



Raffertys

Heaven can Wait

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**Mannering Park Yacht Club Inc (MPYC),
Grace Street, Mannering Park, NSW 2259**

1. INVITATION

1.1 Mannering Park Yacht Club Inc, as the Organising Authority, invites owners of suitable Racing and Cruising Yachts and Multihulls to enter the 2007 *Raffertys Heaven Can Wait* 24-hour Yacht Race. The *Raffertys Heaven Can Wait* 24-hour yacht race is primarily to raise funds for the NSW Cancer Council and the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (Lake Macquarie).

1.2 This race is a DISTANCE OVER TIME race, and the winning boats will be deemed to be those who have completed the longest distance over the full 24 hours. As such, the requirements of skippers and crew differ significantly from traditional TIME OVER DISTANCE races.

All skippers will be required to:

Record the full number of laps around the full course

Record the time of passing the previous buoy prior to the race conclusion at 1200 hrs on September 30

Record (where possible) the name/number/description of the closest yacht immediately in front and immediately behind)

Precisely at 1200 hrs on September 30, hit the MOB button on the yacht's GPS, in order to give a precise location of the yacht at this time. IT WILL BE COMPULSORY FOR ALL ENTRANTS TO CARRY A GPS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Provide the above information to the Race Committee as soon as possible following the conclusion of the Event, including a signed statement that the information is true and accurate.

At the discretion of the Race Committee, additional technology may be provided to all entrants to enable remote location of all boats. However, the previously described manual method will still be required as a backup.

2. RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) except where either of these is changed by this Notice of Race, the application of Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Between the hours of Sunset and Sunrise, Part 2 of the RRS shall be replaced by the International Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea.

2.3 All boats must comply at all times with the statutory requirements of their home port.

2.4 The Organising Authority reserves the right to amend any detail of this Notice of Race. Amendments made prior to September 14, 2007 will be published on the Event's Website **www.heavencanwait.com.au**. Details of amendments will also be posted on the Club Notice board at Mannering Park Yacht Club.

2.5 Protests: The Race Committee will:

Appoint a Mediator to expedite the handling of protest matters

All protests will be heard by an independent Jury.

2.6 Rule 52 will be amended by the Sailing Instructions to allow powered winches for boats over 14.0 m LOA.

2.7 Rule 50.2 will be amended by the Sailing Instructions to allow Yachts to tack spinnakers to bowsprits and retractable spinnaker poles.

2.8 Yachts may request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the System involved, and such system will be taken into account in establishing the Yacht's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems. Rules 51 and 52 are modified to the extent required by this paragraph.

2.9 In addition to the Category 5N requirements, boats with trapezes and/or wings that are wider than the maximum beam of the main hull shall have Retro-reflective tape adhered to the outer most and aft of each appendage on both sides of the boat.

2.10 In addition to the Category 5N requirement, boats with trapezes and/or wings will require the crew member most forward, and the crew most aft to carry night sticks attached to the upper arm of each crew. The Organising Authority notes that this requirement is an added safety requirement for the crew working beyond the maximum beam of the main hull between Sunset and Sunrise.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Boats shall be thoroughly seaworthy and meet the Safety Category of the Yachting Australia Category 5N as appropriate to the class of Yacht or Multihull.

3.2 Attention is especially drawn to Fundamental Rule 4.

3.3 It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that every member of the crew satisfies the requirements of the Person in Charge.

3.4 All Boats under 20 feet LOA that meet Category 5N requirements, MUST apply for entry from the Organising Authority to state that each individual entry is considered appropriate for this Event and will only be considered based on the following requirements:

- a) Accommodation, all boats under 20 foot LOA MUST have an adequate Cabin to store equipment, and provide adequate shelter for crew when not required of the working deck.
- b) To adequately participate with limited Rescue Assistance.
- c) Minimum of 2 crew on the working deck at any one time.
- d) Minimum number crew of 3 (Short handed MUST be certified with documentation)

3.5 Boats 20 feet LOA and above MUST have a minimum of 4 Crew.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Completed entry forms accompanied by the entry fee of \$50 PER PERSON/CREW shall be lodged with the Event Secretary at:

**Mannering Park Yacht Club Inc,
PO Box 7196,
Mannering Park, NSW 2259**

by close of business on Friday August 17, 2007.

