



2012 Yachting Westernport Youth Regatta



Sailing Instructions Yachting Westernport Youth Regatta Sunday 26th of February, 2012

For Off-the-Beach Yacht Racing

Organising Authority: Yachting Westernport
Race Committee: Sailing Committee of Merricks Yacht Club

1 Rules

1.1 Racing Rules

The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), as amended, the prescriptions and special regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF), and the rules of the relevant Class Associations, and these Sailing Instructions will govern yacht racing at Merricks Yacht Club Inc. (MYC).

Racing at MYC is designated Category C in accordance with RRS Appendix 1 ISAF Advertising Code.

1.2 Safety Regulations

Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4, *Decision to Race*.

RRS AYF Addendum A, AYF Special Regulations Part 2 will apply to all Off The Beach Boats.

Failure to comply with AYF Addendum A Part 2 R1 Wearing Personal Buoyancy may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

Boats shall have a tow ring with a minimum internal diameter of 38 millimeters attached to a strong point at the bow of the boat.

The race committee may inspect a boat or her equipment at any time for compliance with RRS, class rules and these sailing instructions. If instructed by the race committee, a boat on the water shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

1.3 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.

2 Schedule of Races

Races will be held in AM and PM periods. The 1st Warning signal for AM race will be no earlier than 1100hrs, and the first Warning signal for PM race will be no earlier than 1400hrs.

The race committee may reschedule abandoned races to be resailed.

3 Race Entries

3.1 Divisions

Boats shall be entered according to the following Divisions:

Division Number	Class	Yardstick	Numeral pennant
1	Multihulls	less than 88	One
2	Multihulls	88 and above	Two
3	Monohulls	less than 116	Three
4	Monohulls	116 and less than 131	Four
5	Monohulls	131 and above	Five

The Yardsticks for Off the Beach Classes are published by Yachting Victoria for the year 2011/12, and are available on www.vic.yachting.org.au

Non-standard boats and boats not currently listed by YV will be allocated a yardstick by the Race Committee.

Numeral pennants will signify Divisions and have no other meaning.

3.2 Boat / Skipper Combinations

An entry shall consist of a boat skipper and crew combination, or single handed. The skipper shall helm during all races and not change during the series.

3.3 Entries

Qualification of Entrants

Entrants shall comply with Part 6 of RRS.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000).

Lodgment

Entries shall be lodged with the MYC race official in Clubhouse, by 1000 hrs.

Information Session

An information session for skippers and crews will be held in the club house at 1015hrs.

3.4 Signing On and Signing Off

As part of the race safety procedure, each skipper shall sign on before and sign off after each race.

Signing On

On the day of a race, skippers shall sign on by signing the Sign On sheets for each race, located under the club house, near the briefing board. A skipper in a series who does not sign on within the time limit for entries will be scored DNC.

Retiring

The skipper of a boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. A skipper unable to return to the clubhouse shall notify the Committee boat

Signing Off

Sign off sheets for each race will be located in the under the club house, near the briefing board. Each skipper shall sign off within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the race, or retiring.

A skipper who does not sign off within the time limit will receive a scoring penalty of one place in that race, calculated in accordance with Rule 44.3

4 Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the first floor of the MYC clubhouse.

5 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the advertised time of race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted on the MYC website www.merricks.org and on the notice board by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect.

When a change has been posted code flag L will be displayed ashore and a sound signal or amplified announcement may be made.

6 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Flag Pole in the yard.

When Code Flag AP is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after AP is lowered. This modifies RRS race signal AP.

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be on the waters of Westernport Bay in the vicinity of the Merricks Yacht Club.

8 Tides

The tides at Merricks Beach on Sunday 26th February will be approximate to:

Low – 1006 hrs High – 1618 hrs

9 Courses

The diagrams in the Appendix 1 Attachment show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Whereas all attempts to use the courses stipulated in Appendix 1 Attachment on occasions, subject to the sailing committee's discretion the course may be altered. Any changes will be described at each information session/briefing before the commencement of race commencement.

