



# MORNINGTON YACHT CLUB

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SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR KEELBOAT & TRAILABLE YACHT DIVISIONS

## HOBSONS BAY DESTINATION RACE

SATURDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

*Long Distance Races Series sponsored by*



### 1.0 GENERAL

The race shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current **Racing Rules of Sailing** (RRS), the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the Mornington Yacht Club (MYC) Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SIs) and these Special Sailing Instructions (SSIs).

### 2.0 ELIGIBILITY

All yachts shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5 and the MYC NOR.

### 3.0 ENTRIES and SAFETY

Race entry procedure will be in accordance with MYC SI's, Part 1 Clauses 1.2 and 1.3. Safety.

### 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. There will be two starts - one for the Trailable Yacht Division, the other for the Keelboat Division. All boats shall start leaving the Start (S) mark to Port.

### 6.0 STARTING SEQUENCE TIMES

Divisions	Warning Signal
Trailable Yacht Division	0855 hrs. (Single Green Light)
Keelboat Division	0910 hrs. (Single Red Light)

**7.0 THE COURSE** Charts required for plotting courses shall be current AUS 143, 154 & 155.

Start at Mornington, to MYC 'A' buoy (leave to Port) to the SYC No 5 buoy (leave to Port) to the Spoil Ground Buoy (leave to Starboard) to the Pipeline Beacon No.3 [P3] (leave to Starboard) to Port Melbourne Channel Beacon T26 (leave to Port) to Finish. (See SSI Clause 8.1)

## 7.1 MARKS OF THE COURSE - positions of the marks are as shown on chart AUS 143

Approximate positions:	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
MYC 'A' Buoy	38° 11.30'S	145° 03.60' E
SYC No 5 buoy	37° 58.80'S	144° 58.39' E
Spoil Ground Buoy	37° 59.09'S	144° 53.01' E
Pipeline Beacon No.3 [P3]	37° 53.38'S	144° 52.84' E
Port Melbourne Channel Beacon T26	37° 52.64'S	144° 55.29' E

## 8.0 THE FINISH

- 8.1** The Finish line shall be between the south eastern corner of the HBYC Clubhouse at the Port end and the No 20 Channel Mark at the Starboard end. Boats shall finish in a northerly direction.
- 8.2** Boats shall notify the HBYC Race Officer on VHF Ch. 73 their sail number and that they are about to finish as they pass the Williamstown Breakwater Pier.
- 8.3** Note that the Finish Line is shared with Hobsons Bay Yacht Club whose boats may also be finishing.
- 8.4** Boats shall also record their own finishing times and Sign Off as defined in Clause 10.5

## 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 boats shall keep clear of shipping in all Port Waters in accordance with Sections 2.0, 5.6 & 5.7 of the Harbour Master's Directions May 2019. Any boats that, in the opinion of the Race Committee, causes justifiable concern to a commercial ship shall be subject to disqualification by protest and may attract civil action.

## 10.0 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 and V.H.F. Ch. 16. The Club call sign is VZV 999. The MYC Tower/Race Office 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 on the Communication Channel, 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.

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

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

**SYC No 5 Buoy**

**Spoil Ground Buoy**

**Port Melbourne Channel Buoy T26**

## **10.4 Radio Reporting**

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.*

Attention is also drawn to the Radio Reporting requirements of Clause 12, Time Limit.

## **10.5 Signing Off**

The Sign Off procedures shall be in accordance with MYC SI's Part 1, Sub -clause 1.3.9(b); specifically by advising the Tower, using the Communications Channel or Telephone (03 5975 6805) of their intentions, boats shall **Sign Off once safely berthed at Hobsons Bay marina or if returning to Mornington shall immediately Sign Off after finishing the race.**

## **11.0 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 RRS 63.1, A4 & A5*

**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, A4 & A5.*

**11.3** A boat failing to meet her sign off obligation as set out in sub-clause 10.5 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*

## **12.0 TIME LIMIT**

**12.1** The time limit shall be sunset (2023 EDT) for all boats. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored "Did not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. *This amends RRS 35, A4 & A5.*

**12.2** All boats expecting to finish later than 1800 hours, for safety reasons shall contact MYC Tower by radio before 1745 hrs and advise their current position and ETA at HBYC. After 1800 hrs a listening watch will only be kept until such time as the Race Officer deems that all boats are safe.

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