



# Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

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## **R. M. Smith** **Hot Pursuit Series**

2018-19

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## Amendments

Number	Date	Descriptions Changed	Summary of Amendment

### 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). Handicaps will be determined by the club handicapper and shall not be subject to protest. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 60.2(b) and RRS 62. The Handicapper reserves the right to revise any handicap during the Series and to make the changed handicap retrospective if required. Boat Owners/Skippers are reminded of their obligations under Rule 2 of the YV Handicapping Rules.
- The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC)
- Any amendments to the NOR or the 2017 -18 R. M Smith Hot Pursuit Sailing Instructions.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted to the R. M. Smith Hot Pursuit Series page on the HBYC website. Competitors may be notified by SMS and/or email.

### 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 shall be posted on the R. M. Smith Hot Pursuit 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
Sun 14 Oct 18	1	13:25 hrs	
Sun 28 Oct 18	2	13:25 hrs	
Sun 04 Nov 18	3	13:25 hrs	
Sun 16 Dec 18	4	13:25 hrs	Bob Pilgrim Memorial Trophy
Sun 20 Jan 19	5	13:25 hrs	Cock of Hobsons Bay Trophy
Sun 24 Feb 19	6	13:25 hrs	
Sun 17 Mar 19	7	13:25 hrs	
Sun 31 Mar 19	8	13:25 hrs	
Sun 14 Apr 19	9	13:25 hrs	

## 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 Courses located on the HBYC website Racing/Hot Pursuit Series/ Courses.

## 9. The Start

9.1. Warning 13:25hrs.

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 Entrants are required to SMS the Race Officer on 0474 079 202 the boat name, sail number and POB at least 15 minutes before the scheduled warning signal, their intention to start in the race.

9.5. 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 an orange mark

## 11. Time Limit

The time limit is 16.30 hrs.

## 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](mailto: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.72.
- 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, as 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 first placed yacht in the Series shall receive the R.M. Smith Series Trophy.
- 15.2. The first placed yacht in Race 4 shall receive the Bob Pilgrim Memorial Trophy.
- 15.3. The first placed yacht in Race 5 shall receive the Cock of Hobsons Bay Trophy.

### **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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