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Sailing Instructions



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ENDMENTS TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For the use of competitors. Please list any amendments issued by the Race Committee here for easy reference.

<u>Amendment No.</u>	<u>Sections Changed</u>	<u>General Notes</u>

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday 1st January 2012	
1800 hrs	Mandatory Race Briefing - RPAYC
1900 hrs	Skippers Function - RPAYC

Monday 2nd January 2012	
0630 hrs	Breakfast Available – Halyards RPAYC
0900 hrs	Mandatory Weather Briefing for 31st Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race 2012 – RPAYC
1300 hrs	Race 1– 31st Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race

Wednesday 4th January 2012	
TBA	Presentation for the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race

Thursday 5th January 2012	
0900 hrs	Race Office Opens - CHYC
1100 hrs	Race 2 – Solitary Islands Race
ASAP (after R2)	Race 3 – Solitary Islands Race
TBA	Presentation for Races 2 & 3

Friday 6th January 2012	
0900 hrs	Race Office Open - CHYC
1100 hrs	Race 4 – Solitary Islands Race
ASAP (after R4)	Race 5 – Solitary Islands Race
TBA	Presentation for Races 4 & 5 Series Final Presentation - CHYC

Pittwater & Coffs Harbour Regatta 2012

(Incorporating the Australian PHS Championship)

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 General

The Regatta will be governed by the current versions of:

- the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (“RRS”) of the International Sailing Federation;
 - the IRC Rules 2011 Rules Parts A, B and C;
 - the ORC Rating System Rules 2011;
 - the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Yachting Australia (YA);
 - the Notice of Race (“NoR”),
- except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions (“SI”).

1.2 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local regulations

1.2.1 Nothing in the NOR or these SIs relieves a boat of her responsibility under civil law to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local regulations.

Between sunset and sunrise, when a boat cannot determine with certainty what tack the other boat is on, she shall keep clear of that boat.

1.2.2 Competitors are reminded that part of the definition of “room” includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility).

1.3 Special Regulations

The YA Special Regulations Part 1 shall be:

- Category 2 for the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race (Race 1);
- Category 3 for Shorthanded division boats competing in other races (Races 2 - 5);
- Category 4 for all other competing in the Solitary Islands Races (Races 2 - 5);
- As per SR 5.01.1(i) A PFD shall be worn by each member of the crew when on deck between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- All crew participating in a shorthanded series shall at all times wear a PFD as per SR 5.01.1
- As per SR 5.01.1(ii) It is strongly recommended that a PFD be worn by each member of the crew at times such as, but not limited to:
 - a) *When alone on deck*
 - b) *When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above*
 - c) *When visibility is less than 1 nautical mile*
- As per NSW legislation PFD Type 1 are to be worn at times of heightened risk and when crossing bars.

1.4 Tracking Devices

1.4.1 A boat will be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority (OA).

1.4.2 A boat that interferes with the normal operation of a tracking device or fails to comply with an OA request in regard to tracking devices will be subject to protest by the Race Committee (RC).

1.4.3 The boat owner will be solely responsible for any tracking device supplied by the OA. Loss of or damage to a tracking device is the responsibility of the owner for the period it is carried onboard.

2. ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

The following alterations have been made to the rules:

- IRC rule 22.4 & One Design Class Rule where applicable: The maximum total weight of crew in kilograms that may sail on-board a boat must not exceed the Crew Number printed on the boats IRC certificate multiplied by 85;

- For the purpose of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta will not occur on consecutive days and the sails carried need not remain the same.
- In accordance to IRC rule 21.6.1 (b), Yachting Australia prescribes that a boat may carry one (1) more spinnaker than shown on her IRC certificate, of an area no greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating;
- ORC Rule 206.1: A spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during a race and a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current ORCi Certificate without an increase in rating;
- RRS 50.2 & 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost mast shall be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers;
- RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
- RRS 52: Shall not apply.
- RRS 41: Whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of the event website or from <http://www.pittwatertocoffs.com.au> , even if those pages are not publicly available.
- Boats in the Shorthanded division may use;
 - Electrical / hydraulic or wind power self steering.
 - Hydraulically operated mast, jack stays and vang.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Changes to the SI, if any, in accordance with RRS 90.2(c), will be posted on the Official Notice Boards.

