



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

WEDNESDAY SUMMER TWILIGHT SERIES OF RACES

11 October 2023 – 3 April 2024

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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 will apply.
- 1.3 The Yachting Victoria Handicap System (PHS) where applicable
- 1.4 The Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable,
- 1.5 The Offshore Racing Congress Rating System (ORC Club) where applicable.
- 1.6 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement government health guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.7 **[DP]** Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1
- 1.8 **[SP]** Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.9 **[NP]** Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at RYCV and HBYC.
- 2.2 Notices may also be posted on the websites of RYCV and HBYC
- 2.3 Competitors may receive an SMS to the mobile phone nominated on the entry form drawing attention to notices.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any Change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0800hours on the day it will take effect, except a change to the schedule of races which shall be posted by 2000hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at one of the yacht clubs and may be repeated at the other yacht club.
- 4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1' minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in RRS Flag Signal AP

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 As published on the RYCV and HBYC web sites

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 For the purpose if these sailing instructions the words class and division shall have the same meaning.
- 6.2 Flags for Classes / Division are detailed in SI 8.6

7 COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 Detailed in Appendix B
- 7.2 The race committee will designate the course by displaying an International Numeral Pennant(s), corresponding to the course to be sailed, no later than the Warning Signal for each Class.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26
- 8.2 The starting line will be between the Signal Mast carrying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and course side of the starting mark (orange cylindrical buoy).
- 8.3 A crowding buoy (orange cylindrical buoy with black band) may be laid between the race committee vessel and the starting mark.
- 8.4 Boats shall pass between the Starting Mark and the Crowding Buoy (when laid) to Start.
- 8.5 After the Preparatory Signal and before Correctly Starting Any boat passing from the prestart 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 prestart side of the Starting Line by passing on the course side of and round the Committee Vessel. Any yacht touching the Crowding Buoy shall correct her error in accordance with RRS 31 or be disqualified. Any yacht passing from the course side to the prestart side of the starting line between the Crowding Buoy and Committee Vessel shall be disqualified.
- 8.6 The program of starts are as follows:

Division	International Code Flag	Time of Warning Signal
C (Div 3) Small Boats	T	1755
B (Div 2) including S80s	E	1805
A (Div 1) Big boats	R	1815

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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. These waters are out of bounds, boats shall not race in these waters. Designated swing basins have been established at the following locations:
- 9.2.1 at the entrance to Webb Dock
- 9.2.2 off the end of Gellibrand Pier
- 9.2.3 off the end of Station Pier.

- 9.3 The waters surrounding any vessel with an LOA of 50m or greater manoeuvring within the port extending 500m from the bow and 30m from the sides and 50m from the stern. These waters are out of bounds, boats shall not race in these waters.
- 9.4 Any Skipper subject of a complaint by a Ship's master for any reason whatsoever may be disqualified.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between the Signal Mast carrying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and course side of the finishing mark (pink cylindrical buoy) both situated to the East of Channel Marker 17A.

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 A boat shall finish within 1 hour 30 minutes after the start of the last division.
- 11.2 Regardless of 11.1 no finishing times shall be taken after Nautical Twilight, yachts finishing after Nautical Twilight will be scored DNF without a hearing. This alters the RRS 35.

12 RACE RESULTS

- 12.1 Results shall be posted on the Regatta Notice boards in the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria and Hobson's Bay Yacht Club. Results may also be posted on the Internet at rycv.yachting.org.au and hbyc.asn.au.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests shall be notified to a Race Official within two hours of the protesting yacht's finishing time and lodged in writing, with the race committee, by 1200 hours on the Thursday following the race.
- 13.2 Protests will be heard at the RYCV Clubhouse, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown or at Hobson's Bay Yacht Club, 268 Nelson Place, Williamstown at 2000 hours on the Thursday following the race, unless otherwise notified. Notice of protests shall be posted on the Race Notice boards located at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria and Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Foyer

14 OTHER SIGNALS

- 14.1 Display of International Code Flag Y with one sound signal invokes RRS 40 only for those yachts without lifelines.

APPENDIX A - Be safe around commercial shipping.

Due to the density of traffic, shipping channels and their approaches are areas where the interaction between large ships and small craft can be particularly hazardous. Small boat operators should exercise caution in the vicinity of these areas and must avoid impeding the passage of vessels which can safely navigate only within the confines of a shipping channel or fairway.

Due to the speed of approach of commercial shipping it is important to keep a good lookout astern as well as ahead. Constant bearings between vessels are an indicator of a collision course.

When taking action to avoid a collision, avoid small alterations of course and speed, make bold alterations to make it readily apparent to the commercial vessel you are keeping well clear – do not leave action to the last minute as when sailing close to a large vessel its size could well rob a yacht of the wind, making it difficult to manoeuvre at a potentially critical moment in the interaction between the two vessels.

If you are hearing 5 or more short horn blasts from a commercial vessel, you are already too close and/or your intentions are not clear.

