

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
TOP OF THE BAY INTERCLUB CHALLENGE 2014
Saturday 8th February 2014

**ELWOOD SAILING CLUB INC., PORT MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB INC.,
WILLIAMSTOWN SAILING CLUB INC., ALTONA YACHT CLUB INC.,
ALBERT PARK YACHT CLUB INC., ALBERT SAILING CLUB INC.**
("the Participating Clubs")

The Top of the Bay Challenge for 2014 is conducted by Elwood Sailing Club (ESC) as the organising authority on behalf of the Participating Clubs on the waters of Port Philip adjacent to Elwood Sailing Club (ESC) on Saturday 8th February 2014.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Top of the Bay race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Yachting Australia Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, and by the Yachting Australia Prescriptions, Amendments and Addendums for 2013-2016.
- 1.2 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows; rule 35 is amended by the time limits; 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. 21; rule 29.2 is changed by 11.6; rule A4 changed by 11.4. Any discrepancy noted between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail

2. RACE OFFICE

The race office is in the tower of Elwood Sailing Club
Fax 9531 4743 email events@elwoodsc.com

3. SIGNING ON/OFF AND DECLARATION

- 3.1 Each boat shall **sign on** by completing entry forms lodged at **the club of launching** and on a sign-on sheet.
- 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 ESC or by notification to the Sign Off boat** (for yachts returning by water to their club) no later than 30 minutes after finishing.
- 3.3 **Trailable yachts only** may sign off by radio to ESC tower on Channel 71.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted or radioed before 1230 hours on Saturday 8th February 2014.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club Control Tower balcony of ESC. 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:-

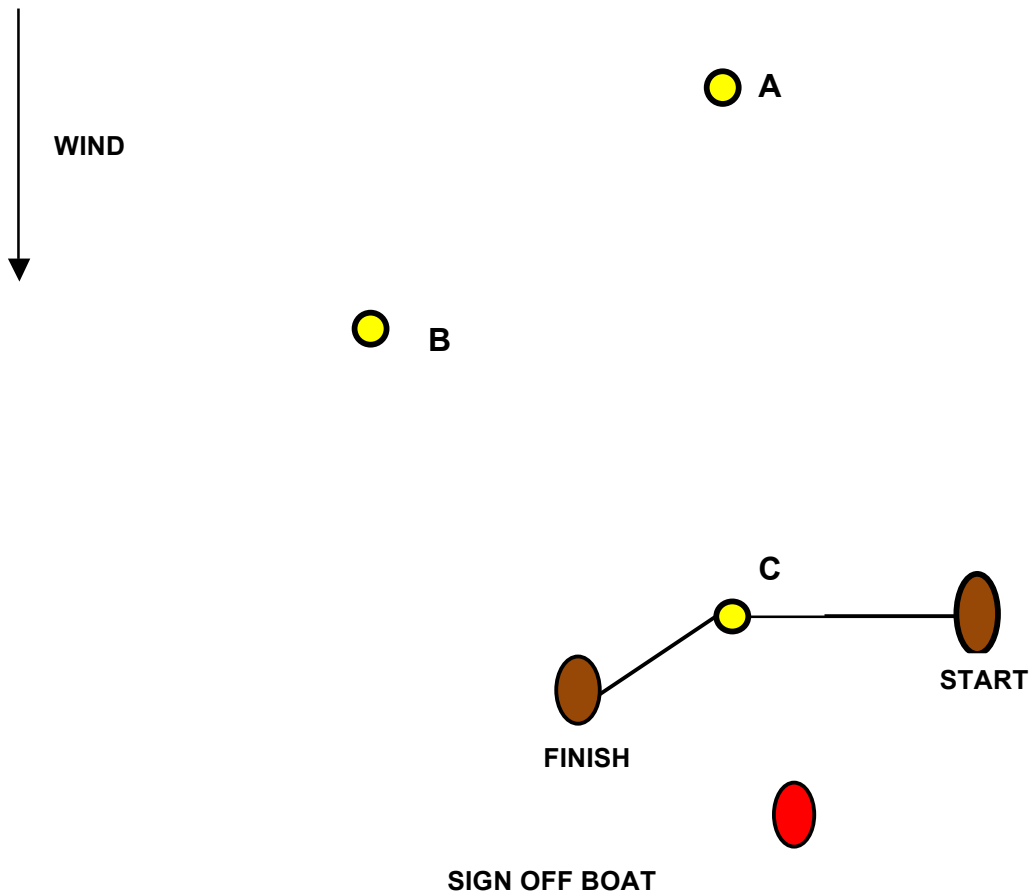
Division 1	Multihulls - yardstick 87 and lower	- Numeral pennant 1
Division 2	Multihulls - yardstick 88 and over	- Numeral pennant 2
Division 3	Monohulls -yardstick 113.5 and lower	- Numeral pennant 3
Division 4	All trailables -including Hartley	- Numeral pennant 4
Division 5	Monohulls - yardstick 114 to 125.9	- Numeral pennant 5
Division 6	Monohulls - yardstick 126 and over	- Numeral pennant 6