3.2 Official Notice Boards

- Race 1 PITTWATER: Ground Floor, RPAYC Club House.
- Races 2 - 5 COFFS HARBOUR: Race Office, CHYC.

3.3 Race Information Broadcasts

The Race Committee may broadcast race information before and during each race on VHF 77. Any such communication will not be deemed as outside assistance.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from;

- PITTWATER: the flagstaff of the RPAYC;
- COFFS HARBOUR: the flagstaff of the CHYC.

4.2 Code flag “AP” with two sound signals (one when lowered) when displayed ashore means “Races not started are postponed”. The Warning Signal will not be made less than 1 hour after the “AP” is lowered ashore. This alters RRS Race Signals

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday 1 st January 2012	Mandatory Race Briefing	1800 hrs
	Skippers Function	1900 hrs
Monday 2 nd January 2012	Mandatory Weather Briefing	0900 hrs
	Race 1 Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race	1300 hrs

Wednesday 4 th January 2012	Presentation for Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race	TBA
Thursday 5 th January 2012	Race 2 & 3 Solitary Islands Race	1100hrs
	Presentation – Races 2 & 3	TBA
Friday 6 th January 2012	Race 4 & 5 Solitary Islands Race	1100 hrs
	Presentation - Races 4 & 5	TBA
	Final Presentation CHYC	1900 hrs

6. PROTESTS

6.1 The following protest time limits will apply. This alters RRS 61.3 and 62.2

Eligibility Protests	
Race 1	1800hrs Saturday 31 st December 2011
All other Protests and Request for Redress	
Race 1 Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race	Within 2 hours of finish time of protesting boat or if the Race Office is closed, by 0900 hours the next day.
Races 2 – 5 Coffs Harbour Regatta	Within 1 hour of the finishing time of the protesting boat in their last race of day or any subsequent postponement or abandonment.

6.2 Notification of the details of protest hearings will be placed on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors where and when there is a protest hearing in which they are involved or named as a witness. These notices are deemed to fulfil the requirements of RRS 63.2.

6.3 In accordance with RRS 64.1(a) in determining penalties, the Jury may:

- Disqualify the boat;
- Impose a scoring penalty as per RRS 44.3(c) as amended by Sailing Instruction 9.3;
- Make any determination it decided is equitable for the fleet.

7. RACE CATEGORIES & DIVISIONS

7.1 The full series shall have four Handicap Categories being:

- IRC
- ORCi
- PHS
- Short-Handed

7.2 Boats entered in either the IRC or PHS category may also be eligible to enter the ORCi category.

7.3 Boats may also be eligible to enter a one-design category. Within the one-design category for a class, all boats must sail under their one-design certificates.

7.4 The composition and allocation of boats into divisions in a handicap category will be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

8. HANDICAPS & RESULTS

8.1 IRC Category

8.1.1 Results will be decided by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC), as printed on each boat's IRC Certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time.

8.1.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

8.2 ORCi Handicap Category

- 8.2.1 Results will be decided by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the ToT Offshore rating as printed on each boat's ORCi Certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time.
- 8.2.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

8.3 PHS (& Short-Handed) Category

- 8.3.1 Results will be decided by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCFs) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF shall not be subject to protest or dispute. The Race Committee may amend the TCF of a boat at any time prior to the Warning Signal where the Race Committee becomes aware of any changes to the boat that may affect its performance. (Amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1)
- 8.3.2 The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
- 8.3.3 After the completion of each race a boat's TCF may be modified to keep it up to date with its latest performance. The Race Committee reserves the right to amend a boat's TCF at any time.

8.4 One Design Handicap Category

Results will be decided based on elapsed times only. No handicap will be applied.
The boat with the lowest elapsed time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

8.5 Team Results

There shall be a Teams trophy award for the Pittwater to Coffs Ocean Race. Each team will represent their nominated Club for the race.

- 8.5.1 A team must consist of four (4) nominated boats from one Club, two from the IRC category (no more than one per IRC division) and two (2) from the PHS Categories (either division).
- 8.5.2 No additional entry fee will apply for the Teams Event.
- 8.5.3 A Club may enter more than one team.
- 8.5.4 Teams can be nominated on the supplied form available that competitors briefing on 1st January 2012.

9. SCORING

9.1 Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race

The Race will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A9 using the Low Points System.

9.2 Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Regatta

- 9.2.1 Points awarded for race 1, will be doubled in value. This amends RRS Appendix A9
- 9.2.2 For races 2, 3, 4 & 5 the Series will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A9 using the Low Points System.
- 9.2.3 Five (5) races will count for a boat's Series score and there will be no discards.
- 9.3 The scoring penalty RRS 44.3 (c) is amended as follows. Delete the last sentence and insert: "All other boats affected, including any boat with the same score shall be moved up one place."
- 9.4 A boat that does not compete (DNC) the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race will be deemed a casual entry and will not appear in Series scoring, or be eligible for Series prizes.

10. TROPHIES AND PRESENTATION

10.1 The following trophies & prizes will be awarded:

- Line Honours in the 31st Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race;
- Line Honours for first boat between 36 and 46 feet LOA;
- Line Honours for the first boat under 36 feet LOA;
- First overall in IRC, ORCi, PHS and Short-Handed Categories;
- First, second and third places for the series overall in IRC, ORCi, PHS, Short-Handed Categories;
- First Overall Team winners in the Teams results;
- Navigator's Trophy will awarded to the navigator of the boat with the closest ETA from Nambucca Heads to the boat's finish in the 31st Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race.

10.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

10.3 Presentation of trophies and prizes will be as follows:

Race 1	Wednesday 4 th January 2012 ASAP after the completion racing at CHYC.
Races 2 & 3	Thursday 5 th January 2012 ASAP after the completion of racing CHYC.
Races 4 & 5	Friday 6 th January 2012 ASAP after the completion of racing CHYC.

11. CHARTS

- 11.1
- AUS 204 - Broken Bay
 - AUS 208 - Newcastle Harbour
 - AUS 209 - Port Stephens
 - AUS 219 - Plans on NSW Coast
 - AUS 220 - Plans of the New South Wales Northern Coast
 - AUS 221 - Solitary Islands
 - AUS 222 - Clarence River & Approaches
 - AUS 809 - Port Jackson to Port Stephens
 - AUS 810 - Port Stephens to Crowdy Head
 - AUS 811 - Crowdy Head to Smoky Cape
 - AUS 812 - Smoky Cape to Clarence River

11.2 It is the person-in-charge responsibility to ensure the yacht carries suitably updated copies of all charts necessary for the safe navigation of the yacht at all times. The charts listed above are the minimum charts required to be carried on board, in at least paper form. It is recommended that additional charts/information that would provide details of potential ports of refuge to the north of Coffs Harbour be also available on board. Where electronic charts are being used in addition to paper charts it is the responsibility of the person-in-charge of the vessel to ensure the electronic charts have been suitably updated.

WARNING - Hydrographic Charts are intended for larger Naval and Commercial Vessels, not for recreational craft. It should therefore be noted that the detail and accuracy of hydrographic charts in the near vicinity of the coast may not be suitable to be relied on for safe navigation of yachts in the Pittwater to Coffs race. The Charts do not reflect detailed bathymetry but rather "clearance depths" for large vessels and do not take into account the shifting nature of sand bars off beaches and around headlands. Neither do they detail, or necessarily accurately represent, headland rock shelves, isolated rocks, reefs and islands and/or their associated underwater features. The person-in-charge of the vessel should at all times ensure the safe navigation of the yacht when in the vicinity of these potential hazards. The person-in-charge of the vessel should also ensure that the accuracy of the navigational equipment used to navigate the vessel is well understood and taken into account matters, including, but not limited to, confirming that any electronic navigation equipment is set to the same datum as the chart."

12. HARBOUR & MARINA REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1 A boat must berth/moor in her assigned marina location and must comply with any direction from the marina manager and or his/her representative.
- 12.2 A boat must not discharge treated or untreated sewerage within a harbour, marina, or marine parks.
- 12.3 A boat anchoring in the harbour must comply with the rules and regulations of NSW Maritime and ensure the boat is safely anchored at all times.
- 12.4 Failure to comply with 12.1, 12.2 or 12.3 may subject a boat to protest by the Race Committee only. This amends RRS 60.1 and 60.3.

APPENDIX A

ADDITIONAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Race 1 - 31st PITTWATER TO COFFS HARBOUR OCEAN RACE

A1. RACING AREA

The racing area will be between the waters of Broken Bay and Coffs Harbour.

A2. COURSE

A2.1 Starting Line (Pittwater/ Broken Bay) - Korffs Islet (pass to port) - Finish Line (Coffs Harbour – A10.1)

A2.2 The approximate course distance is 226 nautical miles.

WARNING - Where yachts choose to navigate close to the coast and particularly in the vicinity of surf zones, headlands, reefs, islands and isolated rocks it is the responsibility of the person-in-charge of the vessel to ensure they understand the limitations of the Hydrographic Charts either electronic or paper (Sailing Instructions - 11 Charts), position fixing equipment (in the case of electronic equipment relying on satellites, the limitations regarding overall accuracy and the specific accuracy at the time due to satellite availability/position accuracy) and weather conditions at the time including wave, wind and coastal currents and that the yacht is navigated accordingly in the primary interest of the safety of the crew and vessel.

A3. MARKS

A3.1 **Korffs Islet** – The pinnacle of Korffs Islet. Korffs Islet has an Eastern Cardinal navigational mark and displays 3 quick white flashes every 10 seconds during the hours of darkness.

A3.2 The Pittwater starting marks will be the Committee vessel at the starboard end displaying the RPAYC burgee and a motor vessel at the port end displaying the RPAYC burgee.

A4. REPORTING AT THE START

A4.1 Boats intending to start must report to the race officials on the starboard end Committee vessel. The boat must have its storm jib and trysail set until acknowledged by the race officials.

A4.2 A boat must hail its sail number and the number of persons on board (POB) until acknowledged by the race officials aboard the starboard end Committee vessel.

A5 PRE-RACE RADIO CHECK

A5.1 Pre-race radio checks will be conducted between 0800hrs and 1800hrs, Monday 26th December 2011 until Sunday 1st January 2012 with **Marine Rescue Newcastle**.

A5.2 Boats performing their mandatory pre-race radio check must contact Marine Rescue Newcastle on HF **6516khz** and follow Marine Rescue's instructions ensuring both **6516khz** and **4483khz** frequencies are checked and logged as operating satisfactorily.

A5.3 Boats that have not satisfactorily completed their pre-race radio check will **NOT** be eligible to start.

A6. THE START

A6.1 The Starting Area will be in the vicinity of Barrenjoey Headland and Lion Island.

A6.2 The Starting Line will be between the flag mast flying an orange flag on the Committee vessel at the starboard end and the flag mast of the vessel flying an orange flag at the port end.

A6.3 At the starboard end of the starting line a inner distance mark (a Green Inflatable Mark) will be moored in the vicinity of, but not necessarily on, the starting line. When starting, boats shall leave the inner distance mark to starboard.

A6.4 The start signals will be as per RRS 26 with the addition of a 10 minute attention signal. Code Flag 'F' shall be displayed at the attention signal.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minute before starting signal
Attention	“F” Flag raised	10
Warning	“W” Flag raised / “F” Flag lowered	5
Preparatory	“P” Flag raised	4
One-Minute	“P” Flag lowered	1
Starting	“W” Flag lowered	0

A6.5 All Categories will start together and the Class Flag shall be International Code Flag “W”

A6.6 Visual signals may be duplicated from the port end starting vessel.

A7. RECALLS

A7.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS29.1 & RRS29.2 from the Committee Vessel on the start line.

A7.2 A boat subject to recall may be identified by the Committee Vessel on VHF 77.

A7.3 Competitors are reminded that radio recall information is provided as an aid and the provision or failure of the aid shall not form the basis of any protest or redress.

A8. BOATS STARTING LATE

A8.1 Boats that start more than thirty (30) minutes after their starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” (DNS), unless the Race Committee deems otherwise. This alters RRS Appendix A9.

A9. SHORTENING COURSE

A9.1 The course for the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race will not be shortened.

A10. FINISHING LINE

A10.1 Finishing Line

The Finishing Line is in an area approximately 100 metres inside the Coffs Harbour outer harbour entrance. The Finishing Line will be a line between a pole displaying a orange flag on the southern end of the Eastern Seawall of Coffs Harbour and a pole displaying a orange flag on the northern side of Coffs Harbour. Between sunset and sunrise each pole may be identified by the attachment of a flashing orange light.



