

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2015 - 2016 SEASON

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*
- 1.2. Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 will apply to all "off the beach" boats including Flying 15s
- 1.3. *Particular attention is drawn to rule 4: DECISION TO RACE* - The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone
- 1.4. Particular attention is also drawn to Fundamental RRS 2 – *Fair Sailing*

#### 2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. In order to qualify for entry, the helmsperson or crew shall be financial members of DBYC and/or be members of a club affiliated with Yachting Australia.
- 2.2. **All Entrants shall sign-on and off using entry/race cards in the box provided in the Club. Entrants who omit to sign on or sign off will NOT be scored for that or any subsequent races in the same on-water session.**
- 2.3. The use of sail numbers other than the number on the "Boat Register & Race Entry Card" may not be permitted without prior written application to and approval from the race committee. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction may result in the boat being scored DNC

**2.4.** At the completion of racing for the day, or on retirement from the race and as soon as possible on returning to the beach, the helmsperson or crew must complete the sign-off process and annotate accordingly (i.e. DNF, Ret, F, etc). This action is important for the determination of competitor safety.

**2.5.** Visitor entries – Visitors may complete a ‘visitor entry’ card and pay the requisite visitor fee. Visitors must be members of YA or equivalent international organization. Visitors are not eligible for results in DBYC series races.

### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

**3.1.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board outside the kitchen in the main clubhouse.

### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**4.1.** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1 hour prior to the start time of the race(s) in which the changes are to take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted on the Club website [www.dbyc.com.au](http://www.dbyc.com.au) and the Official Notice Board by 2000 hrs on the Thursday before it will take effect.

**4.2.** *As a courtesy to members, the Sailing Committee may draw attention to the changes on the website by communicating electronically with members.*

### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**5.1.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the Murdoch Safety Tower.

**5.2.** When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. As per the Sailing Program published on the club website [www.dbyc.com.au](http://www.dbyc.com.au)
- 6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before the warning signal of the first division is displayed. The orange flag will be lowered on the expiration of the starting time limit for the last division.
- 6.3. On days when a trophy race is scheduled, this will be the second race of the day with a warm up race being the first race
- 6.4. SUBSEQUENT RACES: When Code Flag L (LIMA) is displayed from the committee vessel at the Finish, a subsequent race shall be conducted, with the start sequence commencing within a short time of the last boat in a division finishing.

## 7. DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

### 7.1. NUMERAL PENNANT 1

#### 7.1.1. Yachting Victoria Yardstick 112 and below

e.g. Flying Fifteen (MkI and II), Sharpie, 470, Contender, 505, Moth

### 7.2. NUMERAL PENNANT 2

#### 7.2.1. Yachting Victoria Yardstick 133 to 150

e.g. 420, Laser, Sabre, Pacer, other OTB dinghies

### 7.3. NUMERAL PENNANT 3

#### 7.3.1. Yachting Victoria Yardstick 151 and higher

e.g. Optimist, Open Bic, Sabot, Minnow

- 7.4. Classes not listed in these instructions will be advised to sail in a division at the discretion of the Race Officer on the day.

## **8. RACING AREA**

**8.1.** The race area will be the waters of Port Phillip Bay in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Yacht Club.

## **9. THE COURSE**

**9.1.** The diagrams in Attachment 'A' show the courses to be sailed, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left

**9.2.** The approximate bearing to the first Mark and the course to be sailed shall be indicated on a board displayed at the committee vessel.

**9.3.** If a course other than one shown in Attachment 'A' is to be used, the Race Officer will advise at a pre-race information session.

