



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

TOP OF THE BAY INTERCLUB CHALLENGE 2016

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WILLIAMSTOWN SAILING CLUB inc., ALTONA YACHT CLUB inc.

ALBERT PARK YACHT CLUB inc., ALBERT SAILING CLUB inc.

The Top of the Bay Challenge for 2016 is conducted by Altona Yacht Club as the organising authority on behalf of the Participating Clubs on the waters of Port Philip adjacent to Altona Yacht Club on Saturday 6nd. February 2016 Ph.93985859 radio channel 71 UHF

1. RULES

1.1 The Top of the Bay race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and by the Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2

1.2 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows; rule 35 is amended by the time limit para 16; rule 44 when applied to catamaran classes one turn only will be required; rule 49.1 is amended by the applicable class rules where they permit the use of additional devices; rule A2 is amended by the scoring system set out in para. 18; rule 26 is changed by 11.1; rule 29.2 is changed by 11.7; rule A4 changed by 11.4

2. RACE OFFICE

The race office is in the tower of Altona Yacht Club ph 93985859

3. SIGNING ON/OFF AND DECLARATION

3.1 Each boat shall **sign on** by completing entry forms lodged at **the club of launching or at AYC** sign-on sheets. If entry form signed on at club of launching this sheet shall be returned to AYC tower before start time.

3.2 All yachts that have entered for the race shall be **signed off** by the crew or skipper on the **Race Declaration sheet at AYC** no later than 30 minutes after finishing. Alternatly Rescue boats returning to clubs can radio in declarations from sailors

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board located in the lobby downstairs in AYC.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted or radioed before 1230 hours on Saturday 6th. February 2016

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club Control Tower balcony of AYC. Clubs from which telephone entries have been received may be advised of the signals

6.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered".

7. DIVISIONS AND DIVISION FLAGS

The challenge will be run in six divisions defined with Flags as follows:-

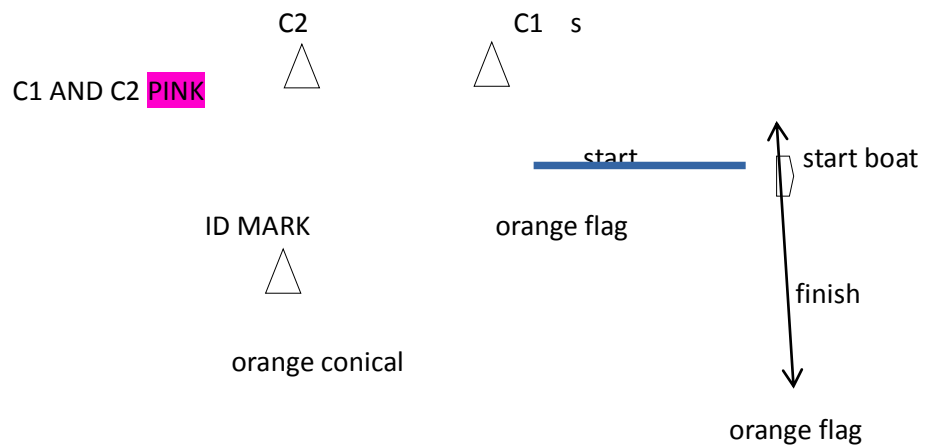
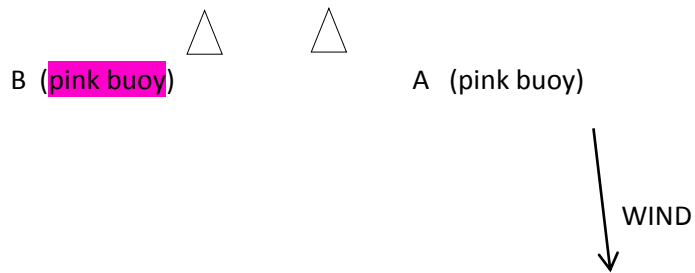
Division 1 Multihulls - yardstick 87 and lower	- Numeral pennant 1
Division 2 Multihulls - yardstick 88 and over	- Numeral pennant 2
Division 3 Monohulls -yardstick 113.5 and lower	- Numeral pennant 3
Division 4 All trailables -including Hartley	- Numeral pennant 4
Division 5 Monohulls - yardstick 114 to 122	- Numeral pennant 5
Division 6 Monohulls - yardstick 123 and over	- Numeral pennant 6

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 The race shall be held on Saturday 6th. February, 2016.
- 8.2 Information Session will be at AYC at 1230 hours.
- 8.3 The warning signal for Division 1 will be no earlier than 1400 hours.

