

WARNEET MOTOR YACHT CLUB INC.
WARNEET AROUND FRENCH ISLAND RACE
WAFIR 2012 Sailing Instructions

RACE DATE - Saturday 4th February 2012
START TIME 0700 Hrs Trailables
0730 Hrs Multihulls

1 RULES

The race shall be conducted under the Current Racing Rules of sailing and the prescriptions of the AYF, and the appropriate class rules all as modified by the sailing instructions

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors shall be posted on the Race Headquarters notice board in the Clubhouse. ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than one and a half hours prior to the start of the race. The "L" flag shall be flown from the flag pole at the Clubhouse

4. DIVISIONS

The Flag denoting each *division* shall be the numeral pennant corresponding to the numeral designation of the *division*

Division 1 Trailer Sailers with CBH of 720 and above

Division 2 Trailer Sailers with CBH of 719 and below

Division 3 Multihulls

NB. The Club reserves the right to combine *Div 1* and *2* if there are low entries in each.

5. RENDERING ASSISTANCE

Skippers are reminded that they are expected to render assistance to disabled yachts where necessary unless there is a patrol boat in the vicinity, able to render the required assistance.

6. RAISING OF KEELS

.Where the Class rules expressly forbid the raising of keels, these rules shall be waived in the event of grounding until such time as deep water is regained. In the event of a yacht running aground, auxiliary power may, be used to free the yacht from the hazard provided the use is restricted to that purpose.

6.1 Alternative Penalties -The 720-degree turn penalty shall apply.

6.2 Charts -All Yachts shall carry a suitable chart of Western Port Bay.

7. USE OF AUXILIARY POWER

Auxiliary Power may be used until the preparatory signal has been given. In the event of a yacht being late for the start, auxiliary power may be used until five minutes before crossing the line.

8. ELIGIBILITY and HANDICAPS.

Yachts eligible to compete in the W.A.F.I.R are as follows:

Trailer Sailers and Keelboats as defined by the Yachting Victoria

Handicaps -Trailables-Current y v CBH.

Multihull Yachts having at least two fixed berths of 1.9 metres in length.

Handicaps-Performance Handicap as supplied by the MYCV handicapper

8.1 No competing yacht shall use a trapeze unless given dispensation by the sailing

committee.. 8.2 All yachts must conform to class rules. 8.3 All yachts must be crewed by at least two persons over the age of 16 years, each being able to sail the boat independently.

9. SAFETY REGULATIONS

9.1 All yachts shall be required to sign a declaration of compliance on the entry form. This is an Yachting Australia category 5 race

9.2 Boarding ladders must be carried.

9.3 Operable transceivers must be carried (VHF or 27Mhz) and left on for the duration of the race. All official boats shall be on stand-by on 27.94 Mhz and Channel 73 Vhf respectively.

Warneet Patrol can be contacted on WV11 and Race Headquarters on WVI A radio watch will be maintained by VMR Hastings 27.88 and Channel 16 VHF for emergency situations. 9A A yacht not complying with the mandatory Safety Regulations during the race may incur disqualification.

9.5 Auxiliary power:-

All Yachts must provide auxiliary power (inboard or outboard)

Each boat must carry fuel for at least four hours.

9.6 Signing on/off

Skippers or representatives shall sign on between 1800-2000hrs on Friday 3rd February 2012 and/or between 06.00 and 0655 hrs Saturday 4th February 2012 at the clubhouse or via radio
SIGN ON BY RADIO TO WVI WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All skippers or representatives shall *sign* off within one and one half hours of finishing or retiring. Skippers not wishing to travel up Rutherford Inlet after finishing may *sign* off by radio and will receive an acknowledgment number. Call *sign* WV 1 to be used for *signing* off. Competitors who *sign* on but do not start must *sign* off with an appropriate indication that they did not start or retired.

10 MARKS AND COURSES.

10.1 Trailables and Multihulls

Start *in* the general area south of Rutherford Inlet, leave French Island to Starboard, leave THB(YBY) to Starboard, Leave South Cardinal mark at the bottom of middle bank to starboard, leave middle banks marks MS1, MS2, MS3 to starboard. Finish in the general area west of Warneet Dolphin 10.2 Keelboats

.Start *in* the general area east of the Hastings Channel, leave VQ(9)YBY to port leave French Island to port leave channel mark no16 near Newhaven to port, leave VQ(9)YBY to starboard leave south cardinal mark at the bottom of middle bank to starboard leave middle banks marks MS1,MS2,MS3 to starboard. Finish *in* the general area south of Rutherford Inlet

11. COMMITTEE VESSEL

The committee Vessel shall be distinguished by flying the numeral pennant 6. Patrol Boats shall be recognised by flying a green pennant.

