



ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA

Wednesday Afternoon Pursuit Racing

SAILING **INSTRUCTIONS**

These instructions apply to Wednesday Afternoon Pursuit Races

1. RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (hereinafter referred to as RRS), the Notice of Race, the prescriptions and safety regulations of the Australian Sailing as applicable, except where any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located in the Western Foyer of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria and at www.rycv.yachting.org.au

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect. except that any change to 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 Royal Yacht Club flag mast.

8. MARKS AND COURSES

- 8.1 Courses shall be club courses from those listed in the list of RYCV Club Courses. The course to be sailed shall be designated by the display of numeral boards from the start box at or prior to the warning signal.

After starting, and prior to sailing the course as described in RYCV Club Courses, boats shall pass through the gate formed by No20 Channel Pile and the northern end of Workshops Pier. After sailing the course as described in RYCV Club Courses, and prior to Finishing, boats shall pass through the gate formed by No20 Channel Pile and the northern end of Workshops Pier.

9. THE START

9.1 See separate sheets for individual start times.
WARNING SIGNAL - Five minutes before the start of the race, the class flag "R" shall be hoisted on the marina flag staff, the course number displayed and a sound signal made.
PREPARATORY SIGNAL GROUP 1 - Four minutes before the start of the race, the preparatory signal shall be hoisted and a sound signal made.

REMOVAL OF PREPARATORY SIGNAL - One minute before the start of the race, the preparatory signal shall be lowered and a sound signal made.

STARTING SIGNAL - At the start, the class flag HR" shall be lowered and a sound signal made. The course number will remain displayed until all competitors have started.

SUBSEQUENT GROUPS - As Group No 1 starts, a board displaying numeral 2 will be shown from the start box. At the time for starting Group No2, the board will be lowered and a sound signal made. At this time, a board displaying numeral 3 will be displayed. At the time for the start of Group No3, this board will be lowered and a sound signal made. This sequence will be repeated until all groups have started.

10. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

10.1 An imaginary line between the flag staff on the northern end of the RYCV marina and Mark "0".

11. TIME LIMITS

11.1 The time limit shall be 1715 hours.

A yacht shall finish within the time limit or there shall be no race.

Boats that have not finished by 1730 shall be scored as DNF (This alters the RRS Appendix A).

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 A boat protesting or requesting redress shall notify the officials of the Race Committee if the protesting yacht has finished, or if retired the Race Committee as soon as practicable. The Race Committee must be advised of the sail number of the boat protested against.

12.2 Protests shall be made in writing on the official WS protest form and lodged with the Race Committee within 90 minutes of the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the day. Forms are available near the Regatta Notice Boards

12.3 A hearing shall be scheduled as soon as practicable.

13. SCORING

Refer to the *Notice of Race*.

- 13.1 Minimum Number of Starters
A minimum of 3 starters shall constitute a race.
- 13.2 One race is required to constitute a series

14. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 14.1 The Committee Vessel shall carry the burgee of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria.
- 14.2 Official Vessels other than the Committee Vessel may also carry the burgee of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 The safety of the yacht and its crew, including insurance, is the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht. All those taking part in this Regatta, do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, its Officers or Regatta Officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to RRS4. A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria reserves the right to alter or adjust any handicap found to be incorrectly calculated or printed