

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CLUB RACES

FOR "OFF THE BEACH BOATS" and "TRAILABLE YACHTS"
TO BE HELD OVER THE SAILING SEASON AS SPECIFIED IN THE CYC CALENDAR.
ORGANISING AUTHORITY: COWES YACHT CLUB Inc. (CYC)

1. RULES

The race will be governed by the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *Yachting Australia* Special Regulations.

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with Rule 86 as follows:

Part 4 preamble – All competitors are required to wear PFDs at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

Rule 26 – starting signals (club house start)

Rule 35 – time limits

Rule 44.1 – penalties for multihulls changed from 720° to 360°.

Rule 61.1(a)(2) – the red flag exemption applies to all boats.

Rule 61.3 – Protest lodgement time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in the race finishes.

Rules A4 & A5 – scoring

2. SAFETY

All Off the Beach boats must comply with the current safety regulations specified in *Yachting Australia* Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.

All Trailable Yachts must comply with Category 6 safety regulations specified in the current *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

3.24.5(c) Sufficient fuel for 1 hour of motoring at minimum speed(3.24.5(a)).

3.25 Marine VHF transceiver installed as specified (27Mhz or HF only, not permitted)

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

4.23.1 Heaving line accessible to cockpit

3. WEATHER

3.1 Racing will not commence if the winds are less than 5 knots or greater than 22 knots average wind strength 10 minutes before the warning signal. A race start after this time is as at the discretion of the Race Committee boat assuming the wind strength is within the above range at the start.

3.2 Racing for the day will be abandoned if a Gale Force or higher warning issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is current on the morning the race is scheduled.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the upstairs clubhouse whiteboard.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions that are not specific to a particular race will be noted on the club website, www.cowesyachtclub.com, and the revised Sailing Instructions posted there.

Any change in the sailing instructions for a particular race will be posted on the upstairs whiteboard no later than the race briefing, and code flag 'L' will be flown from the CYC flagpole with one sound signal.

6. SIGNALS

6.1 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Flag signals made ashore will be displayed from the CYC flagpole. Light signals will be made with the three lights under the eaves to the west of the race control tower. Sound signals will be made with a hooter.

6.2 SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

Signal made afloat shall be from the Cowes Yacht Club official boat.

7 BRIEFING

There will be a briefing on the first floor of the Club approximately 30 minutes before the scheduled race start time.

8. SCHEDULE OF CLUB RACES

The details of the dates and start times of the club races can be found on the CYC Calendar. These sailing instructions do not apply to the Around French Island, Cock of the Bay, Match Racing, Pacer/Taser Challenge, the Triangular Series, the Westernport Challenge (OTB and TY/Keel/Multi) or the Southern Westernport Challenge.

9. DIVISIONS

There will be three divisions:

DIVISION	ELIGIBILITY	CODE FLAG
A	Off the beach catamarans/multihulls	Numeral 1
B	Trailable yachts and monohull off the beach boats with handicaps under 131	Numeral 2
C	Boats with handicaps of 131 or greater	Numeral 3

10. RACING AREA

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

11. THE COURSE

The course will be defined by the Race Officer on the day and written on the upstairs whiteboard. The courses for the CYC Cup aggregate series will be a different numbers of whole laps for each division of the same common course with the exception of Tacker/Optimist class which may have a shorter inshore course at the discretion of the Officer of the Day. Guidance on courses is provided in Addendum A.

11.1. Parks Victoria 5 Knot Zones

Yachts must not exceed 5 knots within the Parks Victoria 5 knot inshore regulated zones.

11.2. Port rules

Port Rule 62B for Victorian Proclaimed Ports, including the waters of Western Port, requires small vessels IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES to keep clear of Commercial Shipping. Boats found to have contravened this Rule will be subject to Disqualification.

11.3 Anchoring in Port of Hastings shipping channels.

Anchoring is forbidden in the Port of Hastings Shipping Channels and subject to disqualification without a hearing.

12. MARKS

The finish mark will be an inflatable buoy placed approximately 50m to 100m approximately north of

the Parks Victoria 5 knot buoy off Cowes Yacht Club.

The Parks Victoria 5 knot buoys are not marks of the course.

Other marks of the course will be set by the Race Officer of the day, their type and location will be explained during the pre-race briefing.

13. THE START

The choice of a Club House Start or Boat Start will be at the discretion of the Officer of the Day and will be specified at the pre-race briefing.

13.1 CLUB HOUSE START

The start line will be between the start mark and the centre line of the CYC race control room.

Races will be started with the following signals. This changes Rule 26.

SIGNAL	LIGHTS AND SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE START
Warning	3 lights	5
Preparatory	2 lights	4
One minute	1 light	1
Starting	0 lights and hooter	0

There will be only one start, with all the divisions combined into a single start.

A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes Rules A4 & A5.

13.2 BOAT START

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.

13.2.1

Races will be started in the order of divisions C, B, A or as a single start, at the discretion of the Officer of the Day.

13.2.2

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

13.2.3

The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed on the race committee boat and the starting mark. The race committee boat may stream a barging buoy, which will be considered an extension of the race committee boat.

13.2.4

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

13.2.5

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

14. SHORTENING COURSE

Courses may be shortened by displaying code flag 'S' on the last mark of the course prior to the finish line. If a numeral pennant is displayed as well then only the course for that division is shortened. When the code flag 'S' is displayed rule 32.2(b) applies. To further clarify rule 32.2(b): boats are required to complete the full lap (not part of) and cross through the finishing line.

