



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

COCK OF THE BAY

For “Trailable Yachts” and “Off the Beach Boats”

To be held on Saturday 23rd January 2010.

Organising Authority: Coves Yacht Club (CYC)

1. RULES

The race will be governed by the *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012* and the *Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats*. Each entry shall acknowledge that the entry is bound by the above.

All Trailable Yachts must comply with Category 6 safety regulations specified in the *Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats* with the following inclusions:

3.07.4 Removable hatches to have locks and lanyards

3.24.3 Engine, permanently installed or outboard

3.24.4 Outboard motors for trailable boats, to be mounted at all times

3.24.5(a) Engine to provide minimum speed into 12 knot headwind

3.25 HF or VHF or 27 MHz transceiver installed as specified

4.21.1 Lifebuoy or other approved device with drogue (no light for daylight race)

4.23.1 Heaving line accessible to cockpit

Radios (27 MHz or VHF or HF) **must remain functional for the duration of the race.**

The Race Director may fly code flag ‘Y’ requiring all competitors to wear PFDs.

Each entry shall acknowledge that the entry is bound by the above.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the upstairs notice board at CYC adjacent to the Race Control room.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the upstairs notice board at CYC adjacent to the Race Control room not less than 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first start, and Code Flag L will be flown from the CYC flagpole with one sound signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CYC flagpole.

5. BRIEFING

There will be a briefing on the first floor of the Club at 1430 hrs on race day.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The race will be held on Saturday 23rd January 2010. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1455 hours. No re-sail is available.

7. DIVISIONS AND DIVISION FLAGS

The race will be conducted in Divisions. The Divisions and their respective flags are:

Division	Hull Type	Yardstick	Numeral Pennant
Division 1	Multihulls	Less than 88	One
Division 2	Multihulls	88 and above	Two
Division 3	Monohulls	Less than 116	Three
Division 4	Monohulls	116 to less than 131	Four
Division 5	Monohulls	131 and above	Five

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port in the waters visible from Cowes Yacht Club.

9. THE COURSE

The course will be a trapezoid course of approximately 4300 m in total length but may be changed in length and shape at the discretion of the Race Officer.

Courses may be shortened, in which case Flag S will be displayed in the vicinity of a rounding mark. The flag for each Division for which the course is shortened will be displayed before the leading boat of that Division rounds or passes the mark, accompanied by two sound signals. Boats of that Division will complete the course as shortened for the leading boat by rounding or passing that mark and then proceeding to the finish line in accordance with Paragraph 13. A Flag S displayed with no Division flags will mean that the course has been shortened for all divisions. This changes rule 32.2.

10. TIDES

Tide times for Cowes are: Low Water at 1225 hrs. and High Water at 1903 hrs.

11. MARKS

The start/finish mark will be the 8 km/h buoy off CYC.

Trailable Yachts & Off the Beach Multihulls

Buoy 11, Buoy 13, THB and the 8 km/h buoy off CYC.

Off the Beach Monohulls

Anderson street 8 km/h conical, yellow inflatable (in line with Buoy 13), yellow inflatable (in line with THB) and the 8 km/h buoy off CYC.

12. THE START

The start line will be between the 8 km/h buoy off CYC and the centre line of the CYC race control room, between a staff displaying a red/orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the start/finish mark at the port end or as decided by the Race Officer of the day.

Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the first starting signal. Each start will be the warning signal for the next start.

Races will be started in the order of divisions 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.

In the interest of timely racing, some divisions may be combined into one start.

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

A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS rule A4 1.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and the centre line of the CYC race control room, between a staff displaying a red/orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the start/finish mark at the port end or as decided by the Race Officer of the day.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

For multi-hulls Rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720o turn is replaced by a 360o turn.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for a division is three (3) hours after the start of that division, or 60 minutes after the first boat in that division finishes, whichever is the later. All boats finishing outside these time limits will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rules 35 and A4.1 – A4.2.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available at the race office of Cowes Yacht Club. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit with non refundable payment of \$100.

The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat to finish.

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. These notices will also be faxed on that day for posting on the notice boards of participating clubs whose members are named in the protest. Hearings will be held at Cowes Yacht Club. Competitors and witnesses named may participate by phone.

A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

The Sign On requirements are detailed in the Notice of Race.

All boats, including those that retire, are required to sign off at the end of the race, by signing the Sign Off sheet at the Cowes Yacht Club within 30 minutes of the last boat to finish.

Before the race, the Cowes Race Officer will check that all entered boats from each club have signed on. After the race the Race Officer will remain on duty until each competitor has returned.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official Boats will fly the Cowes Yacht Club burgee as shown in the heading.

19. PRIZES

The list of prizes and the award conditions include: First, Second & Third.

Individual prizes are subject to the number of starters in each category and will be awarded on the night of the CYC AGM in July.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4 Decision to Race "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Cowes Yacht Club and 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 event.

Each competitor should note the indemnity that is granted to the Cowes Yacht Club and the Organising Authority on signing the Entry Form.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat or skipper in charge of the boat must be insured with Marine Third Party insurance legal liability cover to a minimum level of \$5,000,000 per event.

ATTACHMENT A - THE COURSE

In the following descriptions S means to leave the mark to starboard and P to leave the mark to port.

Trailable Yachts

Start, Buoy 11 S, 8 km/h P, Buoy 13 S, 8 km/h P, THB S
8 km/h S, Buoy 11 S, 8 km/h P, Buoy 13 S, 8 km/h P, THB S, Finish

Approximate distances S-11 2.2 nm 8 km/h-13 1.2 nm 8 km/h-THB 2.5 nm

The direction of the course may be changed.

The length of the race may be shortened in light conditions.

Off the Beach Multihulls

Start, Buoy 11 S, 8 km/h P, Buoy 13 S, 8 km/h P, THB S
8 km/h S, Buoy 11 S, 8 km/h P, Buoy 13 S, 8 km/h P, THB S,
8 km/h S, Buoy 11 S, 8 km/h P, Buoy 13 S, 8 km/h P, THB S, Finish

Approximate distances S-11 2.2 nm 8 km/h-13 1.2 nm 8 km/h-THB 2.5 nm

The direction of the course may be changed.

The length of the race may be shortened in light conditions.

Off the Beach Monohulls

Start, (1)Anderson street 8 km/h conical S, 8 km/h P, (2)yellow inflatable S (in line with Buoy 13),
8 km/h P, (3)yellow inflatable S (in line with THB).
8 km/h, Anderson street 8 km/h conical S, 8 km/h P, yellow inflatable S (in line with Buoy 13),
8 km/h P, yellow inflatable S (in line with THB), Finish

Approximate distances S-(1) 1.2 nm 8 km/h-(2) 0.8 nm 8 km/h-(3) 1.4 nm

The direction of the course may be changed.

The length of the race may be shortened in light conditions.