



# MORNINGTON YACHT CLUB

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Special Sailing Instructions for Keelboat & Trailable Divisions

## QUEENSCLIFF DESTINATION RACE

Saturday 9th March 2024

Long Distance Race Series sponsored by:

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### 1.0 GENERAL

The race shall be governed by the current versions of the **Racing Rules of Sailing** (RRS), the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the Mornington Yacht Club (MYC) Notice of Race (NoR) MYC Sailing Instructions (SI's) these Special Sailing Instructions (SSI's)

### 2.0 ELIGIBILITY

All yachts shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5 and MYC NoR Clause 3.

### 3.0 ENTRIES

Race entry procedure will be in accordance with MYC SI's, Part 1 Clause 4

### 4.0 RESULTS

Results will be calculated in accordance with MYC SI's, Part 1, Clauses 1.12 and 1.13

### 5.0 STARTING PROCEDURE

The starting procedure shall be in accordance with MYC SI's Part 3, Clauses 3.5, 3.6 & 3.7. All yachts shall Start leaving the start mark (S) to Starboard.

### 6.0 START SEQUENCE TIMES

Divisions	Warning Signal
Keelboat Division	0855 hrs. (Single Red Light)
Trailable Yacht Division	0900 hrs. (Single Green Light)

### 7.0 COURSES

There shall be two courses. Charts required for plotting courses shall be current AUS 143 and AUS 158.



### 7.1 Keelboat Division (Approx. 23 nm)

Start at Mornington, to R1 (leave to Starboard) to No. 24 South Channel Beacon (leave to Starboard) to East Cardinal Mark (leave to Starboard) to West Channel Pile (leave to Port) to the Finish.

### 7.2 Trailable Yacht Division (Approx. 18 nm)

Start at Mornington, to East Cardinal Mark (leave to Starboard) to West Channel Pile (leave to Port) to the Finish.

### 7.3 MARKS OF THE COURSE

Approximate positions of buoys & beacons:	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Recreational Buoy No 1 [R1]	38° 16.48' S	144° 58.37' E
No. 24 South Channel Beacon	38° 17.93' S	144° 53.92' E
East Cardinal Mark Buoy	38° 13.90' S	144° 50.60' E
West Channel Pile	38° 11.60' S	144° 45.40' E

### 7.4 MARINE FARMS IN THE COURSE AREA

The attention of competitors is drawn to Marine Farms within the course area. These may be floating or fixed structures with associated moorings that shall be avoided. Buoys or beacons, that may be lit, generally mark these areas. All Marine Farms in the course area shall be an obstruction. The location of Marine Farms is shown on current charts AUS 143 & 158.

### 8.0 THE FINISH

The Finishing line shall be an imaginary line between West Channel No. 2: 38° 15.61' S 144° 42.42' E at the Port end and the Port Hand Lateral Mark: 38° 15.40' S 144° 42.15' E at the Starboard end. All competitors shall take their own finishing times when crossing this line. Finishing times shall be reported to the MYC Tower by telephone (03 5975 6805) at the first reasonable opportunity after Finishing.

### 9.0 AVOIDANCE OF COMMERCIAL SHIPPING IN PORT PHILLIP

In Port Phillip, Commercial Shipping has right of way over pleasure craft. Professional fishing vessels engaged in fishing are, for the purpose of these Sailing Instructions, considered as commercial ships. All yachts shall keep clear of shipping in the waters of the Port of Melbourne in accordance with the Harbour Master's Directions – Edition 13 - September 2022.

Any yacht that, in the opinion of the Race Committee, causes justifiable concern to a Commercial ship may be subject to disqualification by protest and may attract civil action.

## 10 SAFETY & COMMUNICATIONS

**10.1 Personal Floatation Devices:** The attention of competitors is drawn to the provisions of the Marine Act and Boating Regulations regarding the wearing of Personal Floatation Devices.

**10.2 Radio Watch:** The Communication Channel for this race shall be VHF 73.

**10.2.1 The Club:** A listening watch will be kept at the clubhouse on the Communication Channel & VHF Ch. 12 & 16. The Club call sign is VZV 999. The MYC Tower telephone, for use only if radio contact fails, is 03 5975 6805.



**10.2.2 The Competitor:** A boat shall conduct a radio check by calling the MYC Tower, no later than 5 minutes prior to her Warning Signal, on the Communication Channel and then keep a listening watch on the Communication Channel and VHF Ch 12 at all times during the race. The Club may during the course of the race advise competitors of conditions that may adversely affect their safety.

**10.3 Radio Schedules/Reporting:** All boats shall report to the MYC Tower on the Communication Channel at the first reasonable opportunity after rounding or passing the scheduled marks of the course. Boats shall use the services of another boat to relay a report in adverse signal conditions. The co-operation of all boats in these circumstances is imperative.

VHF Ch 16 shall not be used for position reporting.

**10.3.1** A boat having tried to report by radio, including a relay via another boat, and failed shall telephone the MYC Tower (03 5975 6805) to report.

**10.3.2** The scheduled marks of the course for reporting shall be:

- East Cardinal Mark Buoy
- West Channel Pile

#### **10.4 Hazards**

All boats shall report to the MYC Tower any observed significant circumstances that may adversely affect the safety of any competitors in the race. e.g. such items as sudden increases in wind strength over 30kts and/or increased sea state; a man overboard situation, including that of another boat; flotsam that may be hazardous to boats, etc, etc. All boats retiring from the race shall advise MYC Tower immediately after making that decision.

#### **10.5 Signing Off**

The Sign Off procedure shall be in accordance with MYC SI's Part 1, Sub-clause 1.3.7

### **11 PENALTIES**

**11.1** A boat failing to conduct a radio check prior to her Warning Signal shall not be considered a starter and shall be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. *This amends rule 63.1*

**11.2** A boat failing to report to the Tower at the scheduled mark(s) of the course shall be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. *This amends RRS 63.1*

**11.3** The penalty for failing to Sign On shall be as defined in MYC SI's Part 1, Sub-clause 1.3.7.1

**11.4** The penalty for failing to Sign Off shall be as defined in MYC SI's Part 1, Sub-clause 1.3.7.1

#### **12.0 TIME LIMIT**

**12.1** The time limit shall be 1800hrs EDT for all boats. Boats that do not Finish within the time limit will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF).

*\*\*\* Important Note: Whilst the time limit for this race is 1800hrs, competitors may still be on the water either in transit to Queenscliff or MYC after sunset and are reminded of their obligations under the Marine Safety Act.*

*Trevor Neate*

Rear Commodore.

29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