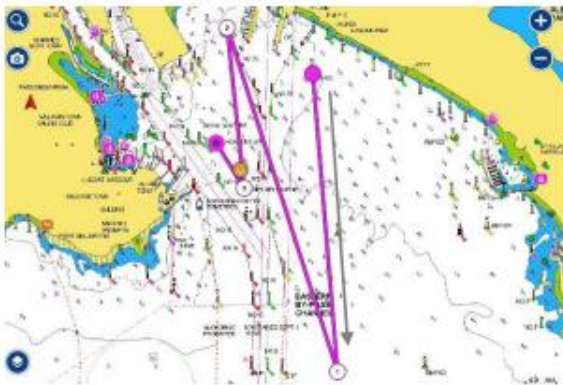
Regarding communication, each boat is required by Special Regulations Category 6 to carry a VHF radio in working order. The Race Committee will be communicating to competitors on Ch 69 which may include important race information and navigational warnings. It is highly recommended that it is switched on and monitored. If a competitor wishes to communicate with a ship or listen to traffic information from Melbourne VTS, they may do so on Ch 12. If a boat is fitted with Automated Identifying System (AIS) it is highly recommended that it is switched on and monitored.

Attention is drawn to Harbour Master's Directions Section 5 which states among other things that all recreational vessels shall keep clear of all commercial vessels over 50m, if in doubt assume it is over 50m, and all tugs and line boats assisting in the movement and berthing of another vessel.

Attention is also drawn to International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea Rule 5 - Lookout

APPENDIX B

Course 4 – Southerly Distance 6.3 nm



Start - Near RMYS G.

Finish – East Ch 17A

Start in a Southerly direction – east of passing marks Ch 71, T25, T23 - R3 to starboard - east of bounding marks T23, T25, Ch 71 – R4 to port – V mark to starboard – finish.

Course 5 – Southerly Distance 5.1 nm

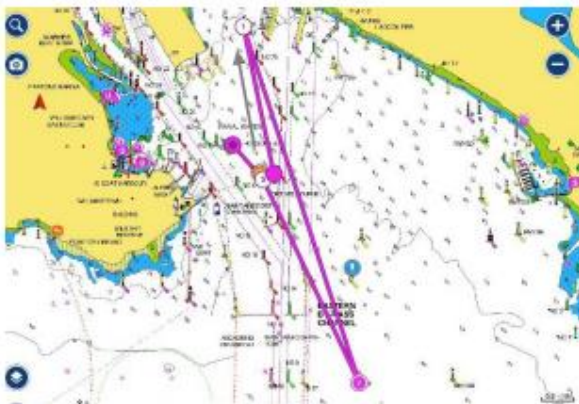


Start - Near RMYS G.

Finish – East Ch 17A

Start in a Southerly direction – east of passing marks Ch 71, T25 – SB3 to starboard - east of bounding marks T25, Ch 71 – R4 to port – V mark to starboard – finish.

Course 6 – Northerly Distance 6.1 nm



Start – Near Ch 72.

Finish – East Ch 17A

Start in a Northerly direction – R4 to starboard - east of bounding marks Ch 71, T25 – R3 to starboard – east of Ch 71 - V mark to port – finish.

Course 7 – Northerly Distance 4.2 nm



Start – Near Ch 72.

Finish – East Ch 17A

Start in a Northerly direction – R4 to starboard - east of bounding marks Ch 71, T25 – SB3 to starboard – east of Ch 71 - V mark to port – finish.

Course 8 – Southerly
Distance 2.6 nm



Start – Near RMYS G.
Finish – East Ch 17A
Start in a Southerly direction - east of bounding marks
Ch 71, T23, T25 – SB3 to starboard – east of T25,
T23, Ch 71 - V mark to port – finish.

Course 9 – Northerly
Distance 2.1 nm



Start – Near Ch 72.
Finish – East Ch 17A
Start in a Northerly direction – R4 to port - V mark to
starboard – finish.

Mark Descriptions.

R3 (recreational buoy) A yellow light buoy marked “R3” 37 53.18S 144 56.38E

R4(recreational buoy) A yellow light buoy marked “R4” 37 50.70S 144 55.36E

SB3 (unmarked yellow special purpose buoy) 37 52.47S 144 56.31E

Volvo (yellow special purpose buoy marked “V”) 37 51.80S 144 55.50E

RMYS Mark “G” A yellow light buoy marked “RMYSG” located approximately 0.3 nautical miles southeast of the seaward end of Station Pier.

Ch 17A Williamstown Channel Pile 37 51.54S 144 55.18E

Ch 71 Port Melbourne Channel Pile 37 52.07S 144 55.75E

Ch 72 Port Melbourne Channel Pile 37 51.72S 144 55.67E

T25 Port Melbourne Channel Pile 37 53.20S 144 55.89E

T23 Port Melbourne Channel Pile 37 53.87S 144 55.86E