



**ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA**  
**Diamond Class Victorian**  
**Championships**  
**2020**  
**SAILING**  
**INSTRUCTIONS**

## **1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (hereinafter referred to as RRS).

The prescriptions and safety regulations of Australian Sailing shall apply as applicable, except where any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions.

All items of safety equipment that are included in the Class Rules shall be carried at all times. AS Safety Category 6 applies.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Notice Boards located on the deck of the RYCV clubhouse and in the western clubhouse foyer.

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in 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 flag mast in front of the Clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than '30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 1100hrs.

5.2 The Schedule of races is as per the Notice of Race.

5.3 Extra races may be conducted on any race day

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag for the Diamond Class shall be Code Flag 'D'  
The Class flag for the Bluebird Class shall be Naval Numeral Flag 'One'

## 7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be conducted on Northern Port Phillip

## 8. THE COURSE

8.1 The Courses to be sailed will be as follows, with marks except gates rounded to Port:-  
The course to be sailed will be designated by the display of the corresponding numeral pennant prior to the warning signal.

### Course 1

**First Leg** Starting line to orange Windward mark  
**Second leg** Windward mark to Leeward gate (orange)  
**Third leg** Leeward gate to orange Windward mark  
**Fourth leg** Windward mark to Leeward gate  
**Fifth leg** Leeward gate to orange Windward mark  
**Sixth leg** Windward mark to Finish

### Course 2

**First Leg** Starting line to Windward mark  
**Second leg** Windward mark to Wing mark  
**Third leg** Wing mark to Leeward mark  
**Fourth leg** Leeward mark to Windward mark  
**Fifth leg** Windward mark to Leeward mark  
**Sixth leg** Leeward mark to Windward mark  
**Seventh** Windward mark to Finish

### Course 3

**First Leg** Starting line to orange Windward mark  
**Second leg** Windward mark to Leeward gate (orange)  
**Third leg** Leeward gate to orange Windward mark  
**Forth leg** Windward mark to Finish

### Course 4

**First Leg** Starting line to yellow Windward mark  
**Second leg** Windward mark to Leeward gate (orange)  
**Third leg** Leeward gate to yellow Windward mark  
**Fourth leg** Windward mark to Leeward gate  
**Fifth leg** Leeward gate to yellow Windward mark  
**Sixth leg** Windward mark to Finish

8.2 The approximate magnetic bearing of the windward mark in relation to the leeward marks will be displayed on a board on the Committee Vessel.

8.3 The course may be shortened in accordance with the Racing Rules. The race committee will configure the course to achieve a finish time for the leading boat of approximately 70 minutes.

## **9. MARKS OF THE COURSE**

Marks of course will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

The Start mark shall be a cylindrical yellow inflatable buoy.

The Finish mark shall be a blue cylindrical inflatable buoy.

The change of course mark shall be an orange mark with black band.

## **10. THE START**

10.1 The Starting Line shall be an imaginary line between the Signal Mast of the Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the Starting Mark.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes A4.

10.4 A minimum of 3 starters shall constitute a race.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced it will be replaced by an original mark

12.2 Shortening Course

The Race Committee may finish a race at any mark of the course in accordance with RRS 32.

## **13. FINISHING LINE**

The finishing line will be between the signal mast of the race committee boat displaying an orange flag and the finishing mark (blue).

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish the course shall be two hours.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This alters rules 35, A4 and A5

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The Protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the Protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are named as parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest room , the Club Library beginning at the time posted.

15.4 Notices of protests by the Race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

15.5 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat This changes rule 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will carry the burgee of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria.

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **18. INSURANCE**

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

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