**9.4.** If marks of the course are to be different from those shown in Attachment B, the Race Officer will advise at the pre-race information session

**9.5.** The course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer by displaying code flag S at a rounding mark. In accordance with RRS 32.2

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3s/p (outer course) will be self-inflating tall ORANGE cones
- 10.2. Marks 1, 2 (if used) of an **inner** course will be self-inflating tall YELLOW cones. An inner course shall use the same leeward gate (3s/p) as the outer course.
- 10.3. **An 'Offset' or 'Hitch' mark will be laid approximately 20-50 metres and approximately 90 degrees counter-clockwise to the wind direction from the windward mark. This is a mark of the course and shall be left to port. This mark shall be a WHITE inflatable cylinder with a BLUE top.**
- 10.4. The port end starting mark will be a RED inflatable buoy.
- 10.5. The port end finishing mark will be a RED inflatable buoy.
- 10.6. New marks, when used in accordance with instruction 13, 'Change of course after the start' will be YELLOW Cylindrical inflatable buoys.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started according to ISAF RRS (2013-2016) 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee starting boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 11.3. A clearance buoy may be laid a short distance from the committee vessel. This buoy shall be considered an extension of the committee boat and shall be left to starboard.
- 11.4. The race will proceed providing (3) three of the competitors in the division are ranked as starters.
- 11.5. A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

- 11.6.** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other racers.
- 11.7.** When code flag D is displayed with a division flag at the start (or subsequently from a committee vessel adjacent to a mark), the **finishing line** will be in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Jetty. In this case, the finish shall be between a RED inflatable buoy and the end of the Jetty.

## **12. RECALLS**

- 12.1.** Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29

## **13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 13.1.** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark

## **14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1.** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a **blue** flag or shape on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the finishing mark
- 14.2.** When code flag D is displayed with a division flag at the start (or subsequently from a committee vessel adjacent to a mark), the **finishing line** will be in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Jetty. In this case, the finish shall be between a RED inflatable buoy and the end of the Jetty.

## **15. TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1.** The time limit where a single race is being held in a racing period will be 2 hours for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored 'Did not Finish'. This alters RRS 35, 61.1(a), A4 and A5
- 15.2.** For back-to-back courses 1, 2 and 3 in Attachment 1 the target time for a race will be 45 to 50 minutes. Boats failing to finish a back-to-back race within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored 'Did not Finish'. This alters RRS 35, 62.1(a), A4 and A5.
- 15.3.** For multiple short course sprint races the target time for a race will be 15 minutes to 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish a sprint race 5 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored 'Did not Finish'. This alters RRS 35, 62.1(a), A4 and A5

## **16. PROTESTS**

- 16.1.** Protests shall be delivered to the race office within 30 minutes after the time the last boat in the class comes ashore. Protest forms are available at the race office
- 16.2.** Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.3.** The protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 16.4.** Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as a witness

## 17. SCORING

**17.1.** The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst scores discarded as per the below for **the club Major Aggregate and Championship (MAC)** and the Club **Spring and Summer Series**

17.1.1.	Number of Races	Discards
	<b>0-5</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>5-8</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>9-15</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>16-22</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>23-30</b>	<b>4</b>

**17.2.** For **the club Major Aggregate and Championship (MAC)** and **Spring and Summer Series** 3 races must be completed to constitute a series. For Spring or Summer series 2 races must be completed to constitute a series. Where more than 2 races are completed for a Spring or Summer series a boat's worst result will be discarded

**17.3.** NOTE: In the Championship series places are calculated using the current Yachting Victoria yardstick. In the Aggregate series places are calculated using individual boat and skipper handicap as calculated over the previous 3 races completed and applied to the finishing time for the next race. All individual handicaps start their season using the Yachting Victoria yardstick.

**17.4.** Scoring when on Duty: For those skippers who miss an aggregate race due to their involvement as duty officer or duty crew a result will be recorded for the race. This will be taken as an average result based on the last 3 races previously completed without penalty in the current season. In the event three clear races have not been completed the result concerned will not be filled in until three clear races have been completed.

**17.5.** It is the affected skipper's responsibility to draw the situation to the attention of the handicapper / scorer.