A10.2 Alternative Finishing Line

In the event of adverse weather or other reasons, there will be an extension of a line formed by the Coffs Harbour Blue Lead Lights in transit. The leads bear 260⁰ magnetic. The use of this line will not be cause for protest or redress. This alters RRS 60.1. Boats are to use this line only if directed by the Race Committee during a radio schedule.

A10.3 All boats finishing between sunset and sunrise shall illuminate their sail number on the port side when crossing the finish line.

A11. TIME LIMIT

A11.1 For the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race, there will be no time limit.

A11.2 Boats finishing more than thirty (30) hours after the finish of the first boat are required to take their own finishing time as the finishing line may not be manned. Should a boat take its own finishing time a Declaration Form as S.I. A12 is required to be lodged, stating the time (EDST) the boat finished.

A12. DECLARATION FORM

A12.1 Declarations on the prescribed form are required to be lodged when a breach of the rules, however minor, occurs during the race or where specifically required by the Race Committee.

A12.2 In electing not to lodge a Declaration, the skipper of each boat acknowledges that the boat complied fully with the rules throughout the race.

A12.3 Skippers are advised that failure to report at any mandatory radio schedule will require a Declaration to be lodged stating the reasons for failing to report and details of efforts made to relay her position. Boats failing to report will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

A12.4 Declarations shall be lodged at the regatta office in Coffs Harbour within two (2) hours of the boat finishing, or should the office be closed at night, by 0930 hours the next day.

A13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

A13.1 Any boat in breach of RRS 29.1 that fails to return and start correctly may be subject to an elapsed time penalty (EMP) as determined by the Jury.

A13.2 RRS 44.1 (two turn penalty) will apply until North of Cape Three Points (when Cape Three Points bears greater than 270 degrees magnetic).

A13.3 After boats are North of Cape Three Points RRS 44.3 will apply. A boat that concedes a penalty is required to complete a declaration as per Sailing Instruction A12.

A14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

A14.1 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Race radio relay vessel "Mathew Flinders", and "Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour" or a nominated vessel will conduct the Position Report and Safety Report Schedules.

A14.2 RACE FREQUENCIES

- The race frequencies for all position and safety schedules will be **HF 4483kHz, 6516kHz and 2182kHz.**
- At other times VHF 77 will be used by the race committee.

A14.3 ROUTINE POSITION & SAFETY REPORTS

- Routine position reports are mandatory from all boats twice times daily (except 2nd January), as per schedule A14.4.
- Safety report schedules are to be used as an opportunity for boats to report any safety issues prior to the next position report schedule. All boats must monitor their HF radio throughout safety reporting schedule periods. The race committee may at its discretion call for positions from boats throughout the safety report schedule periods.

A14.4 RADIO SCHEDULES

January 2nd 2012	
1805 hours	* Position Report Schedule
January 3rd 2012 thereafter	
0005 hours	Safety Report Schedule
0805 hours	* Position Report Schedule
1805 hours	* Position Report Schedule

* Indicates mandatory position reporting.

A14.5 ALL BOATS

At the scheduled times for Position Reports, boats must prepare themselves for contact from the **Race Committee** or other nominated station.

- Each boat at the top of the hour (in the 5 minutes prior to the schedule) shall take its position.
- When the schedule begins the station conducting the schedule shall read the position for each competitor, taken at the top of the hour (the 5 minutes prior to the start of the schedule. e.g. 0800hrs, 1800hrs).
- When a boat hears its position it shall communicate with the station using their boat name and with either 'AFFIRMATIVE' or 'NEGATIVE'.
- In a case where a boat disagrees with the position reported by the station, a boat shall after conferring 'NEGATIVE' then relay its correct position to the station.
- Latitude and Longitude in **Degrees** and **Whole Minutes**, **NOT DECIMALS**. (e.g. 33 14, 151 26.)

Note – This year the RPAYC is trailing the new procedure for position schedules. The new procedure should save considerable time and allow better consistency throughout the scheduled reporting. Should for any reason the schedule reporting need to be switched to another station or conducted through an appropriate relay, reporting will revert to the previous method of position reporting. That method would have the station ask for each boats position and wait for each boat to report its position (taken at the top of the hour) in Degrees and Whole Minutes.