15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the finish mark and the centre line of the CYC race control room.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

For multihulls, Rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720 degree turn is replaced by a 360 degree turn.

16.1 PROPULSION

The protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken Rule 42.

17. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for a division is three 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, A4 & A5.

18. 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. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat to finish. This changes Rule 61.3

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit on the upstairs notice board adjacent to the race control room of CYC to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Hearings will be held at Cowes Yacht Club at a time to be advised. A quorum for the Protest Committee shall be three people.

19. SCORING

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

A skipper who is performing race control or patrol boat duty for a race, rather than sailing in that race, shall be given a series score for the race of their mean points score for the series. This changes Rules A4 and A5. Triangular series will also be included for TYs scoring of the Hylton Hergt Shield.

19.1 CYC CUP and DIVISION AGGREGATE SERIES SCORING

8 races are required to be completed to constitute the CYC Cup and Division Aggregate series.

Competitors who join a Series after one or more races have been run will be awarded a "Late Entrant" score for each earlier race. The "Late Entrant" score will be the DNC score for the first (non abandoned) race run after the competitor joins the Series. Previously allocated DNC scores will not be altered.

Race scores will be as per RRS A9 with the last paragraph clarified as follows.

A boat that did not come to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series as of that race.

Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding the number of worst scores as described in 18.2 below.

19.2 SERIES EXCLUSIONS

Each boats series score will have her worst race scores excluded (rounded to the nearest whole number) calculated from the exclusion percentage of the total number of overall races completed. Where there are equal "worst" scores, the earlier race score is excluded.

Exclusion percentage: 20% of each boats individual race result will be excluded from the total number of overall races to count in the series.

20. HANDICAPS

20.1 THE CYC CUP AGGREGATE SERIES will be handicapped as follows:

20.1.1 CYC CUP AGGREGATE INDIVIDUAL RACES

Individual races in the CYC Cup aggregate series will be handicapped using Yachting Victoria yardstick for the calculation of corrected time and the boats corrected time will determine her finishing place for that individual race.

20.1.2 THE CYC CUP AGGREGATE SERIES HANDICAPS:

The CYC Cup Aggregate Series will be handicapped using weighted running average method as follows:

The handicap is calculated as the average of the weighted, back calculated handicaps (ie measured relative performance) for each of the last four races.

i.e. $CHC = (BCH1 + BCH2 + BCH3 + BCH4)/4$.

Individual aggregate race results must be sent as soon as is practical to the Sailing Captain (or deputy) by the Officer of the Day for Weighted Running Average calculation.

20.1.3 THE CYC CUP AGGREGATE ELIGIBILITY:

Boats with a Yachting Victoria yardstick less than 146 are only eligible to compete in the CYC Cup Aggregate series.

20.2. ALL OTHER CLUB RACES (including DIVISION SERIES)

Handicaps will be based on the Yachting Victoria yardsticks and CBH using the conversion of yardstick = 80.25 / CBH will be used for the calculation of corrected time and the boat's corrected time will be used to determine her finishing place.

21. SIGN ON / SIGN OFF

The skipper of a boat must sign on at CYC by making an entry in the sign on/off book that will be upstairs near the whiteboard. This may be done any time between two hours before the first start and the warning signal for the first start.

The skipper of a boat must sign off at CYC by completing the entry in the sign on/off book. This must be done within 30 minutes of the boat finishing.

A boat that retires shall sign off as soon as is practical and not more than 30 minutes after returning to the club.

Yachts may sign on/off by radio if the sign on/off is acknowledged by Race Control. This is to be done to call sign VJ3CK on VHF channel 73 or other VHF channel nominated at the pre-race briefing.

Failure to sign on or sign off will result in disqualification (DSQ) without a hearing.

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and safety regulations as specified in these sailing instructions.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and smart devices. The intention of this rule is to ensure that no external assistance or information is available to individual boats.

24. PRIZES

For each race pennants or medallions will be presented to the first place skipper provided that there are at least two boats that finish the race, to the second place skipper provided that there are at least four boats that finish the race and to the third place skipper provided that at least six boats that finish the race.

First place getters will receive a trophy and be engraved on the respective series perpetual trophy.

First, second and third place-getters in each series will receive a trophy.

The winner for the Club champion, in the monohull, TY and catamaran divisions, will receive trophies.

25. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official Boats will fly the Cowes Yacht Club burgee.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

27. 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 \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM A – GUIDANCE ON COURSES

The courses for Tackers, Junior and Lady Skippers shall be short, close to shore and preferably within 0.5 nautical miles in full site of the Club.

