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ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Val Hodge Trophy
2 April 2023

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Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 As per the Notice of Race

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 Off the water communication as per the Notice of Race

3.2 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 Attention to all race committee signals ashore on the day of the race will be communicated also on VHF Ch 69

4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes in the RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 CLASS FLAG – Naval Numeral 5 (yellow flag with blue St. Andrews cross)

Date	Race	Warning Signal
2 Apr 2023	1 Short Course	1100hrs
2 Apr 2023	2 Short Course	As soon as possible after Race 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 an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical mark.

7.1.1 A crowding mark may be laid in the vicinity of the committee vessel.

7.1.2 After the preparatory signal, but before correctly starting:

7.1.3 Any boat passing from the pre-start side of the starting line to the course side of the starting line between the crowding mark 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.

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

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

8 FINISH LINE

8.1 The finishing line shall be an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing a blue flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical mark.

9 MARKS AND COURSES

9.1 Courses for the short course races as Attachment A.

9.2 The race committee will designate the course to be sailed no later than the warning signal on a course board at the stern of the race committee vessel.

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 SCORING

13.1 A minimum of 3 starters are required to constitute a race.

13.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

13.4 The Val Hodge Trophy will be awarded to the 1st placed boat in the series score on PHS.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A

LA

Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

CHARLIE COURSE AREA

Mark descriptions

Mark 1 – Orange cylindrical	Mark 4s – Yellow cylindrical
Mark 1a – Orange cylindrical with black stripe	Mark 4p – Yellow cylindrical