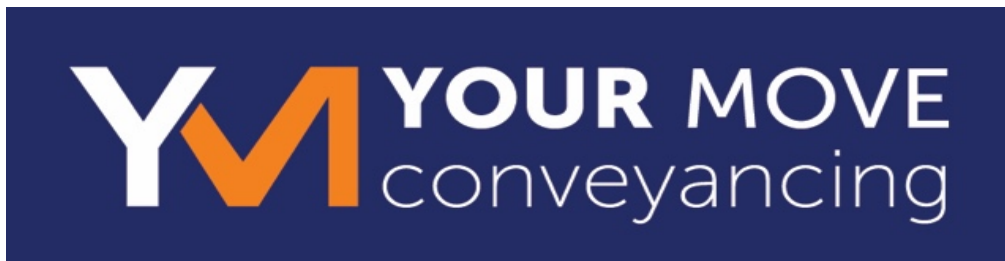




# The 59<sup>th</sup> 12 Foot Skiff Interdominion Championship Sailing Instructions

January 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

Hosted by the  
Sydney Flying Squadron



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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
*for*  
**Invitation Handicap**  
**Silasec Trophy**  
**John Brooke Team Trophy**  
**Nimble Trophy**  
**Advanx Trophy**  
**Alf Fleet Memorial Trophy**  
**Jack Winning Handicap Trophy**  
**The Paul Tapper Memorial Trophy**

## **1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Prescriptions & Special Regulations of Sailing Australia, as amended by the N.S.W. 12 Foot Sailing Skiff Association, the 12ft Skiff rules as defined in the Interdominion 12ft Sailing Championship Rules and these Sailing Instructions (SI).

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor of the Sydney Flying Squadron (SFS).

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 90 minutes before the start of scheduled racing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 11:00am on the day it will take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS**

**4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SFS flagmast on the balcony.

**4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

<b>5.1</b> Friday	4 January 2019	Invitation Handicap Race (Briefing Session 12:45)
Saturday	5 January 2019	Race 1 (Briefing Session 12:45, if required)
Sunday	6 January 2019	Race 2 & 3
Monday	7 January 2019	Layday (May be used for resail if needed)
Tuesday	8 January 2019	Race 4 & 5
Wednesday	9 January 2019	Race 6 & 7
Thursday	10 January 2019	Layday (May be used for resail if needed)
Friday	11 January 2019	Race 8 & 9
Saturday	12 January 2019	Race 10

**5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is not before 14:30. On Saturday 5th January scheduled time of warning signal is not before 15:00.

**5.3** Where more than one race is scheduled on a day, the warning signal for subsequent races will be as soon as practicable after the prior race.

**5.4** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

## **6 CLASS FLAG**

The Class flag will be a Black "12" on a yellow background.

## **7 THE COURSES**

**7.1** The courses are described in Attachment A, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**7.2** No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course number. Long courses will be signalled by a board showing a number. Short courses will be signalled by a board showing a number and an 'S'.

## **8 RACING AREAS**

Attachment B shows the location of racing area.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Inflatable marks will be a large inflatable buoy with a designated cylinder or cone shape and colour. YA Buoys are an upright yellow spherical, cylindrical or spar shaped steel cylinder. The SFS flag mark is an orange flag with Black "SFS".

**9.2** The starting and finishing marks will be the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and a mark at the port end. Marks are described in SI 11 and 12.

## **10 PROHIBITED WATER (WHICH RANKS AS AN OBSTRUCTION)**

**10.1** The area of water between registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline shall be considered PROHIBITED WATER (i.e. a continuing obstruction, not surrounded by navigable water and not a mark of the course, for the boats that are racing). Blue Police buoys are considered as registered moorings.

**10.2** Boats that enter Prohibited Water are required to exit by the same path they entered. Where it is unsafe or impractical to exit via the same path, the boat shall exit by the most direct path and take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1, however if the boat gains an advantage from the alternate action it may be disqualified. This amends RRS 44.1.

