



**2008-2009 Club Marine  
Range Series  
Club Team Premiership  
&  
Class Championship**

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

NOTE: These instructions are to be retained for use at each event.

**The Organising Authority (OA) for the Club Marine Range Series, incorporating the Club Team Premiership and Class Championship will be Yachting Victoria.**

**The Regatta will be conducted on the waters of Port Philip.**

**The first race will be on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and the final race 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

## **1 RULES**

### **1.1 General**

The Series will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australian (YA).

### **1.2 Alterations of Racing Rules**

The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86.1 (b) to read as follows:

RRS 30.2 – Z Flag: In addition to the penalty prescribed in RRS 30.2, any boat inside the triangle defined by RRS 30.2 during the one minute period before the starting signal shall return to the pre-start side of the line around one of the line extensions before starting.

### **1.3 Safety Regulations**

1.3.1 YA Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 6 will apply with the additional requirement that all boats shall carry VHF radios (see NOR 2.2.1)

1.3.2 Personal flotation devices (PFD1's) are required to be worn by all crew members on boats without fitted lifelines at all times.

Attention is drawn to the revised PFD requirements from Marine Safety Victoria that came into force in 1 December 2005.

The Organising Authority (OA) strongly recommends that suitable personal flotation devices be worn whenever conditions warrant, particularly in rough weather, or when sailing short-handed.



- 1.3.3 Safety Equipment Declaration  
All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Equipment Declaration (SED) covering the 2008/2009 season. Boats not complying with the SED requirements will not be entered and will not be eligible to race
- 1.3.4 VHF Radios.  
Competitors shall be able to monitor the following VHF channels 12, 16, 67, 71 and 73.
- 1.3.5 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.

**1.4 Indemnity**

- 1.4.1 All those taking part in this regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. None of Yachting Victoria, the host clubs, their servants or volunteers shall accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after the regatta.
- 1.4.2 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

**2 ADVERTISING**

The Yachting Victoria Range Series is classified Category C in accordance with YA prescriptions. Boats shall, if required by the Race Committee; display in locations specified any logos, pennants or promotional material as may be supplied.

**3 ELIGIBILITY / ENTRY**

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with a host club.  
 Eligibility requirements are in accordance with the Notice of Race.  
 Each Club may enter five boats with AMS and / or IRC handicaps for the Club Team Premiership, with a maximum of 3 boats being in any 1 division (excluding Division 0).  
 The same boats may be nominated in AMS and IRC teams.  
 Nomination of team boats shall be forwarded by 1700 hours on the Thursday prior to each race to the Yachting Victoria office.  
 A class of yacht may apply to be scored as one design for the series provided there are at least 3 entrants before the first race in the class and all members of the class sail in the same division.  
 Four or more Starters in a Division are required to constitute a Race.

**4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to Competitors may be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the premises of each participating club as follows:

HBYC	Race Notice Board
RBYC	Race Notice Board
RMYS	Members Lounge Notice Board
RYCV	Foyer of Clubhouse
SYC	Race Notice Board

Broadcasts relating to the race in general will be made on channel 73. Broadcasts specific to a Division (for instance start count downs) will be made on channel 73 for Divisions 0 and 1, and on channel 71 for Divisions 2 and 3.

**5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the host club (and may be posted on each participating club's notice board) and the host club's web site no later than 1600hrs on the day preceding the race for which it will take effect. Notices to competitors shall be broadcast on VHF Channel 73 at 1030 and again at 1230 Hrs on the day that the alteration is to become effective. When time permits, changes may also be mailed to competitors.

## 6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at each participating club main signal position as described in clause 4. Signals made ashore may also be broadcast on VHF Channel 73.

## 7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

### Division 0

DATE	DAY	HOST CLUB	WARNING SIGNAL FOR 1 <sup>ST</sup> EVENT
11 October 2008	1	RYCV	1125 Hours
8 November 2008	2	HBYC	1125 Hours
6 December 2008	3	RMYS	1125 Hours
7 February 2009	4	SYC	1125 Hours
21 February 2009	5	SYC	1125 Hours
21 March 2009	6	KCAB/SYC	1125 Hours (See Note 1)
4 April 2009	7	RBYC	1125 Hours

### Division 0, 1, 2, &3

DATE	DAY	HOST CLUB	WARNING SIGNAL FOR 1 <sup>ST</sup> EVENT
11 October 2008	1	RYCV	1355 Hours
8 November 2008	2	HBYC	1355 Hours
6 December 2008	3	RMYS	1355 Hours
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21 March 2009	6	KCAB/SYC	1355 Hours (See Note 1)
4 April 2009	7	RBYC	1355 Hours

- Note:
- Day 6 is also the annual Keeping Cancer at Bay.
  - Division 0 boats will sail 2 races on each race day (Warning Signals 1125 and 1355).
  - Divisions 1, 2 and 3 shall sail 1 race per day (First Warning Signal 1355)
  - Divisions will start at five (5) minute intervals in the order:  
Div 0, Div 1 (course A)  
Div 2, and Div 3 (course B).

