



2019 Schnapper Point Regatta

Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th February 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules:

The Schnapper Point Regatta (SPR) will be governed by current versions of **World Sailing (WS) *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)**; the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS); the SPR Notice of Race (NoR); these Sailing Instructions (SI); the class rules of the classes sailing; except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

The Green Fleet, as Part of Australian Sailing Junior Carnival, shall be governed by the (WS) **Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01** (Appendix B).

2. Entry and Eligibility:

Division 1 – Off the Beach Single Handed Monohulls with AS yard stick of 131 and below
Division 2 – Off the Beach Double Handed Monohulls with AS yard stick of 131 and below.

Division 3 - Optimist dinghies Open

Division 4 - Optimist dinghies Intermediate (as prescribed by VIODA)

Division 5 – Victorian Junior Carnival, Green Fleet (as prescribed by VIODA)

3. Notices to competitors:

- Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located in the Harbor View room on the first-floor deck level of the MYC Clubhouse. Notices may be published on the MYC website – <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/spyr--jc-amendments-and-notices-to-competitors.html>
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4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions & Schedule of Racing:

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 1 hour before the races that they affect.
- 4.2 Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals made ashore:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm of the flag mast located on the MYC Tower.
- 5.2 When RRS Race Signal flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.

6. Schedule of Events:

6.1 Schedule:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat.16th Feb 2019	9000 – onwards 1000-1200 hrs 1230hrs 1300 hrs 1355 hrs	Junior Carnival separate event. Schnapper Point Registration Competitors briefing/Safety/Support Vessel briefing *All support vessels are required to attend* First warning for Green fleet First Warning Signal for Div 1,2,3and 4 . Up to 3 races are scheduled to be sailed back to back.
Sunday 17 February 2019	0955 hrs	First Warning Signal. Up to 4 races are scheduled to be sailed back to back. Presentation at the conclusion of racing.

No warning signal shall be made after 1500hrs on the last day of racing

7. Division Flags and Course Areas:

Divisions	Division Flags	Course Areas
1	Numeral Pennant No 1	Alpha
2	Numeral Pennant No 2	Alpha
3	White Flag with Optimist class logo.	Alpha
4	Blue Flag with Optimist class logo.	Alpha
5	Green Flag with Optimist class Logo	Bravo

The racing will be on the waters of Port Phillip Bay adjacent to Mornington Yacht Club.
See Appendix C

8. Course Configuration and Courses:

8.1 There will be three courses as detailed in Appendix A.

8.2 Divisions will sail the following courses as detailed below:

Divisions	Course	Course Configurations
1 & 2	1	Start - 4 - 5 - 1 - 2 - Gate 3S or 3P - Finish
3, 4	2	Start - 1 - 2 - Gate 3S or 3P - Finish
5	3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

8.3 All marks shall be left to Port; except for 3s in Courses 1, 2 where boats shall sail between the Gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either 3s or 3p. If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round that mark to port.

9. Marks

9.1 Courses 1 & 2 - Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P, 4 & 5 will be inflatable Yellow Buoys.

9.2 Course 3 - Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be small inflatable Buoys.

10. The Start:

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 Divisions 1,2,3 and 4 - The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat at the Starboard end and an inflatable Orange Buoy or a Race Committee Boat displaying an Orange Flag at the Port end or in its absence an orange inflatable buoy.

10.3 Division 5 - The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Boat at the Starboard end and an inflatable Red Buoy at the Port end.

10.4 Boats not racing shall keep clear of boats that are racing and the Start line.

11. Change of Course.

Change of course shall be in accordance with RRS 33.

12. The Finish:

12.1 Divisions 1,2,3 and 4 - The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end and an inflatable orange Buoy at the Port end.

12.2 Division 5 - The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end and a Red Buoy at the Port end.

12.3 Boats not racing shall keep clear of boats that are racing. Boats shall stay clear of the finish line after finishing and shall not sail directly to the start area through the course whilst other boat is racing.

13. Time Limits:

13.1 Boats failing to finish less than 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and Finishes shall be awarded an allocated place as defined in SI Clause 15.3. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14. Protests:

14.1 Protests shall be in writing on forms available at the Regatta Office and lodged there within 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat of that division to Finish in the last race of the day.

