



Royal Yacht Club of Victoria Class Monkey Series 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2 x SHORT RACE DAYS (Longer Pursuit at RMYS will have separate Sailing Instructions)

1. RULES

- 1.1. As per Notice of Race

2. CHANGE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 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.
- 2.2. The official notice board is on the RYCV website <http://rycv.com.au/sailing/keelboat/notice-to-competitors/> and notices to competitors may be communicated in addition by posting on the notice board located at the Western entrance to the RYCV clubhouse and or by Short Message Service (SMS) to the entrant.
- 2.3. Notices to competitors will be broadcast on VHF channel 69 at 1130 hours and will monitor and communicate with competitors on this channel until the conclusion of the race.

3. CREW DECLARATIONS

- 3.1. **[SP][NP]** To comply with NOR4.4 all boats shall register Crew Declarations via the TopYacht Entry System (TES). Crew declarations shall be completed after 0100 hrs on the day of the race and before 15 mins prior to the warning signal of the boats first race of the day. Failure to lodge a crew declaration will result in the boat being scored ZPF in accordance with RRS44.3(c) without a hearing for each race the boat fails to lodge a crew declaration on that day. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 3.2. Electronic crew declarations may be made using the link below:
https://www.topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/login_crew_list.php?evid=1780&sn=

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria flag mast located on the lawn.
- 4.2. When international code flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

11 May 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155
25 May 2024 (Longer pursuit at RMYS)	Warning Signal 1355
22 June 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155
6 July 2024 (Longer pursuit at RMYS)	Warning Signal 1355
20 July 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155
3 August 2024 (Longer pursuit at RMYS)	Warning Signal 1355
17 August 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155
31 August 2024 (Longer pursuit at RMYS)	Warning Signal 1355
7 September 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155



6. CLASS FLAG

Class	Division Flag
Bluebird Pursuit Start	International Code "K"
Bluebird Fleet Start	Naval Numeral 1

7. COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1. Courses and marks are as described Appendix B
- 7.2. **[NP]** Target race time for the leading boat is 50 minutes but redress may not be sought if this target is not met.
- 7.3. 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.
 - 7.3.1. Marks 1, 2, and Gate will be orange inflatable buoys.
 - Mark 4 will be a yellow inflatable mark.
 - For courses 1 and 2, Mark 2 will be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from mark 1 at approx. 90degrees from the first leg.
 - The Start pin mark will be a yellow inflatable mark.
 - The Finish pin mark will be a blue inflatable mark.
 - A change mark will be the same colour as the mark it replaces.
 - 7.3.2. In the event of a missing leeward gate mark, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

8. THE START

- 8.1. The Races shall be started according to signals as in RRS 26.
- 8.2. The starting line will be between the flag staff displaying an orange flag and an orange inflatable mark.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat shall display the course to be sailed using an international numeral pennant and display the magnetic bearing to the first mark on a board on the Committee Vessel.
- 8.4. For the Pursuit Start races (first race of the day) The race committee will publish a start sheet listing group start times and allocating start times for each boat. The preparatory signal for each boat start time is deemed to be 4 minutes before that start time.
- 8.5. Boats shall not start before their designated start time. Individual Recalls will be made with the display of flag X until each boat has returned to the pre-start side of the line or 2 minutes whichever is the sooner. This alters RRS 29.1
 - 8.5.1. Boats with start time of zero minutes (0) will start the lowering of the Class Flag. Prior to the start time of the next start group start time a black ball will be displayed. Boats designated in the next start group minutes will start with a sound signal and the black ball will be removed. Each succeeding start group will start with the sound signal and the removal of the black ball. Radio messages to the boats may be made confirming the start group time about to be signalled.



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. 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.
- 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. 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. **[DP]**Any boat 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 a mast or staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Vessel and the finish mark.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1. T For the Short Course Races, the time limit for a race is two hours.
- 11.2. 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.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Boats will be scored as per the Notice of Race.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. Notice of intention 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 protest time limit.
- 13.3. Hearing request forms are available from the race office. Or online <http://rycv.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Protest-Form.pdf>
- 13.4. Interested parties will be contacted to advise the time and location of hearing.

14. OFFICIAL VESSELS

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



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. This is true when yacht racing and when travelling to and from.

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.

Engines may be used to avoid commercial shipping, but its use must be reported via radio to the race committee at the time and no advantage can be gained by its use.

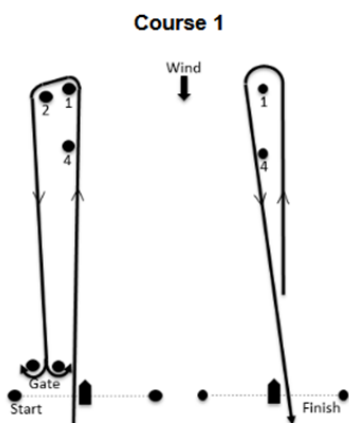
If you are hearing 5 or more short horn blasts from a commercial vessel, you are already too close and/or your intentions are not clear.

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.

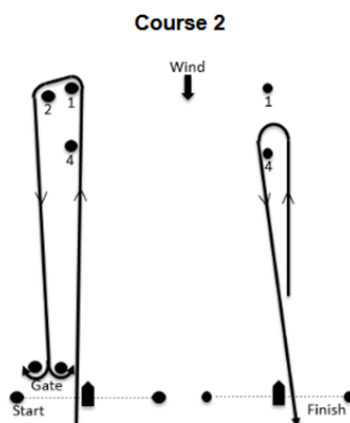
Attention is drawn to Harbour Master's Directions Section 5 which states among other things that all recreational vessels shall keep clear of all commercial vessels over 50m, if in doubt assume it is over 50m, and all tugs and line boats assisting in the movement and berthing of another vessel.

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

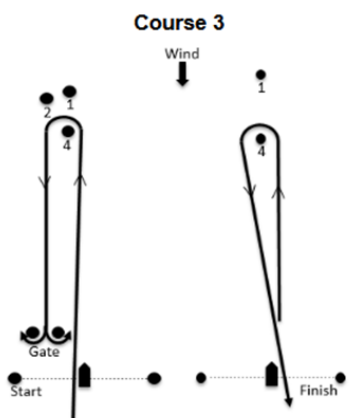
APPENDIX B



Start – 1 – 2 – Gate – 1 – Finish



Start – 1 – 2 – Gate – 4 – Finish



Start – 4 – Gate – 4 – Finish



Course Area