



ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**19 March 2022
2 Short Races
Laid Marks
For HAROLD WARD TROPHY
Incorporating Combined Clubs Series**





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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 Australian Measurement System (AMS) rules
- 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.
- 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. Such Signals may be communicated with competitors on VHF channel 69



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5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Two Classes each with 2 races

First Warning	Class	Division Flag
1255hrs	Harold Ward Trophy Race 1	Code Flag R
	Bluebird Victorian Championship Race 4	Naval Numeral 1
As soon as possible after Race 1	Harold Ward Trophy Race 2	Code Flag R
As soon as possible after Race 4	Bluebird Victorian Championship Race 5	Naval Numeral 1

6 START SEQUENCE

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

7 START LINE

7.1 The starting line shall be to the East of the Williamstown Channel. Actual location is dependent on wind direction.

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

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

7.4 After the preparatory signal, but before correctly starting:

7.5 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.

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

7.7 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.

7.8 **[DP]** A boat starting more than 10 minutes after their starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing

8 FINISH LINE

8.1 The finishing line will be between a mast or staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Vessel and the finish mark.



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9 COURSES

- 9.1 Appendix A shows the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat shall display the course to be sailed

10 MARKS

- 10.1 For the combined start/finish line, the pin end mark shall be a yellow cylindrical buoy.
- 10.2 Rounding marks will be cylindrical buoys. Orange for 1, 1a and 2, yellow for the inner windward 3
- 10.3 The change of course mark will be a yellow cylindrical buoy with a black band.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 Changes to a leg of the course may be made in accordance with RRS 33.
- 11.2 The change mark is described in SI 9.4
- 11.3 When in a subsequent change is made the change course mark will be replaced by an original mark.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit for a race is two hours.
- 12.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit will be extended by 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the extended time limit shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This alters RRS 35 and A5.

13 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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:
 - 13.2.1 At the entrance to Webb Dock
 - 13.2.2 Off the end of Gellibrand Pier
 - 13.2.3 Off the end of Station Pier
- 13.3 Boats must avoid impeding the passage of vessels which can safely navigate only within the confines of any shipping channel
- 13.4 **[DP]** Any boat subject of a complaint by a Ship's master for any reason whatsoever may be disqualified



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14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 14.4 Interested parties will be contacted to advise the time and location of hearing.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

16 INSURANCE

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

17 OFFICIAL VESSELS

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



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18 RULE 46 COMPLIANCE

- 18.1 **[DP]** To demonstrate compliance with RRS 46 and AS prescriptions, it is a requirement that each boat logs into www.tymob.net.au/1494 to update the crew list before each race. QR code attached to log on from your phone.



19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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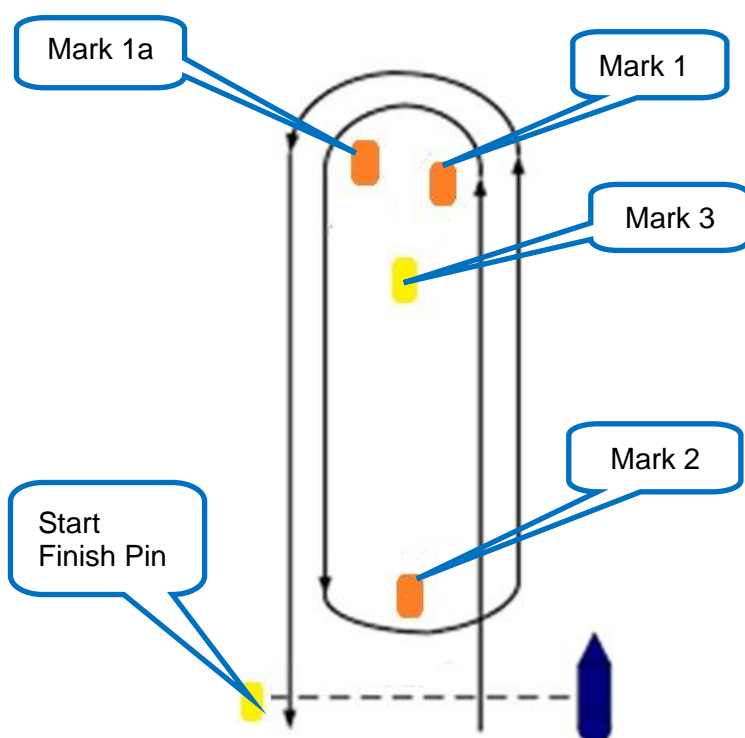


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Appendix A

Courses



Courses

All marks to port

I2 Start – 3 – 2 – 3 – Finish

O2 Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 1 – 1a - Finish