



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

MARATHONERS' RACE

For Off the Beach Multihull Boats with a VY yardstick under 91.5

To be held on Saturday 13th February 2010.

Organising Authority: Cowes Yacht Club (CYC)

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*.

SAFETY

All boats must comply with the relevant sections of this document. Boats must provide:

- Evidence of insurance cover meeting requirements.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the upstairs notice board at CYC adjacent to the Race Control room not less than 1 hour before the first start signal. At the time of posting, code flag 'L' will be displayed on the flagpole at the Club/mast on the Start Boat to indicate that changes to the sailing instructions are in effect.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at CYC.

BRIEFING

There will be a briefing on the first floor of the Club not less than 30 minutes before the first start signal.

THE COURSE

As set by the Race Officer of the day

SHORTENING COURSE

The course may be shortened by displaying code flag 'S' on the signal mast of the Race Committee Boat near a mark of the course. In this case the finish is between the mark of the course and the race Committee Boat displaying code flag "S".

The race may also be shortened by flying a code flag "S" from the Club, in which case the finish will be between race control tower and the 8 km/h buoy.

MARKS

Marks will be as set by the race officer of the day. Refer to Admiralty Chart AUS 150 and/or the Westernport Boating Guide map for all Western Channel Buoy locations/descriptions.

CYC Buoy 1 will be the 8 km/h buoy situated approximately 150 metres north of the ramp. If circumstances demand, it will be substituted by another buoy and this will be noted at the briefing.

THE START

The race will be started by using rule 26.

The starting line will be between the CYC race tower and the 8 km/h buoy situated approximately 150 metres north of the club.

A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

The start of the race is scheduled for 1100 hours on Saturday, 13th February 2010. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1055 hours.

CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

The race committee boat shall signal that the position of the next mark has been or will be changed by displaying code flag C.

THE FINISH

The Finish line will be between the CYC race tower and the 8 km/h buoy situated approximately 150 metres north of the club.

If the course is shortened in accordance with section above, the finish line will be between:

- A mark of the course and an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat it is stationed near
- OR
- The CYC race control tower and the 8 km/h buoy situated approx. 150 metres north of the club.

PENALTY SYSTEM

For Multihulls only, rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720° turns penalty is replaced by a 360° turns penalty.

TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be six hours.

Boats failing to finish within seven hours from the start (in the case where at least one boat has finished within the six hour limit) will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35 and A4.1 – A4.2.

The race committee boat has the right to shorten the course for any boat that it deems may not finish within seven hours from the start. In this case the boat will be scored DNF and shall return as short a course as possible to the finish line as described in "The Finish"

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are included with the Sailing Instructions. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.

For each competitor, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race.

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. The Protest Chairman will organise and convene the Protest Committee at a time and place to be advised. A quorum for this committee shall be 3 people.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted on the upstairs notice board at CYC adjacent to the Race Control room and the boats concerned notified in accordance with rule 61.1(b).

SCORING

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

SAFETY REGULATIONS – Sign On/Off

Entrants must sign on at CYC by completing the sign on sheets provided. Sign on can be made from 2 hours before and up to the first warning signal.

Sign off by signing the relevant section of the sign on sheet within 30 minutes of finishing.

A boat that retires from a race shall notify CYC or the Race Committee Boat as soon as it makes its decision to retire.

All radio communications to CYC are to be done to call sign VJ3CK on VHF Channel 16 or 27.88 MHz, and then changed to a working frequency.

HANDICAP, EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions.

Handicaps will be based on YV yardsticks or by an equivalent handicap calculated by the Sailing Committee.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. The intention of this rule is to ensure that no external assistance or information is provided to individual boats.

DISCLAIMER OR LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk – see rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for damage to property or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party legal liability insurance with minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent and adequate racing insurance.