14.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.

14.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are parties or named witnesses.

14.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;

- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

14.5 There shall be no protests in relation to racing in Division 5 - Green Fleet. Approved Coaches and instructors, members of the Race and Protest Committees shall be available to resolve any issues at the end of each day's racing.

15. Scoring:

15.1 The RRS Low Point Scoring System shall apply.

15.2 Three Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- a) When **four or less** races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- b) When **five or more** races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

15.3 Allocated Place determination. (See SI Clause 13.1). Boats may be scored using their current standing at a position on the course determined by the Race Committee.

15.4 Scores will be calculated by applying AS yardstick handicaps as required.

16. Safety Regulations:

- 16.1 Approved personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. Wet or dry suits do not constitute approved personal buoyancy.
- 16.2 All boats intending to race shall sign on ashore by reporting, ready to sail, to Sign on Control.
- 16.3 On returning to shore all boats shall report to Sign on Control and sign off within the protest time limit.
- 16.4
- a) Boats who fail to sign on ashore will be scored their place plus 3 points for the first race of the day. This amends RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - b) Boats who fail to sign off ashore will be scored their place plus 3 points for the last race of the day. This amends RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 16.5 A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee prior to leaving the course area and report to Sign on Control and sign off within the protest time limit.

17. Coach Boats and Support Boats:

- 17.1 Only Coach Boats approved by the Race Committee shall be allowed in any Course Area. All Coach and Support boats shall lodge a Registration Form at the Regatta Office before going to a Course Area. All Coach and Support boats shall sign on and off by radio with the MYC Tower in accordance with SI Clause 18.2 when leaving or returning to the MYC harbour and advise the number of Persons On Board and which Course area they will be on. **NOTE:** Channel 16 is **not** to be used for sign on/off.
- 17.2 All support boats shall keep at least 50m clear of the Course Area during racing unless directed into the area by the Race Committee.
- 17.3 When code flag W (with one sound signal) is displayed on a Race Committee Boat or from the yardarm on the MYC Tower, all Coach and Support boats shall remain afloat under the control of the Race Committee to assist all competitors from any fleet until such time as code flag W is lowered.



18. Radio Communications:

- 18.1 A boat, whilst racing, shall neither make nor receive any Electronic Communications, this includes mobile phones and headphones.
- 18.2 MYC will monitor VHF Ch 16, 71, 72 and 73. Race management will utilise; VHF Ch. 73 in course Area Alpha and VHF Ch. 72 in course area Bravo; Coach and support boats Sign On and Off shall use VHF Ch. 71 as will beach marshals. **NOTE;** Channel 16 is for emergencies only. PRO will monitor both alpha and sign on off/ beach channels, *Bravo will need to change to reach PRO or via MYC tower.*

19. Prizes:

19.1 Prizes and/or trophies will be awarded for the regatta as follows. Further Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

- Division 1 & 2: 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall on corrected time.
- Division 3 & 4: 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall on elapsed time.
- Division 5; Participation Medals.
- 1st in each class with more than 3 boats.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd each class with more than 5 boats.

