

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(MYC Sailing Instructions v4.1 Season 2020 - 2021)



PART 1

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS APPLYING TO ALL 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 current **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 Sign On to compete in a race of that series.
- 1.2.2 Boats berthed at Martha Cove may Sign On by telephoning the Race Office (**03 5975 6805**) no more than 45 minutes and no less than 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race. The same conditions shall apply that would be required if lodging the form at the Race Office.
- 1.2.3 All crew who are not members of MYC, having paid the prescribed SailPass Fee, shall be listed on the Sign On Form. Those persons who are members of another club shall provide their AS Card Holder number (SIN) to establish compliance with RRS 46 & 75
- 1.2.4 Visiting competitors (boats) shall Sign on in accordance with clause 1.3.9, pay the prescribed SailPass Fee for all crew and also provide evidence of having met all the eligibility criteria as detailed in the Notice of Race, Clauses 3 & 9. Visiting competitors must also comply with Clause 1.3 of these SI.
- 1.2.5 To meet the SailPass requirements of sub-clauses 1.2.3 and 1.2.4 competitors shall pay the prescribed fee on line via the MYC website <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/>

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 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 abandon a race if it is considered that the sea state in the racing area at Mornington 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 Off the Beach Boats and Flying Fifteens shall comply with AS Special Regulations - Part 2 as amended by sub clause 1.3.8(b)
- 1.3.6 All boats competing in Long Distance Races and Night Races shall comply with AS Special Regulations - Part 1 Categories as detailed in the Special Sailing Instructions (SSI). Boats sailing in these races shall carry a minimum of two crew members.
- 1.3.7 The attention of competitors is drawn to the provisions of the Marine Act and Boating Regulations regarding the wearing of Personal Flotation Devices.
- 1.3.8 (a) The Race Communications Channel (Communications Channel) for all races shall be VHF Ch 73.
(b) All boats that rate Category 6 or better shall keep a radio listening watch on the Communications Channel at all times while afloat. This regulation shall also apply to Flying Fifteen Class yachts.
- 1.3.9 (a) All competitors, except for those sailing under Part 4 of these Sailing Instructions (SI) shall have completed and lodged a Sign on Form at the Race Office at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for the race. A boat that Finishes and failed to Sign On shall be scored her place plus three points without a hearing, but shall not score more than the score of the last boat that finishes. *This amends RRS Rule 63.1.*

(b) SIGN OFF procedure for boats NOT sailing under Part 4 of these Sailing Instructions:

- All boats participating in MYC races shall SIGN OFF after racing.
- Except for Twilight Pursuit and Fixed Mark Course Races, MYC boats, immediately after finishing a race to berth at Mornington Harbour, shall sign off by advising the Tower (Communications Channel or Telephone 03 5975 6805) they are safe when they have returned to the harbour.
- For Twilight Pursuit and Fixed Mark Course Races MYC boats berthing at Mornington Harbour shall be deemed to have signed off when they are recorded by the Tower Race Officer as crossing the Finishing Line.
- Boats not berthing at Mornington Harbour shall immediately after finishing a race sign off by advising the Tower (Communications Channel or Telephone 03 5975 6805) of their intentions when after racing they leave the course area, prior to heading for their home port.
- If the race is abandoned competitors shall immediately advise the Tower (Communications Channel 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. Further these boats shall still sign off by advising the Tower (Communications Channel or Telephone 03 5975 6805) they are safe when they have returned to the harbour.
- 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*

(c) All competitors sailing under Part 4 of these Sailing Instructions shall Sign On before leaving the beach or yard and Sign Off having returned to the beach or yard.

- **SIGN ON:** All Optimist competitors shall Sign On by placing a tag against their name on the Sign On board in the "On Water" position. All OTB competitors shall complete the Sign On form at the Race Office.
- Competitors shall also carry out an On Water Sign On procedure by sailing past the stern of the Committee Start Boat on Starboard tack. The competitor shall at that time hail their sail number which shall be recorded by a crew member on the Committee Start Boat. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure they have been acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- **SIGN OFF:** All Optimist competitors shall Sign Off by moving their tag on the Sign On board to the "Off Water" position. All OTB competitors shall Sign Off using the form at the Race Office. Sign Off should be done within 15 minutes of returning but must be done prior to the expiry of the Protest Time Limit for the division in which they competed. A boat that Finishes and failed to Sign Off shall be scored her place plus three points without a hearing, but shall not score more than the score of the last boat that finishes. *This amends Rules 63.1, A4 and A5*

(d) A boat that sails the course in accordance with RRS 28 and has not signed on for her first race of the day shall be scored her place plus three points without a hearing, but shall not score more than the score of the last boat that finishes that race. Subsequent races in the series sailed on that day shall be scored on the boat's elapsed time. *This amends Rules 63.1, A4 and A5*

1.3.10 All boats should 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 33kts and/or increased sea state; a man overboard situation, including that of another boat; flotsam that may be hazardous to boats, etc,*

1.3.11 Competitors shall report all incidents that have resulted in injury or are of an adverse nature that could affect the safety of the boat or crew while sailing, *e.g. collision with another boat, man overboard or any similar event.* An Incident Declaration Form shall be lodged with the Club at the first reasonable opportunity by all boats involved in the incident detailing the nature of the event, any injury to crew or damage to the boats. Incident Declaration Forms will be available from and lodged at the Race Office.

