



# Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

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## **Brass Monkey Series**

Saturday 13 May 2017 – Saturday 9 September 2017

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## Amendments

Number	Date	Descriptions Changed	Summary of Amendment
1	2/5/17	Schedule of Races	Race 8 – Date Changed

### 1. Rules

The series will be governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- The 2017 Brass Monkey Series Sailing Instructions
- The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 1 Sections 1-6
- The Performance Based Handicapping System (YV)
- The International Rating Certificate (IRC) Rules, parts 3
- The Australian Measurement System (AMS)
- The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC)
- Any amendments to this NOR or the 2017 Brass Monkey 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 Brass Monkey 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 Brass Monkey 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	Div 1 - Warning Signal	Div 2 - Warning Signal	Div 3 - Warning Signal
Saturday 13 May	1	1305	1315	1325
Saturday 27 May	2	1305	1315	1325
Saturday 17 June	3	1305	1315	1325
Saturday 1 July	4	1305	1315	1325
Saturday 15 July	5	1305	1315	1325
Saturday 29 July	6	1305	1315	1325
Saturday 12 August	7	1305	1315	1325
Saturday 26 August	8	1305	1315	1325
Saturday 9 September	9	1305	1315	1325

### 6. Division Flags

Division	Flag
Division 1	Code Flag R
Division 2	Code Flag T
Division 3	Numeral Zero

## 7. Racing Areas

The racing area shall be the waters of Port Phillip.

## 8. The Courses

- 8.1. The courses can be found on the Brass Monkey page on the HBYC website.
- 8.2. The Race Committee will announce the course on VHF Ch.73 at 1230hrs.

## 9. The Start (Non-Pursuit)

- 9.1. Division 1 and 2 races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2. The starting line shall be in the vicinity of channel marker 74.
- 9.3. The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical buoy.
- 9.4. A crowding buoy may be laid in the vicinity of the committee vessel.
- 9.5. After the preparatory signal, but before correctly starting:
  - 9.5.1. Any boat passing from the pre-start side of the starting line to the course side of the starting line between the crowding buoy and the committee vessel shall return to the pre-start side of the starting line by passing on the course side of and around the committee vessel.
  - 9.5.2. Any boat touching the crowding buoy shall correct her error in accordance with RRS 31.
  - 9.5.3. Any boat passing from the course side to the pre-start side of the starting line between the crowding buoy and the committee Bessel shall be disqualified.
- 9.6. A boat starting more than 10 minutes after their starting signal shall be scored DNF without a hearing.

## 10. The Start (Pursuit)

- 10.1. Sections 9.2 – 9.6 apply to pursuit starts.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. Pursuit entrants who chose not to use a spinnaker may not use spinnakers, bloopers or gennakers. Normal working sails may be poled out.
- 10.4. Pursuit entrants who chose to use a spinnaker shall start 4 minutes later than their allocated non-spinnaker handicap. Yachts must advise the Race Committee on VHF CH.73 between 1245hrs and 1255hrs that they intend to use a spinnaker.
- 10.5. 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

## 11. The Finish

The finishing line shall be an imaginary line between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical buoy.

## **12. Time Limit**

- 12.1. Any yacht in Division 1 finishing after 1610hrs shall be scored DNF
- 12.2. Any yachts in Divisions 2 & 3 finishing after 1630hrs shall be scored DNF.

## **13. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 13.1. 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)
- 13.2. Protests and Requests for Redress will be heard at HBYC at 7pm on the Thursday following the race.

## **14. Scoring**

- 14.1. 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3. When from 6 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 14.4. When from 8 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst two scores.
- 14.5. Casual entrants will not be included in the series scores.

## **15. Safety Regulations**

- 15.1. Races will not be started if there is a current GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip issued by the Bureau of Meteorology.
- 15.2. Racing will be abandoned if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip during the race.
- 15.3. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF Ch.73.
- 15.4. A boat found to have interfered with commercial shipping shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 15.5. 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.

## **16. Radio Communication**

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. The Race Committee may communicate with competitors on VHF Ch.73.

## **17. Prizes**

- 17.1. The Brass Monkey Series Trophy will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> placed HBYC or RYCV yacht on PHS in Division 1.
- 17.2. The Measurement Cup Trophy will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> placed yacht in on AMS and IRC in Division 1.
- 17.3. Brass Monkey Series S80 Trophy awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> placed S80
- 17.4. Brass Monkey Series Diamond Trophy awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> placed Diamond
- 17.5. Brass Monkey Series Pursuit Trophy awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> pursuit boat.
- 17.6. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

**18. 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.

**19. 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.

**20. Further Information**

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