12 . START LINE

The start line shall be a line between an yellow buoy and the Committee Boat, located south of Rutherford inlet entrance. The starting line in light wind conditions may be moved to a area of palmer point and spit point

13. STARTING PROCEDURES

10 Minute Warning Signal:-(Division Flags displayed).

5 Minute Warning Signal:-(Code flag P displayed).

Start Signal:-(Warning & Preparatory Signal lowered)

Attention may be drawn to each signal by a sound signal.

14. FINISH LINE

The finish line shall be a line between an Yellow buoy and the Committee Boat, located generally south west of Rutherford inlet.

15 RECALLS

An individual recall shall be signaled by displaying Code flag X and may be accompanied by 1 sound signal. The onus of returning and recrossing the line rests entirely with each yacht that crossed the line prematurely. Each offending yacht must return to the pre-start side of the line across one of its extensions.

A general Recall shall be signaled by displaying Code flag "First Substitute", and may be accompanied by 2 sound signals. The original start shall constitute the warning signal for the new start.

16. SHORTENED COURSE

The race may be shortened near the entrance to Hastings channel *in* accordance with RRS Rule 32.

17. TIME LIMIT

Any boat not finished by 16.30 hrs on 4th Feb 2012 shall be deemed to be a non-finishing boat.

18. POSTPONMENT

Postponement shall be in accordance with the current RRS.2011

19. PROTEST -

Protests must be lodged on the prescribed form with a fee of \$10.00, with the OOD or Race Secretary within one and a half hours of the finish of the protesting boat. Protests shall be strictly *in* accordance with the provisions of the RRS 2011-.

20.1 SAFETY AND MEASUREMENT

Authorised officers may withdraw permission for individual yachts to compete if spot checks reveal that they do not comply with the Safety Declaration referred to in Part one of these Sailing Instructions. WMYC Inc reserves the right to carry out these checks at the discretion of the sailing committee.

20.2 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1 million

21. IDENTIFICATION

Yachts must display their sail number clearly and fly a orange flag that will be available at briefing on the Friday and Saturday .

22. NON FINISHING BOATS.

Any yacht that withdraws or is forced to retire will at their earliest opportunity advise Warneet Patrol (WV11) or Race Control (WVI) or the Warneet Yacht Club 5998 7555 advising sail number, location, estimated time of return to Warneet or other port, also reason for retirement or withdrawal.

23. NAVIGATION AND RACE INFORMATION

A briefing will be given at the Club House on Friday February 3rd 2012

24. FLAG SIGNALS

Warning signal:-Numeral Pennant (*Division 1.2.3.or4*)

Preparatory Signal:-Code Flag P"

Individual Recall:-Code flag "X"

General Recall:-Code Flag "First:-Substitute"

Patrol Boat:-Green Flag

'Shorten Course: -Code Flag S"

Alteration to Sailing Instructions Code flag "L"

Finish Boat:-Blue Flag

Committee Boat:-Code Flag 6

25. RESULTS,

Results, shall be posted on the Outside *Division* notice board in the clubhouse at Warneet.

26. RACE HEADQUARTERS

will be at Warneet Motor Yacht Club Inc. Rutherford Parade Warneet Ph (59987555)

27. INDEMNITY

All persons taking part in Warneet Motor Yacht Club Inc. activities do so at their own risk and responsibility. WYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to the RRS Fundamental rule 4.

28 TROPHIES

Line Honours will be awarded in each *Division*.

1st, 2nd and 3rd in each *Division* will be awarded on corrected times as follows:

Up to 6 boats start 1 st place Only

Up to 8 boats start 1 st and 2nd place only

More than 8 boats start 1 st, 2nd and 3rd place

The Bill Tamo Trophy will be awarded to the first WMYC Member on corrected time.

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE: Please allow sixty minutes to motor from Warneet Jetty to the Start Line. Boats are warned of the strong tidal set in the vicinity of the Start Line. Commercial vessels (ferries and tankers) operate in the Southern part of Westernport. Note that the new Warneet Jetty does not have mooring pens. Parking and launching officials will provide you with information in regard to mooring. It is suggested that due to the expected congestion on the ramps at Warneet you launch on Friday night. A water taxi will operate for boats travelling from other ports. Contact WV1 Or WV10 Warneet Motor Yacht Club for assistance.

Please note no yacht is to come up eastern channel (INSIDE CHANNEL) ANY YACHT DOING SO WILL BE DIQUALIFIED.