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SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVISIONS 1, 2 and 3

QUEENSLIFF DESTINATION RACE

SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2020

Long Distance Races Series sponsored by



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1.0 GENERAL

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

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

All boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5.

3.0 ENTRIES and SAFETY

Race entry procedure will be in accordance with MYC SI's, Part 1, Clause 1.2 Entry and Clause 1.3 Safety sub-clause 1.3.9 (a) & (b)

4.0 SCORING and 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 two single light starts, one for Division 3, the other for Divisions 1 & 2 as detailed in MYC SI's Part 3, Clauses 3.5, 3.6 & 3.7. All boats shall start leaving the Start (S) mark to Starboard.

6.0 START SEQUENCE TIMES

	Warning Signal
Division 3	0955 hrs. (Single Green Light)
Divisions 1 & 2	1000 hrs. (Single Red Light)

7.0 COURSES

There will be three courses as detailed below. Charts required for plotting shall be current AUS 143 and AUS 158.

7.1 Division 1 (Approx. 26 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 Popes Eye Beacon (leave to Starboard) to the Finishing Line at The Queenscliff Cut lead mark beacon.

7.2 Division 2 (Approx. 24 nm)

Start at Mornington, to R1 (leave to Starboard) to East Cardinal Mark (leave to Starboard) to West Channel Pile (leave to Port) to Popes Eye Beacon (leave to Starboard) to the Finishing Line at The Queenscliff Cut lead mark beacon.

7.3 Division 3 (Approx. 22 nm)

Start at Mornington, to East Cardinal Mark (leave to Starboard) to West Channel Pile (leave to Port) to Popes Eye Beacon (leave to Starboard) to the Finishing Line at The Queenscliff Cut lead mark beacon.

7.4 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
Popes Eye Beacon - South Cardinal Mark	38° 17.33' S	144° 41.28' E

7.5 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 from the Queenscliff Ferry Terminal Jetty beacon on the Port end (approx. 38°15.95'S 144°40.39'E) and the Queenscliff Cut lead beacon with a red topmark on the Starboard end (approx 38°16.06'S 144°40.60'E). All competitors shall take their own finishing times when crossing this line. Finishing times shall only be reported to the MYC Tower by telephone (03 5975 6805) at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing or by text to 0407 834 634 viz. '*Boat Name + Finishing Time hh:mm:ss*'

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 Section 5 of Harbour Master's Directions "*Small Vessels*". Any boat 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 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

10.2.1 The Club: A listening watch will be kept at the clubhouse on V.H.F. Ch. 16 & 73 The Club call sign is VZV 999.

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 VHF Ch.73 and then keep a listening watch on VHF Ch. 73 at all times until signed off. VHF CH 16 shall not to be used for position reporting.

10.3 Radio Schedules/Reporting

All boats shall report to the MYC Tower on VHF Ch. 73 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 to report by radio, including a relay via another boat, and failed shall telephone the MYC Tower (03 5975 6805) to report.

10.4 Scheduled marks of the course for reporting shall be:

Divisions 1, 2 & 3: East Cardinal Mark Buoy West Channel Pile Popes Eye Beacon

10.5 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.* All boats retiring from the race shall advise MYC Tower immediately after making that decision.

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

10.6 Signing Off

All boats shall Sign Off once safely berthed at the Queenscliff marina by advising the MYC Tower that the boat is safely moored, either by VHF Ch.73 radio or telephone 03 5975 6805. Boats returning to Mornington shall immediately after finishing the race Sign Off by advising the Tower (VHF radio Ch. 73 or Telephone 03 5975 6805) of their intentions, when after racing they leave the course area, prior to heading home.

11 PENALTIES

11.1 A boat failing to conduct a radio check (Cl. 10.2.2) 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 (Cl. 10.4) shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. *This amends RRS 63.1, A4 & A5*

11.3 The penalty for failing to Sign Off shall be as detailed in MYC SI's Sub-clause 1.3.9(b)

12.0 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit shall be sunset (20:20 EDT) for all boats, regardless of their finishing position in relation to other boats in the race. Boats failing to Finish within the time limit will be scored a "Did not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. *This amends RRS 35, A4 & A5*

12.2 All boats expecting to finish at Queenscliff later than 1800 hours, for safety reasons shall contact MYC Tower by radio before 1745 hrs and advise their current position and ETA at Queenscliff. Boats shall comply with the provisions of Cl. 10.3.1 to complete this task. After 1800 hrs a listening watch will only be kept until such times as the Race Officer deems that all boats are safe.

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