

# **PART E**

## **Instructions which apply to Two-Handed Races**

### **E.1 SAFETY**

All competitors shall wear a PFD type 1 or 2 whilst competing in the race, and it is strongly recommended that they wear a PFD type 1 or 2 until safely returned to their home port.

It is strongly recommended that all competitors whilst competing in the race and until they return to their home port also wear approved harnesses when conditions warrant it, (ref A.8).

### **E.2 STARTING TIME**

Unless otherwise advised, the starting time shall be 1100 hours.

### **E.3 STARTING LINE**

- (a) The Starting Line shall be an imaginary line between the Signal Mast of the Committee Vessel and the Starting Mark. A Crowding Buoy may be laid between the Committee Vessel and the Starting Mark.
- (b) The starting line shall be located in Hobson's Bay, approximately 200m east of Webb Dock.

### **E.4 THE START**

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Boats shall pass between the Starting Mark and the Crowding Buoy (when laid) to Start.

Boats failing to start within 10 minutes of the starting signal shall be scored "DNS"

### After the Preparatory Signal and before Correctly Starting -.

- (a) Any boat passing from the pre-start side of the Starting Line to the course side of the Starting Line between the Crowding Buoy and the Committee Vessel shall return to the pre-start side of the Starting Line by passing on the course side of and round the Committee Vessel.
- (b) Any boat touching the Crowding Buoy shall correct her error in accordance with Rule 31.2.
- (c) Any boat passing from the course side to the pre-start side of the starting line between the Crowding Buoy and Committee Vessel shall be disqualified.

## **E.5 RECALLS**

There shall be no recalls. If any part of the boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line when the start is indicated it shall return and restart correctly or incur a 10% penalty added to its corrected time. This changes RRS Nos. 29 and 30.

## **E.6 COURSE**

Start in a southerly direction leaving Gellibrand Cardinal Marker to starboard, then to Outer Anchorage Beacon to port, then to Spoil Ground Buoy to port, then to the finish line in a northerly direction.

Competitors are requested to notify the Race Officer as they approach Williamstown breakwater on VHF 73.

## **E.7 FINISHING LINE**

The finish line shall be between the southern end of the HBYC Clubhouse balcony and the No 20 Channel Mark.

Finish times may be recorded from a Committee Vessel on station or from a position on shore.

## **E.8 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit shall be, for the leading boat, eight hours (8) from the start time, or the published time of sunset, whichever is the earliest. When the leading boat finishes within the time limit, other boats shall be timed for two (2) further hours or until the published time of sunset, whichever is the earlier. Boats not completing the course prior to sunset or the expiration of the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finished (DNF). This changes Rule 35.

## **E.9 SCORING SYSTEM FOR SERIES**

The Low-Point Scoring System, Rule A4, shall apply.  
The scoring system for the series shall be stated in the Notice of Race for the series.

The number of races scheduled and the number required to constitute a series shall be stated in the Notice of Race and/or the Block Entry Form.

## **E.10 HANDICAPS**

HOBSON'S BAY YACHT CLUB RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER OR ADJUST ANY HANDICAP FOUND TO BE INCORRECTLY CALCULATED OR PRINTED. ALSO NOTE THAT THE HANDICAPS USED FOR THIS SERIES ARE INDEPENDENT OF THOSE USED IN OTHER RACES. Entrants should be aware of their responsibilities under the YV Handicapping Rules, which are available from [www.yachtingvictoria.com.au](http://www.yachtingvictoria.com.au).