4.2 All entry fees are to be made payable to **Mannering Park Yacht Club**.

4.3 Late entries will incur an additional fee of **\$50 per boat**, which is to be made payable to the Organising Authority. This is to be included in addition to the \$50 PER PERSON/CREW, which will be accepted until close of business on Friday September 14, 2007.

4.4 **Entries after September 14, 2007 will not be accepted without special dispensation by the Organising Authority.**

4.5 Late Entry Fees are to be made payable to **Mannering Park Yacht Club Inc.**

5. SAFETY

5.1 The Event is designated a Yachting Australia Category 5N (modified) requirement for ALL BOATS entered, and is deemed appropriate for this Event, in consideration of the limited rescue support available.

5.1A For the purposes of this Event, Category 5N requirements will be modified so as not to require participants to carry high-visibility storm and heavy-weather sails.

5.2 Safety compliance forms issued by Clubs, which conduct Category 5 or higher Events and are affiliated with YA will be accepted.

5.3 The Race committee shall refuse to accept an entry of any yacht unless the owner or skipper is able to demonstrate the yacht's safety compliance.

5.4 Each Yacht **MUST** carry a serviceable VHF or 27 Mhz Radio PLUS an alternative means of communication, for example Mobile Phone (that is, 2 independent means of communication).

5.5 Sail numbers **MUST** correspond with numbers listed on each boat's Official Entry Form. The Race Committee has the right to penalise or disqualify an entrant, if found in breach of the Sailing Instruction.

5.6 Race Committee and emergency contact phone numbers will be provided in the Event's Sailing Instructions.

6. RACING DIVISIONS

6.1 Racing may be conducted in the following Divisions:

Multihull (Race)

Multihull (Cruise)

Racing 0.9-1.9

Racing 0.790-0.899

Racing 0.700-0.789

Racing 0.600-0.699

Cruising (non-spinnaker)

6.2 a) 10 entries are required to form a Division.

b) Divisions may be formed by combining entries where there are less than 10 entries, or subdivided where there are significantly differing speed potentials, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7 CERTIFICATION, CREW LIST, INSPECTION

7.1 The owners (Or agents acting for the owner) of yachts shall submit to the Mannering Park Club, no later than August 31, 2007, the following documents:

- a)** Current Safety Compliance Certificate to YA Cat 5N or higher
- b)** A complete Crew list showing name, address and phone number of each crew, including the name and phone number of a nominated person which can be contacted throughout the duration of the Race.
- c)** Appended to the crew list shall be a declaration stating that at least 2 crewmembers have prior night sailing experience.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The Race will be conducted within the enclosed waters of Lake Macquarie, NSW, with the approximate course as per the attached map. A final course shall be provided with the Sailing Instructions.

9. PRE-RACE COURSE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

9.1 All Entrants MUST have onboard the Official Sailing Instructions, as only general course information and Event information will be issued by the Organising Authority by VHF and 27Mhz until 1000 hrs on September 29, 2007, after which ALL entrants are required to log onto the Volunteer Coastal Patrol (VCP) channel nominated by the VCP.

9.2 All Radio Channels used by the Organising Authority and the VCP shall be listed in the Sailing Instructions. Further Information and Weather Warnings maybe issued by the VCP during the course of the Event.

10. RACE SCHEDULE

- 10.1** 0900 hrs: The Organising Authority opens Race Channels on VHF & 27 Mhz as per SIs.
 1100 hrs 60min Official Warning signal (refer to SI's for start sequence)
 1200 hrs Official Start of the HcW 24 hour and 1 Lap Dash.
 1700 hrs Log on to Coastal Patrol announcing intention to continue Overnight.
 Radio logs are required from all participants in the HcW 24 hour race at specific times to be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Sailing Instructions and Event ID numbers will be provided on confirmation of Event Entry after August 30, 2007. Event ID numbers must be affixed to the bow area (on the starboard side of the outermost hull for Multihulls and starboard side of hull for Monohulls) prior to the Event's official start time.