20. Entry Disclaimer:

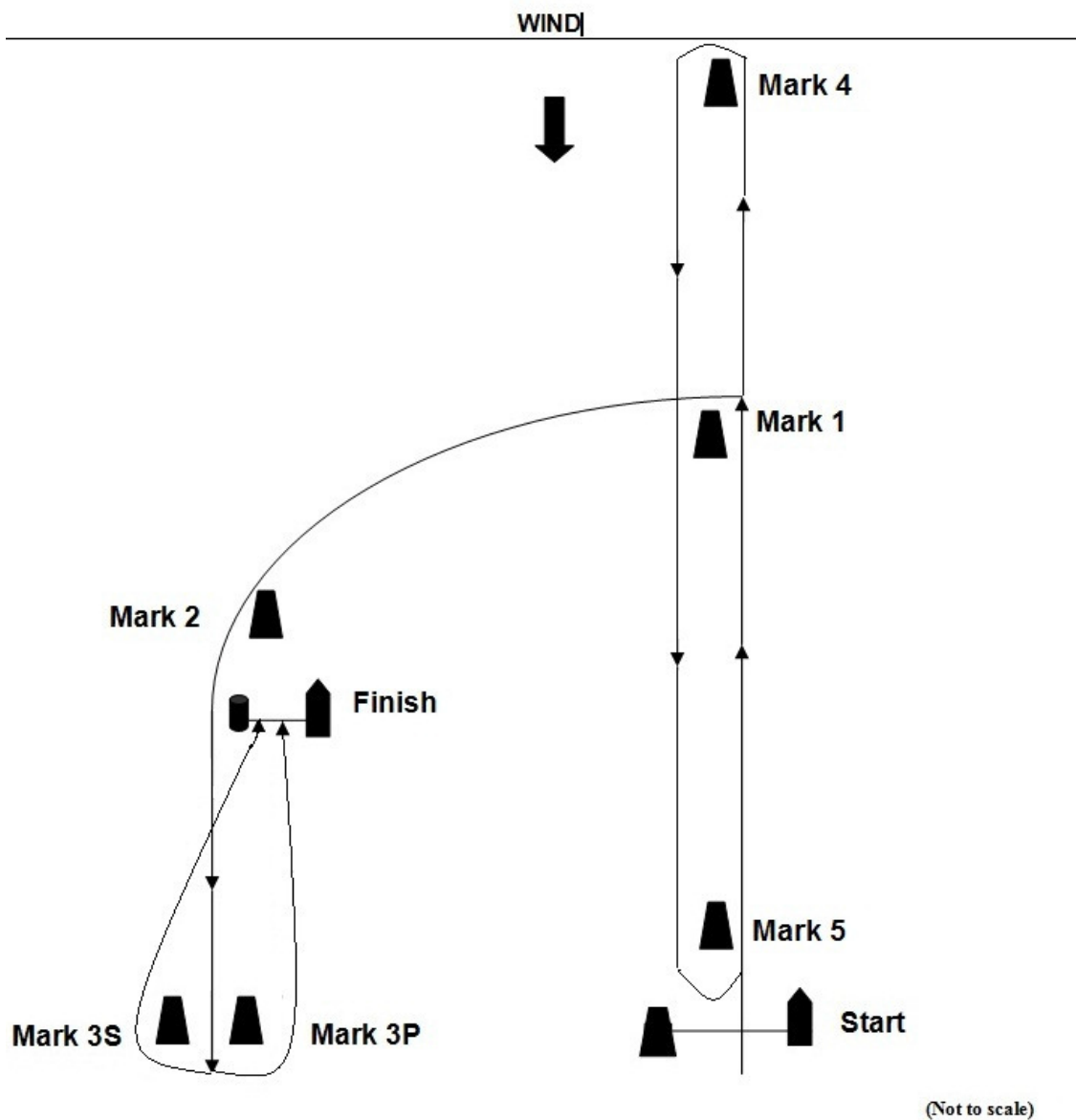
It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the regatta competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authorities, and the Host Club, their officers, members, volunteers and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the regatta.

The Organizing Authorities, and the Host Club, their officers, members, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the regatta. The competitor's attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

APPENDIX A

A.1 COURSE 1 (Divisions 1 & 2)

Course Area 'Alpha'