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel on the starboard end and an SFS flag mark at the port end. The Race Committee Vessel shall be kept to Starboard when starting.

**11.2** There may be a clearance mark set astern of the starting vessel. If the clearance mark is set, it shall be cleared on the same hand as the starting vessel.

**11.3** A lone starter shall constitute a race.

**11.4** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

**11.5** RRS Rule 30.2 (Z Flag) is changed so that a 20% scoring penalty is changed to a 10% scoring penalty.

## **12 INVITATION HANDICAP RACE**

The Invitation Handicap Race will be a series of scratch starts.

- (i) Competing boats will be allocated a starting sequence group.
- (ii) Each group will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- (iii) The Warning Signal for each group will be the Starting Signal for the preceding group.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel on the starboard end and an SFS flag mark on the port end. The race committee vessel shall be kept to starboard when finishing.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. Where a penalty is incurred whilst on a downwind leg, the Penalty turn is to be completed before the next rounding of the bottom mark of the course, or if on the final leg, finishing. This changes a boat being required to complete its penalty turn immediately. This amends RRS Rule 44.2.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

### **15.1 Long Course Races**

The time limit for the first boat to finish is 150 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 40 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This amends RRS Rule 35.

### **15.2 Short Course Races**

The time limit for the first boat to finish is 70 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This amends RRS Rule 35.

### **15.3 Tardy Boats**

Where more than one race is scheduled on any day, the PRO may identify boats that will not finish races within 40 minutes (Long Course) or 25 minutes (Short Course) of the first boat finishing. Boats so identified are Tardy Boats. The PRO, or their delegate, will notify them of their situation and they will be finished in race order at their current locations on scratch providing they proceed directly to the start for the next race of the day. This amends RRS Rule 35 and SI 15.1 and 15.2. This will not apply for the last scheduled race of the day.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**16.1** Protest forms are available at the race office located in the SFS. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

**16.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

**16.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Hearings will be held in the SFS, or at such other location as may be decided by the protest committee, as soon as practical after the protest time limit.

**16.4** Breaches of SI 19 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

**16.5** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS Rule 66.

**16.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS Rule 62.2.

**16.7** Decisions of the protest committee will be final. This changes RRS Rule 70.5.

## **17 MEDIATION**

**17.1** For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, a short mediation hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B.

**17.2** After a written protest is lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with a mediator. No witnesses will be permitted at this hearing.

**17.3** A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.

**17.4** The acceptance of a mediator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes RRS 60.1, 62 and 66.

**17.5** The mediator may not be a member of any subsequent Jury but may observe and give testimony to the Jury.

## **18 SCORING**

**18.1** The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply for the Silasec Trophy, The Jack Winning Handicap Trophy, the Nimble Trophy, the Advanx Trophy and the Paul Tapper Memorial Trophy.

**18.2** Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**18.3** (a) When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from seven (7) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**18.4** The John Brooke Trophy will be awarded to the Team with the greatest number of points over the Series. All races shall count. Points shall be allocated as follows:

First place to receive points equal to the number of contesting boats plus one; then progressively 1 point less for succeeding boats. One point will be allocated for Did Not Finish and Zero points for Did Not Start or Disqualified. Finishing places of nominated team boats only shall count.

**18.5** The Jack Winning Handicap Trophy point score will be held in conjunction with the Championship.

(a) The Race Committee will establish each boat's commencing long course handicap for the Championship.

(b) The handicap range will be from 0 to 30 inclusive, in whole minute time intervals.

- (c) Penalties per race shall be:
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| First Place  | 5 minutes |
| Second Place | 3 minutes |
| Third Place  | 2 minutes |

which will be applied to a boat's long course handicap.

(d) After the application of handicap penalties, when the recalculation of handicaps for a race results in a number less than zero, all handicaps will be adjusted up accordingly but will remain in the range described in SI 18.5(b). Readjustment will not be given to boats that were not placed in that race, i.e. DNF, OCS, DSQ, DNC or other code, except as a result of protest adjudication.

