



Sailing Instructions

The organising authority is Humpybong Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Contender Association of Australia.

1 Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Safety Regulations, Part 2 of Yachting Australia will apply.
- 1.3 The rules and regulations of Maritime Safety Queensland and safety policies of Humpybong Yacht Club.
- 1.4 International Contender Class rules.
- 1.5 International Contender Association rules for the world championships and other major events.
- 1.6 International Contender Association measurement instructions for major events.

2 Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs at the Humpybong Yacht Club.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions:

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals made ashore:

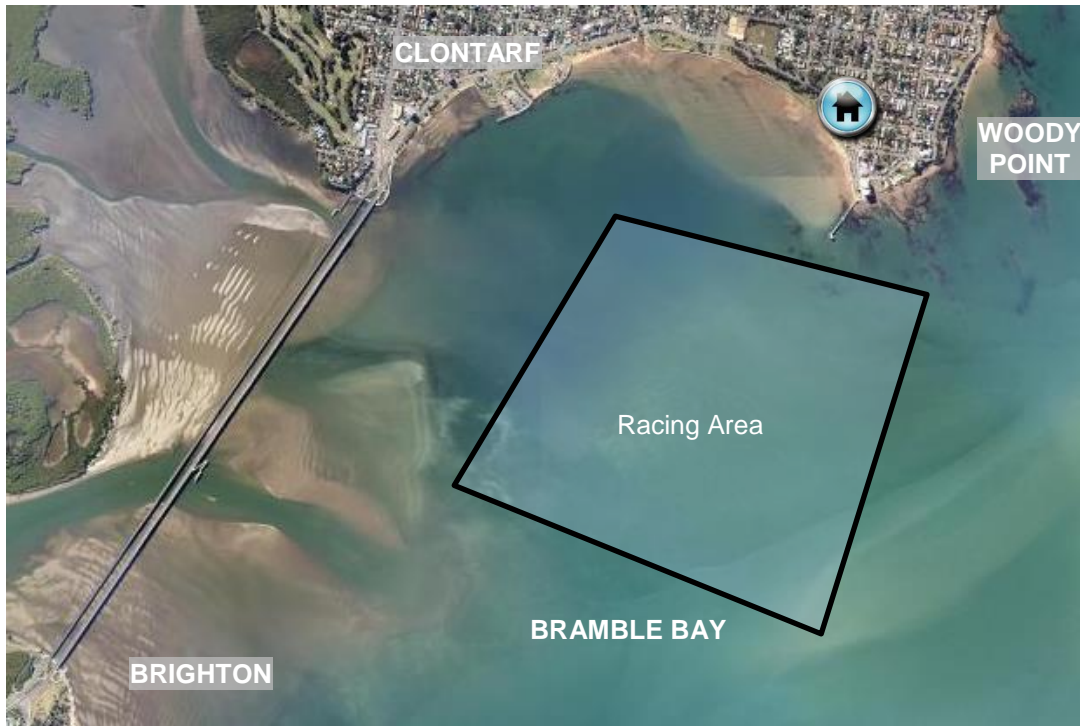
- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast in front of the Humpybong Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 Schedule:

- 5.1 Dates of racing
 - Saturday 3rd January 2015, 2 races
 - Sunday 4th January 2015, 2 races
 - Monday 5th January 2015, 2 races
 - Tuesday 6th January 2015, 2 races
 - Wednesday 7th January 2015, 2 races
- 5.2 Registration
 - Friday 2nd January 2015 between 14:00 – 16:00
 - Saturday 3rd January 2015 between 08:00 – 10:00
- 5.3 Briefing
 - Each day of racing at 11:00
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 13:00 on each day of racing.
- 5.5 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30.
- 5.5 Races on each day will be conducted back to back unless flag "AP" over "H" is flying at the finish line in which case competitors should return to shore where further signals will be made regarding remaining races to be sailed.

6 Racing Areas:

The diagram below shows the location of the racing areas.



7 The Courses:

The diagram below shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

8 Marks:

8.1 Marks

1, 2 and 3 are large inflatable yellow buoys.

8.2 The starting marks will be the race committee signal boat and a nearby yellow pencil buoy.

8.3 The finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat and a nearby medium white tear-drop buoy with orange net casing.