10 Shortened Course

The course may be shortened by one of the following methods:

(i) If Code Flag "S" is attached to or positioned in the vicinity of a mark of the course still to be rounded by the leading boat or if a Division Flag is flown together with Code Flag "S", then boats shall round the mark and proceed directly to the Finishing Line. This changes RRS Race Signals Code Flag "S",

Or

(ii) If the Race Committee Signal Boat is stationed adjacent to a mark of the course and flies both code flags "S" and "F", the relocated finishing line will be between this mark and the Race Committee Signal Boat. This changes RRS Race Signals Code Flag "S".

11 Marks

Marks 1, 2, & 3 for the outer course will be yellow inflatable buoys.

Marks A and B for the inner course will be small orange round buoys.

The finishing mark will be a large red inflatable buoy.

12 Change of Course after the Start

To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the relocated mark may not then be in position.

Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may also be relocated without further signaling to maintain the original course configuration. This changes Rule 33.

13 The Start

13.1 Warning Signal

The Warning Signal for the first Division will be at approximately 1100hrs.

13.2 Starting Sequence

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, the Warning Signal being given **3 minutes** before the Starting Signal.

Signal	Time Prior to Start	Flag	Sound
<i>Course</i>	10 minutes (approx)	Red or Green Flag	None
<i>Warning</i>	3 minutes	Division Flag(s) or Code Flag E	1 Sound
<i>Preparatory</i>	2 minutes	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag	1 Sound
<i>One minute</i>	1 minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 Long Sound
<i>Starting</i>	0 minutes	Division Flag removed	1 Sound

The warning signal for each succeeding Division or will be made with or after the preceding starting signal. The Race Committee may combine Divisions for a Start by displaying 2 or more Division flags together. If Code Flag E is displayed in place of the Division flags, all remaining Divisions shall start together.

13.3 Starting Line

The starting line will be between a mast flying the course flag on the Race Committee Boat and a stick buoy with a 'X' marked flag. A clearance buoy may be moored near or streamed from the Race Committee Boat from which the starting line extends. The buoy may not be on the Starting Line. For the purposes of the RRS definition *Mark*, the buoy shall be part of the Race Committee Boat and when starting boats shall leave this buoy on the same hand as the Race Committee Boat. Any boat touching the buoy or passing between it and the Race Committee Boat will be deemed to have touched the Race Committee Boat.

13.4 At the Start

A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes Rule A 4.1

14 The Finish

The Finishing Line will be between a line on the Control Tower window and the finishing mark, a large red inflatable buoy.

15 Time Limit

15.1 Individual Races

The time limit for each individual race will be two (2) hours.

A boat failing to finish an individual race within 60 minutes of the first boat finishing within its division or within the race time limit, which ever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

A protest or request for redress shall be in writing on a form available from the Control Tower.

The completed form shall be lodged with the Sailing Officer at the Control Tower within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the race.

The time and place of hearing will be posted on the Notice Board within 30 minutes of the expiry of the time limit for lodgment of protests, or may be given verbally by the Race Committee.

Protests will be heard as soon as possible.

17 Outside Help

Boats may receive outside assistance during the duration of racing and include coaching of competitors while racing.

18 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply for all races.

19 Awards

19.1 Number of Awards

The table below details the number of starters required for an award to be made.

No. of Starters	1	2	3	4	5+
First	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Second			✓	✓	✓
Third					✓

The number of starters in a race or series is the sum of the number of boats starting in valid races, divided by the number of valid races.