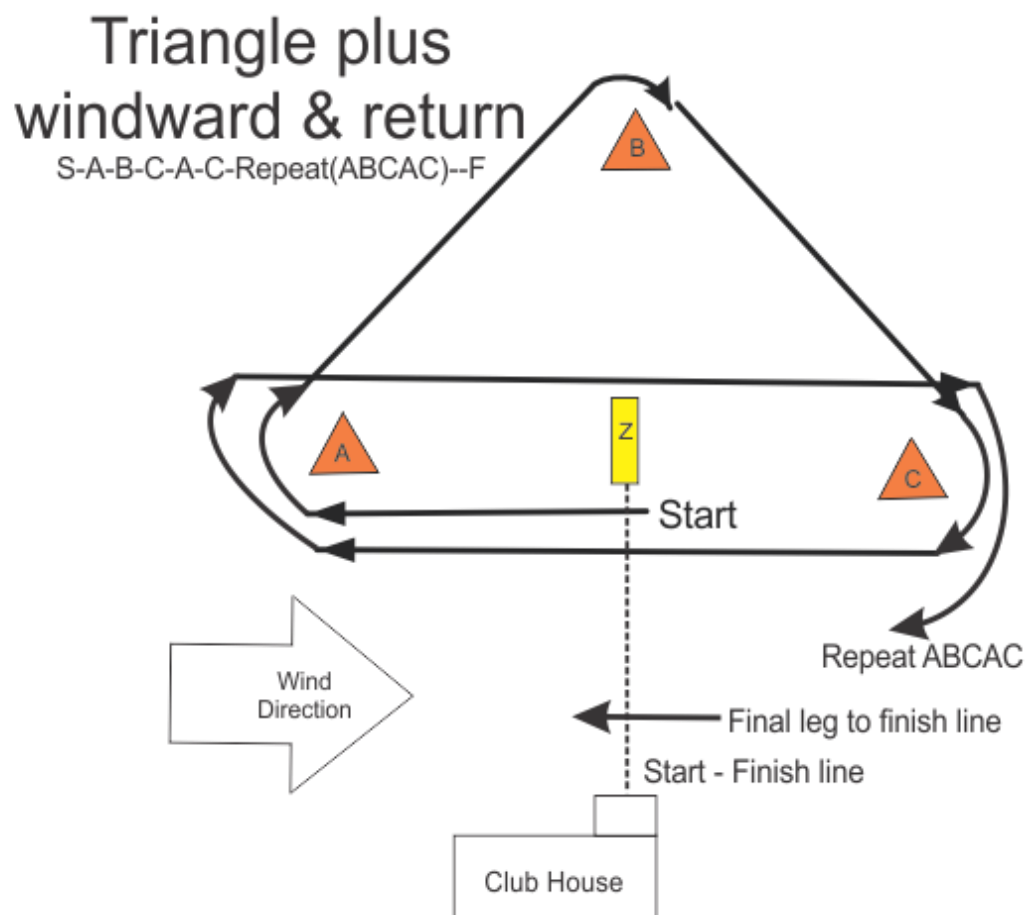
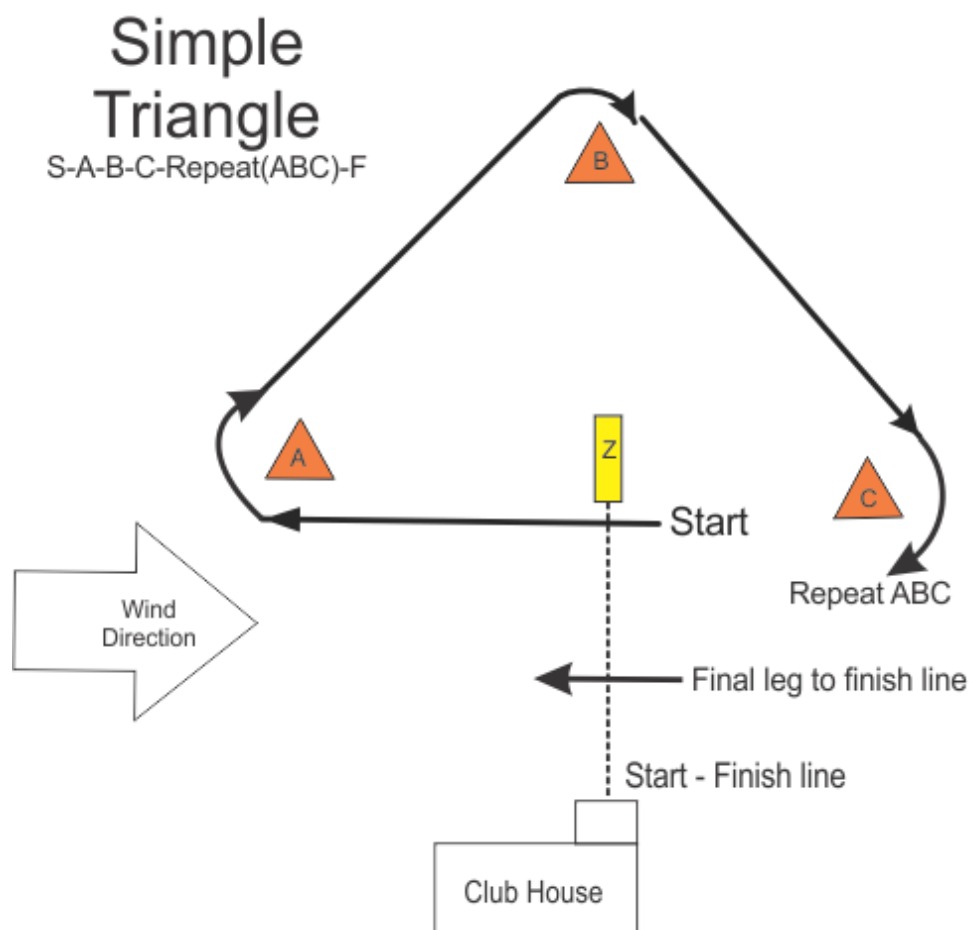
The courses for the Aggregate and Easter races should be preferably with leg lengths of up to 1 nautical mile, please refer to reference course in Addendum B.

The courses forailable Yacht only races (eg Hylton Hergt Shield) should have a total course length from around 10 nautical miles to a maximum of 20 nautical miles inside Western Port.