On water incidents where boats are damaged during racing that relate to an alleged violation of the Racing Rules of Sailing Part 2 (When Boats Meet) requires the lodgment of a Protest Form at the Race Office within the time limit prescribed in RRS 61.3

1.4 Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the briefing area adjacent to the Committee Room on the ground floor of the Clubhouse and may also be displayed on the MYC website <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/> .

1.5 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the advertised start time of any race they affect and may also be displayed on the MYC website <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/>

1.6 Signals made ashore

- 1.6.1 Flag Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the MYC mast, or in the case of light semaphore, from the light battery on the MYC Tower. A yellow Numeral Board displayed below the light battery prior to the Warning Signal shall indicate the course number. A board with the letter 'R' may also be displayed with a numeral board as part of indicating the course number. *This amends Rule 26*
- 1.6.2 Flag 'AP' with two sound signals (one sound when lowered) means "The race is postponed." The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. *This amends Rule RACE SIGNALS – Postponement Signals AP.*
- 1.6.3 Flag 'I' shall be flown for all Tower Light Start Races.
- 1.6.4 Flag 'Q' with one sound signal means races shall start from the MYC Tower. (See Part 3: Additional Instructions for Tower Light Starts & Fixed Mark Courses).
- It is the intent of 1.6.4 to be used for the following reasons:*
- All boats in a particular division cannot be launched or boarded due to weather conditions.
 - The wind strength is too high
 - The wind strength is too low
 - An unforeseen problem with Race Management
 - The Race Committee determines that the race shall be sailed from a Tower Light Start
- 1.6.5 Flag 'X' with one sound signal indicates the inner harbour is unsuitable for safe retrieval of boats using the cranes. Boats should proceed to the *Constitution Dock* area and await further instructions.
- 1.6.6 Flag 'S' and Board 'S' with two sound signals together with a RED battery light shall indicate a shortened course. *This amends Rule 32.2.*
- 1.6.7 A Numeral Board, adjacent to the Board 'S', shall indicate the number of the division whose course is shortened. *This amends Rule 32.2.*
- 1.6.8 Flag 'Y' with one sound signal means Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn by all crewmembers.
- 1.6.9 Flag 'L' with one sound means a Notice to Competitors has been posted on the Official Notice Board.

1.7 Committee Vessels

All Race Committee Boats shall fly the MYC Burgee.

1.8 Schedule of Races

- 1.8.1 Races are scheduled as outlined in the Calendar of Events as published in the Members Yearbook and Diary also it shall be displayed on the MYC website <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/>. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. All races shall be numbered in the order by which they are sailed.
- 1.8.2 Any changes to the Calendar of Events shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 5 days before the date of the event(s) affected by the change and shall also be displayed on the MYC website <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/>
- 1.8.3 Saturday Races** shall be sailed as detailed below:
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- 1.8.3.1 The Aggregate Series races for Keelboats & Trailable Yachts shall be sailed in accordance with Part 2 or Part 3 of these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.8.3.2 The Aggregate Series races for Sports Boats shall be sailed in accordance with Part 2 of these SI
- 1.8.3.3 The Championship Series races for Keelboats & Trailable Yachts shall be sailed in accordance with Part 2 of these SI. Those races that are abandoned may be re-sailed at a later date. The re-sail of Championship Series races shall be concurrent with an Aggregate Series race as determined by the Sailing Committee.
- 1.8.3.4 The Championship Regatta Series races for Etchells and Flying Fifteens shall be sailed in accordance with Part 2 of these SI. Those races that are abandoned may be re-sailed at a later date as determined by the Sailing Committee.
- 1.8.3.5 Long Distance Race Series shall be sailed under Special Sailing Instructions.
- 1.8.3.6 Class Series races for Etchells and Flying Fifteens shall be sailed in accordance with Part 2 of these SI. A second Class Series race may be sailed on these race days except when a Championship Series race is scheduled for Keelboat & Trailable Yacht Divisions in which case a second race may be sailed at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 1.8.3.7 Flag Officers' Trophies shall be awarded for named races in the Championship Series. If this race is abandoned the Flag Officer's Trophy shall be awarded for the next Championship Race sailed.