(e) A boat's Short Course handicap will be proportionally adjusted to be 60% of the boat's Long Course handicap.

### **18.6 Jack Winning Trophy – Interdominion Handicap Series**

Will be awarded to the boat with the least points scored in the handicap pointscore. However, if the winner of the Interdominion Handicap Series is also placed within the first 3 boats in the Championship, the Trophy will be awarded to the next best placed boat in the Handicap series.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**19.1** A representative from each skiff shall sign on prior to leaving the beach and off when arriving back on shore each day. A sign on/off sheet will be located in the club house. The penalty for failing to sign on shall be 10% of the points for the first race of the effected day. The penalty for failing to sign off shall be 10% of the points for the last race of the effected day.

**19.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the crew of an official boat where possible. The retired boat shall contact the race committee vessel via the 2-way radio located in the club house, or via mobile phone, to advise of their retirement as soon as possible.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of a skipper or a boat after the contest has begun will not be allowed without prior written approval of a special meeting of the Interdominion Conference delegates. Substitution of crew, other than skipper, is permitted providing the Race Office is notified in writing prior to the Warning Signal.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **22 ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

## **23 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will fly the Class flag.

## **24 PRIZES**

Perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows to be held in trust until the next championship:

**Silasec Trophy:** To the winner of the Interdominion 12ft Sailing Championship

**John Brooke Team Trophy:** To the team scoring the greatest number of points, SI 18.4

**Nimble Trophy:** To the best placed first-time Skipper in the Championship.

**Advax Trophy:** Best placed Skipper over 55 years of age.

**Alf Fleet Memorial Trophy:** The forward hand of the boat that wins the first Race.

**Jack Winning Trophy – Interdominion Handicap Series:** Will be awarded to the winner of the handicap series. SI 18.5

**The Paul Tapper Memorial Trophy – First New Zealand Boat:** The best placed New Zealand boat in the Championship.

## **25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

It is the competitor's decision to enter or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry, competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authorities, the host Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation. The Organising Authorities, the host Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in an Event or howsoever arising in connection with an Event.

## **26 INSURANCE**

It is strongly recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of NZ\$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## **27 RISK WARNING**

This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the NSW 12ft Sailing Skiff Association, Sydney Flying Squadron Ltd. and the NSW Maritime Authority, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities associated with the Interdominion 12ft Sailing Championship. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might 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 possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- 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.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

The NSW 12ft Sailing Skiff Association, Sydney Flying Squadron Ltd. and the NSW Maritime Authority also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in the event.