12. HANDICAPS

12.1 Handicaps shall be allocated according to the speed potential of the individual Yachts. Results shall be calculated at the sole discretion of the Race Committee or its nominee.

12.2 The handicaps allotted to a Yacht shall not be grounds for protest.

13 SCORING

1.1 The scoring shall be split into:
Line honours overall for each Division
Fastest on corrected time for each Division
Corrected time overall.

14 TROPHIES

14.1 Trophies shall be awarded to:
1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Division on Corrected time
Overall Line Honours for Mono and Multihull Divisions
A combined Teams Trophy for the team with the highest aggregate placing overall.

14.2 Additional Trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

14.3 The Presentation of Trophies shall commence at approximately 1600 hrs on September 30, 2007 at Raffertys Resort, Cams Wharf, Lake Macquarie, NSW.

15. LIABILITY

15.1 All persons taking part in this Event do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. The Organising Authority, the Sponsors, their servants and Volunteers will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during or after this Event. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

16. INSURANCE

16.1 It is a requirement of this Event that all boats competing have Third Party Property liability policy of at least \$10 million for any one incident over the period of Racing.

17. ADVERTISING.

17.1 This Event is conducted under ISAF Regulation 20, Category C, however the Sailing Committee reserves the right to caution or disqualify any Yacht that is in breach of this code and openly displays signage inappropriate or disrespectful toward the Event's Primary Cause and/or its Sponsors.

17.2 Any boat entering displaying signage **NOT** relevant to the Event, must include a fee of \$50 to be made out to the Organising Authority. A declaration of signage is required to be submitted with the application for Race Entry.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION.

18.1 For further information on this Event, please contact info@heavencanwait.com.au or visit the website www.heavencanwait.com.au

19. LOCAL INFORMATION

19.1 Raffertys Resort is located on the Eastern Side of Lake Macquarie and is situated over magnificent and tranquil Acres overlooking Lake Macquarie, with Pulbah Island and the Wattagan Mountains as a backdrop.

19.2 Raffertys Resort, while a resort catering for professionals, carries only a limited supply of provisions. Full provisions can be bought directly opposite the resort at Gwandalan, including takeaway food, liquor and an RSL with Restaurant.

19.3 Temporary mooring pontoons will be established adjacent to Raffertys, allowing non-trailerable boats travelling to Lake Macquarie for the event to be safely moored. These will be established at least 2 weeks prior to the Event, and will remain in place for at least 2 weeks after the Event concludes.

19.4 Lake Macquarie has an abundance of ramping facilities located around most Lakeside suburbs.

Suitable Trailer Yacht Launching ramps are located at Bolton Point, Styles Point Balmoral/Secret Bay, LMYC, Eraring Bay, Wangi Wangi, Pelican, Swansea, Silverwater, Sunshine, Cams Wharf, Gwandalan and Mannering Park. All these have rigging areas.

19.5 Yacht Clubs assisting in the on water support are MPYC, WASC, Speers Point Sailing Club,

Croudace Bay Sailing Club and the Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto. We ask that before or after the Event, entrants show their patronage by using these Clubs' facilities.

19.6 Accommodation requirements can be met by going to the following websites:

www.raffertysresort.com.au for Raffertys Resort

www.lakemac.com.au Lake Macquarie Tourism

www.centralcoastaustralia.com for Central Coast Tourism.

20. OFFICIAL EVENT SPONSORS

20.1 The 2007 *Raffertys Heaven Can Wait* 24-hour is proudly Sponsored and Supported by the following. Please support our sponsors.



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www.navman.com.au



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www.sailinganarchy.com



www.deckhardware.com.au



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September 29-30 2007 (NSW October Labour Day Long Weekend)

Entry Form Part A

Notice to Entrants:

Please use the check list below to ensure that all of the required documentation and fees are made out to the appropriate Organising Authority, and are attached to this Entry Form.