**17.6.** Scoring when away: Skippers missing Club championship and aggregate events for class national or state championships or with a Training Squad for a National or State event **may apply to the sailing committee** have their best four results in the same series averaged to provide points in the missed races. It will be the affected skipper's responsibility to inform the handicapper/scorer of any away-from-club commitments. Any dispute in this matter will be decided by the Sailing Committee.

**17.7.** A maximum handicap (i.e. for slowest boats) for a class may be established by the race committee and used in lieu of a boat's actual calculated handicap in a race where the boat's calculated handicap is greater than the maximum handicap allowed. Where a maximum handicap is to be applied to a class it will be advised in the sailing calendar for the season and shall be applicable for that season only. A maximum handicap may be reviewed at the end of a season and left unchanged, adjusted or removed from the calendar for the following season.

## **18. MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

**18.1.** Measurement checks may be made in accordance with class rules at any time during the racing season

## **19. MINIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS**

**19.1.** A minimum of 3 starters is required for a class to be scored as a class.

## 20. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

20.1. A boat shall neither make electronic communications while racing nor receive electronic communications not available to all boats. This also applies to mobile phones.

## 21. PRIZES

21.1. Prizes will be awarded for each series at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

## 22. SAFETY

22.1. All competitors shall wear personal floatation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specification issued or approved by a national authority affiliated with the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government

## 23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in DBYC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. DBYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. DBYC reserves the right to refuse an entry. Attention is again drawn to Fundamental RRS Rule 4, which states: "***The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone***"

## Attachment A - Course Diagram:

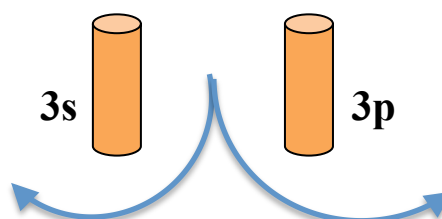
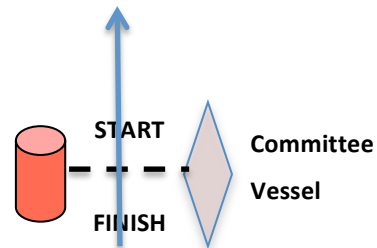
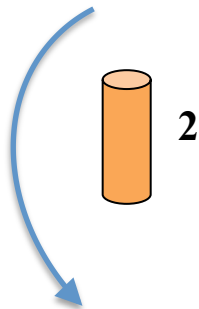
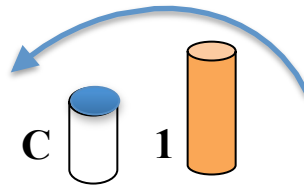
COURSE MARKS 1, 2 and 3p/3s - Orange inflatable cones