Boat's are reminded in all cases a position must be given as that at the beginning of the programmed schedule and **NOT** when the boat establishes contact with the Race Committee.

All competing boats are also recommended to carry a fully charged mobile phone (GSM or 'Next G'), with the number registered with the Organising Authority.

Boats that fail to comply with the position schedules, or report their position must explain the circumstances on the boat's Declaration Form. Boats failing to report may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

A14.6 COASTAL PATROL STATIONS

Coastal Station	Monitored Channels
Marine Rescue Swansea (0600 – 2200) Ph: 4971 3498	VHF 16, 67
Marine Rescue Port Stephens (24hrs 7 days) Ph: 4981 3585	VHF 16, 73
Marine Rescue Forster Tuncurry (24hrs 7 days) Ph: 6554 545	VHF 16, 73
Marine Rescue Port Macquarie (24hrs 7 days) Ph: 6584 1966	VHF 16, 73, 80
Marine Rescue Trial Bay (24hrs 7 days) Ph: 6566 5240	VHF 16, 73, 80
Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour (24hrs 7 days) Ph: 6652 3155	HF 2182, 2524, 4483, 6516 VHF 16, 73

A14.7 DISTRESS TRAFFIC

A boat in distress must follow the Radio Telephone distress procedure laid down in the *Marine Radio Operators Handbook*. "Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour" will maintain a 24 hour listening watch on the race frequency 4483kHz and 6516kHz and VHF Channel 16. Sydney Ports also keep a 24 hour listening watch on 2182kHz

All boats must maintain a 24 hour listening watch VHF Channel 16 for the duration of the race.

A14.8 UNSCHEDULED TRAFFIC

For any unscheduled traffic, boats should call radio relay vessel "Mathew Flinders" on the nominated race frequency 4483 kHz, 6516 kHz or 2182kHz.

A14.9 BOATS FINISHING

Boats must make radio contact with Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour on **VHF Channel 73** when due East of Nambucca Heads and give their estimated time of arrival. A trophy will be presented to the Navigator who makes the closest prediction.

A14.10 BOATS WITHDRAWING

Any boat that withdraws from the race must continue to give their position and destination at scheduled times until its safe arrival in a port. Boats must make contact with the race committee at the time of withdrawal and on its safe arrival at port.

A14.11 BATTERY CHARGING

As reporting of positions is mandatory, it is essential that boats maintain their batteries fully charged. Boats should be aware that some battery charging may interfere with radio signals and radio signal strength and therefore battery charging should be conducted prior to the start of any position and safety schedule.

A14.12 RADIO RESTRICTIONS

Competing boats are not permitted to request, and boats working private schedules with other stations, are prohibited from passing information in relation to weather conditions, the positions of other boats, or other race information, except where requested by race committee position / safety broadcast or

during declared emergencies. No restriction is placed on the reception of weather information broadcasts.

A14.13 TERMINATION OF CONTROL

"Mathew Flinders" will terminate control of radio position reporting either when the last boat finishes at Coffs Harbour, or until all retired boats have complied with A14.10, whichever is the latest.

A14.14 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

Infringements of any part of Sailing Instruction A14 will not be subject to protest or requests for redress by boats. This alters RRS 60.

APPENDIX B

ADDITIONAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Race 2 to 5 - Solitary Island Races

B1. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters outside Coffs Harbour

B2. RADIO

The race frequency for the Solitary Island races will be VHF 77. Competitors must monitor VHF 77 continually throughout all Solitary Island races.

B2. COURSES

B2.1 The course to sail will be designated by way of a numeral board displayed from the Committee Vessel at or before the Warning Signal. The course may also be broadcast on VHF Channel 77 at this time.

No.	Course	Approx Dist.
1	SL – ME(P) – SL(FIN)	4 nm
2	SL – ME(P) – L(P) – ME(P) – SL(FIN)	8 nm
3	SL – KE(P) – SL(FIN)	3 nm
4	SL – KE(P) – L(P) – KE – SL(FIN)	6 nm
5	SL – A(P) – SL(FIN)	TBA
6	SL – SSI – HARBOUR FINISH	17.3 nm
7	SL – GR(P) – HARBOUR FINISH	19.1 nm
8	SL – SPL(P) – HARBOUR FINISH	8.4 nm
9	SL – KE(P) – SPL(P) – KE – KI(pass to port) – HARBOUR FINISH	13.2 nm
10	SL – KE(P) – SPL(P) – KE(P) – SLP(P) – KE – KI(pass to port) – HARBOUR FINISH	16.2nm
11	SL – A – HARBOUR FINISH	TBA

B2.2 All marks are to be rounded to starboard unless otherwise indicated by (P) or (Port).