### 7.1 RESAILS

Races not completed on the scheduled day will not be re-sailed or rescheduled.

### 7.2 DIVISION FLAGS

Division Flags will be:

Division 0	Flag "D"
Division 1	Flag "V"
Division 2	Flag "E"
Division 3	Flag "T"

### 7.3 Backstay Flags

All competitors shall fly conspicuously from the backstay (in the absence of a backstay from the starboard shroud) an identifying flag as follows:

Division 0	Black
Division 1	Blue
Division 2	Orange
Division 3	White

Divisional flags to be approximately 300mm by 210mm

## 8 RACING AREA

See Course Diagrams

The racing area is on the waters of Port Phillip.

Adverse weather may dictate the use of courses using fixed marks, which will be advised in accordance with clause 5.

### 8.1 Divisions 0 and 1. (Course A)

Divisions 0 and 1 will, unless exceptional circumstances apply, race to the west of the main shipping channel approximately adjacent to R2.

The location of anchored vessels may dictate the course be set further to the west.

### 8.2 Divisions 2 and 3. (Course B)

Where practical, R2 will be approximately in the centre of the racing area. If conditions dictate then courses may be set to the west of the Main Shipping Channel.

## 9 THE COURSE

The diagrams in appendix "A" shows the course(s) including the order in which the marks are to be rounded, the side on which each mark is to be left and the approximate distance between marks in nautical miles.

The actual course length and distance between marks will be set to suit the prevailing conditions. The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying the numeral pennant corresponding to the course number. The Race Committee Vessel may advise details of the courses to be sailed on VHF Channel 73 or 71 as applicable approximately 15 minutes before the first Warning Signal.

## 10 SIGN ON and SIGN OFF

A boat intending to race shall sign on by sailing on **starboard tack** past the transom of its Committee Vessel prior to the warning signal of the first start, hail her sail number, and receive acknowledgment from the Committee Vessel.

All boats are reminded to keep clear of the start line once they have signed on.

Failure to keep clear of other boats that may be in their starting sequence may result in protest by the Race Committee

Boats that do not complete the course within the time limit or retire shall sign off by advising the Race Committee vessel on VHF Ch 73 or the Race Officer of the day at the host club as soon as practicable.

Host club contact fax and telephone numbers at the date of issue of these Sailing Instructions are shown in clause 17

## 11 MARKS

Marks will be inflatable buoys as follows: ("trunc" – truncated)

CLUB	Start Line	Crowding	Windward Mark	Hitch Mark	Leeward mark 1	Leeward mark 2	New Mark – change of course	Finish Line
RYCV	Orange	Orange with Black Band	Orange Marked B	Orange Marked C	Yellow Marked A	Orange Marked A	Orange Marked D	Orange
HBYC	Orange	Orange with Black Band	Orange Marked B	Orange Marked C	Yellow Marked A	Orange Marked A	Orange Marked D	Orange
RMYS	Orange	Yellow with Code Flag O	Orange Marked B	Orange with Black Band	Orange Marked C	Pink	Orange Marked D	Orange
RBYC /SYC Divs. 0 & 1	Yellow Trunc. Cone	Small with SYC burgee	Orange Trunc. Cone	Orange Trunc. Cone	Orange Trunc. Cone	Orange Trunc. Cone with White Band	Orange Trunc. Cone with Black Band	Yellow Trunc. Cone
RBYC /SYC Divs. 2 & 3	Yellow Trunc. Cone	with Code Flag O	Yellow Marked A	Yellow Cylinder	Yellow Marked C	Pink Trunc. Cone	Orange Marked D	Yellow Trunc. Cone

## 12 THE START

### 12.1 The Divisions will start in the sequence as listed in para 7.2

- 12.1.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.1.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signal. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 12.1.3 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 12.1.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.
- 12.1.5 A crowding mark may be laid near the race committee boat, but not necessarily on the starting line. When laid it shall have the same required side as the race committee boat. Boats shall not pass from the course side to the pre start side of the line between the crowding mark and the race committee boat
- 12.1.6 The one-minute sound signal will be of a longer duration and may be different in character from the other sound signals.
- 12.1.7 The race officer may broadcast on VHF the 10 second mark and last 5 seconds before each start.
- 12.1.8 Division K may be abandoned if adverse weather is forecast.
- 12.1.9 Boats that have correctly started and are racing shall not sail through the start line whilst subsequent divisions are in their start sequence.

## 13 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be in accordance with RRS 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the next mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. Should a change of course apply the Race Committee shall display an International Numeral Pennant corresponding to the leg to be changed. For this purpose the Windward to Hitch mark is not regarded as a leg. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## 14 K CLASS:

In the event of a need to signal Group "K" Boats independent of the Division in which they sail then the appropriate flags will be flown over the "K" flag. This could apply in the event of unsuitable weather conditions where Group "K" racing is abandoned by flying the "N" over "A" over "K" flags.

Skippers of all boats must recognise the limitations of their vessel and withdraw from the race if weather conditions exceed Class Rules or design safety.

The Race Committee shall designate as Group K boats entries that are limited by Class Rules or their design to lighter weather conditions under which they can sail than is normally the case for other keelboats, and the list will be posted on the Notice Board of the boats Home Club and may be on the YV Club Marine website.

## 15 THE FINISH

The finishing mark will be as described in Clause 11. The finish line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel and the finish mark. Provided the course has not been changed in accordance with Clause 13, the finish line will be located approximately 0.1 nautical miles to windward of mark "W".

## 16 TIME LIMIT

Races Scheduled for 1130 hrs (Division 0 first race)

The time limit will be one hour and forty-five minutes.

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in that division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored "Did Not Finish (DNF)". This changes RRS 35

Races Scheduled for 1400 hrs (All Divisions)

The time limit for each Division will be two hours and thirty minutes.

Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat in that division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored "Did Not Finish (DNF)". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

## 17 PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on forms available at any participating club and lodged at the host club within two (2) hours after the finishing time of the last boat to finish. Protest forms may be lodged by fax. Breaches of SI clause 2 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. Breaches of SI clauses 8, 11, 12.7 will not be grounds for requests for redress by a boat. This changes RRS Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee decides.

Protests will be heard at a time and place to be notified by the Host Club no latter than midday on the Tuesday following the race.

Host club contact fax numbers at the date of issue of these Sailing Instructions are as follows

Club	Fax	Phone
HBYC	9397 1045	9397 6393
RBYC	9592 9633	9592 3092
RMYS	9534 4478	9534 0227
RYCV	9397 8160	9397 1277
SYC	9598 8109	9598 7444

## 18 SCORING

Seven races are scheduled of which four are required to constitute a series. The Scoring System for each race shall be in accordance with the Notice of Race.

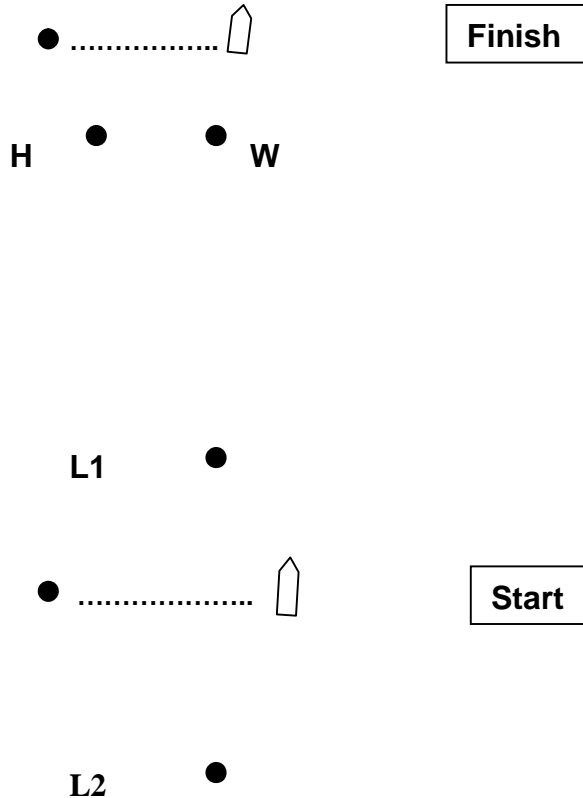
## 19 HANDICAPS

Handicaps shall be in accordance with the Notice of Race

## 20 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

Port Rule 62B for Victorian Proclaimed Ports, including the waters of Port Phillip requires small vessels in all circumstances to keep clear of commercial shipping. Boats found to have contravened this rule will be subject to disqualification.

## Appendix A - Courses



Mark positions on this diagram are indicative only and not to scale  
L2 may be located to windward of the Starting Line

<u>Course No</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Approximate Length (Nm)</u>	<u>Approximate Distance L – W</u>
1	Start – W – H – L1 – W – L1 – Finish	9	1.7
2	Start – W – H – L2 – W – L2 – Finish	13	2.2
3	Start – W – H – L1 – W – L1 – W – L1 – Finish	12	1.7
4	Start – W – H – L2 – W – L2 – W – L2 – Finish	15	2.2
5	Start – W – H – L1 – W – L1 – W – L1 – W – L1 – Finish	15	1.7
6	Start – W – H – L2 – W – L2 – W – L2 – W – L2 – Finish	20	2.2
7	Refer Appendix B		
8	Refer Appendix B		

### Notes

- (a) For the purpose of SI 13 Windward Mark (W) to Hitch Mark (H) is NOT regarded as leg of course. (Thus, Start to W is leg number 1, and H to L is leg number 2)
- (b) All marks to be rounded to PORT.
- (c) Course length will be determined so that the first boat in each division should finish within the time limit from its start time.
- (d) For the purposes of this diagram,
  - W - means Windward Mark,
  - L1 - means Leeward Mark (inner course)
  - L2 - Means Leeward Mark (outer course)
  - H - Means Hitch Mark
- (e) Division 0 boats shall normally use Leeward Mark L2
- (f) Division 3 boats shall normally use Leeward Mark L1
- (g) Boats that have correctly started shall not sail back through the startline whilst other divisions are starting.

