



**GIANT STEPS SYDNEY
2019 AUTISM SAILING REGATTA**

FRIDAY 1st November

NOTICE OF RACE





Thank you for registering in the Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta and supporting children with autism.

By donating your yacht and time you have made a huge contribution to the funds raised for this wonderful charity.

The Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta will be held at Middle Harbour Yacht Club and has become an annual event, providing companies with the perfect opportunity to 'team build' and network on Sydney Harbour in support of children with autism.

This is a wonderful opportunity for yacht owners to enjoy a Friday afternoon sail on Sydney Harbour and make a difference to children with autism.

Kind Regards

Giant Steps Management

For more information visit www.giantstepsregatta.net.au

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Middle Harbour Yacht Club in conjunction with Giant Steps Sydney invites eligible boats to compete in the 2019 Giant Steps Autism Sailing Regatta. The Organising Authority is the Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC).

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the following;
- the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
 - the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
 - the MHYC Safety Requirements,
 - the MHYC Conditions of Entry, and by
 - this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Race will be a 'Pursuit' race with a handicapped starting sequence.
- 1.3 The Race will be categorized as 'Non Spinnaker'. No sails shall be set forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. Only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 50.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying.

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 2.2 The Organising Authority or Giant Steps Sydney may provide sponsor's decals and or backstay flags. A boat shall display the sponsor's name and or backstay flag in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Race is open to boats that are a single hulled and self-righting design. All boats entering shall hold and submit the following documentation;
- a current Category 7 (or higher) Australian Sailing Special Regulations 'Equipment Compliance Form' **or**
 - a current Survey Certificate issued by NSW Roads & Maritime Services.
 - evidence of personal risk cover of no less than \$10million by way of a Certificate of Currency or Policy document copy;
 - and be on the Register of a Sailing Club affiliated with its National Authority.
- 3.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the Registration Form and signing and dating the 'MHYC Conditions of Entry'.
- 3.3 Registration forms and all above documentation shall be submitted to rsmithson@rasconsulting.com.au by close of entries.
- 3.4 Close of entries will be 2359 hours on Monday 28th October 2019.
- 3.5 The Organising Authority in conjunction with Giant Steps Sydney may, at its discretion, vary these eligibility and entry requirements if it deems that the entry of a boat in this race has the potential to advance the quality of racing in this race.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, TIMES AND SIGNALS

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday 28 th October 2019	Entries Close	Giant Steps Sydney	2359 Hours
Thursday 31 st October 2019	Sailing Instructions Published	MHYC Website	1700 hours
	List of Competitors Published		
	Starting Handicaps Published		
Friday 1 st November 2019	Warning Signal Course Displayed	MHYC Start Boat	1320 hours
	Start Handicap Count Up		1330 hours
	Post-race Analysis Presentation	MHYC Club House	After Racing

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be published by the Organising Authority and available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au by 1700hrs on Thursday 31st October 2019.

6.0 RACING AREA

6.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Lower Middle Harbour and Sydney Harbour.

6.2 The Race will be Started and Finished in the vicinity of Hunters Bay.

7.0 COURSES

7.1 Courses will be Inshore Harbour Passage courses and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

8.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

8.1 RRS 44.2 Two-Turns Penalty applies for breaking a Rule of RRS Part 2.

9.0 DIVISIONS & HANDICAPS

9.1 Divisional parameters will be optimized at the discretion of the Organising Authority, based on the entries received. Divisions may be formed or abandoned at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

9.2 Final List of Entries, Divisions and Starting Handicaps will be published by the Organising Authority and be available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au by 1700hrs on Thursday 25th October 2018.

10.0 TROPHIES

10.1 Trophies may be awarded to the first three (3) place getters in each division at a presentation to be held at MHYC following the race.

11.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority, Giant Steps Sydney and the event Sponsor's, including their respective officer's, employees, volunteers and members, will not accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

11.2 The Organising Authority, Giant Steps Sydney and Sponsors, are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

11.3 Competitors attention is drawn to **RRS 4.0 'Decision to Race'**.

"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

12.0 BERTHING & MOORINGS

12.1 Limited casual berthing and moorings are available to boats competing in this race. All requests for casual berthing and moorings shall be made by completing the 'Casual Berthing Registration' form available from the MHYC Website www.mhyc.com.au.

12.2 On Race Day, berthing on the outer 'T-Heads' of the Marina **will not be available**. The outer 'T-Heads' will be reserved only for pick-ups and drop-offs for boats needing to facilitate their guests and crew. Competitors are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 when approaching the Marina to temporarily tie-up for pick-ups and drop offs.

13.0 TENDER SERVICE

13.1 On Race Day, the Organising Authority will provide a Tender Service for boats competing in this race who are moored in the immediate area around the Club. A limited service may also be provided to boats in Hunter's Bay, who are limited by draft to enter Middle Harbour. Competitors are requested to contact the MHYC "Dock Master" on VHF Ch 73 when requiring this service.

14.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 For further information contact...

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