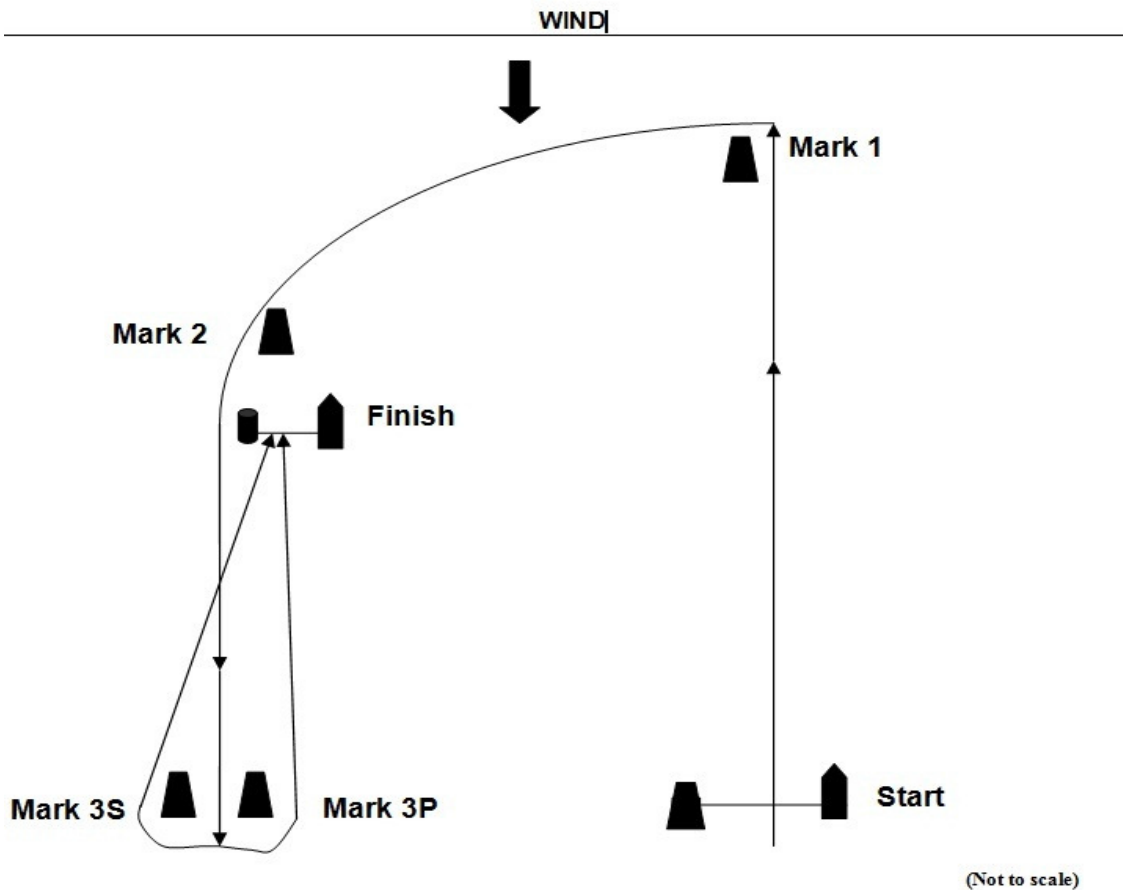


Division	Course	Course Configuration
1& 2	1	Start - 4 - 5 - 1 - 2 - Gate 3S or 3P - Finish

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A.2 COURSE 2 (Divisions 3,4 & 6)

Course Area 'Alpha'

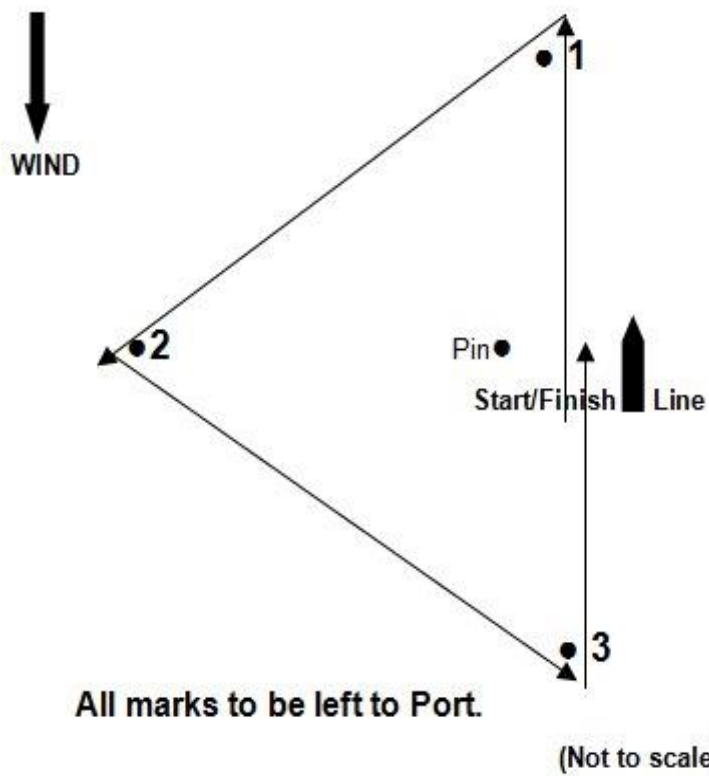


Division	Course	Course Configuration
3 & 4	2	Start - 1 - 2 - Gate 3S or 3P - Finish

