



Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

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Thursday Twilight Series

2018-19

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments

Number	Date	Descriptions Changed	Summary of Amendment
8	14/11/18	Courses shortened	Numbers 1,2,6 and 7
11	14/11/18	Re wording of Time Limit clause	
9.5	28/11/18	There shall be no recalls	

1. Rules

The series will be governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 1 Sections 1-6
- The Performance Based Handicapping System (YV).
- The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC)
- Any amendments to the NOR or Raine & Horne Thursday Twilight Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the change rooms at HBYC. Competitors may be notified by SMS and/or email. Notices may also be posted to the Raine & Horne Thursday Twilight Series page on the HBYC website.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the official notice board and the Raine & Horne Thursday Twilight Series page on the HBYC website.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the HBYC flag pole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with not less than '45 minutes'.

5. Schedule of Races

Date	Race	Warning Signal	Trophies
11 Oct 18	1	1755	
18 Oct 18	2	1755	
25 Oct 18	3	1755	
01 Nov 18	4	1755	
08 Nov 18	5	1755	
15 Nov 18	6	1755	
22 Nov 18	7	1755	
29 Nov 18	8	1755	
06 Dec 18	9	1755	
13 Dec 18	10	1755	Pre Christmas Series Trophy
10 Jan 19	11	1755	
17 Jan 19	12	1755	
24 Jan 19	13	1755	
31 Jan 19	14	1755	

07 Feb 19	15	1755	
14 Feb 19	16	1755	
21 Feb 19	17	1755	
28 Feb 19	18	1755	
07 Mar 19	19	1755	
14 Mar 19	20	1755	Post Christmas Series Trophy

6. Division Flags

Division	Flag
Entire Fleet	Numeral Zero

7. Racing Areas

The racing area shall be the waters of Port Phillip.

8. The Course

See Twilight Courses located on the HBYC website Racing/Twilight/Thursday Course.

9. The Start

9.1. Warning 17:55hrs.

9.2. The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a fixed mark that is "Course Dependent".

9.3. The appropriate numeral for each group is an expression of time in minutes after the starting signal and shall be displayed at two minute intervals. The start for the group indicated by the numeral is signalled by the lowering of the numeral.

9.4. Pursuit entrants may not use spinnakers, bloopers or gennakers. Normal working sails may be poled out.

9.5 There shall be no recalls. If a boat starts less than 5 minutes before their allocated handicap they shall be penalised 8 minutes. Boats starting more than 5 minutes before their allocated handicap shall be disqualified. This changes RRS 29.1 and 29.2

9.6 The starting procedure for the pursuit division is as follows:

Signal	Flag/Numeral Displayed	Sound	Minutes
Warning	Numeral Zero Displayed	1 Sound	-5
Preparatory	Code Flag P Displayed	1 Sound	-4
One Minute	Code Flag P Removed	1 Long Sound	-1
Start	Numeral Zero Removed Numerals Two Displayed	1 Sound	0
	Numerals Two Removed Numerals Four Displayed	1 Sound	+2
	Numerals Four Removed Numerals Six Displayed	1 Sound	+4

10. The Finish

10.1. The finishing line shall be an imaginary line between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and a fixed mark that is "Course Dependent".

11. Time Limit

The time limit for the first boat to sail the Course and Finish shall be 20:00. If no boat finishes within the time limit the race shall be abandoned. Boats still racing after 20:00 shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5

12. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 12.1. Protest forms are available from the HBYC website under Sailing – General Information. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered to the HBYC office by 1200hrs on the next working day after the race. Forms may be submitted in person or emailed to racing@hbyc.org.au
- 12.2. Protests and Requests for Redress will be heard at HBYC at 7pm on the Thursday following the race.

13. Safety Regulations

- 13.1. Races will not be started if there is a current GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip issued by the Bureau of Meteorology.
- 13.2. Racing will be abandoned if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip during the race.
- 13.3. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF Ch.73.
- 13.4. A boat found to have interfered with commercial shipping shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 13.5. A boat may use its engine to avoid commercial shipping, but shall lodge details to the Race Committee at the finish line within 1 hour of finishing the race. A boat using its engine shall not benefit from the use of its engine. Any boat using its engine shall bring the boat to a complete stop before continuing the race. The Race Committee, at its discretion may allow such use with or without further penalty. This modifies RRS 42.

14. Radio Communication

- 14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 14.2. The Race Committee may communicate with competitors on VHF Ch.72.

15. Prizes

- 15.1. The 1st placed yacht shall be awarded the Raine & Horne Twilight Series Trophy.
- 15.2. The first placed yacht in the Pre and Post Christmas Series shall receive a Trophy.
- 15.3. Additional prizes shall be presented at the discretion of the organising authority.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the series.

17. Insurance

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

18. Further Information

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