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 The race shall be held on Saturday 8th February, 2014.
- 8.2 Information Session will be at ESC at 1230 hours.
- 8.3 The first warning signal will be no earlier than 1400 hours.

9. MARKS AND THE COURSE

- 9.1 Marks will be: Windward, Wing and Leeward - large yellow conical
- 9.2 The course will be triangular with sides of approximately equal length of up to 1 nautical mile long.
- 9.3 The Divisions will complete the following number of laps:-
 - Division 1 - 5 triangles
 - Division 2 - 4 triangles
 - Division 3 - 4 triangles
 - Division 4 - 3 triangles
 - Division 5 - 3 triangles
 - Division 6 - 2 triangles



- Division 1 START-A-B-C -A-B-C -A-B-C -A-B-C -A-B- FINISH
- Division 2 START-A-B-C -A-B-C -A-B-C -A-B- FINISH
- Division 3 START-A-B-C -A-B-C -A-B-C -A-B- FINISH
- Division 4 START-A-B-C -A-B-C -A-B- FINISH
- Division 5 START-A-B-C -A-B-C -A-B- FINISH
- Division 6 START-A-B-C -A-B- FINISH

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

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 be used

Signal	Division flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Division flag; 1 sound	5 minutes
Preparatory	Code Flag I or Black Flag; 1 sound	4 minutes
One minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1 minute
Starting	Division flag removed; 1 Sound	Start

11.2 The starting line will be between the staff carrying the Orange flag and Mark C, on the Committee boat displaying the burgee of ESC.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been 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 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.

11.6 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

As per rule 32.2.

15. FINISHING LINE

The finish line will be between the Orange Flag pole approximately amidships of the Committee boat and Mark C.

16. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of their division finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rule 35.

17. PROTESTS

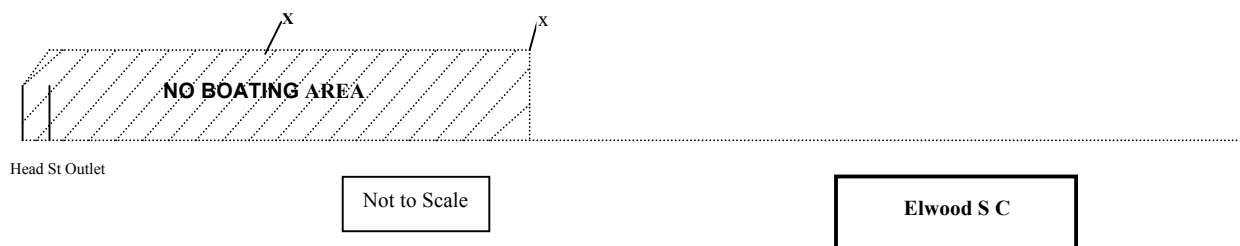
- 17.1 Protest shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 30 minutes of the protesting boat finishing.
- 17.2 Protests shall be heard as soon as possible after the race.
- 17.3 Protests will be heard and decided by a Protest Committee, a quorum of which shall be three people from different Participating Clubs.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Each boat's elapsed time will be corrected by YV Yardstick or converted CBH to give its corrected time.
- 18.2 Each boat's corrected time will be reduced to one standard triangle giving its Average Corrected Time per triangle (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 retired 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. 'NO-BOATING' ZONE

Boats should not enter the 'No Boating Area' shown in the diagram below.



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 boats 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.