1.8.4 **Sunday Races** shall be sailed as detailed below:

1.8.4.1 Aggregate and Championship Series races for Off the Beach boats shall be sailed in accordance with Part 4 of these Sailing Instructions. Championship Series races that are abandoned may be re-sailed at a later date as determined by the Sailing Committee.

1.8.4.3 Trophy Races for Off the Beach boats shall be sailed in accordance with Part 4 of these Sailing Instructions.

1.8.4.4 Flag Officers' Trophies for Off the Beach boats shall be awarded for named Trophy Races. If the Trophy Race is abandoned the Flag Officers' Trophy shall be awarded for the next Trophy Race sailed.

1.8.5 **Thursday Races** shall be sailed as detailed below:

1.8.5.1 Twilight Social Pursuit Series races shall be sailed in accordance with Part 3 of these Sailing Instructions and sailed as 3 Series and an overall Season's Series. These series shall be combined division pursuit races with start time offsets performance adjusted after each race.

1.8.5.2 Lady Skippers' Trophy races shall be sailed as part of the Twilight Social Pursuit Series in accordance with Part 3 of these Sailing Instructions. The Lady Skippers' Trophy shall be awarded for results in two or more designated Twilight Social Pursuit races. Races that are abandoned may be re-sailed at a later date as determined by the Sailing Committee. The nominated Lady Skipper shall be named on the Sign On sheet for each designated race and shall helm the boat for the entire race, failure to comply will incur a *Disqualification* (DSQ) for the boat without a hearing. *This amends Rules 63.1, A4 and A5.*

1.9 Class Flags

Class flags will be:

Keelboat Division (1)	Code Flag 'K'
Trailable Yacht Division (3)	Code Flag 'R'
Sports Boats (4)	Code Flag 'T'
Etchells (22)	Code Flag 'G'
Flying Fifteens (15)	Code Flag 'F'
Off The Beach Boats (10)	Code Flag 'D'
Optimists (11)	Class Flag 'Φ'

1.10 Areas that are Obstructions

1.10.1 The harbour shall be an obstruction while racing.

1.10.2 For the purposes of these Sailing Instructions the harbour shall be that area of water bounded by Mornington Pier; a line drawn from the outer end of the pier to the outer Speed Restriction Pile, then to the Harbour Limit Clearance Buoy adjacent to the finishing line, then to the inner Speed Restriction Pile and a line drawn from the inner Speed Restriction Pile to the Public Boat Launching Ramp. See Appendix B.

1.10.3 Boats should not pass between the yellow Speed Restriction Pile laid NE of the Mornington Pier and the pier at any time; respecting the rights of the users of the pier is paramount.

1.11 Protests/Mediation

1.11.1 Protests shall be in writing and lodged at the Race Office in accordance with *Rule 61*. Protest Forms being available at the Race Office.

1.11.2 Mediation will be considered an appropriate precursor to a full protest hearing.

1.11.3 The notice of a protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 1500 hrs on the first Wednesday after the race, informing competitors the date, time and location of the hearing to which they are parties or named witnesses.

1.12 Scoring

1.12.1 The Low Points scoring system of the Rules Appendix A, will apply for all events.

1.12.2 If a boat completes less than 3 races in a series she shall have no series result.

1.12.3 If a boat completes only 3 races, all results shall count. When 4 races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When (7) through (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores. When (12) through (15) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her 3 worst scores. When (16) through (19) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her 4 worst scores. When 20 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her 5 worst scores. This amends Rule A2

- 1.12.4 Penalty scores: The DNC score for any race in a series shall be three more than the number of boats that come to the starting area. *This amends Rules A4.2, A5 & A9.*
- 1.12.5 (a) Average points may be awarded for a race that is part of the Aggregate Series, Championship Series, Class Race Series and Long Distance Series events where a boat is:
- Participating in its Class State, National, World Championships or other events of equivalent status as determined by the Race Committee.
 - Selected by the Sailing Committee to represent the Club in a teams' event.
- (b) Average points may also be awarded for a race that is part of the Aggregate Series, Club Championship Series and Class Race Series event to a boat whose skipper is:
- An MYC member who is an Australian Sailing qualified Race Officer and is officiating at a State, National or International Championship regatta in which the Club is a part of the Race Management team.
 - An MYC member that the Sailing Committee has rostered to officiate at a State, National or International Championship regatta in which the Club is a part of the Race Management team.
- (c) To request average points, the skipper of the yacht must:
- Advise the Race Committee in writing at least 7 days prior to the event, stating the Club event for which they are requesting average points, and the event in which they will be participating. Application forms are available at the Race Office.
 - Only make requests for a maximum of three races in one season.
- (d) Average points will be calculated as the average of the total points that the boat has received for all races in the series.