Please note that entries received by the Organising Authority, Mannering Park Yacht Club Inc (MPYC) after the close of business on August 31, 2007, are subject to an additional late fee of \$50 per boat, payable to Mannering Park Yacht Club Inc. (NOR 4.3)

Entrant Boat and Owner/Controller Details.

Boat Name Sail No.....

Skipper/Owner name.....

Contact Details Address:

State:YA Membership No (if applicable).....

Daytime ph..... Mobile..... Other.....

Email:

I am happy to be contacted by Event sponsors in relation to special offers and discount equipment, products and services, in accordance with Australian Government privacy legislation:

Yes [] No []

Attachments:

To ensure that your entry is processed promptly, please complete the following checklist and ensure that the required documentation is completed and that the required fees made payable to the appropriate body are enclosed.

(Please Circle)

Completed Crew list (NOR 7.1)	Enclosed: Y / N
Entry Fees-Payable to MPYC (NOR4.1,4.2)	Enclosed: Y / N
Night Sailing Declaration (NOR 7.1)	Enclosed: Y / N
Declaration of signage (NOR 17.1)	Enclosed: Y / N
Signage/Late Fee-Payable to MPYC (NOR 4.3, 17.1)	Enclosed: Y / N / N/A
Less than 20' Application (NOR 3.4)	Enclosed: Y / N / N/A
Application to use moveable ballast/stored power (NOR 2.8)	Enclosed: Y / N / N/A



Entry Form Part B

Boat details

Yacht/Multihull Name.....Sail No

Skipper/Owner

Address

Nominated mobile phone number for on-boat contact.....

Please enter this Yacht/Multihull for the Division of this Event.

Details of Yacht/Multihull: LOA Beam..... Draft.....

Hull Colour..... Spinnaker Colour(s)

Class/Design/Make

Year Launched Keel Type

Home Club and/or Association.....

Waiver

I as Owner/Skipper/Nominee agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and all other Rules that govern this Event. I acknowledge that under RRS Rule 4 – the decision to Race, the sole responsibility for a boat deciding to participate in a Race is hers alone. I understand that neither the Organising Authority and it’s Officers, members and servants nor any other persons assisting with the conduct of this Event accept responsibility in respect of any injury or loss to person or property that may be sustained by reason of participation in the Event or how so ever arising in connection with this Event.

Skipper’s signature Date

- # Enclosed SAFETY CERTIFICATE CAT 5N.
- # Enclosed ADDITIONAL CREW LIST. (if required)
- # Enclosed FEE FROM EACH CREW.
- # Enclosed INSURANCE CERTIFICATE OR CURRENCY (Copy)



Entry Form Part B (continued)

Crew

Total number of Crew (in addition to Skipper) participating in Event:

Please include \$50 PER CREW MEMBER with entry form

Please list ALL crew with address and contact phone numbers

Crew 1): Name Contact ph no.....

Address

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Night Sailing Experience: Y / N

Nominated onshore contactPh.....

Crew 2): Name Contact ph no.....

Address

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Night Sailing Experience: Y / N

Nominated onshore contactPh.....

Crew 3): Name Contact ph no.....

Address

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Night Sailing Experience: Y / N

Nominated onshore contactPh.....

Crew 4): Name Contact ph no.....

Address

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Night Sailing Experience: Y / N

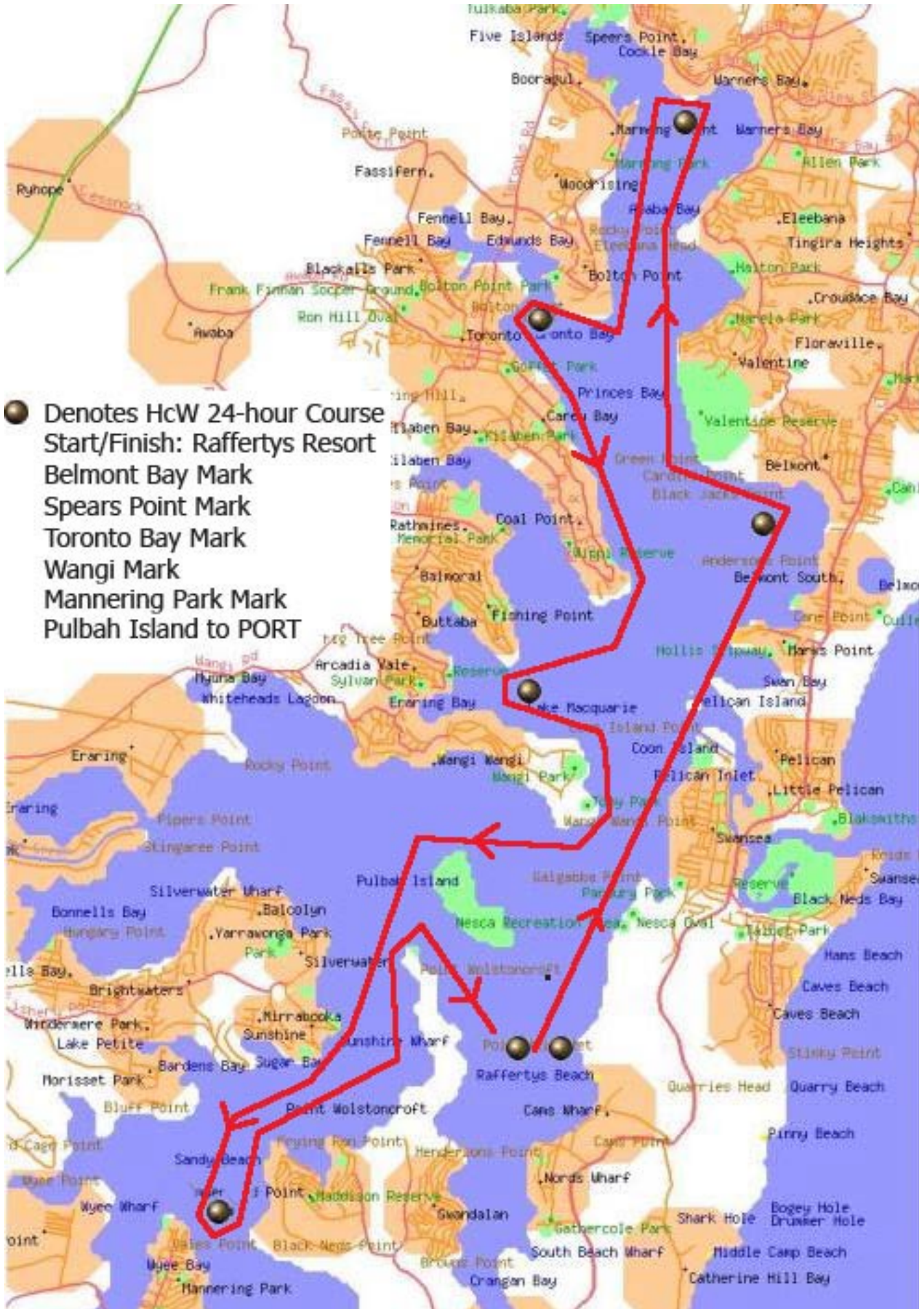
Nominated onshore contactPh.....

If this form is not sufficient please attach additional crew details on a separate sheet

Please ensure that Entry forms Part A and B are returned to:

The Race Secretary, C/- Mannering Park Yacht Club Inc, PO Box 7196, Mannering Park NSW 2259, along with ALL required attachments.

Appendix 1: Approximate course to be completed as many times as possible over 24 hours (may be subject to change)



Appendix 2: YA Cat5N Audit Form

YNSW SPECIAL REGULATIONS EQUIPMENT AUDIT FORM - Category 5

Sail No: _____	LOA: _____	Boat Name: _____	CAT: _____	Owner/s: _____
Maximum Crew: _____	Club: _____	Hull Material: _____	Deck Material: _____	Hull Colour: _____ Deck Colour: _____
Distinguishing Identification Marks: _____				
YA Membership No. _____		NSW Maritime Registration No. _____		

COMPLIANCE FORM VALID UNTIL _____ 200 .