CYC Club House start - Starboard Courses - Westerly Wind

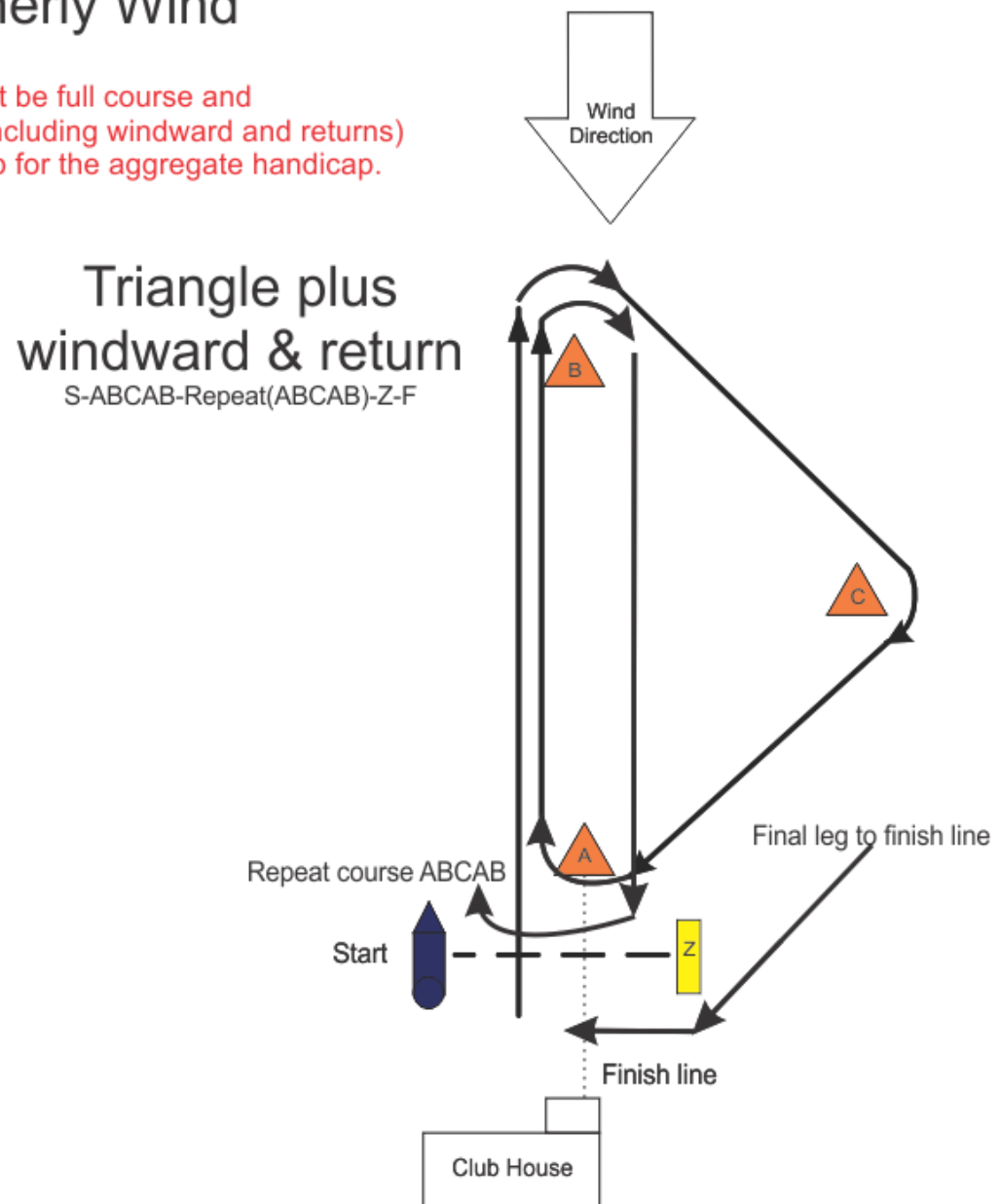
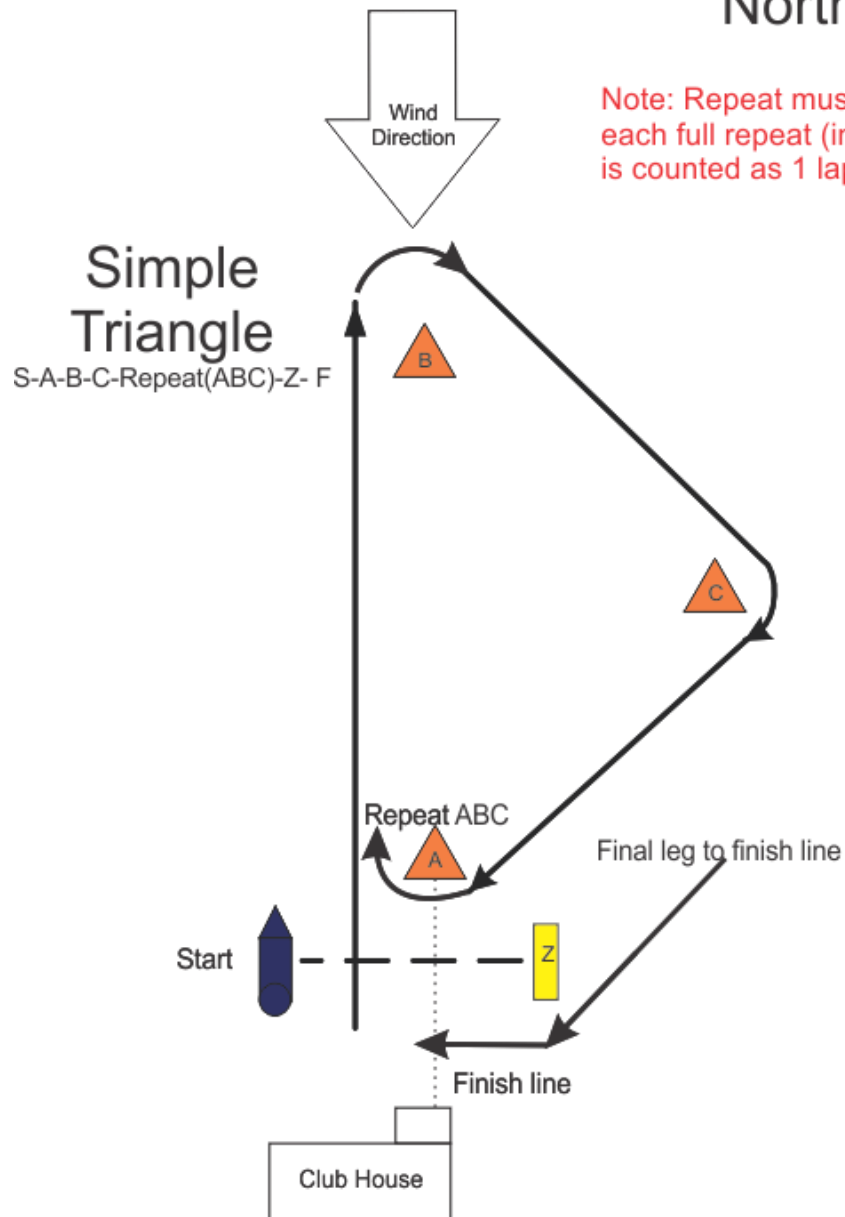
Note: Repeat must be full course and each full repeat (including windward and returns) is counted as 1 lap for the aggregate handicap.