1.12.6 The results will be calculated according to the following table:

CLASSES>	Keelboats (1)	Trailable Yachts (3)	Sports Boats (4)	Etchells (22)	Flying 15s (15)	OTB's (10)	Optimists (11)
SERIES/RACES							
Aggregate Series	PHS	PHS	PHS			PHS by YS	PHS
Championship Series	AMS	CBH	CBH	ET	ET by YS	ET by YS	ET
Trophy Races	PHS	PHS	PHS		PHS	PHS by YS	PHS
Long Distance Race Series	AMS and PHS	CBH and PHS	CBH and PHS				
Class Race Series				ET	ET by YS	ET by YS	
Thursday Social Pursuit Series	Special 1/3 1/3 PHS	Special 1/3 1/3 PHS	Special 1/3 1/3 PHS	Special 1/3 1/3 PHS	Special 1/3 1/3 PHS		

AMS=Australian Measurement System, CBH = Class Based Handicap, ET = Elapsed Time, PHS = Individual Performance Handicap, YS = Yachting Victoria Yardstick,
1/3 1/3 PHS = Start time offset changes based on the boat's performance in the previous race.

- 1.12.7 A boat shall provide regular members of its crew for Race Crew duty when rostered to do so on a particular race day. The boat will be scored 'Duty' (DUT), this is a score that is the average of the total points that the boat has received for all races in the series. The boat may sail in the race provided it meets this duty crew obligation and will then be scored in the normal manner. Boats not meeting this obligation shall be scored DNE without a hearing. *This amends Rules 63.1, A4 and A5.*
- 1.12.8 Keelboats that intend to race in the Championship Series and/or Long Distance Race Series shall hold a current AMS Rating as listed on the Yacht Racing Services Association website [raceyachts.org] under 'AMS listings' prior to the first race of the series in which her AMS handicap is to be applied.
- 1.12.9 The Handicapper shall allocate handicaps to all boats at the commencement of the season and may revise such handicaps from time to time as a result of a boat's performance, changes to its hull or sails and the composition of the crew. Skippers of boats that have significant changes to hull, sails and/or crew during the season shall advise the handicapper in writing prior to competing in their next race.
- 1.12.10 A Pursuit Race that has a division/s of boats abandoned due to adverse weather conditions shall become a non series race.

1.13 Starters, Race Results, Trophies and Prizes

- 1.13.1 Two starters in each division or class shall constitute a race, except that for Trophy Races where all divisions or classes are combined two starters shall constitute a race.
- 1.13.2 Race Results shall be displayed on the MYC website <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/> and may also be displayed for a limited time on the notice board adjacent to the Race Office door. Results may also be announced in the Clubhouse.
- 1.13.3 All race and series results shall be considered provisional until the Trophies and Prizes are presented.

1.14 Emergency Procedures

In an emergency the MYC Rescue Plan shall be activated. The Rescue Plan is detailed in the Policy and Procedures Manual, Sailing Portfolio.

This plan briefly states:

- All races are immediately abandoned.
- Code flag Y provisions (PFD's to be worn) shall immediately come into effect.
- All boats, except rescue boats and those with suitable power shall make for harbour.
- Keelboats shall patrol the outer racing area, keeping all boats in sight and reach.
- All boats shall maintain a radio listening watch on the Communications Channel.
- The tower shall become the base of operation for the Principal Race Officer and/or Rescue Coordinator.
- The MYC Rescue Plan shall be deactivated when the Principal Race Officer is satisfied that all boats and crew are safe.

PART 2

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ON WATER STARTS.

2.1 Marks

- 2.1.1 The laid marks of the courses will be Yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.
- 2.1.2 The Start and Finish marks will be Orange cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 2.1.3 The Fixed Marks shall be as detailed in clause 3.3

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*
- 2.3.6 When more than one race is scheduled for a division with only one start time being listed, subsequent races shall start as soon as practicable after the last boat has finished in the preceding race.

2.4 Shortening the Course

- 2.4.1 The course shall be shortened in accordance with Rule 32.
- 2.4.2 Courses using fixed marks shall be shortened in accordance with clause 3.8

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 a blue 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*
- 2.6.3 The finishing line for races using fixed marks shall be as described in clause 3.9

2.7 Time Limits

2.7.1 Keelboats & Trailable Yachts

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.*

2.7.2 Etchells, Flying Fifteens and Sports Boats:

The time limit for the first boat of each class to sail the course and finish is 3 hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the finishing time of the first boat of her class will be scored *Did Not Finish* (DNF) without a hearing. *This amends Rules 35, 63.1, A4 & A5.*

PART 3

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOWER LIGHT STARTS & FIXED MARK COURSES

3.1 Tower Light Starts

- 3.1.1 Courses to be sailed, except for Long Distance Races, will be indicated by a course Numeral Board/s displayed on the MYC Tower adjacent to the Light Semaphore Signals.
- 3.1.2 Thursday Twilight Pursuit Series Races shall be sailed with main and head sails only.

3.2 Propulsion

- 3.2.1 For Twilight Pursuit Races, a boat may use its motor, paddles or oars for propulsion up to one minute prior to her scheduled start time.
- 3.2.2 A boat observed by a member of the Race Committee to have broken sub-clause 3.2.1 shall be Disqualified (DSQ) without a hearing. *This amends Rule 63.1*

3.3 Marks

- 3.3.1 Marks A, B, C, D, E, Finish and Start will be orange spar buoys. The Starting Line Clearance Mark and the Harbour Limit Clearance Mark will be smaller orange spar buoys. The spar buoys may be lit by a white light.
- 3.3.2 Buoys will be permanently anchored at the following listed co-ordinates.

MARK	BEARING	DISTANCE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
A	035.68° M	1.80 nm	38° 11.30' S	145° 03.60' E
B	340.75° M	1.99 nm	38° 10.54' S	145° 01.59' E
C	308.00° M.	2.00 nm	38° 11.00' S	145° 00.28' E
D	270.09° M	1.73 nm	38° 12.17' S	144° 59.78' E
E	210.00° M	1.75 nm	38° 13.82' S	145° 00.44' E
Start (S)	-	-	38° 12.52' S	145° 01.92' E
Finish (F)	-	-	38° 12.64' S	145° 02.35' E

Bearings and distances are from the Start Mark (S)

3.4 Courses

All Fixed Mark Courses shall be sailed in accordance with Appendix A.

3.5 The Start and Starting Line

- 3.5.1 The starting line shall be a line between the black line on the yellow disc on the face of the MYC Tower and the MYC Start (S) Mark.
- 3.5.2 A Clearance Mark may be laid adjacent to the starting line and the Mornington pier.
- 3.5.3 Rule 30.1 (I Flag Rule) shall apply to all Tower Light Start Races.
- 3.5.4 Prior to Starting, boats wishing to cross the starting line from the course side may do so by sailing between the Clearance Mark and the Tower. Boats crossing the starting line in this manner shall be deemed NOT to have infringed Rule 30.1. *This amends Rule 30.1*
- 3.5.5 In Pursuit Races and prior to starting all yachts shall keep well clear of the starting line except during the one minute before their scheduled starting time.
- 3.5.6 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*

3.6 Starting Procedure

- 3.6.1 Each division will be identified by a coloured Division Light(s).

DIVISIONS and CLASSES	WARNING SIGNAL
All Divisions & Classes	Red & Green lights together.
Keelboat Division & Etchells	Single Red light.
Trailable Yacht Division & Flying Fifteens	Single Green light.

- 3.6.2 **Warning Signal**
Five minutes before the race starting time a Division Light(s) will go on and one sound may be made.
- 3.6.3 **Preparatory Signal**
Four minutes before the race starting time the White Light will go on and one sound may be made. Except that, Australian Sailing prescribes that when handicap (pursuit) starts apply a boat's preparatory signal is deemed made four minutes before the boat's starting time.
- 3.6.4 **One-minute Signal**
One minute before the race starting time the White Light will go off and one sound may be made.
- 3.6.5 **Starting Signal**
The start will be indicated by the removal of the Division Light(s) and one sound may be made. The Warning Signal for any succeeding division start will then be displayed.
- 3.6.6 *This starting procedure amends Rule 26.*

3.7 Recalls

- 3.7.1 No recall signals will be made for Tower Light Start Races. *This amends Rule 29.* Boats crossing the start line before their division starting time and failing to return to the pre-start side of the starting line to start will be scored On Course Side (OCS) without a hearing. *This amends Rules 35, 63.1, A4 & A5*
- 3.7.2 For all Tower Light Start races the tower shall broadcast the OCS boats as soon as practical after the Starting Signal is made for each division or a boat's scheduled start time. Competitors shall monitor the Communications Channel to receive the names and/or sail numbers of those boats identified as OCS. *This amends Rule 29.*

3.8 Shortening the Course

- 3.8.1 Courses may be shortened at the 'S' mark from the Tower. The finishing line shall then be a line between the black line on a yellow disc on the face of the MYC Tower and the MYC 'S' mark. *This amends Rule 32.2.*
- 3.8.2 Flag 'S' and Board 'S' together with two sound signals and a RED battery light shall indicate a shortened course. A Numeral Board, adjacent to the Board 'S', shall indicate the number of the division whose course is shortened, however if no numeral board is displayed the course for all divisions is shortened. *This amends Rule 32.2.*

