



Cowes Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

BULLET RACE

FOR TRAILABLE YACHTS AND OFF THE BEACH BOATS

1. RULES

The Race will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Australian Sailing Special Regulations part 2 for off the beach boats, the rules of each class Association concerned, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and these Sailing Instructions.

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

- 3.07.4 Removable hatches to have locks and lanyards
- 3.243 Engine, permanently installed or outboard
- 3.244 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 Marine VHF transceiver installed and functional for duration of the race (27Mhz or HF is not acceptable)
- 4.211 Lifebuoy or other approved device with drogue (no light for daylight race)
- 4.23.1 Heaving line accessible to cockpit

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. ALTERATION TO RACING RULES

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

- 2.1 Rule 44.1 Taking a Penalty. 720 degrees will be changed to 360 degrees for multihulls.
- 2.2 Rule A4.1 Scoring. A boat starting 15 minutes later than her starting signal will be scored DNS.
- 2.3 Rule 61.1(a)(2). The red flag exemption applies to all boats.
- 2.4 Rule 62.2. The time allowed for a request to reopen a hearing is reduced to 30 minutes.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the downstairs notice board at Cowes Yacht Club.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the down stairs notice board at Cowes Yacht Club 60 minutes before the scheduled start time on the day of the race and code flag "L" will be flown from the signal mast with one sound signal.

5. SIGNALS

5.1

All signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast at Cowes Yacht Club.

5.2

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

6. BRIEFING

There will be a briefing on the first floor of the Club by the Officer of the Day 30 minutes before the scheduled start time on race day.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACE

The race is scheduled to take place at Cowes Yacht Club as per Notice of Race. A re-sail may be held if required.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port.

9. THE START

The start line will be between a mark off the CYC (the Start/Finish Mark) and the centre line of the CYC race control room, or as decided by the Race Officer of the day.

There will be four starts, at ten minute intervals, as follows.

Start 1 Monohulls with Yardsticks of 118 or above

Start 2 Monohulls with Yardsticks of 117 or below

Start 3 Cats with Yardsticks of 77 or above

Start 4 Cats with Yardsticks of 76 or below

Races will be started using the lights on the CYC, for each start,

3 lights on at 10 minutes,

2 lights on at 5 minutes, (1 goes off)

1 light on at 1 minute, (another goes off)

all lights off at the start of each Division.

NB all lights off only lasts for 1 second then reverts to 3 lights on for next division.

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

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the Start/Finish Mark and the centre line of the CYC race control room, or as decided by the Race Officer of the day.

11. COURSE

The direction of the course may be changed.

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

The course will be from the Yacht Club to a channel marker or other marker, and back to the Yacht Club. The particular buoy to be rounded and the direction of rounding this mark shall be determined by the Officer of the Day, depending on the wind strength and direction. The intention is for it to be a fairly long distance race.

11.1 SHORTENED COURSE

The course 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 10, "THE FINISH" above. A Flag S displayed with no Division flags will mean that the course has been shortened for all divisions. This changes rule 32.2.

As there is only one mark of the course, another closer mark may be nominated as the

rounding mark. The Patrol Boat will endeavour to notify the participants of the new mark, and will follow the procedure above with flags and sound signals.

12. TIDES

Tide times will be advised at the briefing by the Officer of the Day.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. OFFICIAL BOATS

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

18. SAFETY DECLARATION AND RETIREMENTS

The safety regulations prescribed in RRS AYF Addendum A, Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats) shall apply to all Off the Beach Boats competing in this event.

Safety Regulations for Trailable Yachts Category 6 shall apply to all Trailable Yachts competing in this event.

All boats entering are subject to the direction and control of the sailing committee and all boat owners shall make a declaration of safety compliance when registering their boat for the race. Cowes Yacht Club Inc reserves the right to inspect all competing boats for safety and reserves the right to refuse entry if the boat is deemed, for any reason, not to

be fit to race. Acceptance of an entry is in no way a validation by Cowes Yacht Club Inc of the seaworthiness of a boat.

19. INDEMNITY

All those taking part in this race conducted by Cowes Yacht Club Inc do so at their own risk and responsibility. Cowes Yacht Club Inc is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted, or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. In accordance with RRS 76, Cowes Yacht Club Inc reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat for any reason.

Attention is drawn to RRS 4 "Decision to Race" which states "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start, or continue racing."

No liability is accepted by Cowes Yacht Club Inc, its officers, members and volunteers for the loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by participation in or arising out of this race. These sailing instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of the boat he or she is sailing.