

VHF 77



Appendix A - West Harbour Series 2026-27

A1 Sailing Instruction Reference

- A1.1 To be read in conjunction with BSC Keelboat Sailing Instructions 2026-27
- A1.2 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Balmain Sailing Club (BSC). The series are run in conjunction with Drummoyne Sailing Club (DSC), Greenwich Flying Squadron (GFS) and Parramatta River Sailing Club (PRSC).

A2 Schedule of Races

Spring Series	
Date	Race
Sunday 20-09-26	1
Sunday 11-10-26	2
Sunday 18-10-26	3
Sunday 01-11-26	4
Sunday 15-11-26	5
Sunday 29-11-26	6
Sunday 13-12-26	7

Summer Series	
Date	Race
Sunday 10-01-27	1
Sunday 24-01-27	2
Sunday 07-02-27	3
Sunday 21-02-27	4
Sunday 07-03-27	5
Sunday 21-03-27	6
Sunday 04-04-27	7

Winter Series	
Date	Race
Sunday 30-05-27	1
Sunday 07-06-27	2
Sunday 27-06-27	3
Sunday 11-07-27	4
Sunday 25-07-27	5
Sunday 08-08-27	6
Sunday 22-08-27	7

A3 Communications

- A3.1 VHF Ch.77 will also be used by the Race Committee for Courses, Changes and updates during the race.

A4 Start Times, Warning Signals and Divisions

- A4.1 The list of competitors, start times and divisions will be published on BSC website, no later than 1hr before start

A4.2 Divisions

Series	Divisions	Pennant Allocation			
Spring	3	1-Yellow	2-Blue	3-Green	
Summer	3	1-Yellow	2-Blue	3-Green	
Winter	4	1-Yellow	2-Blue	3-Green	4-Black

A4.3 Spring Start Times and Warning Signals

Time	Division Warning	Division Start	Pennant Displayed	Pennant Dropped
12:55	1		Yellow	
13:00	2	1	Blue	Yellow
13:05	3	2	Green	Blue
13:10		3		Green

A4.4 Summer Start Times and Warning Signals

Time	Division Warning	Division Start	Pennant Displayed	Pennant Dropped
12:55	1		Yellow	
13:00	2	1	Blue	Yellow
13:05	3	2	Green	Blue
13:10		3		Green

A4.5 Winter Start Times and Warning Signals

Time	Division Warning	Division Start	Pennant Displayed	Pennant Dropped
12:55	1		Yellow	
13:00	2	1	Blue	Yellow
13:05	3	2	Green	Blue
13:10		3	Black	Green
13:15		4		Black

A5 Courses and Marks

- A5.1 The diagrams in 'West Harbour Series Courses 2026-27' show a Chart of Marks, Course Area , Course Table including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- A5.2 All marks are to be passed to Starboard unless the mark is suffixed (P) , which indicated the mark is to be passed to Port.
- A5.3 All laid marks will be a red chequered flag mark
- A5.4 The course to be sailed will be indicated by numbered pennants flow from the DSC committee boat and/or announced on VHF Channel 77
- A5.5 When the 'S' Flag is displayed with the Warning Signal for a Division, the course for that division will be shortened as indicated in 'West Harbour Series Courses 2026-27'.

A6 The Start

- A6.1 The Start line will be set on the Parramatta River, east of Cockatoo Island in the area abounded by Clarkes Point (Woolwich), the entrance to the Lane Cove River, Greenwich Point Wharf (Greenwich) and Robinsons Point and will be between the orange flagstaff on a DSC committee boat and a mark displaying an orange flag.
- A6.2 The Start line for Course 0 , as described in 'West Harbour Series Courses 2026-27' will be in the vicinity of the transit line defined by triangular leading marks on the BSC Clubhouse deck and building. The line extends from outside the line of moored boats to Cockatoo Island.
- A6.3 Boats shall avoid the starting area until her scheduled start time.

A7 The Finish

- A7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark with an orange flag.
- A7.2 The BSC Clubhouse finish line will be between the transit line defined by the triangular leading marks on the BSC clubhouse deck and building. The line extends from outside the line of moored boats to Cockatoo Island.
- A7.3 Boats are reminded of their obligation under RRS 23 and once finished, to keep clear of boats that are still racing and so as not to obstruct the race officials view of the finish line and the BSC's Clubhouse Finish Line.

A8 Time Limit

- A8.1 Time Limit for each series in below table

Series	Time Limit
Spring	17:00 hours
Summer	17:00 hours
Winter	16:30 hours

A9 Race Cancellation & Abandonment

- A9.1 The RC may cancel a race for any reason.
- A9.2 Notice of Cancellation will be communicated via email or messaging platform or direct txt message
- A9.3 Race Abandonment shall be advised by 3 long signal and announced on VHF

A10 Entry Fees

A10.1 Table of Fees

	Member		Non-Member	
Season	Series	Race	Series	Race
Spring	\$140	\$33	\$161	\$36
Summer	\$140	\$33	\$161	\$36
Winter	\$140	\$33	\$161	\$36

A10.2 Series entry fees to the West Harbour Series are waived for boats from DSC, GFS and PRSC who have paid season racing fees for their respective club.

A11 Equipment

A11.1 Hiking Aids, including trapezes and leg straps shall not be permitted to be used to assist crew members to hike outside of the gunnels of any boat unless these aids are permitted by the Class Rules for that keelboat or dinghy. This changes RRS 49.1

A11.2 The use of powered winches on boats which compete in BSC events is permitted. This changes RRS 52

A12 Race Committee

The Race Committee (RC) for the purposes of and with the power and discretions contained in RR@ 90.1 shall be:

Race Officer	Chris Price(Vice-Commodore, BSC)
Race Officials	Sue Fletcher(BSC) Marilyn Richardson(BSC) Kathie Meyers(BSC)
Committee Boat	Alex Palmer (DSC)
DSC Representative	Ivan Fitzgerald(DSC)
GFS Representative	Phil Hare(GFS)