

2008-09 NEWPORT CELLARS HOT PURSUIT SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

All races shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, as amended the Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of the YA and YV, the YV Handicapping Rules and the Port of Melbourne Regulations, all as modified by these instructions.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

All yachts taking part in races conducted by HBYC do so at their own risk and responsibility. Races shall be conducted under Category 6 of Addendum A of the RRS. HBYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to ISAF Rule 4. "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

3. SAFETY EQUIPMENT COMPLIANCE

Boats shall have a valid Safety Equipment of Compliance for Category form lodged with the Race Committee at least two hours prior to the Start of a Race. Boats not having a valid SECC lodged shall be scored DSQ. This alters the RRS Scoring Appendix

4. POSTPONEMENT & ABANDONMENT

All signals shall be in accordance with the racing signals of the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, display these signals from the HBYC signal mast.

5. LIFE JACKET RULE

RRS 40 shall only apply to yachts without lifelines.

It is also strongly recommended that all crew of boats wear a PFD type 1 or 2 and safety harnesses (as per YA Special Regulations Section 5.02) be worn whilst on deck when conditions are such as to warrant it. Such conditions would include when sails are reefed, where there is significant wind effect on the water or wave heights that might jeopardize the safety of the vessel or its occupants, inexperienced persons are on board

6. SHIPPING

- a) Skippers shall at all times abide by the Port of Melbourne Regulations covering the navigation of small craft and yachts. They shall also abide by the directions of race officials patrolling shipping channels. Skippers failing to abide by the Port of Melbourne Regulations and the directions of the race officials shall be disqualified. This alters RRS No.60, 61, 62 & 89.3
- b) Any Skipper subject of a complaint by a Ship's master for any reason whatsoever may be disqualified.

7. START TIMES

There shall be a succession of starts for groups of boats at TWO MINUTE INTERVALS depending on handicap as indicated on the list of entrants issued prior to each race. The group number shall indicate the number of two-minute delays to the boat's start, from Group Zero, which shall start at the Starting Signal. This changes RRS No. 26. A boat shall not start more than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal.

STARTING SIGNALS

- a) Warning Signal - Five (5) minutes before the Group Zero start, the numeral Zero ("0") shall be displayed on a board and the Course indicated by Numeral Pennant 1, 2, 3 or 4. A sound signal may be made.
- b) Preparatory Signal - Four (4) minutes before the Group Zero start, the Code Flag "P" will be raised and a sound signal may be made.
- c) Preparatory Signal Removed – at one (1) minute before the start, Code Flag "P" will be lowered and a sound signal may be made.
- d) Starting Signal - Numeral Zero ("0") shall be lowered and a sound signal may be made. Shortly afterwards numeral One ("1") shall be displayed.
- e) Subsequent Starts - The appropriate numeral for each group shall be displayed at approximately two-minute intervals. The start for the group indicated by the numeral is signalled by the lowering of the numeral. A sound signal may be made. A boat's preparatory signal shall be deemed to have been made five (5) minutes before its starting signal.
- f) Times shall be taken from the visual signs.

8. STARTING LINE

The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable cylinder buoy at the port end. A Crowding Buoy may be laid nearby the Committee Vessel. Any boat passing from the course side of the starting line between the start boat and the crowding mark shall be disqualified. The starting line will be located approximately 400m south of Webb dock.

9. INDIVIDUAL RE-CALLS

There shall be no recalls. When any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal, it shall return to the pre-start side of the line to start correctly. Failure to do so shall result in the boat being penalised ten (10) places. If any boat starts more than 2 minutes before her allocated start time, then she may be scored "On Course Side" (OCS), subject to protest.

10. COURSES

Course No. 1 (Southerly)

Start line to Mark X to port to No. 74 Channel Mark to port to No. 80 Channel Mark to port to Mark X to port to No.74 Channel Mark to port to No. 80 Channel Mark to port then to finish line.

Course No. 2 (Northerly)

Start line to No. 80 Channel Mark to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to starboard to Mark X to starboard to No. 80 Channel Mark to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to starboard to Mark X to starboard then to finish line.

Course No. 3 (Southerly)

Start line to No. 15 Channel Mark (Western Cardinal Mark) to port to No. 74 Channel Mark to port to No. 80 Channel Mark to port to No. 15 Channel Mark (Western Cardinal Mark) to port to No. 74 Channel Mark to port to No. 80 Channel Mark to port then to finish line.

Course No. 4 (Northerly)

Start line to No. 80 Channel Mark to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to starboard to No. 15 Channel Mark (Western Cardinal Mark) to starboard to No. 80 Channel Mark to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to starboard to No. 15 Channel Mark (Western Cardinal Mark) to starboard then to finish line.

11. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

Mark X an orange inflated cylinder buoy marked X approx 200m SE of Channel Mark 17
Channel Piles - Piles marking Port of Melbourne Channels. See Charts AUS143, AUS154 and AUS155, as modified by Notices to Mariners.

12. FINISHING LINE

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and an orange inflatable cylinder buoy at the port end. The finishing line will be located approximately 400m south of Webb dock

13. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all boats shall be 1700 hours. If less than three (3) boats finish the race, the race shall be abandoned. This changes Rule 35.

14. HANDICAPS

THE HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER OR ADJUST ANY HANDICAP FOUND TO BE INCORRECTLY CALCULATED OR PRINTED. NOTE THAT THE HANDICAPS USED FOR THIS SERIES ARE INDEPENDENT OF THOSE USED IN OTHER RACES.

15. RACE RESULTS

Results shall be advised promptly. Results shall be posted on the Regatta Noticeboard in the foyer of Hobson's Bay Yacht Club and also posted on the Internet at hbyc.asn.au

16. SCORING SYSTEM FOR SERIES

Refer to the Notice of Race.

17. PROTESTS

- a) Protests shall be notified to a Race Official within two hours of the protesting yacht's finishing time and lodged in writing, on the prescribed form.
- b) Protests will be heard at Hobson's Bay Yacht Club, 268 Nelson Place, Williamstown at 1930 hours on the Thursday following the race, unless otherwise notified. Notice of protests shall be posted on the Race Noticeboard located in the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Foyer.