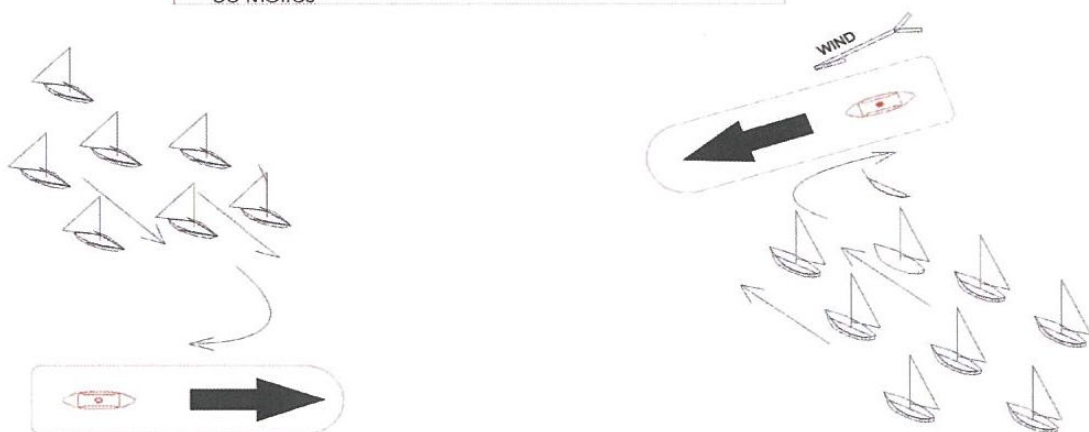
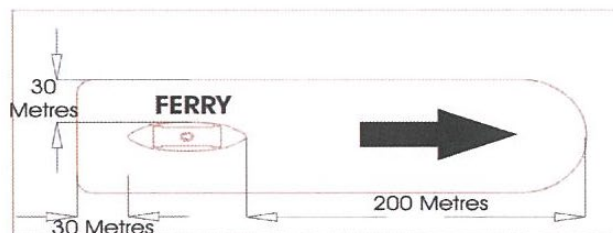
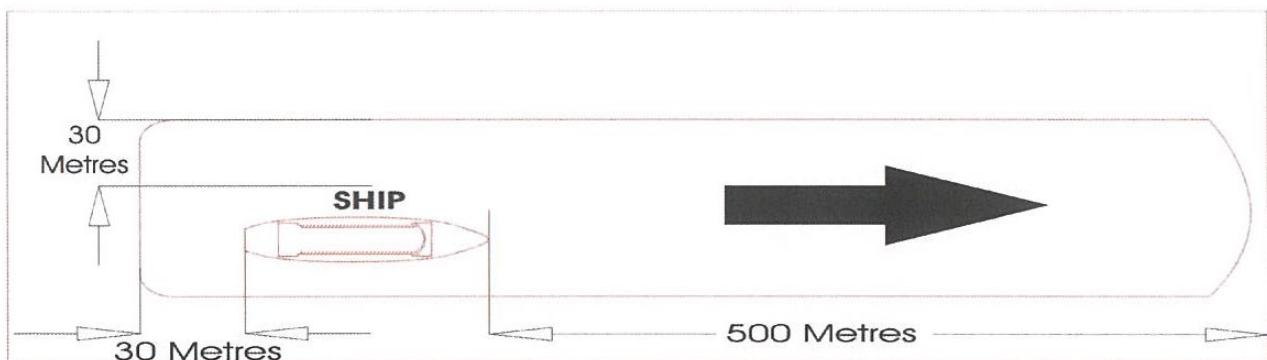
## 28 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Competitors shall keep clear of Sydney Harbour Transport vessels displaying an orange diamond.

All boats must abide by traffic directions of Roads and Maritime Services Boating Officers. Any boat directed to stop or alter course by Roads and Maritime Boating Services Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules/regulations shall do so immediately.

NSW Maritime advises the following MUST apply:

“All competitors MUST keep 500m from the bow of any ship and at least 200m from the bow of any ferry and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway”.



**SHIP & FERRY ACTIVATED  
EXCLUSION ZONE**



# Attachment A

## Long Courses

<b>1 Northeast – 10.7nm</b> <i>All marks to Starboard</i>	<b>2 East – 8.8nm</b> <i>All marks to Starboard</i>	<b>3 Southeast – 8.2nm</b> <i>Mark rounding's as noted</i>	
<b>Start</b> North East vicinity of Clarke Island <b>N</b> Nielsen Park Inflatable <b>SY</b> Shark Island YA Buoy <b>C</b> Clarke Island Inflatable <b>B</b> Beashel Buoy <b>C</b> Clarke Island Inflatable <b>N</b> Nielsen Park Inflatable <b>Finish</b> Vicinity of Clarke Island	<b>Start</b> Near Kurraba Point <b>PY</b> Point Piper Inflatable <b>G</b> Garden Island Ship Buoy <b>PY</b> Point Piper Inflatable <b>G</b> Garden Island Ship Buoy <b>PY</b> Point Piper Inflatable <b>Finish</b> Near Kurraba Point	<b>Start</b> In Athol Bay <b>PP</b> Point Piper Inflatable <b>T</b> Taylor Bay YA buoy <b>RB</b> Rose Bay Inflatable <b>CB</b> Chowder Bay YA Buoy <b>RB</b> Rose Bay Inflatable <b>A</b> Athol Bay Inflatable <b>PP</b> Point Piper Inflatable <b>Finish</b> Near Athol Bay	<b>P</b> <b>S</b> <b>S</b> <b>S</b> <b>P</b> <b>P</b>