9. MARKS AND THE COURSE

- 9.1 Marks will be: Windward, and offset mark large pink conical
Gate marks will be large pink conical
Identification – orange conical
- Finish – orange flag on boat with orange flag set marker laid at directly down wind
- 9.2 The course windward leeward with a length of up to 1 nautical mile.
- 9.3 The Divisions will complete the following number of laps:-
 - Division 1 - 5 legs
 - Division 2 - 4 legs
 - Division 3 - 4 legs
 - Division 4 - 3 legs
 - Division 5 - 3 legs
 - Division 6 - 2 legs



NOT TO SCALE

Division 1 START – AB C1or C2 – AB C1or C2 -AB C1or C2 AB C1or C2-AB ID finish

Division 2 START – AB C1or C2 -AB C1or C2 AB C1or C2-AB ID finish

Division 3 START – AB C1or C2 -AB C1or C2 AB C1or C2-AB ID finish

Division 4 START – AB C1or C2 AB C1or C2-AB ID finish

Division 5 START – AB C1or C2 AB C1or C2-AB ID finish

Division 6 START – AB C1or C2-AB ID finish

9.4 Course Signification: A red flag shall indicate that all marks are to be left to port, green flag starboard .

10. COMMITTEE BOATS

Powerboats flying the burgee of one of the Participating Clubs are committee boats.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting sequence will be at 3 minute intervals. This changes RULE 26. The following sequence will

signal	Division flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
warning	Division flag ; 1 sound	3 minutes
preparatory	Flag P,I or black flag	2 minutes
One minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 minute
start	Division flag removed	start

11.2 The starting line will be between the staff carrying an ORANGE flag on the start boat displaying the burgee of AYC and an orange flag on pin end.

.3 Boats whose warning signal has not be made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.

11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4

11.5 Only boats rounding the ID MARK SHALL CROSS THE FINISH LINE all other boats will be deemed as not finishing .

11.6 A clearance mark may be streamed behind the committee boat and if laid, it will be considered an extension of the committee boat and shall be left to starboard by boats when starting.

11.7 If a General Recall is called for a specific division then the start sequence will continue and that recalled division will start at the end of the sequence of the other divisions. The general recall flag will be lowered at the lowering of the preparatory flag of the subsequent division. This changes rule 29.2

12. LEAD BOAT

A committee boat displaying Flag L, may operate as a lead boat to indicate the location of marks, or may stand by in the vicinity of any mark for a like purpose.

13. TWO-TURNS PENALTY

The Two Turns Penalty when applied to catamaran classes will require one turn only.

This amends rule 44.

14. SHORTENING COURSE

Will be signaled at the gate (leeward end of course) and the gate will become the finish line

15. FINISHING LINE

15.1 The finishing line will be between the start boat flying an orange flag and an orange mark set directly downwind and only boats that have rounded the **IDENTIFICATION buoy** approximately 100 metres from the finish line will be recorded as finishing.

16. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 120 minutes from their respective starting times for the first boat to finish in each division. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of their division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rule 35.

17. PROTESTS

17.1 Protest shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 30 minutes of the protesting boat finishing.

17.2 Protests shall be heard as soon as possible after the race.

17.3 Protests will be heard and decided by a Protest Committee, a quorum of which shall be three people from different Participating Clubs.

18. SCORING

18.1 Each boat's elapsed time will be corrected by YV Yardstick

18.2 Each boat's corrected time will be reduced to one standard leg giving its Average Corrected Time per leg (ACT).

18.3 A Multihull Correction Factor (MCF) will be arrived at by dividing the sum of the 6 lowest ACTs for Monohulls by the sum of the 6 lowest ACTs for Multihulls.

18.4 The ACT for each Multihull will then be corrected by multiplying it by the calculated MCF.

18.5 A boat which has submitted an entry for the race, but does not start (DNS), will not be counted as an entrant when determining its Club's score.

18.6 A boat which starts, but does not finish (DNF), or a boat which finishes but retires after finishing, will be allocated an ACT equal to the highest ACT of any boat classed as a finisher, and will be counted as an entrant when determining its Club's score.

18.7 Any boat which is disqualified, will be allocated an ACT ten percent greater than that of the highest ACT of any boat classed as a finisher, and will be counted as an entrant when determining its Club's score. A boat disqualified under RULE 2 or RULE 42 shall have its result counted as part of its Club's score under 21.8 and 21.9.

18.8 The results to be counted in each Club's score will comprise the greater of 10 results or 75% of that Club's results to the nearest whole number upward. A minimum of 10 results are necessary to be eligible for the trophy.

18.9 Each Club's score will be calculated as the average of the lowest corrected ACT's for those results to be counted

19. WIND RANGE

The race will not start in under 4 knots of wind speed the upper range will be 21 knots measured as average over 1 minute.

19.1 ABOUT ALTONA YACHT CLUB

Launching boats from Altona is safe under all conditions the club being protected by Altona reef running from the shore to a red danger mark denoted by a post approximately 500 meters to the right of the club. This post is a mark of the course and all boats will sail to the seaward side penalty disqualification.

There is also another reef (Wises reef) approximately 2 km. out to sea denoted by a south cardinal mark the water depth is about 4 ft. at maximum low tide the reef has an area of about 50 meters south of the cardinal mark. The race committee will endeavour to set the course so as the rhum line does not cross this reef.

20. INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY

20.1 All those taking part in this race do so at their own risk and responsibility.

20.2 Albert Park Yacht Club Inc., Albert Sailing Club Inc., Altona Yacht Club Inc., Elwood Sailing Club Inc., Port Melbourne Yacht Club Inc. and Williamstown Sailing Club Inc. are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.

20.3 The organising authority and its representatives reserve the right to refuse any entry. Incorrect or incomplete entries may not be accepted.

20.4 Attention is drawn to RRS 4, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to *racing* is hers alone".

21. RACE COMMITTEE

The names of the Race Committee will be listed on the Race Notice Board.

22. TROPHY PRESENTATION

Will be made as soon as possible after the race. If results can be calculated.