Recommended for incoming tide



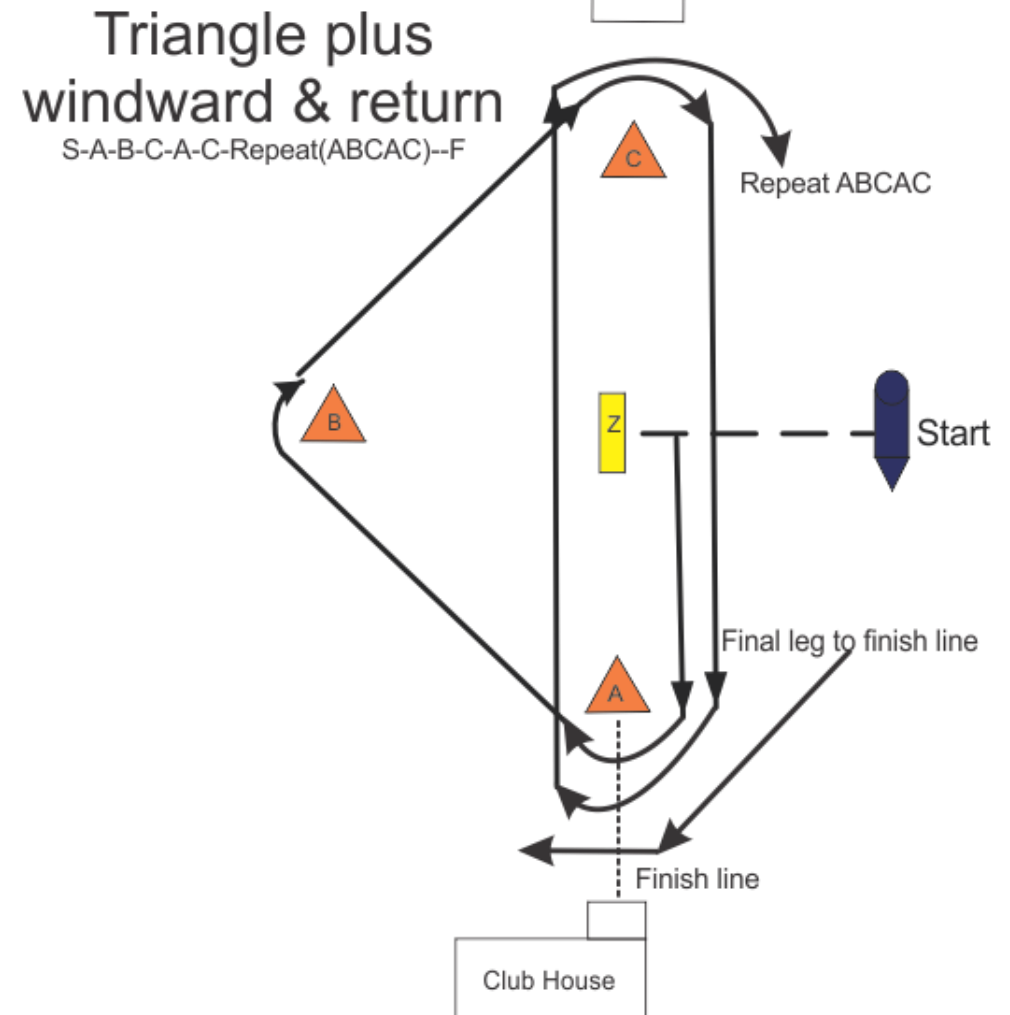
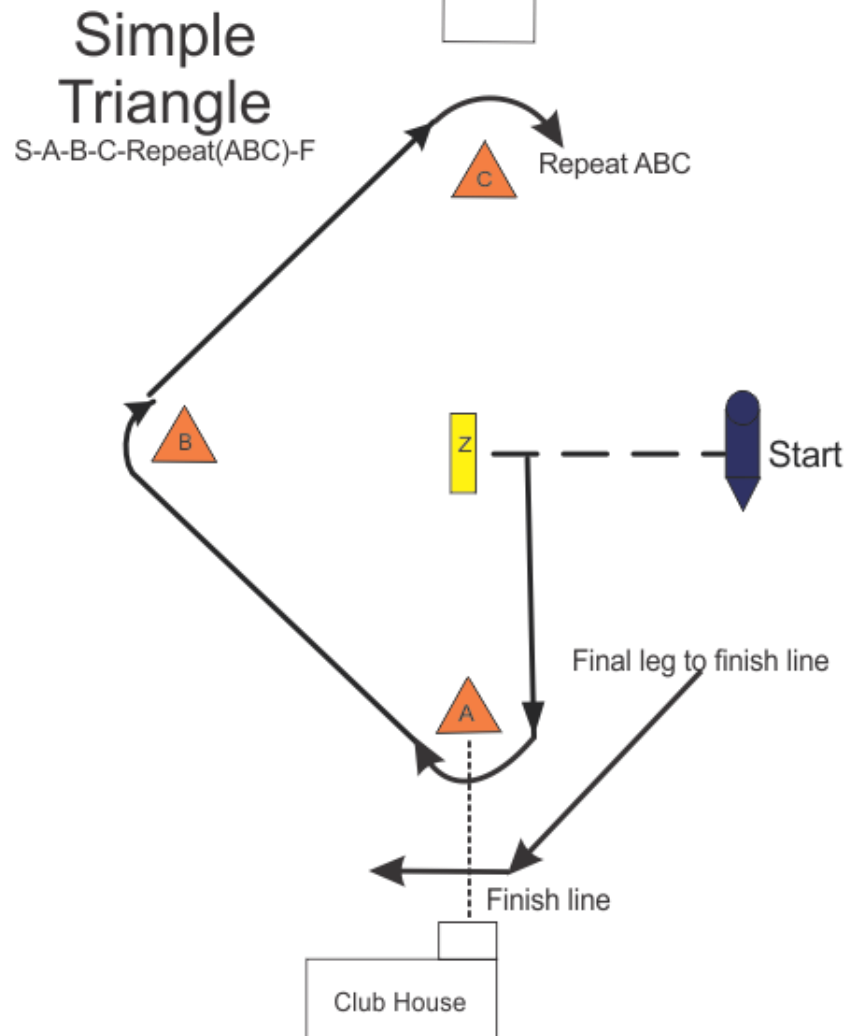
CYC Boat start - Starboard Courses - Recommended for outgoing tide

