

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2017/8 Club Championships

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;
- 1.4 Racing rules 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 66, 62.2, A4 and A5 will be changed as per Sailing Instructions 15.2, 14.1, 16.5, 16.6, 16.7, 11.3 and 15.2 respectively.
- 1.5 The rules of the respective class associations will apply.

2 Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs at the Humpybong Yacht Club or on the HYC web page www.hyc.net.au

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 20:00hrs 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 The dates of racing, registration, briefing and warning signal schedules are detailed in the Notice of Race.
- 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 No warning signal will be made after 14:30 on any racing day.
- 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 Divisions:

- 6.1 Numeral pennants 1 through 4 will be used to identify each division's warning signal except where the Principal Race Officer or Race Officer of the Day shall determine that one or more divisions will start together. Competitors will be advised of any changes and the warning signals to be used at the pre-race briefing.
- 6.2 Racing shall be conducted in Divisions based on VYC Yardstick Ratings.
- 6.3 The Divisions will nominally be as described below:

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| | <u>Yardsticks</u> | <u>Class Flag</u> |
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| Division 1 | <80 | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| Division 2 | 80 - 99 | Numeral Pennant 2 |
| Division 3 | 100 - 119 | Numeral Pennant 3 |
| Division 4 | >119 | Numeral Pennant 4 |

7 Racing Areas:

7.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

8 The Courses:

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The distances shown are provisional only and may be modified at the Race Committee's discretion to suit the prevailing conditions.

9 Marks:

9.1 Marks

1 large inflatable buoy,

2a, 2b, 3 and 4 large inflatable buoys,

1a medium white tear-drop buoy with orange net casing,

9.2 Competitors will be advised of the colour of the buoys at each mark at the pre-race briefing

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

10 Areas that are Obstructions:

10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:

-The Woody Point Jetty including an exclusion zone extending 30m around the jetty structure.

- The areas to the north of the Woody point jetty marked by yellow buoys and designated as Marine National Park

10.2 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.

11 The Start:

11.1 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.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12 Change of the next leg of the course:

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

12.2 Except at a gate, 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.

13 The Finish:

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

14 Penalty System:

14.1 For all multihull classes' rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

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15 Time Limits:

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat of each division shall be 60 minutes after the start signal, for all races.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 Protests and Requests for Redress:

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each division, the protest time limit is 20 minutes after the last boat racing in that division finishes the last race of the day. This time will be displayed on the official notice board.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 22, and 23 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.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing for each series 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.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing for each series 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.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 Scoring shall be based on the most recently published VYC rating unless a VYC for a boat is not available in which case the Race Committee shall determine an appropriate yardstick.
- 17.2 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 (a) When fewer than eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores
 - (b) When more than eight (8) races and fewer than ten have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race score less her worst score.
 - (C) When ten (10) races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1 Sign-in and Sign-out: 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.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 Replacement of crew or equipment:

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors or crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

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- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 20.1 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.

21 Official Boats

- 21.1 Official boats may fly an HYC Burgee.

22 Support Boats

- 22.1 All support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority via the online Officials Registration link as part of the competitors' entry system and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion
- 22.2 Only coaches, who hold, as a minimum, current Yachting Australia recognised Coach / Instructor Accreditation, or an equivalent international qualification, are authorised to go afloat in a coach boat within the course area.
- 22.3 Authorised coach boats within the course area shall keep to leeward of the start line between the preparatory and start signals and more than 50 meters clear of any competitor or mark of the course between the start signal and the finish of the last boat, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 22.4 Non-registered coaches, parents, private and spectator craft must remain more than 100 meters outside the entire course area and not receive the above benefits.

23 Radio Communications

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 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.

25 Disclaimer of Liability

- 25.1 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.