B2.3 Courses 5 & 11 shall have the distance and direction of mark 'A' displayed from the committee boat prior to the start.

B2.4 Shortened Course

Shortening a course will be;

- At any rounding mark(s) in accordance with RRS 32.
- On any leg of the course between the committee vessel and an inflatable mark. This amends RRS 32.

B3. MARKS

B3.1

A	Windward Mark	Inflatable yellow mark laid to the windward of the start line. Approximate distance and direction to be displayed prior to the start.
GR	Groper Island	30 ⁰ 09.8' S 153 ⁰ 13.63' E approx.
KE	Korffs East	Orange inflatable mark at approx. 30 ⁰ 19.30'S 153 ⁰ 11.07'E (approx. 1.5nm bearing 90 ⁰ magnetic east of Korffs Islet)

KI	Korffs Islet	30° 18.96' S 153° 9.38' E approx.
L	Leeward Mark	Inflatable yellow mark laid approximately 100m to the windward of the start line.
ME	Macauley East	Orange inflatable mark at approx. 30° 17.30'S 153° 12.31'E (approx. 3.0nm bearing 90° magnetic from Macauley Headland)
SPL	Split Solitary Island	30° 14.542' S 153° 10.91' E approx.
SSI	South Solitary Island	30° 12.45' S 153° 16.2' E approx.

B3.2 The start mark will be a black & white chequered inflatable cylindrical buoy.

B4. THE START

B4.1 The Starting Line will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee vessel at the starboard end and the start mark at the port end.

B4.2 The Starting Area will be in the waters off Coffs Harbour.

B4.3 All Categories must start together and the Class Flag will be International Code Flag "W"

B4.4 The scheduled start time of the race will be:

Race No	Time
Race 2	1100hrs – Thursday 5 th 2012
Race 3	ASAP after Race 2 - Thursday 5 th 2012
Race 4	1100hrs - Friday 6 th 2012
Race 5	ASAP after Race 4 - Friday 6 th 2012

B4.5 A warning signal will not be made any later than 1400hrs Friday 6th January 2012.

B5. RECALLS

B5.1 Recalls will be made in accordance with RR29.1 and 29.2 and may be notified by radio on VHF Channel 77.

B5.2 Competitors are reminded that radio recall information is provided as an aid and the provision or failure of the aid will not form the basis of any protest or redress action.

B6. BOATS STARTING LATE

Boats that start more than ten (10) minutes after their starting signal will be scored as "Did Not Start", unless the Race Committee deems otherwise. This amends RRS Appendix A9.

B7. FINISHING LINE

B7.1 There will be two finishing lines;

- HARBOUR FINISH will be the same as the finish line of Race 1, SI Appendix A10. (The Finishing Line is in an area approximately 100 metres inside the Coffs Harbour Outer Harbour Entrance. The Finishing Line will be a line between a pole displaying a orange flag on the southern end of the Eastern Seawall of Coffs Harbour and a pole displaying a orange flag on the Northern side of Coffs Harbour)
- SL (FIN) will be the same line as the start line.

NOTE: Competitors please be aware of which finish line your course sends you to.

B8. RETIREMENTS

Boats retiring prior to the finish of the race must advise the Race Committee on VHF Channel 77 and will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This amends RRS 35 and A9.



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31ST PITTWATER AND COFFS HARBOUR OCEAN RACE

DECLARATION FORM

To: The Race Committee
Pittwater and Coffs Harbour Offshore Series

I hereby declare that I
Owner/ Owners Representative/ Charterer

was a crew member on the Boat Sail No.

Representing the Yacht Club

I declare during race no..... the following infringements were made;

1.

Reason

Action Taken

2.

Reason

Action Taken

3.

Reason

Action Taken

I declare that the above information is true and accurate.

(Signature)

(Date)



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