Northerly Wind

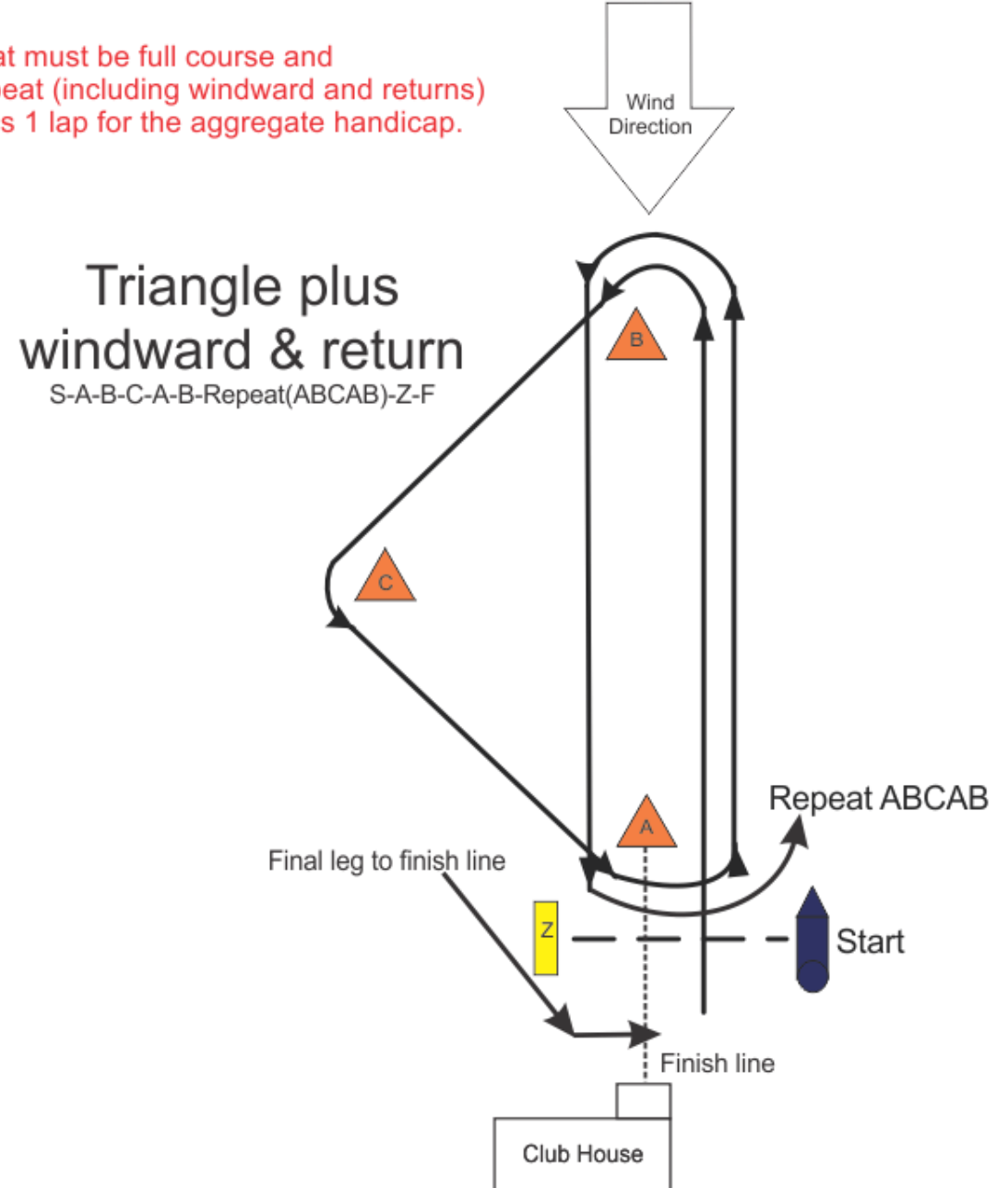
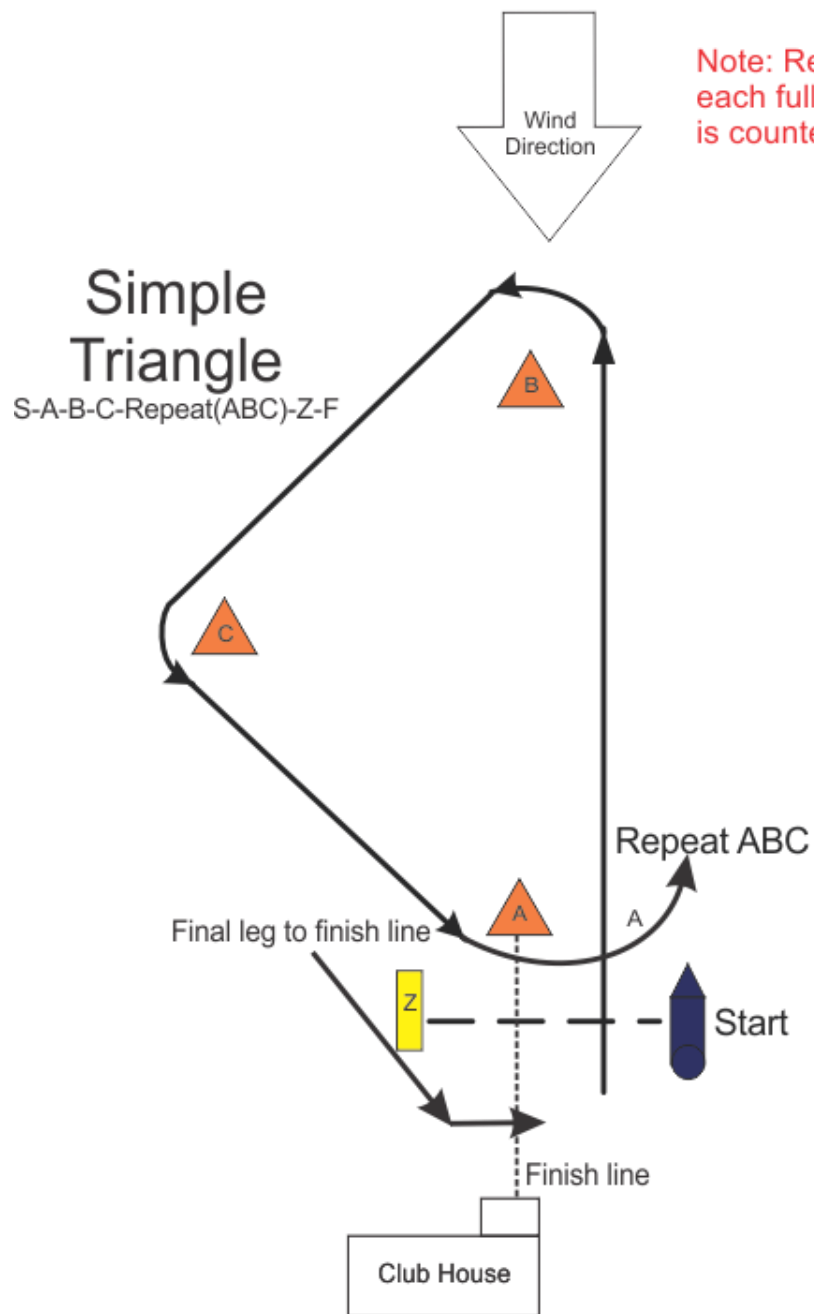


CYC Boat start - Starboard Courses - Southerly Wind - Recommended for incoming tide

