



Top of the Bay Regatta

Saturday 3 March 2018

Hosted by Hobsons Bay Yacht Club
in conjunction with Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1. The Top of the Bay Regatta will be governed by:

1.1.1. The current Racing Rules of Sailing

1.1.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), Part 1, sections 1-6

1.1.3. The AMS rating systems, the IRC rules parts 1, 2 and 3

1.1.4. The Yachting Victoria handicap system

1.1.5. And the requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) will apply.

1.2. All crew of boats without lifelines shall wear a PFD type 1 or 2 whilst on deck. It is strongly recommended that all crews of boats wear a PFD type 1 or 2 whilst on deck when conditions are such as to warrant it. Such conditions would include:

1.2.1. When sails are reefed

1.2.2. Where there is significant wind effect on the water or wave heights that might jeopardize the safety of the vessel or its occupants.

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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notices boards at HBYC and RMYS. They may also be posted on the HBYC and RMYS websites. Boat owners and nominated contacts may be notified by SMS or email.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted to the official notice boards by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect. They may also be posted to the HBYC and RMYS websites. Boat owners and nominated contacts may be notified by SMS or email.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaffs at HBYC and RMYS. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced by “not less than 60 minutes”.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Saturday 4 March 2017.

Division	Start Time	Number of Races
Division 1	11:00	3
Division 2	11:00	3
Division 3 – Class Entrants	11:00	3
Pursuit	12:00	1

6. CLASS FLAGS

Division	Class Flag
Division 1	W
Division 2	F
Division 3 – Class Entrants	T
Combined Start (Div 1, 2 & 3)	R
Pursuit	O

7. RACING AREA

7.1. The regatta will take place on the waters of Port Phillip.

7.2. The course area for divisions 1, 2 and 3 will be midway between HBYC and RMYS.

7.3. The course area for the pursuit fleet will be adjacent to the RMYS breakwater.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. Attachment A shows the courses for divisions 1, 2 and 3, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. The pursuit courses will be taken from the RMYS Pursuit Courses in Amendment 7 of the RMYS SIs V5.0. This is available on the RMYS website under Notices to Competitors and Amendments.

9. MARKS

9.1. Laid Courses

9.1.1. Marks B, H and the starting and finishing marks shall be orange inflatable buoys.

9.1.2. Mark A shall be a yellow inflatable buoy.

9.1.3. The Change of Course mark shall be a yellow inflatable buoy with a black band.

9.2. Pursuit Courses

9.2.1. The marks for the pursuit courses can be found in section 4 of the RMYS SIs V5.0. These are available on the RMYS website.

9.2.2. Please refer to RMYS SIs Amendment 3 regarding mark positions.

10. THE START

10.1. Laid Courses

- 10.1.1. No later than the warning signal the committee vessel shall signal the number of the course to be sailed by displaying the reciprocal numeral pennant(s).
- 10.1.2. No later than the warning signal, the committee vessel may display the approximate bearing of the next mark.
- 10.1.3. The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel, and the course side of the starting mark. A clearance buoy may be laid near the committee vessel, if laid, boats approaching the starting line shall leave this mark on the same side as the committee vessel.
- 10.1.4. If code flag U has been displayed at the preparatory signal, no part of the boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed.
- 10.1.5. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 10.1.6. Code flag L displayed on the committee vessel at the finish line indicates that another race will be started following the completion of the current race. Code flag L will be removed with 1 sound signal one minute before the new warning signal.
- 10.2. Pursuit Courses
 - 10.2.1. Please refer to section 2 of the RMYS Sailing Instructions V5.0.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. 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, code flag C will be flown or displayed on a board from a vessel as close as possible to the start of the leg that has been changed. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 11.2. There will be no changes to the next leg of the course for the pursuit race.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. Laid Course
 - 12.1.1. The finishing line will be between the signal mast on the committee vessel displaying an orange flag and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2. Pursuit Course
 - 12.2.1. The Breakwater Finish shall be an imaginary line between the line on the face of the breakwater tower and mark A.
 - 12.2.2. Please also refer to amendment 3 to the RMYS SIs V5.0

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

The two-turn penalty shall be replaced with a one-turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for laid courses 1-4 is 2.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit may be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A4.
- 14.2. The time limit for the pursuit course shall be 3 hours.
- 14.3. If sunset should occur before the time limit, then sunset will be deemed as the time limit.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available from the HBYC office and the RMYS official notice board.
- 15.2. Protesting boats should notify a race official of their intention to protest within 2 hours of the yacht's finishing time.
- 15.3. Protest forms shall be lodged to HBYC Sailing Administrator, Ian Robertson via email to racing@hbyc.org.au or delivered in person by 1200hrs on Monday 5 March 2018.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. A boat's series score shall be the sum of her race scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Marine regulations require that boats shall avoid commercial shipping. Boats which find themselves in danger of interfering with commercial shipping may use their engine to avoid interference and will not be penalised under RRS 42 provided that:
 - 17.1.1. It is used only as necessary to avoid the commercial shipping in question;
 - 17.1.2. No advantage is gained through its use; and
 - 17.1.3. A declaration containing a complete description of the circumstances is submitted to the Race Committee within the protest time limit. This alters RRS 42.
 - 17.1.4. Boats shall 'sign on' by passing astern of the committee vessel, on starboard tack, prior to the first race hailing their sail number, and receiving an acknowledgement.
 - 17.1.5. A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the race committee as soon as possible.
 - 17.1.6. Attention is drawn to rule 40, which requires competitors to wear personal flotation devices when code flag Y is displayed.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats may display the HBYC or RMYS burgees.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1. Race communications for laid courses will be conducted on VHF Ch. 73.
- 19.2. Race communications for pursuit courses will be conducted on VHF Ch. 72.
- 19.3. Yachts must maintain a listening watch whilst afloat.
- 19.4. 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.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10 million per incident or the equivalent.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION
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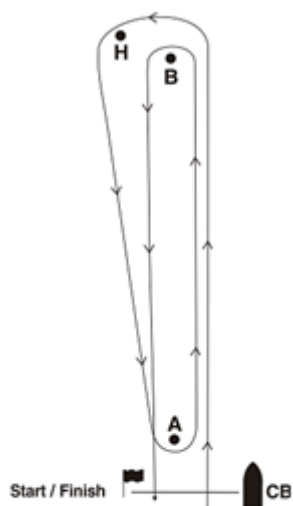
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Attachment A

- Windward & return courses
- The start line may be laid approximately 0.1 Nm downwind of mark A.
- The finish line may be laid approximately 0.1 Nm upwind of mark B.
- The Race Officer will, at their discretion, set the length of each leg and reserves the right to lengthen, shorten or swing the course.

WINDWARD AND RETURN COURSES		
No.	Course	Legs
1	Start, B, H, A, B, finish	4
2	Start, B, H, A, B, A, finish	5
3	Start, B, H, A, B, A, B, finish	6
4	Start, B, H, A, B, A, B, A, finish	7

Courses 1 and 3



Extra laps omitted for clarity

Courses 2 and 4

