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# The Yardarm

Used to be "From the Bridge"

More on gear  
& a few  
Clarifications

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Just a couple for the Spring and Summer Season:

**Twilights:** Two starts, therefore two virtual series.

Long Course: 1400 hrs .Start, WC, SB,WC. WB and finish.

Short Course: 1530 hrs, Start, WC,SB,finish.

You must nominate which course/series you wish to sail in at the beginning of the season. Those of you who have nominated both courses (!!!!) will be entered in the one that you sail in first. (When the gale warnings cease!!)

Personally, (and this is my opinion only and will have to be considered by the Sailing Committee) is that we should consider having two seasonal events and allowing people to change which series they want to compete in after, say, New Year. Thus allowing those who wished they had entered in the long series to change for the rest of the summer and vice versa. Debate on the deck is encouraged!! In the meantime, the status quo will remain!

### Saturday Races:

These points are cast in stone!!

If you do not start in a race the points allocated will be that of the number of starters in that race plus 5. Thus, if there are 10 starters on that particular day, non starters will accrue 15 points for that day. Race drops will be as per series as nominated in the sailing instructions.

**Sprints.** If there are 4 races sailed on one day, you may drop one race on that day, if there are 3 or less than 3 races sailed on that day, all will count. When the series is assessed, you will drop your worst day. To further clarify this, if there are say, 5 days of sprints sailed over the summer, you count your best four for the Summer Series trophy. Each day is virtually a race in itself as far as the season series results are concerned.

The complete Summer Series Handbook, incorporating the above will be published this weekend and will be available at the Clubhouse. It will be on the webpage at the end of the following week. (17th) Make sure that you read it as the Bush Lawyers Manual is now out of print and no longer applies!

### PFD's

I wear one of these inflatable PFD's and have been a bit wary about whether it would pass if I was to be checked by Waterways. To research the subject further I had a look at the YANSW take on this:

#### SERVICING INFLATABLE PFDs AND NSW LAW.

YA Special Regulation 5.01.6(a) requires inflatable PFDs to be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

If the manufacturer gives no instructions or provides a kit for self servicing, then self servicing is permitted. If the manufacturer does not state the period for regular servicing then none is stated in the YA SRs.

*Under NSW Marine Safety (General) Regulations 83 (4) an inflatable PFD is not an 'appropriate' item in conformity with the Regulations unless it is serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. In respect of PFDs on which there is no service requirement stated or where a DIY kit is provided, NSW Maritime have advised as follows:-*

*An inflatable PFD is required to be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (Clause 83(4) Marine Safety (Gen) Reg 2009). The legislation does not stipulate that all lifejackets be serviced by an authorised service agent, but the question to be answered then is, 'what are the 'manufacturers instructions'.*

*Some PFD manufacturers issue DIY service kits, which makes it clear that the manufacturer's instructions are, that self service is allowed. If the PFD is a brand for which manufacturers issue a self service kit, then the owner can service it themselves by use of the kit.*

*If it is a brand that the manufacturer does not issue a self service kit, then in the absence of documentation from the manufacturer to say otherwise, the PFD must be serviced by a qualified service agent.*

*Although the YA SRs do not state a period for self servicing, note under the previous SRs the period was annually or as stated by the manufacturer, the NSW law is clear. Under NSW Regulation 83(4) (b) servicing must be at not less than 12 month intervals or such longer period as the manufacturer may specify.*

*An Auditor will assist an Owner comply with the law if in respect of an inflatable PFD for which the manufacturer has not specified a servicing period, the Auditor only accepts servicing at 12 month intervals.*

My jacket is a "Burke" and, as they supply a recharge kit, the above would indicate that the kit available from Bias for between \$20 and \$32 would satisfy the requirements.

This is worth looking at as if you are pulled up and your PFD does not comply, the fine is considerable (around \$500 I believe)

Bulbecks in Newcastle will service them for about \$35.

### On a lighter note!!

Paddy and his wife are lying in bed one night and the neighbour's dog is barking like mad in the garden next door. Paddy says "To hell with this!" and storms off. He comes back upstairs five minutes later and his wife asks "What did you do?"

Paddy replies "I've put the dog in our garden. Let's see how they like it!"

OPENING SPRING CRUISE – Sunday 18th October - all cruising & social yachts are invited to attend – 1.00pm with a radio start from Bruce Adam's catamaran "Serenity" - \$350.00 in prizes for all sorts of reasons plus a free BBQ – Social Members looking for a sail should contact the Secretary.

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