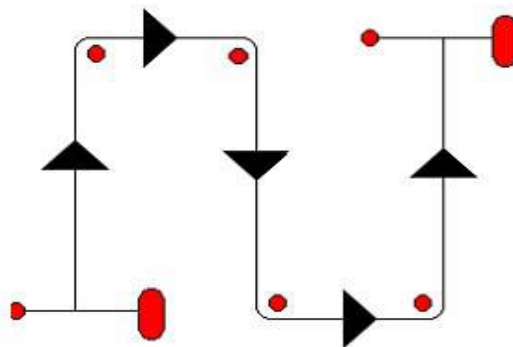
- 7.1. Subject to the number of teams entering the format of the regatta will be a round robin series and then a final series.
- 7.2. Finals are planned to be sailed after completion of the round robin and to be sailed in 2 divisions. All teams will complete in the finals series, which will include semifinal and final sail offs.
- 7.3. The Organising Authority retains the right to amend the racing format as may be determined by boat availability, weather and events on the day.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will NOT be available at registration but will be emailed to all competing teams prior to the event.
- 8.2. Teams will be responsible to have a copy of the Sailing Instructions with them at the event.

9. Venue and Course

- 9.1. The regatta is to be conducted by Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC). MHYC is located at The Spit, Mosman, Sydney, 2088.
- 9.2. Racing will take place in Middle Harbour on Sydney Harbour in the vicinity of MHYC.
- 9.3. The course to be sailed will be a starboard hand digital "N" course, consisting of a windward leg, a leeward leg and a windward finish leg. There will be short reaching legs between each of the windward/leeward legs





10. Support Boats

- 10.1. Coach/support boats will not be allowed within 30m of the racing area, unless requested by the Race Officer, from the time of the first warning signal until the last race of the day is completed.
- 10.2. No form of communication shall be made with teams while racing.
- 10.3. MHYC are considering a spectator boat for the event. If interested, please contact MHYC - sailing.manager@mhyc.com.au

11. Prizes

- 11.1. Teams will compete for the NSW TSA Middle Harbour SheSails Invitational Teams Racing Trophy. Other prizes will be awarded for this regatta at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

12. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

- 12.1. By entering the event a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any text, motion pictures, video and still pictures, as well as live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the Regatta.

13. Risk Warning and Disclaimer - note all schools to sign off on liability

- 13.1. The Middle Harbour Yacht Club and NSW TSA jointly issue the following risk warning (pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002) to all persons wishing to participate in this event.
 - 13.1.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. RRS 4, Decision to Race states "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone"
 - 13.1.2. The Organising Authority, their directors, officers, volunteers and sponsors:
 - will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after this event; and
 - shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted, the adequacy of its equipment or its insurance arrangements.
 - 13.1.3. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions that may 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 possible death. These risks may include, but not limited to:
 - The extremes of weather and sea conditions;
 - The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collisions;
 - The sudden movement of the vessel at anytime and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard;
 - 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; or
 - Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 13.1.4. The Organising Authority warns participants that regardless of their best intentions they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress
- 13.1.5. Participants are warned to consider all risks before deciding to participate in the event

14. Meals and Refreshments

- 14.1. Competitors are responsible for their own refreshments and meals on the water for the duration of the regatta. Lunches can be pre-ordered using the form downloadable at the MHYC event webpage – [click here](#)
- 14.2. The MHYC will provide meals for volunteers.

15. Further Information

For further information please contact,

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