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Walter Paton (PHD)/ Alex Nelson (AMS) Trophy Race Sailing Instructions

Saturday 18th October 2008 1000hrs

1. Rules

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2005-2008, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Yachting Australia (YA), the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (YV), the International Rating Club (IRC) and the Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable, and these Sailing Instructions

2. Safety Regulations

- 2.1. YV Special Regulations Part 1, Section 1-6, Category 5 shall apply.
- 2.2. PFD's & Harnesses
 - 2.2.1. Boats without life lines shall wear type 1 or 2 PFD's at all times.
 - 2.2.2. PFD's of the approved type will be worn when required by the Marine Safety Victoria Regulations December 2005.
 - 2.2.3. 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 or when sailing at night.
- 2.3. Bow Anchors. No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

3. Safety Equipment Declaration.

- 3.1. All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Compliance Declaration covering the 2008/2009 season. Boats not complying with this requirement will not be entered.

4. Insurance

- 4.1. All entrants shall carry minimum liability insurance of \$ 10,000,000.

5. RRS 51 Moveable Ballast.

- 5.1. A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

6. RRS 52 Manual Power.

- 6.1. RRS 52 Manual Power shall be modified to allow self steering equipment to be used in the Two Handed Division only.

7. Eligibility

- 7.1. Entry is open to all boats registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with Yachting Australia or Yachting Victoria. Entry to the YV Performance Handicap Divisions is open to boats with a YV Performance Handicap. Entries in the IRC and AMS Handicap Divisions must be in possession of valid certificates.

8. The Race

- 8.1. The Hobson's Bay Yacht Club 2008 Walter Paton/Alex Nelson Trophy Race shall be held Saturday 18th October 2008. Warning Signal for the combined divisions will be at **0955** hrs.
- 8.2. The race will not be started in the event of there being a current GALE warning issued by the Bureau of Meteorology for the waters of Port Phillip.
- 8.3. Racing will be abandoned if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a GALE warning during the race for the waters of Port Phillip.

9. Alterations to Sailing Instructions

- 9.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0800 hours on 18th October 2008 and may be faxed to the Club's office of participating boats.

10. Notice to Competitors

- 10.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located adjacent to the rear door to Hobson's Bay Yacht Club, and may be faxed to the Club's office of participating boats. Additional copies will be available at Hobson's Bay Yacht Club prior to the race, or at www.hbyc.asn.au

11. Signals Made Ashore

- 11.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flag staff located on the north side of HBYC clubhouse.

12. Indemnity

- 12.1. All those taking part in the 2008 Don Thompson/Alex Nelson Trophy Race do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 12.2. Acceptance of a boat's entry shall not cause or deem HBYC to be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment/crew.
- 12.3. Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rule 4: Decision to Race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

13. Rejection of Entry

- 13.1. The race committee reserves to itself the right to reject any entry up to the preparatory signal of the relevant division.

14. Handicaps and Divisions

- 14.1. Performance Handicap Divisions - Divisional handicaps shall be based on the YV handicapping system for relative performance. Hobson's Bay Yacht Club reserves the right to adjust the Performance handicap of any competing boat.
- 14.2. IRC - handicaps shall be the boat's TCC as supplied by Yachting Australia at the close of entries.
- 14.3. AMS - handicaps shall be those supplied by Yachting Victoria at the close of entries.
- 14.4. Insufficient Entries in a Division - If there are insufficient entries in any division the Race Committee may combine that division with another division if appropriate.

15. Course

For all divisions

- 15.1. Start in a southerly direction to Gellibrand Shoal Mark (to starboard) to the finish line

16. Committee Vessel

- 16.1. The committee vessel shall display an orange flag when on station.
- 16.2. Class Flag – Combined Divisions – Code Flag R

17. The Start

- 17.1. The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical buoy. A crowding buoy may be laid in the vicinity of the committee vessel. The starting line shall be east of the mouth of the Yarra River, approximately 300 metres south west of Station Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 17.2. The race shall be started in accordance with RRS26, 29 and 30. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 17.3. A boat shall not start more than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal.

18. Time limit

- 18.1. The time limit shall be sunset on Saturday 18th October 2008. This is published as 1942hrs AEDT.

19. The Finish

- 19.1. Yachts shall finish within 100 metres of the NW corner of the Portarlington Pier. Yachts shall finish in a SW direction. Refer to Appendix A
- 19.2. Competitors are to record their finish times and to report their times to the race committee by SMS to the race officer mobile number (0413 485 577) **as soon as possible after finishing**. Competitors should standardize their watches using the time displayed on their GPS, and in conjunction with the official start time.

20. Boats Retiring

- 20.1. For safety and accountability of all competitors, a boat retiring shall report to Race Control by radio or telephone upon making the decision to retire, and again within one (1) hour of reaching its home club or berth.

21. Protests

- 21.1. Protests shall be written on forms available in the vicinity of the regatta notice board and delivered to the race committee by midday Monday 20th October 2008.
- 21.2. Protests shall be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. Representatives of each boat shall be notified by mail of the time and place of the hearing.

22. Commercial Shipping

Regulations specify that boats shall not interfere with commercial shipping in shipping channels on Port Phillip. Any boat found to have interfered with commercial shipping shall be disqualified without a hearing, this alters RRS 63.1. A boat may use its engine to avoid such interference but shall lodge details to the race committee at the finishing line within 1 hour of finishing the race. A boat using its engine shall not gain a benefit in the use of the engine. Any boat using its engine shall bring the boat to a complete stop before continuing the race. The Sailing Committee, at its discretion may allow such use with or without a further penalty. This modifies RRS 42.

23. Electronic Communication

A boat shall neither make transmissions while racing nor receive electronic communications not available to all boats.

24. Race Office

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25. Appendix A