26 Insurance

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

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Attachment A – Racing Areas

A.1 Courses

Course location will be off shore toward middle of Bramble Bay



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Attachment B – Race Courses

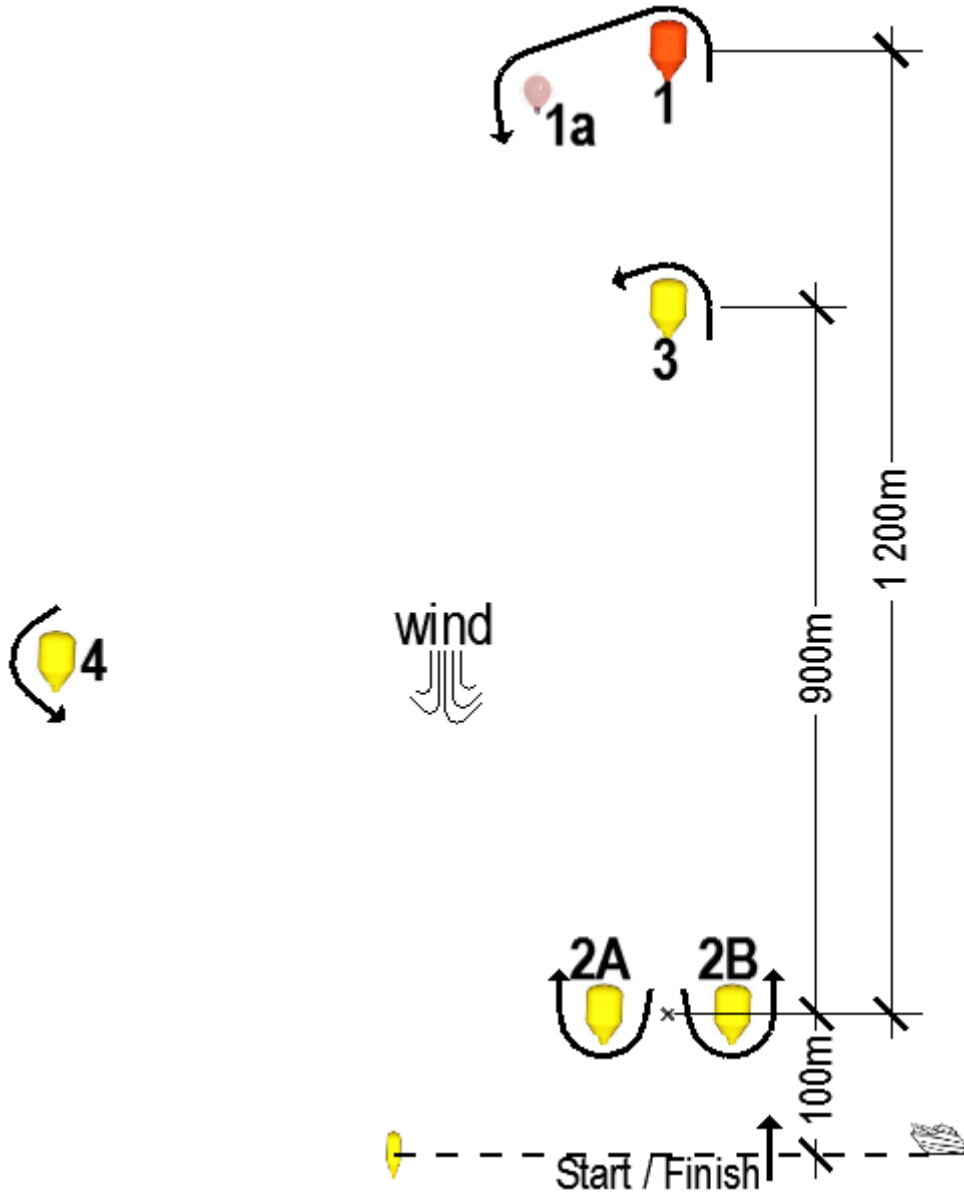
Courses

Division 1: START, 1, 1a, 2A/2B, 1, 1a, 2A/2B, 1, 1a, FINISH

Division 2: START, 1, 1a, 2A/2B, 1, 1a, FINISH

Division 3: START, 3, 2A/2B, 3, 4, 2A/2B, 3 FINISH

Division 4: START, 3, 4, 2A/2B, 3, FINISH



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