3.9 The Finish and Finishing Line

- 3.9.1 The finishing line shall be that part of a line between the black line on a yellow disc on the face of the MYC Tower and the MYC Finishing Mark at the port end, which is outside the harbour limits. (See Appendix B)
- 3.9.2 Boats shall leave the Harbour Limit Clearance Buoy to starboard. Boats contravening this rule will be disqualified (DSQ) without a hearing. (See Appendix B) *This amends Rules 63.1, A4 and A5*
- 3.9.3 A boat that re-crosses the finishing line outside the harbour after she has finished racing shall be disqualified (DSQ) without a hearing. *This amends Rules 63.1, A4 and A5*

3.10 Time Limit

- 3.10.1 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.*
- 3.10.2 The time limit for Twilight Pursuit Races shall be Sunset on the day of racing. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored *Did Not Finish* (DNF) without a hearing. *This amends Rules 35, 63.1, A4 & A5.*
- 3.10.3 Special Sailing Instructions shall detail race time limits for each event.

PART 4

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUNDAY OFF THE BEACH COURSES

4.1 Marks

- 4.1.1 Marks of the course will be Yellow or Orange cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 4.1.2 The Start and Finish marks will be Orange or Red cylindrical inflatable buoys.

4.2 Courses

- 4.2.1 The courses shall be sailed in accordance with Appendix A.
- 4.2.2 The course number shall be displayed on the Race Committee Boat:

4.3 The Start

- 4.3.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26
- 4.3.2 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.
- 4.3.3 A crowding buoy may be laid off the transom of the Race Committee boat and shall be considered part of that vessel.
- 4.3.4 Boats are requested to keep clear of the starting line before their own Warning Signal.
- 4.3.5 A boat that starts later than 15 minutes after her fleet start time shall be scored *Did Not Start* (DNS) without a hearing. *This amends Rules 35, 63.1, A4 & A5*

4.4 Change of course after the start

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

4.6 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

4.7 Time Limit

The time limit for the first boat of her fleet to sail the course and finish is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 30 minutes of the finishing time of the first boat in her fleet, whichever is later, will be scored *Did Not Finish* (DNF) without a hearing. *This amends Rules 35, 63.1, A4 & A5.*

PART 5

SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Special sailing instructions

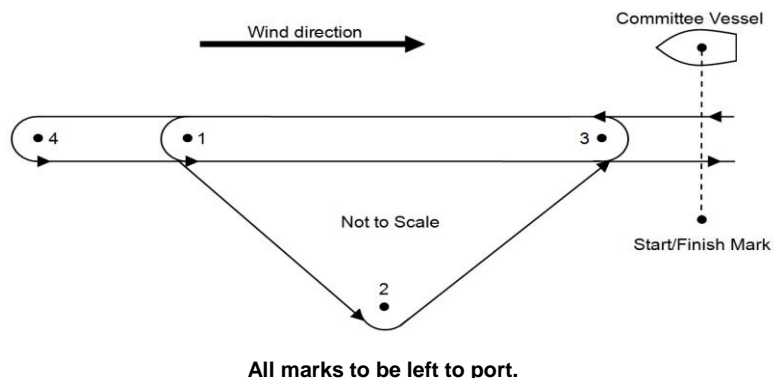
- 5.1.1 Special Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be issued for all non-standard events not covered by Parts 1 - 4. Instructions shall be available at the Race Office and may be published on the MYC website <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/> no less than 1 hour prior to the start of the race.
- 5.1.2 Special Sailing Instructions for Long Distance Races will be available at the Race Office and on the MYC website <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/> at least 24 hours prior to the advertised race start time.

APPENDIX A

COURSE CONFIGURATIONS

A1 Course 1

A1.1 Course Diagram



A1.2 Classes, Code Flags and Courses

CLASS	CODE FLAG	COURSE
Keelboats	'K'	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
Trailable Yachts	'R'	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
Etchells	'G'	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
Sports Boats	'T'	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
Flying Fifteens - Championship Course	'F'	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - Finish
Flying Fifteens - Alternative Course	'F'	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
Off The Beach	'D'	Start - 4 - 3 - 4 - Finish
Optimists	'Φ'	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish

'Φ' flag is the Optimist Class Flag (white = Open Fleet & green = Green Fleet)

N.B. The Flying Fifteen Championship Course will be sailed on Championship Regatta race days and the Alternative Course will be sailed on days when Class Races are sailed.

A1.3 Course 1A Special Course Configuration for Etchells, Flying Fifteens and Sports Boats.

Course 1A will be laid with only 2 marks. Mark 1 being the windward mark and the other, the leeward mark, being the Start/Finish Pin Mark.