9 Areas that are Obstructions:

9.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:
 -The Woody Point Jetty including an exclusion zone extending 30m around the jetty structure.

9.2 Competitors should be aware of the reefs to the east of the Woody Point Jetty. These reefs are dangerous at all tide levels and competitors should avoid this area.

10 The Start:

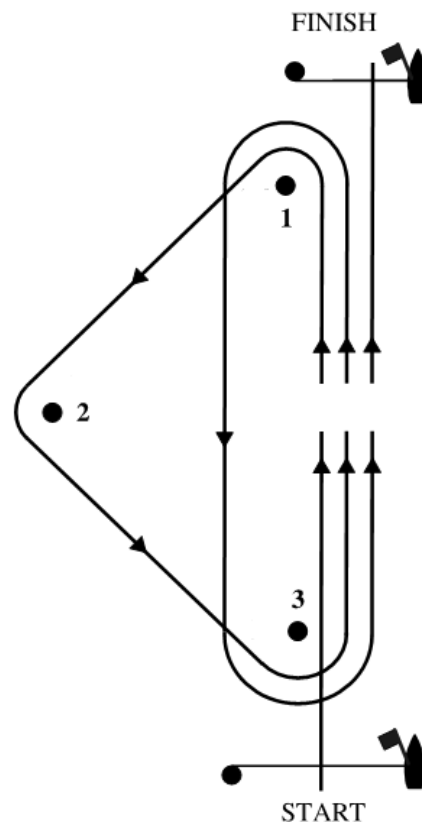
10.1 The starting line will be between a post displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11 Change of the next leg of the course:

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.



12 The Finish:

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a post displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

13 Penalty System:

- 13.1 Appendix P will not apply.

14 Time Limits:

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat of each division shall be 90 minutes after the start signal, for all races.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress:

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat racing finishes the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and to requests for redress related to facts that happened while racing. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Humpybong Yacht Club at the time posted.
- 15.4 Breaches of instructions 10.2, 17.1, 21, and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 Ten races are scheduled for the event. No more than three races will be sailed per day.
- 16.2 A total of at least four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 Sign-on and Sign-off: All competitors intending to start shall complete a Race Entry Sheet provided in the 'Sign-on' area at the club before the warning signal for each race. All competitors shall 'Sign-off' on the Race Entry Sheet within 60 minutes of the last boat racing finishing for the day. Failure to sign on or off may result in protest by the Race Committee. A boat that breaks this instruction will be scored points as provided in rule 44.3 c) without a hearing. The penalty will be 5 points. This changes rule A5.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 Replacement of crew or equipment:

- 18.1 Competitors may have available for use not more than 1 hull, 1 mast, 1 boom, 1 rudder blade, 1 rudderstock, 1 centreboard and 2 sails.
- 18.2 Only equipment that has been measured or controlled at the regatta may be used.
- 18.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19.2 If a breach of a measurement rule is considered by the event measurer to be minor and such that it does not affect the performance or safety of a boat, the penalty may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

20 Official Boats

20.1 Official boats may fly an HYC Burgee.

21 Support Boats

21.1 Support boats, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall be registered at the Race Office within the registration time (see schedule).

22.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22 Radio Communications

22.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22.2 GPS tracking devices are allowed to be carried by competitors provided they are mounted or stored in such a way as to prevent any readout or screen from being viewed by the competitor while racing. Mobile devices such as mobile phones may be used as a GPS tracking device provided it is not used for making or receiving other radio transmissions while racing.

22.3 The Race Committee will provide GPS live tracking devices to allow a competitor's boat's position to be recorded during racing. All Competitors will be required to complete a Tracker Loan Form at registration and carry a tracking device as instructed.

23 Prizes

23.1 The regatta winner will obtain the title "2015 International Contender Class Australian Open Champion", and will be awarded the International Contender Class Australian Champion Perpetual Trophy.

23.2 Trophies/Medals will be awarded to:
the Open Champion,
1st Woman overall,
Peter Murphy Memorial Trophy: to the skipper who comes mid-fleet
1st Junior aged under 21 years.
1st Master aged 51 years or over.

23.3 Age categories apply on the date of the first scheduled race.

23.4 The Organizing Authority may award additional prizes.

24 Disclaimer of Liability

24.1 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.

25 Insurance

25.1 All helmspersons shall have current third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.