<b>4 South – 9.7nm</b> <i>Mark rounding's as noted</i>	<b>5 West – 9.3nm</b> <i>Mark roundings as noted</i>	<b>6 Windward / Leeward</b> <i>All marks to Port</i>	
<b>Start</b> In Athol Bay <b>PP</b> Point Piper Inflatable <b>CB</b> Chowder Bay YA Buoy <b>RB</b> Rose Bay Inflatable <b>CB</b> Chowder Bay YA Buoy <b>RB</b> Rose Bay Inflatable <b>CB</b> Chowder Bay YA Buoy <b>RB</b> Rose Bay Inflatable <b>Finish</b> Near Athol Bay	<b>Start</b> In Athol Bay <b>K</b> Kurraba Point Inflatable <b>RY</b> Rose Bay YA Buoy <b>CI</b> Clarke Island Shipping <b>RY</b> Rose Bay YA Buoy <b>Finish</b> Near Kurraba Point	<i>Windward mark Approx. 1nm from start.</i> <b>Start</b> • Windward Mark – Yellow Cone • Leeward Mark – Orange Cone • Windward Mark – Yellow Cone • Leeward Mark – Orange Cone • Windward Mark – Yellow Cone • Leeward Mark – Orange Cone • Windward Mark – Yellow Cone <b>Finish</b>	<b>P</b> <b>S</b> <b>S</b> <b>S</b> <b>S</b> <b>S</b> <b>S</b>

## Short Courses

<b>1 Northeast – 5.9nm</b> <i>All marks to Starboard</i>	<b>2 East – 7.2nm</b> <i>All marks to Starboard</i>	<b>3 Southeast – 5.3nm</b> <i>Mark rounding's as noted</i>	
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<b>4 South – 5.9nm</b> <i>Mark rounding's as noted</i>	<b>5 West – 6.4nm</b> <i>Mark roundings as noted</i>	<b>6 Windward / Leeward</b> <i>All marks to Port</i>	
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## Rounding Mark Descriptions

<p><b>A Athol Inflatable</b> – Inflatable <i>Orange Cone</i> Buoy in Athol Bay.</p> <p><b>B Beashel Buoy</b> - Upright yellow steel cylinder south-west of the Sow and Pigs reef</p> <p><b>C Clarke Island Inflatable</b> – Inflatable <i>Orange Cone</i> Buoy north-east of Clarke Island.</p> <p><b>CB Chowder Bay YA Buoy</b> - Upright yellow steel cylinder north-west of Chowder Head</p> <p><b>CI Clarke Island Ship Buoy</b> - White Ship Buoy, north of Clarke Island.</p> <p><b>G Garden Island Ship Buoy</b> – White Ship buoy east of Garden Island (The most westerly of the 2 Ship Buoys)</p> <p><b>K Kurraba Point</b> – Inflatable <i>Yellow Cone</i> Buoy south of Kurraba Point</p>	<p><b>N Nielsen Park Inflatable</b> - Inflatable <i>Yellow Cone</i> Buoy north-west of Nielsen Park beach</p> <p><b>PP Point Piper Inflatable</b> - Inflatable <i>Yellow Cone</i> Buoy between Clarke Island and Point Piper.</p> <p><b>PY Point Piper Inflatable</b> - Inflatable <i>Yellow Cone</i> Buoy between Point Piper and Shark Island.</p> <p><b>RB Rose Bay Inflatable</b> – Inflatable <i>Yellow Cylinder</i> Buoy in Rose Bay</p> <p><b>RY Rose Bay YA Mark</b> – Upright yellow steel cylinder 200 m off the eastern shore of Rose Bay in front of the Convent</p> <p><b>SY Shark Island YA Buoy</b> - Upright yellow steel cylinder south-east end of Shark Island</p> <p><b>T Taylor Bay YA Buoy</b> - Upright yellow steel cylinder in Taylor Bay</p>
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### Attachment B