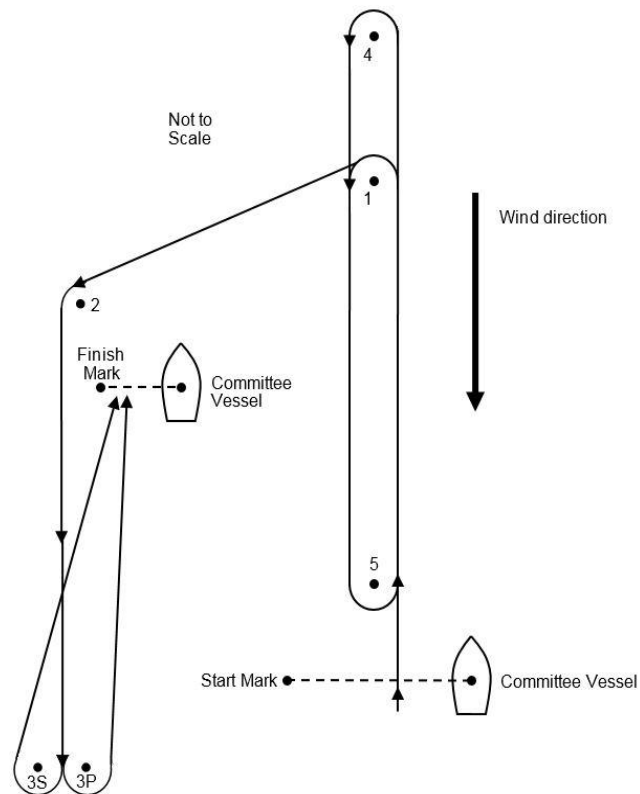
CLASS	CODE FLAG	COURSE
Etchells	'G'	Start - 1 - S/F - 1 - S/F - 1 - Finish
Flying Fifteens	'F'	Start - 1 - S/F - 1 - Finish
Sports Boats	'T'	Start - 1 - S/F - 1 - S/F - 1 - Finish

APPENDIX A

COURSE CONFIGURATIONS

A2 Course 2

A2.1 Course Diagram



Marks to be left to Port except 3S shall be left to Starboard. If only one gate mark is laid it shall be left to Port.

A2.2 Class, Code Flag and Course

CLASS	CODE FLAG	COURSE
Optimists	'Φ'	Start - 1 - 2 - Gate 3(s) or 3(p) - Finish
Off the Beach	D	Start - 4 - 5 - 4 - 5 - 1 - 2 - Gate 3(s) or 3(p) - Finish

'Φ' flag is the Optimist Class Flag (white = Open Fleet & Green = Green Fleet)

