



# **RYCV Lord Brassey HBYC Club Member of the Year & RMYS Doc Bennell**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**The Organising Authority (OA) for the Lord Brassey Trophy, is the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria.**

### **1 RULES**

#### **1.1 General**

The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

#### **1.2 Safety Regulations**

**1.2.1** The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6 shall apply. Marine VHF Radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof handheld and must be capable of operating on channels 12, 15, 16, 17, 67, 69, 71, and 73.

**1.2.2** No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.

**1.2.3** All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Compliance Declaration covering the current season before series. Boats not complying with this requirement will not be entered.

### 1.3 Handicapping and Rating

The Handicapping Rules of Yachting Victoria and the Rating Rules of Australian Measurement System (AMS) and IRC shall apply.

### 1.4 Alterations of Racing Rules

1.4.1 The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86.1(b) to read as follows:

RRS 30.2 – Z Flag: In addition to the penalty prescribed in RRS 30.2, any boat inside the triangle defined by RRS 30.2 during the one minute period before the starting signal shall return to the pre-start side of the line around one of the line extensions before starting.

1.4.2 RRS A4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

1.4.3 RRS 50.3  
For the purposes of this rule an asymmetrical spinnaker tack line is not a sheet. Asymmetric Spinnakers may be flown from fixed or movable bowsprits or from spinnaker poles.

1.4.4 RRS 50.4  
RRS Rule 50.4 shall not apply. A spinnaker is defined as a sail set forward of the foremost mast with half width (measured as a spinnaker) greater than 75% of the foot. Any other sail tacked down forward of the foremast is a headsail.

1.4.5 RRS 52 MANUAL POWER  
RRS 52 shall not apply.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors may be posted on the official notice board(s) located at each participating club as follows:

Club	Notices	Signals made ashore
HBYC	Race Notice Board	Flagpole at the Northern end of the Clubhouse
RYCV	Foyer of Clubhouse	Flagpole on Front Lawn
RMYS	Race Notice Board	Flagpole on the RMYS roof

Broadcasts will be made on:

**VHF channel 69**

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the host club (and may be posted on each participating club's notice board) and the host club's web site no later than 1600hrs on the day preceding the race for which it will take effect. Notices to competitors will be broadcast on VHF Channels **69** at 1300hrs on the day that the alteration is effective.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore may be displayed at each participating club main signal position as described in SI 2. Details of Signals made ashore may also be broadcast on VHF Channel **69**.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	HOST CLUB	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
13 January 2018	RYCV	1255 Hours

- Notes: 1. One race is scheduled.  
2. It is the intention of the Race Committee to conclude racing by approximately 1630

### 5.1 RESAILS

Races not completed may be re-sailed.

## 6 DIVISION FLAGS

### 6.1 Class Flags

The Class Flag will be Flag "R"

## **7 RACING AREA**

7.1 Racing will be conducted on Northern Port Phillip

## **8 COURSES**

The course will be selected from the RYCV Club Courses list and the number displayed from the race committee vessel using international numeral flags.

## **9 MARKS**

Marks will be as described in the RYCV Club Courses.

## **10 THE START**

The Starting Area will be on the Hobsons Bay Flats.

- 10.1 The races will start as listed in SI 5.
- 10.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.3 Times shall be taken from the visual signal. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 10.4 The Starting Line will be a line between the Signal Mast of the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the course side of the Starting Mark
- 10.5 The Race Officer may broadcast on VHF the 10 second mark and last 5 seconds before each start.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

Not Applicable

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing mark will be No 20 PoMC Channel Mark in the Williamstown Channel (East North East of the RYCV Marina). The finish line will be between flag mast on the Northern End of the RYCV marina and the finish mark.

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the race will be three hours and thirty minutes. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in that division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored "Did Not Finish (DNF)". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protests shall be lodged at the host club within two (2) hours after the finishing time of the last boat of any division to finish. Protest forms may be lodged by fax or email.

Breaches of SI 2 or 16 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for a breach of SI 16 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee decides. Breaches of SI 2, 7 or 16 will not be grounds for requests for redress by a boat.

Protests will be heard at a time and place to be notified by the Host Club.

Host club contact numbers at the date of issue of these Sailing Instructions are as follows:

<b>Club</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Phone</b>
RYCV	9397 8160	9397 1277

## **15 SCORING**

Not Applicable.

## **16 SIGN ON and SIGN OFF**

Boats that do not complete the course within the time limit or retire shall sign off by advising the Race Committee Vessel on VHF or the Race Officer of the day at the host club as soon as practicable.

## **17 HANDICAPS AND RATINGS**

Handicaps and ratings shall be in accordance with the Notice of Race.

## **18 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING**

Port Rule 62B for Victorian Proclaimed Ports, including the waters of Port Phillip requires small vessels in all circumstances to keep clear of commercial shipping. Boats found to have contravened this rule will be subject to disqualification.

## **19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regatta.

## **20 INSURANCE**

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