



Australian Sports Boat Association **2016 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

12th & 13th November 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by: the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Part 1 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations [2013-2016] race Category 7, the prescriptions of Australian Sailing, the prescriptions of the Australian Sports Boat Association, the rules of the various Sports Boat class associations, the rules of the Yacht Racing Services Association except as any of these are amended by these Sailing instructions. Advertising will be permitted in accordance with RRS 80.

1.2. The Organising Authority is the Australian Sports Boats Association in conjunction with the Mornington Yacht Club (MYC).

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the ground floor entry hall of MYC Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast located on the north east face of the Tower of the MYC Clubhouse

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.

Boats are requested not to leave the launching area until flag AP is lowered.

5. RACE SCHEDULE & STARTING TIMES

5.1. Schedule:

Briefing	Saturday 12 th Nov.	11:00	Harbour View Room
Race 1	Saturday 12 th Nov.	Warning Signal not before 12:25	Windward/Leeward
Race 2	Saturday 12 th Nov.	ASAP after Race 1	Windward/Leeward
Race 3	Saturday 12 th Nov.	Warning Signal not before 14:25	Windward/Leeward
Race 4	Sunday 13 th Nov.	Warning Signal not before 09:55	Windward/Leeward
Race 5	Sunday 13 th Nov.	ASAP after Race 4	Windward/Leeward
Race 6	Sunday 13 th Nov.	ASAP after Race 5	Windward/Leeward
Presentation	Sunday 13 th Nov.	ASAP after racing finishes	Harbour View Room

5.2. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal shall be made after 1500.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The class flag will be the ASBA logo on a white background.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1. The intended racing area will be the waters of Port Phillip within 2nm of Mornington Harbour.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate leg length will be 0.6 to 1.4nm.

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Start Vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

9.1. Mark 1 and Mark 3 will be yellow cylindrical buoy.

9.2. The Start/Finish Mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy.

9.3. A new mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be yellow cylindrical buoy.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:-

(a) Mornington Pier and the Mornington Harbour.

(b) That area of water adjacent to the shore defined by the yellow speed limit buoys or beacon piles.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.

11.2. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the pin end Start Mark.

11.3. A crowding buoy may be laid adjacent to the Committee Boat. When laid, boats approaching the line to start shall leave the crowding buoy on the same required side as the Committee Boat.

11.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the Finishing Line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The Finishing Line will be between the signal mast displaying a blue on station flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the Finish Mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. The scoring penalty, Rule 44.3, will not apply.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

15.1.1. Windward/Leeward races time limit: 90 minutes.

15.1.2. Windward/Leeward target time: 50 minutes (for the first boat).

15.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms are available at the MYC Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located on the ground floor of the MYC Clubhouse.

16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

16.5. Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 23, 24, and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

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

16.6.1. within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision of the previous day;

16.6.2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 62.2.

16.7. 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 Rule 62.2.

17. SCORING

17.1. The scoring system will be as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A. Three races are required to constitute a series.

17.2. When 5 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3. When 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.4. A clearly identifiable sail number as notified on the yachts Entry Form shall be carried on main sails and spinnakers. A failure to carry clearly distinguishable sail numbers may result in a yacht being scored as DNS and shall not provide grounds for redress.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Boats shall “check in” by sailing astern of the Race Committee Vessel on a starboard tack prior to the first Warning Signal each day.

18.2. Should the wind velocity be determined by the Race Officer to be averaging 20 knots or more over a significant period, then racing may be postponed or abandoned. Other safety factors may also cause postponement or abandonment in accordance with RRS 32.1.

18.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2. Boats shall sail all races of the series with the same number of crew.

19.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1. 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 inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1. Boats may be required to display event advertising, such as bow stickers or flags, supplied by the Organising Authority.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1. Official boats will fly the MYC burgee.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

23.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1. Competitors shall not dispose of rubbish into the water. Yachts infringing may be disqualified. Spinnaker banding is exempt from this instruction. This amends RRS 55.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

27.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

27.2. Any race communications made by the Race Committee will be on **VHF Channel 73**.

26. PRIZES

28.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

28.1.1. First overall and first, second and third in each division.

28.1.2. Additional prizes may be given.

27. ENTRY DISCLAIMER AND RISK WARNING

27.1. Disclaimer:

It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the Entry Form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. All competitors who sign the Entry Form, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 56;
- (b) The Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
- (c) Adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (Ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- (d) The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment;
- (e) The person who signs and lodges the Entry Form with the Organising Authority, warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the Entry Form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning below ;
- (f) The person who signs and lodges this Entry Form with the Organising Authority, acknowledging receipt of the risk warning below and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- (g) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The Mornington Yacht Club, Class Associations, Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the event.

27.2 Risk Warning:

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.

Mornington Yacht Club and Class Associations 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 any sailing event with Mornington Yacht Club. Further participants are also advised that although Mornington Yacht Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover

DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

28. INSURANCE

30.1. Each participating boat must be insured with current third party property insurance cover and valid third party personal liability insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one claim event.

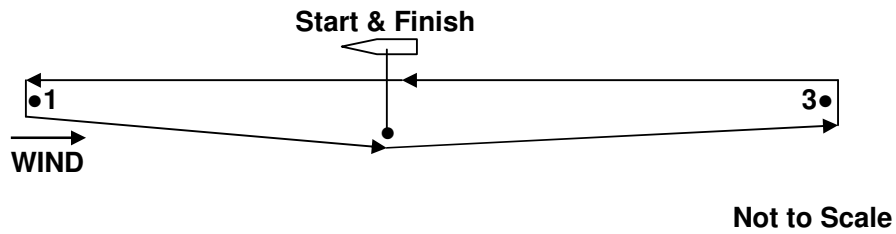
29. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

31.1 In participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of this event, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

APPENDIX A

Windward/Leeward Courses

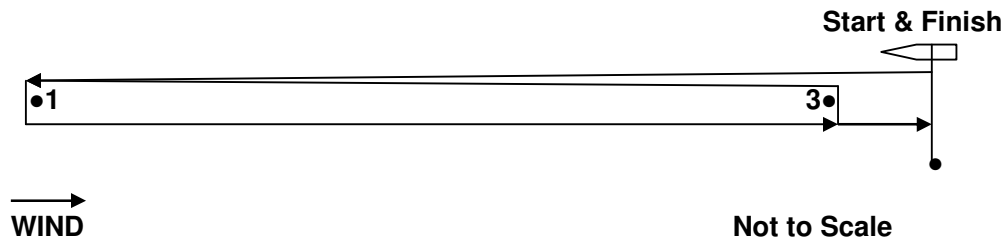
A1. Course 1 (Saturday 12th November 2016)



Marks 1 and 3 shall be left to port. **Yachts shall pass through the Start/Finish line upwind but shall NOT pass through the Start/Finish line downwind.**

Course configuration: **Start - 1 - 3 - S/F - 1 - 3 - S/F - 1 - 3 - Finish**

A2. Course 2 (Sunday 13th November 2016)



Marks 1 and 3 shall be left to port.

Course configuration: **Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish**