



2009 LADY SKIPPERS 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 VCA 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. LIFEJACKET RULE

RRS 40 shall only apply to yachts without lifelines.

5. SHIPPING

(a) Skippers shall at all times abide by the VCA Regulations covering the navigation of small craft and yachts. They shall also abide by the directions of race officials patrolling shipping channels.

(b) Any Skipper subject of a complaint by a Ship's master for any reason whatsoever may be disqualified

6. START TIMES

Warning signal	1325 hours
Preparatory signal	1326 hours
Preparatory signal removed	1329 hours
Starting signal	1330 hours

7. STARTING LINE

The Starting Line shall be an imaginary line between the Signal Mast carrying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the Starting Mark. The Starting Mark shall be an orange inflatable cylindrical mark. The starting line will be located approximately 400m south of Webb dock

8. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

If any part of the yacht'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. It shall be the responsibility of the offending yacht or yachts to return to the prestart side of the line and start correctly. A recall shall be indicated by a sound signal and the hoisting of Code Flag "X" for a period of four minutes or until the infringing yacht returns correctly to the prestart side of the starting line, whichever is the shorter.

9. COURSE

No 1. Through Start Line, Round Mark "R3" to Port, Round No. 74 Channel Pile to Port, round No. 80 Channel Pile to Port, then to Finish.

No 2. Through Start Line, round No. 80 Channel Pile to Starboard, round No. 74 Channel Pile to Starboard, round Mark "R3" to Starboard, then to Finish

10. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

R3 - yellow special purpose mark approximately 0.5nm east of No 9 Channel Pile.

11. FINISHING LINE

The Finish Line shall be an imaginary line between the Signal Mast carrying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and the Finishing Mark. The Finishing Mark shall be an orange inflatable cylindrical mark. The finishing line will be located approximately 400m south of Webb dock

12. TIME LIMIT

2 hours. No times shall be taken after 3 hours from the Starting Signal.

13. HANDICAPS

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.

14. RACE RESULTS

Clubs shall be advised promptly. Results shall be posted on the Regatta Notice board in the foyer of the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club. Results may also be posted on the Internet at hbys.asn.au

15. 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, by 1200 hours on the Thursday following the race. A deposit of twenty five dollars shall accompany all protests.
- (b) Protests will be heard at Hobson's Bay Yacht Club, 268 Nelson Place, Williamstown at 2000 hours on the Thursday following the race, unless otherwise notified. Notice of protests shall be posted on the Race Notice board located in the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Foyer