



International 14 Grand Prix and RYCV OTB 2018

25th February 2018

Sailing Instructions

**Organising Authority:- Royal Yacht Club of Victoria on behalf
of the Victorian 14 Foot Sailing Council**

1. Rules.

The Regatta will be governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016 (RRS)
- The rules of the relevant class association
- Amendments defined in the notice of race
- Amendments defined by these sailing instructions.

Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply. It will be the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in RRS YA SR Part 2 R1 Personal Buoyancy

2. Notices to Competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the OTB Clubhouse (regatta office).

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions.

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect

4. Signals Made Ashore, Afloat.

- 4.1 On shore signals will be displayed from the OTB mast near the OTB canteen.
- 4.2 When Code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3 Code flag "D" raised on the main mast on the lawn requires all yachts not to leave the shore until lowered.
- 4.4 On Water. The Orange on Station flag shall be raised not less than four minutes before the first warning signal. This signals the intention for racing to commence soon.

This alters RRS Race Signals

5. Schedule of Races.

Sun. 25th February 2018 1255 hrs : Warning Signal for Heat One.

Successive starts will be at the discretion of the Race Officer. A program of up to 3 races may be held for each division.

No warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

6. Class Flag.

The class flags will be as follows:

- International 14s: Naval Numeral 5
- International Cadets: Code Flag "Y".
- Other Senior OTB: Code Flag "W"

7. The Course.

The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8. Marks.

8.1 Marks

- Start / Finish mark will be a plain Orange cylindrical buoy for all divisions
- For International 14s
 - Windward Mark will be an Orange cylindrical buoy
 - Leeward mark will be a gate, using two orange cylindrical buoys.
- For International Cadets and other Senior OTB
 - Windward Mark will be a Yellow cylindrical buoy
 - Leeward mark will be a gate, using two yellow cylindrical buoys.

8.2 Change of course

There will be no change of course during a race, although a course may be re-laid if required by the race officer between heats.

9. The Start

- 9.1 The starting line shall be between the Start mark and the flagstaff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Signal Vessel.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.

10. Alteration or shortening course.

- 10.1 There will be no change of course during a race
- 10.2 The Race Committee may finish a race at any mark of the course in accordance with RRS 32.1 and the RRS race signal 'S'

11. The Finish.

The finishing line shall be between the Finish mark and the flagstaff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Signal Vessel

12. Time Limit.

The Time Limit for all races shall be 90 minutes. Boats not finished 20 minutes after the first boat to finish may be scored as they are positioned on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13. Penalty System

- 13.1 Appendix P of the RRS may be applied. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired in accordance with rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Race Office before the end of the protest time limit.

14. Protests.

14.1 Submission of Protests:

Boats intending to protest shall inform the committee vessel at the end of the race and before returning to shore. Upon returning to shore, protests shall be made in writing and delivered to the RO at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office.

14.1.1 Protest time limit:

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and the protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

14.2 Hearing of protests:

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as a witness. This shall be taken as notification to all parties. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.3 Reopening a Hearing:

RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than half an hour after being informed of the decision".

14.4

A list of boats that, under SI 14.2, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted within the protest time limit.

14.5

Breaches of SI's 2, 14.2, 16, 17, 18 and 20 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This amends rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest committee so decides. This amends rule 64.1(a).

15. Scoring.

- International 14s: As per Notice of Race for this event and for the overall Grand Prix series
- International Cadets and Senior OTB: As per Season 2017/18 Notice of Race

16. Safety Regulations.

16.1 Buoyancy Aids:

All competitors shall wear while racing, personal flotation devices that are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued by or approved by a national authority affiliated to the ISAF, or standards organisation, or certification authority recognised for the purpose by government. Government regulations require that competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat. This changes rule 40.

16.2 Sign On/Off.

An Official Sign on/off sheet is provided in the OTB club room prior and after the race. The boat, skipper and crew's name and sail number shall be written clearly on the Sign On Sheet. On returning to shore it is the Skipper's responsibility to ensure the sign on sheet is promptly signed off to signify that you have returned. Failing to comply may result in the boat offending being scored DNC

16.3

All yachts should be aware of shipping operating in the Port of Melbourne. They shall obey all Port regulations. All care should be taken while crossing Shipping channels. Any boat leaving the course area shall advise an official boat as soon as practical.

Crossings should be made in the vicinity of Yarra River Channel Mark 17A. Crossings should whenever possible be under the supervision of a safety or support boat. Any action that brings a yacht to the notice of the race committee or the harbour authority during that yachts channel transit, may be disqualified for that days racing.

16.4

Boats, when not racing, are particularly requested to give race official boats right of way and ample room to maneuver when they are engaged in official race duties.

17. Replacement of Crew or equipment.

Substitution of Skippers will not be allowed and substitution of Crew or equipment will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. Permission will be given in writing and posted on the Official Notice Board.

18. Equipment and Measurement checks.

At the direction of the RO, a boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

19. Official Boats.

Official Boats will be identified at the briefing. Race committee boats and official patrol boats may display the RYCV Burgee

20. Support Boats.

For races One and Two support boats are NOT be permitted within 50 metres of any competing boat from the time of the Preparatory Signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be the disqualification, after a hearing, for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.

When requested by the Race Officer, support boats will provide assistance to boats in distress in the accepted manner.

After the first two races coaches may enter the course area, but must not impede any competitor during racing.

21. Radio Communication.

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This also applies to mobile telephones.

22. Prizes.

As provided by the International 14 foot Sailing Council

23. Disclaimer of Liability.

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Refer to the declaration on the official entry form.

24. Indemnity and Safety Form.

An Indemnity and Safety declaration Form must be signed by all competing skippers and their parent or guardian. These forms are available on the RYCV website and forms will also be available at Registration Area in the Regatta Office which will be the Cadet clubrooms.

26. Insurance.

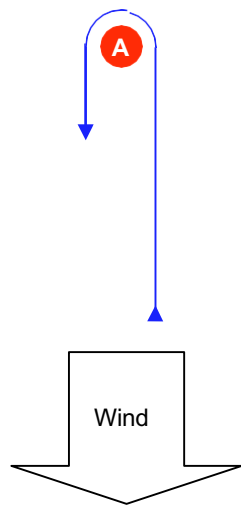
All competing boats shall carry, as a minimum, Third Party Liability insurance, with racing risk, to the minimum value of \$10,000,000.

Proof of cover shall be provided if requested by the Race Officer or 6TH Fleet committee President. A policy number and the Insurance Company name that policy is currently held with, is a minimum requirement.

Attachment A

Course Illustrations – WA Windward without hitch mark

WA



Course: Windward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start – A – B1/B2 – Finish
WA3	Start – A – B1/B2 – A – B1/B2 – Finish
WA4	Start – A – B1/B2 – A – B1/B2 – A – B1/B2 – Finish



Boats sailing from **A to B1/B2** **must not** sail between the orange (finish) mark and the committee vessel