19.2 Award Presentations

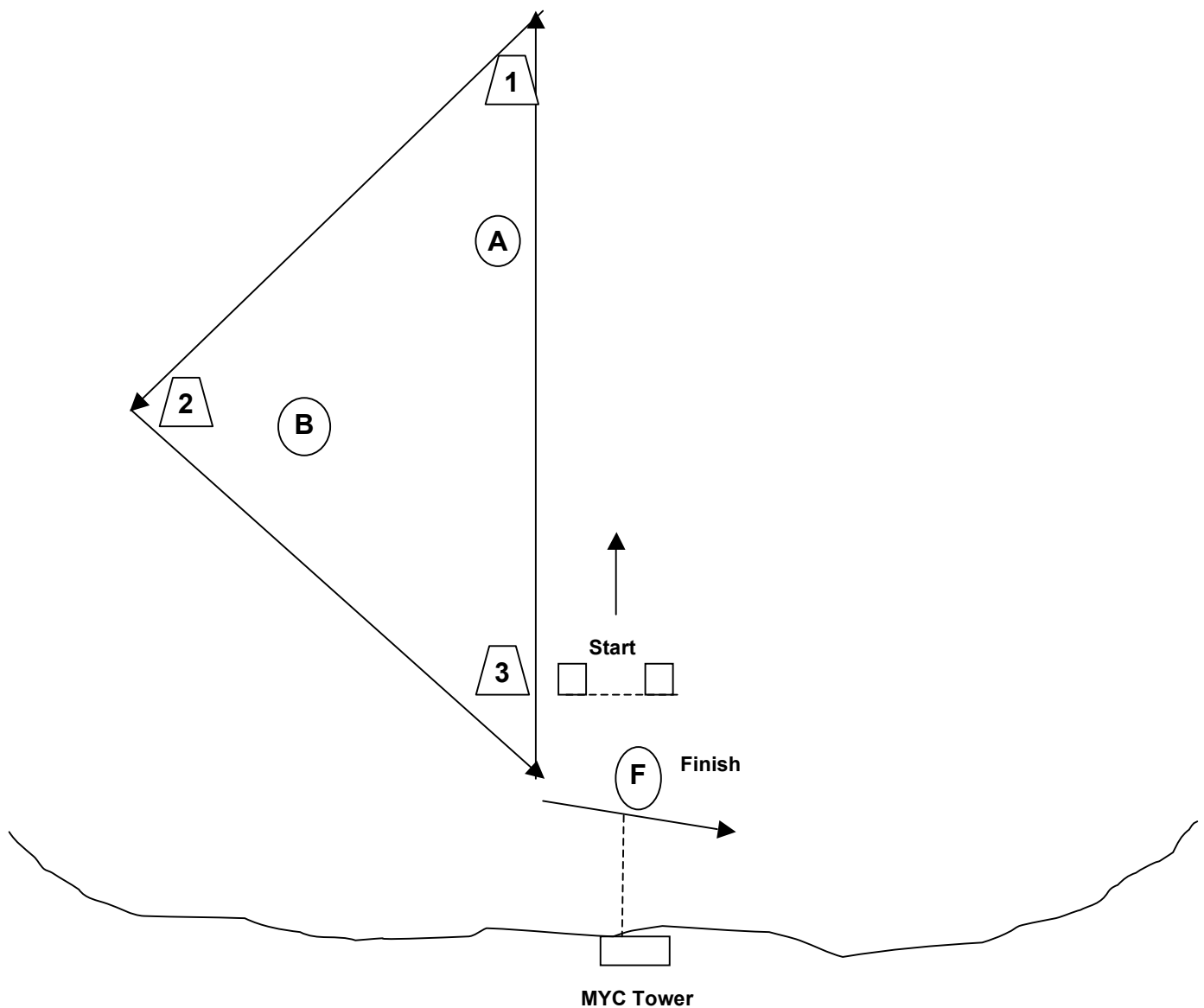
The Race Committee will present race awards in the Club House approximately one hour after the last boat has finished.

Attachment 1 - Course

All angles 60° Each triangle leg 0.5-0.8nm Finish at Buoy to Port

Port course for on-shore breeze:

- Division 1 Start-123-123-123-123- Finish
- Division 2 Start-123-123-123-Finish
- Division 3 Start-123-123-123-Finish
- Division 4 Start-123-123-Finish
- Division 5 Start-AB3-AB3--Finish



Port course for offshore breeze

Division 1 Start-123-123-123-123- Finish

Division 2 Start-123-123-123-Finish

Division 3 Start-123-123-123-Finish

Division 4 Start-123-123-Finish

Division 5 Start-AB3-AB3--Finish