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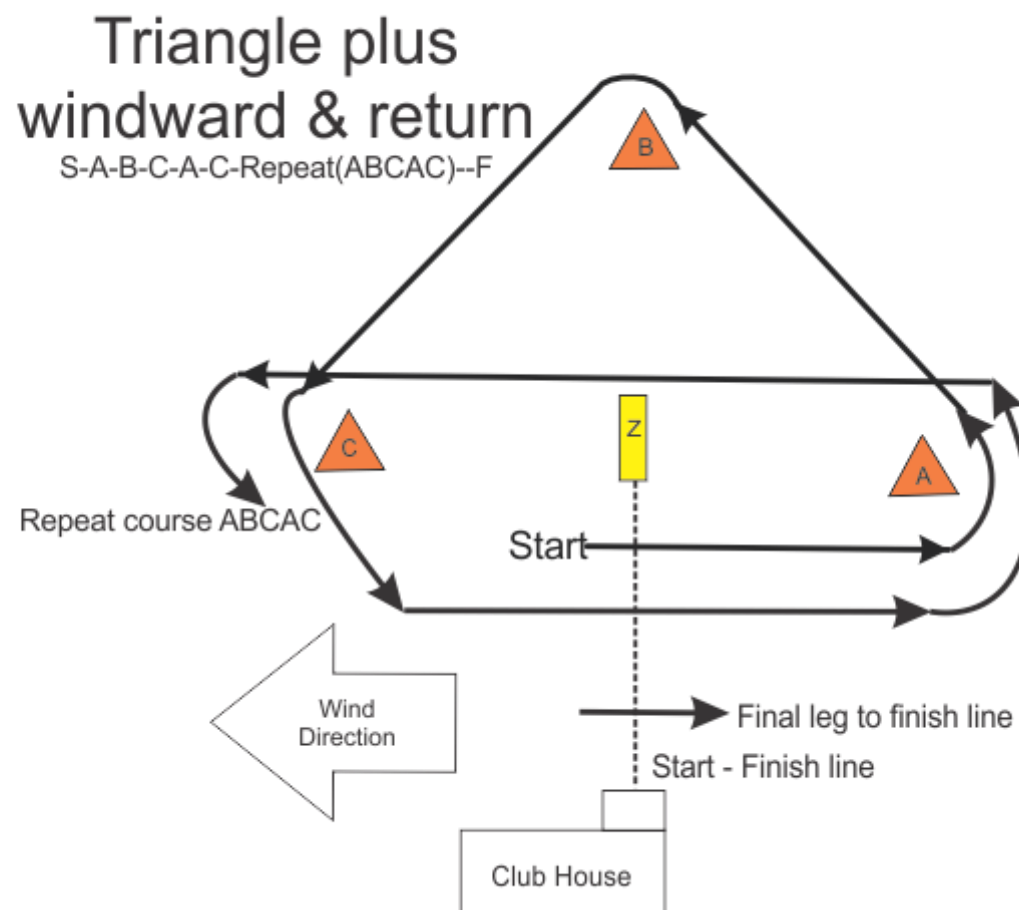
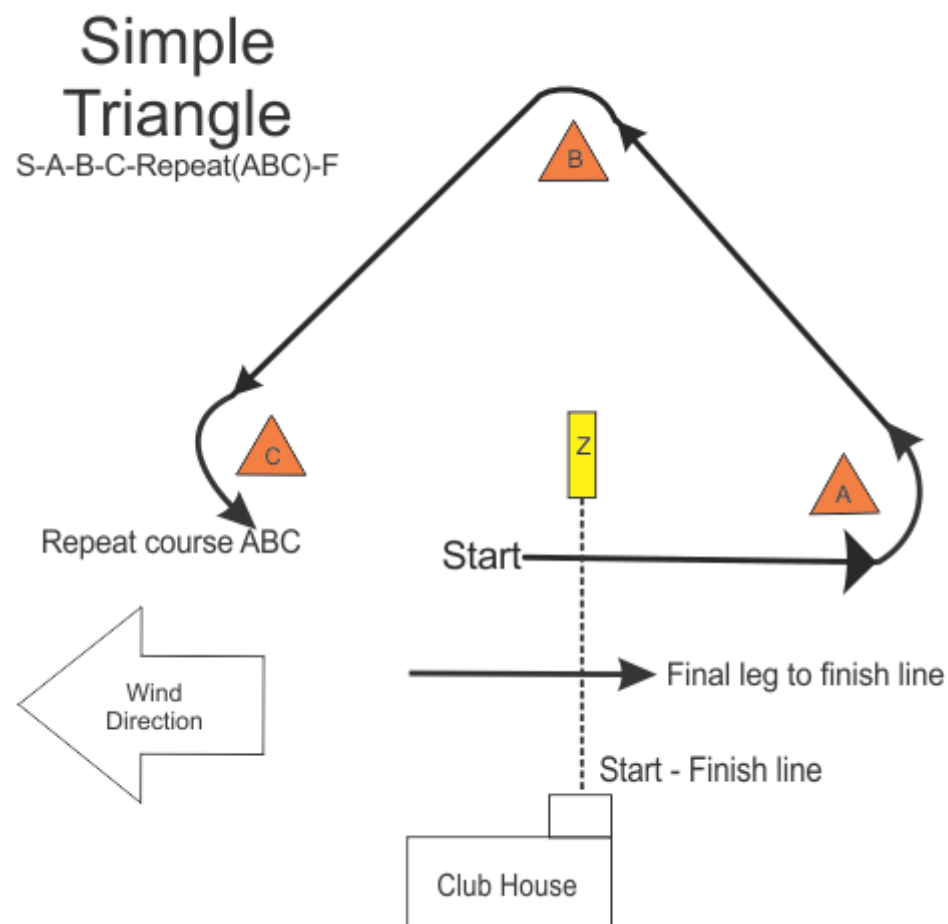


CYC Boat start - Port Courses - Northerly Wind - Recommended for incoming tide



CYC Club House start - Port Courses - Easterly Wind - Recommended for incoming tide

Note: Repeat must be full course and each full repeat (including windward and returns) is counted as 1 lap for the aggregate handicap.



CYC Boat start - Port Courses - Southerly Wind - Recommended for outgoing tide

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