



## **ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA**

# **Bluebird Class Victorian Championships**

## **2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (hereinafter referred to as RRS).

The prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia shall apply as applicable, except where any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions.

All items of safety equipment that are included in the Class Rules shall be carried at all times. YA Safety Category 6 applies.

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Notice Boards located on the deck of the RYCV clubhouse and in the western clubhouse foyer.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect. Except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast in front of the Clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than '30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 10.55 hrs.

5.2 The Schedule of races is as per the Notice of Race.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag for the Bluebird Class will be Naval Numeral Flag 1

## 7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Hobson's Bay and Northern Port Phillip adjacent to the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria Yacht or as per RYCV COURSES for long course race.

## 8. THE COURSE

8.1a The Long course race to be sailed will be signalled by the display of Numeral Boards from the Race Control Box on the RYCV Marina. The course is taken from the RYCV COURSES.

8.1b The Short Course races to be sailed will be as follows, with marks except gates rounded to Port: The course to be sailed will be designated by the display of the corresponding numeral pennant prior to the warning signal.

### Course 1 Orange Marks

**First Leg** Starting line to Windward mark  
**Second leg** Windward mark to Leeward gate  
**Third leg** Leeward gate to Windward mark  
**Fourth leg** Windward mark to Leeward gate  
**Fifth leg** Leeward gate to Windward mark  
**Sixth leg** Windward mark to Finish

### Course 2 Orange Marks

**First Leg** Starting line to Windward mark  
**Second leg** Windward mark to Wing mark  
**Third leg** Wing mark to Leeward mark  
**Fourth leg** Leeward mark to Windward mark  
**Fifth leg** Windward mark to Leeward mark  
**Sixth leg** Leeward mark to Windward mark  
**Seventh** Windward mark to Finish

### Course 3 Orange Marks

**First Leg** Starting line to Windward mark  
**Second leg** Windward mark to Leeward gate  
**Third leg** Leeward gate to Windward mark  
**Fourth leg** Windward mark to Finish

8.2 The approximate magnetic bearing of the windward mark in relation to the leeward mark will be displayed on a board on the Committee Vessel.

8.3 The course may be shortened in accordance with the Racing Rules. The race committee will configure the short course to achieve a finish time for the leading boat of approximately 50 minutes.

## **9. MARKS OF THE COURSE**

9.1a Marks of the Long course is as per RYCV COURSES.

9.1b Marks of Short courses will be orange inflatable buoys.  
The Start mark shall be a cylindrical yellow inflatable buoy.  
The Finish mark shall be a yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy.  
The change of course mark shall be an orange mark with black band.

## **10. THE START**

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start.

10.1a The Starting Line for the Long course race shall be between the Flag Staff on the Northern end of the RYCV Marina and Mark "O" an orange special purpose mark approximately 200m to the north.

10.2b The Starting Line for Short course races shall be between the Signal Mast of the Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the Starting Mark.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes A4.

10.5 A minimum of 3 starters shall constitute a race.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 Shortening Course

The Race Committee may finish a race at any mark of the course in accordance with RRS 32.

## **12. FINISHING LINE**

12.1a The finishing line for Short courses will be between the signal mast of the race committee boat displaying an orange flag and the finishing mark.

12.1b The Finish Line for the Long course race will be an imaginary line between the Signal Mast on the Northern end of the RYCV Marina and the Finish Mark. (An orange special purpose mark 200m north).

### **13. TIME LIMITS**

13.1a The time limit for the first boat to finish the **Short course races** shall be **two hours**. Boats failing to finish within **20 minutes** after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This alters rules 35, A4 and A5.

13.1b The time limit for the first boat to finish the **Long course race** shall be **three and a half hours**. The race will be valid for those boats that finish within **60 minutes** of the finishing time of the first boat. All other boats crossing the finish line after this time will be scored DNF.

### **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The Protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the Protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are named as parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest room; the Club Library, beginning at the time posted.

14.4 Notices of protests by the Race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

14.5 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

### **15. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will carry the burgee of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria.

### **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### **17. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per event or equivalent.