APPENDIX A

COURSE CONFIGURATIONS

A3 Fixed Mark Courses

A3.1 Course details

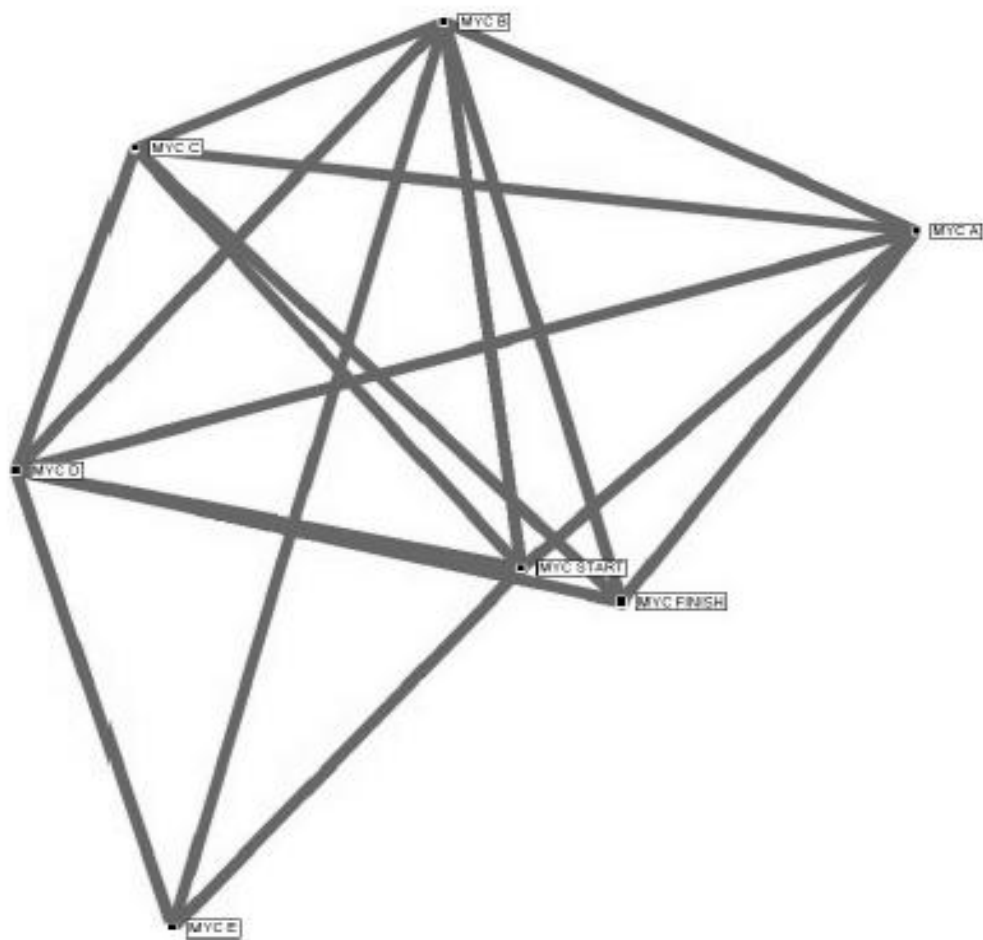
No.	Course	Hand
3	Start - E(s) - D(s) - S(s) - E(s) - S(p) - A(s) - Finish	< as defined
4	Start - D(s) - B(s) - S(s) - B(p) - D(p) - Finish	< as defined
5	Start - B(p) - C(p) - B(s) - S(s) - B(s) - Finish	< as defined
6	Start - D(s) - C(s) - S(s) - (Ds) - B(s) - Finish	< as defined
7	Start - E(s) - D(s) - S(p) - C(s) - Finish	< as defined
8	Start - A(p) - B(p) - S(s) - B(s) - A(s) - Finish	< as defined
1R	Start - A - B - Finish	Port
2R	Start - A - C - Finish	Port
3R	Start - A - D - Finish	Port
4R	Start - B - A - Finish	Starboard
5R	Start - B - C - Finish	Port
6R	Start - B - D - Finish	Port
7R	Start - C - A - Finish	Starboard
8R	Start - C - B - Finish	Starboard
9	Start - C - D - Finish	Port
9R	Start - D - A - Finish	Starboard
10	Start - D - B - Finish	Starboard
10R	Start - D - C - Finish	Starboard
11	Start - E - B - Finish	Starboard
11R	Start - E - C - Finish	Starboard
12	Start - C(p) - D(p) - E(p) - S(p) - A(s) - Finish	< as defined
12R	Start - B(p) - D(p) - S(p) - A(s) - Finish	< as defined
13	Start - A(p) - D(s) - B(s) - Finish	< as defined
13R	Start - A(p) - B(p) - D(s) - C(s) - Finish	< as defined
14	Start - A - B - C - D - Finish	Port
15	Start - S(p) - A(p) - B(p) - S(s) - D(s) - B(s) - Finish	< as defined

Note: (p) = round mark to port and (s) = round mark to starboard. All courses with MYC A or B as the first mark shall start leaving the Start mark to Port. All other courses shall start leaving the Start mark to Starboard.

A3.2 Course leg lengths and bearings

Leg	Bearing	Length
Start - A	036.00° M	1.80 nm
Start - B	340.00° M	2.00 nm
Start - C	308.00° M	2.00 nm
Start - D	270.00° M	1.72 nm
Start - E	210.00° M	1.75 nm
A - B	284.00° M	1.76 nm
A - C	265.00° M	2.63 nm
A - D	242.00° M	3.14 nm
A - S	216.00° M	1.80 nm
B - A	104.00° M	1.76 nm
B - C	235.00° M	1.13 nm
B - D	210.00° M	2.17 nm
B - E	184.00° M	3.40 nm
B - S	161.00° M	2.00 nm
C - A	085.00° M	2.63 nm
C - B	055.00° M	1.13 nm
C - D	187.00° M	1.24 nm
C - E	166.00° M	2.83 nm
C - S	128.00° M	2.00 nm
D - A	062.00° M	3.14 nm
D - B	030.00° M	2.17 nm
D - C	007.00° M	1.24 nm
D - E	151.00° M	1.73 nm
D - S	090.00° M	1.72 nm
E - A	033.00° M	3.55 nm
E - B	004.00° M	3.40 nm
E - C	346.00° M	2.83 nm
E - D	331.00° M	1.73 nm
E - S	030.00° M	1.75 nm
A - Finish	205.00° M	1.66 nm
B - Finish	153.00° M	2.18 nm
C - Finish	124.00° M	2.31 nm
D - Finish	092.00° M	2.08 nm
E - Finish	040.00° M	2.10 nm

A3.3 Configuration of Fixed Mark Courses



APPENDIX B

HARBOUR LIMITS

