



# ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Bluebird Victorian State Championships  
19 February to 2 April 2022**



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## Sailing Instructions

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 6 will apply.
- 1.3 The Bluebird Association Class Rules will apply
- 1.4 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.5 [DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty will be applied by Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.6 [NP] Denotes a rule for which that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 2 CHANGE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the western foyer of the club house. Notices may also be posted to the RYCV website.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the main RYCV office, telephone 9397 1277, email [rycv@rycv.asn.au](mailto:rycv@rycv.asn.au).
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 All race committee signals made ashore will be made from the main flagpole on the lawn to the North of the RYCV clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes in the RRS Race Signals.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACE

### 5.1 CLASS FLAG – Naval Numeral 1

Date	Race	Warning Signal
19 Feb 2022	1 Short Course	1045hrs
19 Feb 2022	2 Short Course	As soon as possible after Race 1
5 March 2022	3 Long Course	1255hrs
19 March 2022	4 Short Course	1255hrs
19 March 2022	5 Short Course	As soon as possible after Race 4
2 April 2022	6 Short Course	1055hrs
2 April 2022	7 Short Course	As soon as possible after Race 6

## 6 START SEQUENCE

6.1 The Race shall be started according to signals as in RRS 26.

## 7 START LINE

7.1 The Start line for the long course race line will be between the flag staff bearing the RYCV burgee at the northern end of the RYCV marina and mark "O".

7.2 The starting line for the short course races shall be an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical buoy.

7.2.1 A crowding buoy may be laid in the vicinity of the committee vessel.

7.2.2 After the preparatory signal, but before correctly starting:

7.2.3 Any boat passing from the pre-start side of the starting line to the course side of the starting line between the crowding buoy and the committee vessel shall return to the pre-start side of the starting line by passing on the course side of and around the committee vessel.

7.2.4 Any boat touching the crowding buoy shall correct her error in accordance with RRS 30.1

7.2.5 Any boat passing from the course side to the pre-start side of the starting line between the crowding buoy and the committee vessel shall be disqualified.

7.3 [DP] A boat starting more than 10 minutes after their starting signal shall be scored DNS

## 8 FINISH LINE

8.1 The finishing line for the long course race will be between the flag staff bearing a blue flag on the northern end of the RYCV marina and mark "O"

8.2 The finish line for the short course race shall be an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing a blue flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical buoy.

## **9 MARKS AND COURSES**

- 9.1 Courses for the long race will be selected by the race committee from the RYCV COURSES as published on the RYCV Keelboat website. The course number selected will be signalled by the display of Numeral Boards from the Race Control Box on the RYCV marina.
- 9.2 Courses for the short course races as Attachment A.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: The waters of Webb Dock, the waters West of the Williamstown Channel contained between Gellibrand Pier and Breakwater Pier. These waters are out of bounds, boats shall not race in these waters.
- 10.2 Swing Basins are also obstructions and out of bounds when a vessel with an LOA of 50m or greater when is manoeuvring within the swing basin. Designated swing basins have been established at the following locations:
  - 10.2.1 At the entrance to Webb Dock
  - 10.2.2 Off the end of Gellibrand Pier
  - 10.2.3 Off the end of Station Pier
- 10.3 Boats must avoid impeding the passage of vessels which can safely navigate only within the confines of any shipping channel
- 10.4 [DP] Any boat subject of a complaint by a Ship's master for any reason whatsoever may be disqualified

## **11 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 11.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 11.2 Notice of intension to request a hearing must be advised on mobile 0402858123 within the protest time limit and written forms must be lodged at the race office within 24hours of the time limit.
- 11.3 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 11.4 Interested parties will be contacted to advise the time and location of hearing.

## **12 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 12.1 Official vessels will display the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria burgee.

## **13 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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# ATTACHMENT A

Races 1 and 2

Marks 1 and 2 are orange inflatable