CLEARANCE MARK "C" - White inflatable cylinder with blue top/bottom

START / FINISH MARK - Red inflatable cylinder

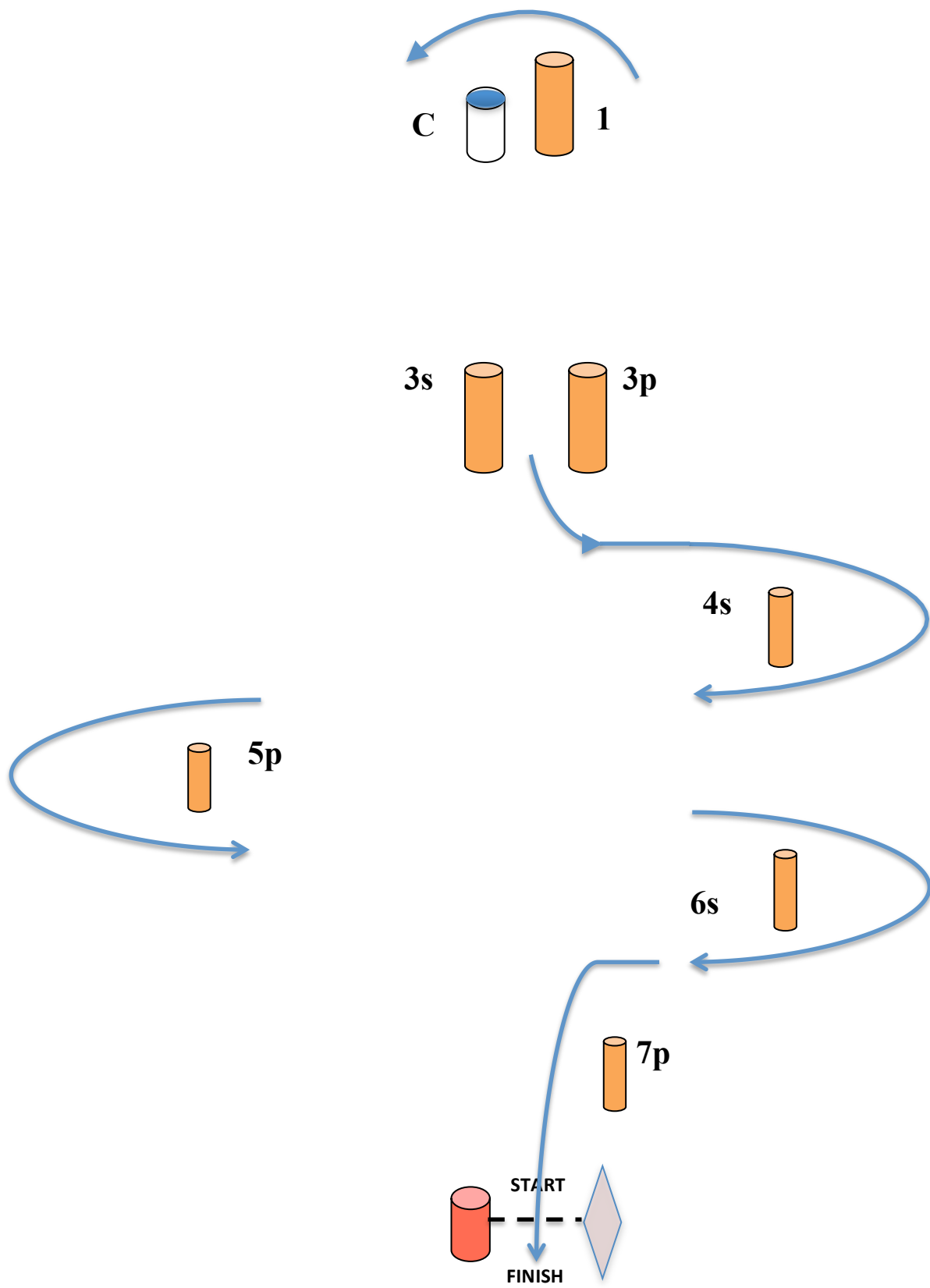
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<b>COURSE 2 - START</b>	<b>1 C 3s/p</b>	<b>1 C 2 3p</b>	<b>1 C 3s/p</b>	<b>FINISH</b>
<b>COURSE 3 - START</b>	<b>1 C 3s/p</b>	<b>1 C 3s/p</b>	<b>1 C 3s/p</b>	<b>FINISH</b>

NOTE: Port course shown. Not to scale. Orange Cylinders shown in diagram shall be CONICAL on the course.



**COURSE 4 – Windward/Leeward with Slalom finish**

**- START 1C 3s/p 1C 3p 4s 5p 6s 7p FINISH**



**Note:**

***An 'Inner Course' may be laid at the discretion of the Race Officer. In this instance, Buoys A and B will be placed on the same bearings but reduced leg-length as buoys 1 and 2. No Offset mark will be placed.***

***The 'Inner course' will be designated for **Division 3** as per pre-race information sessions.***

***The Mark 'C' indicated above may be used as an Offset Windward or 'hitch' mark on any of courses 1,2, 3 or 4.***