VESSEL IS SUBJECT TO SPOT CHECK S: 2.02.1

Rule	Item	Owner	E/A	E/o	Item	Owner	E/A
2.03.1	Equipment adequate for intended use and size of boat			3.25.8	Radio receiver capable of receiving weather bulletins		
2.03.2	Ballast and any heavy equipment secured			3.28	Identification of hull and trailer		
				4.01.1	Sail Numbers		
2.04.2	Crew Experience (At least two)	R		4.02.1	Soft wood plugs on all through-hull openings		
3.01	Boats not complying with Stability or Cockpit Regs carry sufficient buoyancy to support boat and crew			4.04	Fire Extinguishers AS Type Placing Date Serviced Fire blanket		
3.02	Centreplate case, Canting Keel, Watertight case			4.05	Anchor with 5m Chains & 45m Warps		
3.02.3	Locking device for movable keels			4.06.2	Water resistant flashlight floating type + spares		
3.04	Self Righting Ability Appendix D			4.07	First Aid Kit in water resistant container with contents listed and First Aid Manual		
	Buoyancy for Non Self Righting Boats				Paracetamol 20		
3.06.	Two escape exits if fuel carried below decks			4.07	Disposable gloves 10		
	Storm boards				Crepe bandages 75mm x 2.5m 2		
3.07	Hatches Companionways hatch secured				Band-aids 20		
3.08	Cockpit Size / volume	R			Adhesive tape 50mm x 2.5m (Leukoplast) 1		
3.08.8	Cockpit drains				Non adherent dressing 5		
3.09	No. of seacocks				Roll cotton wool 1		
3.10.1	Mounting of sheet winches			4.07	Betadine 15 ml 1		
3.12	Lifelines, Pulpits and Stanchions			4.07	Solugel wound dressing 100gm 1		
3.12.6	Uncovered wire and sizes where lifelines fitted			4.07	Scissors, stainless steel		
3.14	Toe rail forward of the mast	R		4.07	Sunscreen 30 + SPF 250 ml 1		
3.17.2	Galley stove, if fitted securely fastened Fuel			4.07	Safety pins, assorted sizes 10		
				4.10	YA Rule Book		
				4.10.1	Charts, light list & plotting equipment		
3.17.3	Gas if fitted, to AG 601 Warning sign			4.14	Emergency steering Alternative Method	N	
3.18.4	Emergency Drinking Water			4.15.3	Sharp knife capable of cutting high modulus fibre		
3.19.1	Adequate hand holds below deck			4.15	Tools and spare parts		
3.20.	Bilge pumps, if fitted correct discharge			4.16	Boat's name on buoyant equipment		
3.20.8	2 stout 9 litre buckets with lanyards			4.21	Lifebuoy with retroreflective tape with drogue and light or wear PFDs		
3.21.1.	Steering compass			4.22	2 Red handheld Flares		
3.21.2	Spare steering compass	R		4.22	2 Orange smoke Handheld Flares		
3.22.1	Halyards x 2						
3.23	Navigation Lights Reserve Navigation Lights	N		4.22	Waterproof container		
3.24	Engine make HP			4.23	Heaving line		
	Diesel Petrol Outboard			4.24	Storm & Heavy weather sails		
	Petrol Engine Flame Trap				Highly visible coloured material		
	Fuel capacity No of tanks				Sheeting positions Jib shall be independent of tuffluff		
	Fuel Line Installation				Method of retrieving crew from the water		
3.24.1	Paddles for boats under 5.5 m without engine			4.26			
2				4.27	Orange distress sheet with lanyards		
3.25.2	25 watt VHF or 27 mhz radio or HF			5.01	PFD1 or PFD2 Whistles retroreflective tape		
3.25.3	VHF shall have masthead antenna	R		5.03..2	Personal Location Lights + wear PFDs	N	

