

Cruising Yacht Club of Australia

Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 2016

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS NO. 2

In accordance with Notice of Race Appendix B, the Race Committee advises that the **'Pre- race radio check'** shall be carried out with Marine Rescue **Lake Macquarie** between 5 December 2016 and 22 December 2016. Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie will only monitor these frequencies between 0800 hours and 1800 hours during that period.

It is requested that the MRNSW HF Testing Procedure is used when contacting Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie.



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Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race HF Radio Testing Procedure

Overview

Marine Rescue NSW is a volunteer organisation, who owns and operates the 24/7 marine radio network in NSW. Due to the high amount of radio traffic handled on a daily basis, it is imperative that vessels follow the procedure outlined below to ensure that your HF radio check can be completed efficiently and without disruption to the state-wide radio network .

Process for HF Radio Testing for Rolex Sydney Hobart Race Yachts

1) Navigate to an appropriate testing area

Previous radio testing has shown that yachts are required go at least 2nm east of North Head. An effective HF test result west of this location is highly unlikely due to radio interference in this congested area.

2) Call Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie on 02 49721088

Call and indicate that you wish to check your HF radio, which boat you are representing and your location - DO NOT HANG UP, stay on the line for the duration of the testing procedure.

3) Conduct Radio Check - Frequency 4483

The MR Radio Operator will ask you to test frequency 4483 and will communicate a result to you. *Example language: "Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie, Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie, this is callsign requesting a radio check on channel _____, over"*

4) Conduct Radio Check - Frequency 6516

The MR Radio Operator will ask you to test frequency 6516 and will communicate a result to you. *Example language: "Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie, Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie, this is callsign requesting a radio check on channel _____, over"*

5) Confirm test results

At the completion of testing the MR Operator will indicate to you over the phone whether your test has been recorded as a Pass or Fail.

Notes / Trouble-shooting

- If you are unable to make successful contact on either frequency please ensure that your radio is showing that you are operating on the simplex mode for the frequency you are testing

- If you are unable to make successful contact, it is highly likely that you are suffering from radio interference and need to go further offshore.

- The phone number listed is provided for the period **5 December – 22 December for Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race competitors only**. Please utilise this number (02 4972 1088) to ensure that normal operations are not affected.