

SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR VISITING BOATS

PART 1

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS APPLYING TO RACES

1.1 Rules

1.1.1 All races conducted by Mornington Yacht Club (MYC) will be governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**, the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and the Handicap Rules of Yachting Victoria (YV)

1.1.2 The Organising Authority is the Sailing Committee of MYC and the Race Committee shall be appointed by the Sailing Committee.

1.2 Entry

1.2.1 A competitor, having met the eligibility requirements of the Notice of Race, shall enter a series of races on the first occasion they compete in a race.

1.2.4 **SIGN ON** Visiting competitors (boats) shall Sign On by radio (VHF Ch. 73) to the MYC Race Committee Boat 'Retriever' no later than 5 minutes prior to the Warning Signal and provide the boat name, its sail number and the number of persons on board (POB).

1.3 Safety

1.3.1 All races shall be abandoned for the day if there is a GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip issued by the Bureau of Meteorology and prior to the start of racing.

1.3.2 The Race Committee may also abandon a race if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip during the conduct of a race.

1.3.3 The Race Committee may also abandon a race if it is considered that the sea state in the racing area is deemed unsafe.

1.3.4 Keelboats, Trailable Yachts, Open Cockpit Fixed Keel Yachts (including Etchells) shall comply with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6.

1.3.5 **SIGN OFF** procedure for visiting boats.

(a) All visiting boats participating in MYC races shall SIGN OFF after racing.

(b) Boats not berthing at Mornington Harbour shall immediately after finishing a race sign off by advising the MYC Tower (VHF radio Ch. 73 or Telephone 03 5975 6805) of their intentions when after racing they leave the course area, prior to heading for their home port.

(c) If the race is abandoned competitors shall immediately advise the MYC Tower (VHF radio Ch. 73 or Telephone 03 5975 6805) their intentions and that their boat is safe when leaving the course area. This requirement shall also apply when a boat leaves the course area having retired from the race.

(d) Except for races that are abandoned, a boat failing to meet her sign off obligation as set out in this sub-clause shall be scored her place plus three points without a hearing, but shall not be scored more than the score of the last boat that finishes in her division. *This amends Rules 63.1, A4 and A5*

PART 2

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ON WATER STARTS.

2.1 Marks

2.1.1 The laid marks of the courses will be Yellow conical inflatable buoys numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.

2.1.2 The Start and Finish marks will be Orange cylindrical inflatable buoys.

2.2 Courses

2.2.1 On Water Start courses shall be sailed in accordance with Appendix A.

2.2.2 The course number shall be displayed on the Race Committee Boat.

2.3 The Start

- 2.3.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.
- 2.3.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 2.3.3 A crowding buoy may be laid off the transom of the Race Committee Boat and shall be considered part of that vessel.
- 2.3.4 Boats are requested to keep clear of the start line before their own Warning Signal.
- 2.3.5 A boat that starts later than 15 minutes after her division start time shall be scored *Did Not Start* (DNS) without a hearing. *This amends Rules 35, 63.1, A4 & A5*

2.4 Shortening the Course

- 2.4.1 Courses 1 & 2 shall be shortened in accordance with Rule 32.

2.5 Change of course after the start

A change of course shall be signaled in accordance with Rule 33.

2.6 The Finish

- 2.6.1 The finishing line for laid courses shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.
- 2.6.2 A boat that re-crosses the finishing line after she has finished racing shall be disqualified (DSQ) without a hearing. *This amends Rules 63.1, A4 and A5*

2.7 Time Limits

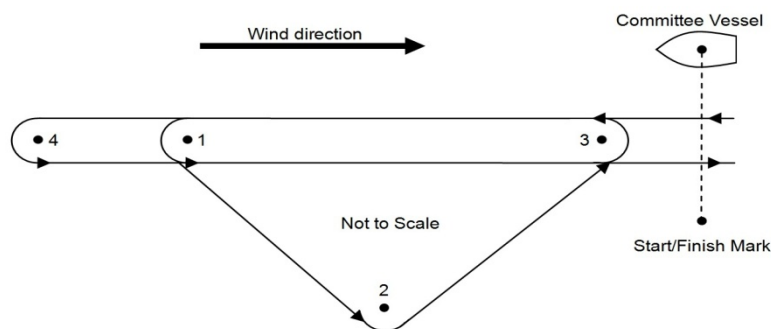
- 2.7.1 Division 1, 2 & 3

The time limit for the first boat in each division to sail the course and finish is 3 hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 90 minutes of the finishing time of the first boat of her division, whichever is later, will be scored *Did Not Finish* (DNF) without a hearing. *This amends Rules 35, 63.1, A4 & A5.*

APPENDIX A COURSE CONFIGURATIONS

A1 Course 1

A1.1 Course Diagram



All marks to be left to port.

A1.2 Classes, Code Flags and Courses

CLASS	CODE FLAG	COURSE
Division 1	'V'	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
Division 2	'W'	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
Division 3	'R'	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish