



YACHTING VICTORIA

2009-2010 Club Marine Series

**Club Team Premiership
&
Class Championship**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: These instructions are to be retained for use at each event.

The Organising Authority (OA) for the Club Marine Series, incorporating the Club Team Premiership and Class Championship is Yachting Victoria (YV).

1 RULES

1.1 General

The Series will be governed by the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australian (YA).

1.2 Alterations of Racing Rules

The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86.1(b) to read as follows:

RRS 30.2 – Z Flag: In addition to the penalty prescribed in RRS 30.2, any boat inside the triangle defined by RRS 30.2 during the one minute period before the starting signal shall return to the pre-start side of the line around one of the line extensions before starting.

RRS 52 shall not apply

RRS 50.3 For the purposes of this rule an asymmetrical spinnaker tack line is not a sheet. Asymmetric spinnakers may be flown from fixed or movable bowsprits or from spinnaker poles.

RRS 50.4 shall not apply. A spinnaker is defined as a sail set forward of the foremost mast with half width (measured as a spinnaker) greater than 75% of the foot. Any other sail tacked down forward of the foremost is a headsail.

RRS A4 A - boat starting later than 5 minutes after starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

1.3 Safety Regulations

1.3.1 YA Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 6 will apply with the additional requirement that all boats shall carry VHF radios (see NOR 1.2.1), capable of monitoring channels 12, 15, 16, 67, 69, 71 and 73.

1.3.2 The Organising Authority strongly recommends that suitable personal flotation devices be worn whenever conditions warrant, particularly in rough weather, or when sailing short-handed.

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1.3.3 All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Equipment Declaration (SED) covering the 2009/2010 season. Boats not complying with the SED requirements will not be entered and will not be eligible to race and score.

1.3.4 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.

1.4 Indemnity

1.4.1 All those taking part in this regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. None of Yachting Victoria, the host clubs, their servants or volunteers shall accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after the regatta.

1.4.2 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats shall, if required by the Race Committee; display in locations specified any logos, pennants or promotional material as may be supplied.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors may be posted on the official notice board(s) located at each participating club as follows:

Club	Notices	Signals made ashore
HBYC	Race Notice Board	Flagpole at the Northern end of the Clubhouse
RBYC	Race Notice Board	Flagpole on beach side of Clubhouse
RMYS	Members Lounge Notice Board	Flagpole in the yard
RYCV	Foyer of Clubhouse	Flagpole on Front Lawn
SYC	Race Notice Board	Flagpole at Ken King Centre

Broadcasts will be made on:

- **channel 73 for Divisions 0 and 1;**
- **channel 71 for Divisions 2 and 3.**

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the host club (and may be posted on each participating club's notice board and Yachting Victoria web site) and the host club's web site no later than 1600hrs on the day preceding the race for which it will take effect. Notices to competitors will be broadcast on VHF Channels **73** and **71** at 1030 and again at 1230 Hrs on the day that the alteration is effective.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at each participating club main signal position as described in SI 3. Signals made ashore may also be broadcast on VHF Channels **73** and **71**.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Division 0

DATE	DAY	HOST CLUB	WARNING SIGNAL For Early Race
10 October 2009	1	RYCV	1125 Hours
7 November 2009	2	HBYC	1125 Hours
5 December 2009	3	RMYS	1125 Hours
6 February 2010	4	RBYC	1125 Hours
20 February 2010	5	SYC	1125 Hours
13 March 2010	6	KCAB	1125 Hours (See Note 1)
10 April 2010	7	RYCV	1125 Hours

Division 0, 1, 2, &3

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- Note:
- Day 6 is also the annual Keeping Cancer at Bay.
 - Division 0 boats may sail 2 races on each race day (Warning Signals 1125 and 1355).
 - Divisions 1, 2 and 3 shall sail 1 race per day.
 - Divisions will start at five (5) minute intervals in the order:
Div 0 and Div 1 (course A)
Div 2 and Div 3 (course B).

6.1 RESAILS

Races not completed will not be re-sailed or rescheduled.

7 DIVISION FLAGS

7.1 Class Flags

Division Flags will be:

Division 0	Flag "D"
Division 1	Flag "V"
Division 2	Flag "E"
Division 3	Flag "T"

7.2 Backstay Flags

All competitors shall fly conspicuously from the backstay (in the absence of a backstay from the starboard shroud) an identifying flag as follows:

Division 0	Black
Division 1	Blue
Division 2	Orange
Division 3	White

Divisional flags are to be approximately 300mm by 210mm.

8 RACING AREA

See Course Diagrams Appendix A.

Adverse weather may dictate the use of courses using fixed marks as listed in Appendix B which will be advised in accordance with SI 4.

8.1 Divisions 0 and 1. (Course A)

The course will be to the west of the main shipping channel unless weather conditions dictate a protected or shore based start.

The start will be approximately equidistant from SYC and RYCV.

8.2 Divisions 2 and 3. (Course B)

The centre of the course will be in the vicinity of R2 to the east of the main shipping channel unless weather conditions dictate a protected or shore based start.

9 THE COURSE

The diagrams in Appendix A and B show the course(s) including the order in which the marks are to be rounded, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the approximate distance between marks in nautical miles. The actual course length and distance between marks will be set to suit the prevailing conditions. The course to be sailed will be designated by display of a numeral pennant corresponding to the course number. The Race Committee Vessel may advise details of the courses to be sailed on VHF (for channels refer SI 3), approximately 15 minutes before the first Warning Signal.

10 MARKS

Marks will be inflatable buoys as follows:

	Start Mark	Crowding	Windward Mark	Hitch Mark	Leeward mark 1	Leeward mark 2	New Mark – change of course	Finish Mark
Divs. 0 & 1	Yellow Cylinder	Orange Cylinder	Orange Truncated Cone	Orange Truncated. Cone	Orange Truncated. Cone	Yellow Truncated. Cone with Black Band	Orange Truncated. Cone with Black Band	Yellow Cylinder
Divs. 2 & 3	Orange Cylinder	Yellow Cylinder	Yellow Truncated Cone	Yellow Truncated Cone	Yellow Truncated. Cone	Orange Truncated. Cone with Black Band	Yellow Truncated. Cone with Black Band	Orange Cylinder

11 THE START

11.1 The Divisions will start in the sequence as listed in SI 7.

- 11.1.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.1.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signal. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 11.1.3 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 11.1.4 A crowding mark may be laid near the race committee boat, but not necessarily on the starting line. When laid it shall have the same required side as the race committee boat. Boats shall not pass from the course side to the pre start side of the line between the crowding mark and the race committee boat.
- 11.1.5 The one-minute sound signal will be of a longer duration and may be different in character from the other sound signals.
- 11.1.6 The race officer may broadcast on VHF the 10 second mark and last 5 seconds before each start.
- 11.1.7 Boats that have correctly started and are racing shall not sail through the start line whilst subsequent divisions are in their start sequence.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be in accordance with RRS 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the next mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. Should a change of course apply the Race Committee shall display an International Numeral Pennant corresponding to the leg to be changed. For this purpose the Windward to Hitch mark is not regarded as a leg. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing mark will be as described in SI 10. The finish line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel and the finish mark.

14 TIME LIMIT

For races scheduled for 1130 hrs (Division 0 early race) the time limit will be one hour and forty-five minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in that division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored "Did Not Finish (DNF)". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

For races scheduled for 1400 hrs (All Divisions) the time limit for each Division will be two hours and thirty minutes. Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat in that division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored "Did Not Finish (DNF)". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS

Protests shall be lodged at the host club within two (2) hours after the finishing time of the last boat of any division to finish. Protest forms may be lodged by fax or email.

Breaches of SI 2, 17 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee decides. Breaches of SI 8, 17, 11.1.6 will not be grounds for requests for redress by a boat.

Protests will be heard at a time and place to be notified by the Host Club no latter than midday on the Tuesday following the race.

Host club contact numbers at the date of issue of these Sailing Instructions are as follows:

Club	Fax	Phone
HBYC	9397 1045	9397 6393
RBYC	9592 9633	9592 3092
RMYS	9534 4478	9534 0227
RYCV	9397 8160	9397 1277
SYC	9598 8109	9599 0922

16 SCORING

Seven races are scheduled of which four are required to constitute a series.

The Scoring System for each race shall be in accordance with the Notice of Race.

17 SIGN ON and SIGN OFF

A boat intending to race shall sign on by sailing on **starboard tack** past the transom of its Committee Vessel prior to the first start for its division, hail her sail number, and receive acknowledgment from the Committee Vessel.

All boats are reminded to keep clear of the start line once they have signed on, and during the start sequence of another division. Failure to keep clear of other boats that may be in their starting sequence may result in protest by the Race Committee.

Boats that do not complete the course within the time limit or retire shall sign off by advising the Race Committee vessel on VHF or the Race Officer of the day at the host club as soon as practicable.

18 HANDICAPS

Handicaps shall be in accordance with the Notice of Race.

19 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

Port Rule 62B for Victorian Proclaimed Ports, including the waters of Port Phillip requires small vessels in all circumstances to keep clear of commercial shipping. Boats found to have contravened this rule will be subject to disqualification.

20 K CLASS

In the event of a need to signal Group "K" Boats independent of the Division in which they sail then the appropriate flags will be flown over the "K" flag. This could apply in the event of unsuitable weather conditions where Group "K" racing is abandoned by flying the "N" over "A" over "K" flags.

Skippers of all boats must recognise the limitations of their vessel and withdraw from the race if weather conditions exceed Class Rules or design safety.

The Race Committee shall designate as Group K boats entries that are limited by Class Rules or their design to lighter weather conditions under which they can sail than is normally the case for other keelboats, and the list will be posted on the Notice Board of the boats Home Club and may be on the YV Club Marine website.

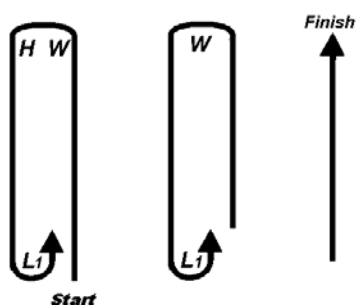
Appendix A - Courses

<u>Course No</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Approximate Length (NM)</u>	<u>Approximate Distance L - W (NM)</u>
1	Start - W - H - L1 - W - L1 - Finish	9	1.7
2	Start - W - H - L2 - W - L2 - Finish	13	2.2
3	Start - W - H - L1 - W - L1 - W - L1 - Finish	12	1.7
4	Start - W - H - L2 - W - L2 - W - L2 - Finish	15	2.2
5	Start - W - H - L1 - W - Finish	7	1.7
6	Start - W - H - L2 - W - Finish	9	2.2
7	Refer Appendix B		
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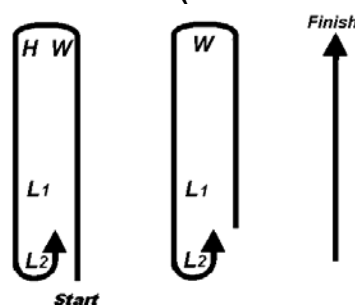
- (a) For the purpose of SI 12 Windward Mark (W) to Hitch Mark (H) is NOT regarded as leg of course. (Thus, Start to W is number 1, and H to L is number 2).
- (b) All marks to be rounded to PORT.
- (c) For the purposes of this diagram:
 - W - means Windward Mark
 - L1 - means Leeward Mark (inner course)
 - L2 - Means Leeward Mark (outer course)
 - H - Means Hitch Mark

Courses 1

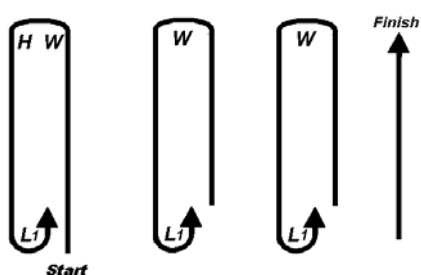


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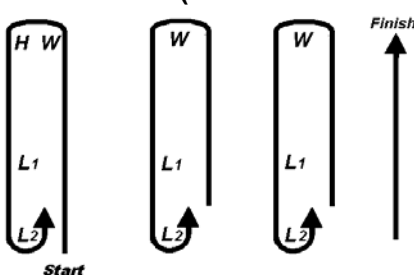


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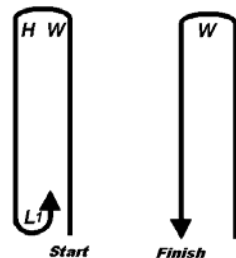


Course 4

(Note L1 does not have a hand)



Courses 5



Course 6

(Note L1 does not have a hand)