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A.3 COURSE 3 (Division 5)

Course Area 'Bravo'



Division	Course	Course Configuration
5	3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish



APPENDIX B

Introductory Rules for Racing

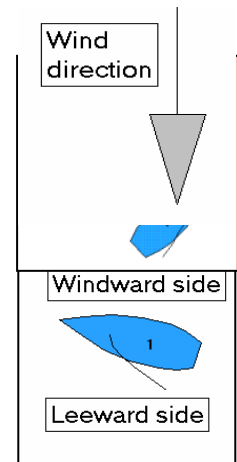
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Some Explanations

Windward and *Leeward*: The *leeward* side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The *windward* side is the other side.

Port and *Starboard tack*: You are on *port* or *starboard tack* according to your *windward* side.

Advisor: A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

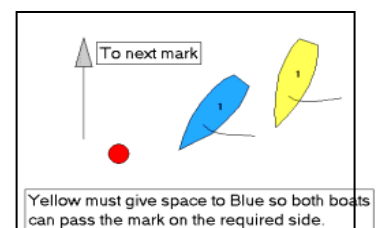
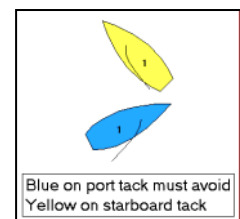


Basic Rules

1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite *tacks*, if you are on *Port tack* you must avoid the boat on *starboard tack*.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same *tack*, you must avoid the other boat
 - (a) if she is in front of you, or
 - (b) if she is on your *leeward* side.
5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite tacks at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.



Other Rules

7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.

8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the *advisor* after the race. The *advisor* may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the *advisor* may add extra points to the boat's score.

Responsibilities of Race Organizers

- (a) To run fair, enjoyable and safe races.
 - (b) To inform all the competitors about the sequence of starting signals, the starting and finishing lines, the course to be sailed and the marks to be rounded.
 - (c) To score each boat points equal to her finishing position, after adjusting for handicaps when appropriate.
 - (d) To appoint an *advisor* on the rules and procedures for racing.
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Introduction and Use

These rules are designed to stand on their own so that sailors who are starting to race can compete using only these few rules and without the need to learn the many details of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). They are appropriate for small boats in sheltered waters; they are not intended for boats over 6 metres (20 feet) long when an experienced person should be alongside and able to instruct the novice helm. These rules are compatible with the principles and fundamental rules in the RRS. However, they are neither a guide to nor an abbreviated form of the RRS.

The rules are intentionally minimalist and they omit as many complications of the RRS as possible. They are written for sailors who are starting to race and with no more than 2 years of racing experience. After this period these sailors should be encouraged to sail races under the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Boats racing under these rules should race on their own course and should not share the course area or marks with boats racing under the RRS.

Unlike normal racing, there is an obligation on the race organisers to verbally brief all competitors about the marks, the course and all relevant race management matters.

The role of rules advisor is a vital part of teaching the rules. Ideally the rules advisor should be afloat and should watch the racing but, as a minimum, the advisor must be available for discussion immediately the sailors return ashore. The rules advisor may be the same person as the race officer.

The standard penalty for breaking a rule is necessarily small at this learning stage and the difficulties of penalty turns are avoided. As it is only the advisor that imposes a penalty, possible pressure on a less confident competitor while racing is avoided. Note this two place penalty applies to all errors (including starting and course errors) although there is provision for increasing the penalty to avoid any advantage being gained from the error.

Feedback

These rules are 'experimental'. Please let ISAF have your comments, criticisms and suggestions at www.sailing.org/contactisaf. The rules will be updated as required and the latest version published on the ISAF website www.sailing.org.

APPENDIX C

