



WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Rev 1.11

1. RULES

All races shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, as amended the Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of AS, the AS Handicapping Rules and the VPC Regulations, all as modified by these instructions.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

All yachts taking part in races conducted by RYCV and HBYC do so at their own risk and responsibility. Races shall be conducted under Category 6 of AS Safety Regulations. Neither the RYCV nor HBYC is responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Boats shall carry and display Lights as required by the International Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea Attention is drawn to ISAF Rule 4. A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

3. SAFETY EQUIPMENT COMPLIANCE

Boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing 2017-2021 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form (SR Form) lodged with the Organising Authority at least two hours prior to the start of a race. Boats not having a valid SR Form lodged shall be scored DSQ. This alters the RRS Scoring Appendix.

4. LIFEJACKET RULE

RRS 40 shall only apply to yachts without lifelines.

5. SHIPPING

(a) Skippers shall at all times abide by the VPC Regulations covering the navigation of small craft and yachts. They shall also abide by the directions of race officials patrolling shipping channels.

(b) Any Skipper subject of a complaint by a Ship's master for any reason whatsoever may be disqualified.

6. START TIMES

Division C Class Flag T

Warning signal	1755 hours
Preparatory signal	1756 hours
Preparatory signal removed	1759 hours
Starting signal	1800 hours

Division B including S80 Class Flag E

Warning signal	1805 hours
Preparatory signal	1806 hours
Preparatory signal removed	1809 hours
Starting signal	1810 hours

Diamond Class Flag D

Warning signal	1810 hours
Preparatory signal	1811 hours
Preparatory signal removed	1814 hours
Starting signal	1815 hours

Division A Class Flag V

Warning signal	1815 hours
Preparatory signal	1816 hours
Preparatory signal removed	1819 hours
Starting signal	1820 hours

7. STARTING LINE

- (a) The Starting Line shall be an imaginary line between the Signal Mast carrying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the Starting Mark. The Starting Mark shall be an orange inflatable cylindrical mark. A Crowding Buoy (Orange Cylindrical Buoy with Black Band) may be laid between the Committee Vessel and the Starting Mark.
- (b) Boats shall pass between the Starting Mark and the Crowding Buoy (when laid) to Start.
- (c) 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. COURSES

See Course diagrams

The course will be signaled by the display of an International Numeral Pennant(s) at the Warning Signal for each Class.

No 1. Start Line, round R3 to port, through yellow gate, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 2. Start Line, through orange gate, through yellow gate, round R3 to port, through yellow gate, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 3. Start Line, through yellow gate, round R3 to port, through yellow gate, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 4. Start Line, through orange gate, round R3 to port, through yellow gate, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 5. Start Line, round short course mark to port, through yellow gate, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 6. Start Line, through orange gate, through yellow gate, round short course mark to port, through yellow gate, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 7. Start Line, through yellow gate, round short course mark to port, through yellow gate, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 8. Start Line, through orange gate, round short course mark to port, through yellow gate, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 9. Start Line round orange windward mark to port, round yellow hitch mark to port through yellow Gate, round orange windward mark to port, round yellow hitch mark to port, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 10. Start Line round orange windward mark to port, round yellow hitch mark to port, through yellow gate through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 11. Start Line round orange windward mark to port, round yellow hitch mark to port, through yellow gate, round orange windward mark to port, round yellow hitch mark to port, through yellow gate, through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

No 12. Start Line through orange gate, through yellow gate, through orange gate, through yellow gate through Hobsons Bay Gate to Finish.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: The waters of the Williamstown Channel south of Number 17 Channel Beacon and the Port Melbourne Channel south of Number 15 Channel beacon. These waters are out of bounds, boats shall not race in the waters of these Channels.

10. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

Yellow Gate yellow inflatable buoys located approximately 0.5-1.1nm from the start.

Orange Gate inflatable buoys located approximately 0.75nm from the start.

Orange Windward Mark and Yellow Hitch - orange and yellow buoys approximately 1-1.5nm from start on a bearing displayed from the committee boat

Hobsons Bay Gate or Buoy blue inflatable buoy(s) approximately 500m east of No 19. Note if laid as a single mark the mark is to be rounded to Starboard.

Short Course Mark - orange inflatable buoy "B" located approximately 0.5 nm east of No 11 Channel Pile.

R3 - yellow special purpose mark approximately 0.5nm east of No 9 Channel Pile.

The approximate bearing to the first gate or mark will be displayed adjacent the Starting line.

Refer to the course diagrams. Note the exact position of the gates or marks may be adjusted to suit the wind direction.

11. FINISHING LINE

An imaginary line between the Flag Mast on the northern end of the RYCV Marina and an Orange Special Purpose Mark approximately 200m north of the Flag Mast.

12. TIME LIMIT

A boat shall finish within 1 hour 30 minutes after the start of the last Division. No times shall be taken after Nautical Twilight, yachts finishing after Nautical Twilight will be scored DNF. This alters the RRS.

13. HANDICAPS

THE HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB AND ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER OR ADJUST ANY HANDICAP FOUND TO BE INCORRECTLY CALCULATED OR PRINTED. NOTE THAT THE HANDICAPS USED FOR THIS SERIES ARE INDEPENDENT OF THOSE USED IN OTHER RACES.

14. RACE RESULTS

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.com.au and hbyc.asn.au.

15. SCORING SYSTEM FOR SERIES

Refer to the Notice of Race.

16. PROTESTS

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.

17. UMPIRING

Umpiring may be used in accordance with Addendum Q. If Addendum Q is being used boats will be notified by the display of code flag Q prior to the Warning Signal.