



Hastings Yacht Club Inc.

2019 Winter Series Sunday Racing

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules:

1.1 All races conducted by HYC will be governed by:

- The **Racing Rules of Sailing** (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing.
- HYC Sailing Instructions.
- Performance Based Handicap System of HYC
- Class Rules of the yachts racing.

1.2 The Organising Authority will be the Sailing Committee of HYC. The race Committee shall be appointed by the Sailing Committee.

2. Entries

2.1 All competitors shall have signed on with Hastings Race Control via the sign on sheet at the club at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for the race.

2.2 To be eligible to race, all competitors who are members of HYC shall have paid the prescribed series race entry fee at least one day prior to racing.

2.3 Competitors who are members of HYC who wish to compete on a casual basis in a race for which they have not paid a race entry fee in accordance with clause 2.2, may do so by paying the prescribed casual race entry fee when completing an entry form.

2.4 Visiting boats may enter the series or individual races by completing the race entry form and paying the prescribed entry fee.

3. Safety Regulations

3.1 All boats competing must, during daylight hours, comply with Category 6, with the following inclusions:

- Trailable Yachts should if possible have their keels fully lowered and pinned in position
- Fully operational engine permanently installed or outboard to be mounted at all times
- Fully operational VHF Marine Radio (channel 77)
- Lifebuoy and heaving line to be readily accessible

3.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify Hastings Race Control as soon as it makes its decision to retire.

3.3 In the interests of safety, the race committee reserves the right to postpone or abandon any event at any time.

3.4 Racing for the day will be abandon if a Strong Wind or higher warning as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is still current on the morning the race is scheduled

3.5 All boats should report to Hastings Race Control any observed significant circumstances that may adversely affect the safety of any of the competitors in the race.



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3.6 Boats shall report to Hastings Race Control all incidents that have resulted in injury or serious damage or are of an adverse nature that could affect the safety of the boat or crew while racing. Boats involved in the incident shall lodge with the HYC an Incident Declaration at the first reasonable opportunity.

3.7 Port Rule 62B for Victorian Proclaimed Ports, including the waters of Western Port, requires small vessels IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES to keep clear of Commercial Shipping. Boats found to have contravened this Rule will be subject to Disqualification.

4. Notice to Competitors

Notice to Competitors shall be posted on the Chalk Board located near the slipway gates and may also be displayed on the HYC website.

5. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the Chalk Board at least one hour before the advertised start time of any race they effect and may also be displayed on the HYC website.

6. Signals made ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the HYC mast.

6.2 Flag 'AP' with two sound signals (one sound when lowered) means "The Race is postponed." The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This amends Race Signals – Postponement Signal AP

6.3 Flag 'L' with one sound signal means a Notice to Competitors has been placed on the Official Notice Board.

6.4 Flag 'Y' with one sound signal means that Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn by all crewmembers.

7. Committee Vessels

All Committee Vessels shall fly the HYC Burgee

8. Schedule of Races

Races are scheduled as outlined in the Sailing Calendar published on the HYC website.

9. Class Flags

Class flags shall be!

Trailable Yachts, Division 1	Code Flag '1'
Multi-hulls, Division 3	Code Flag '3'



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10. Protests

10.1 Protests shall be in writing and lodged at the HYC Office within one hour of the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the day. Protest forms are available at the HYC Office.

10.2 Arbitration will be considered an appropriate alternative precursor to a full protest hearing.

10.3 The notice of a protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 1500 hrs on the first Wednesday after the race, informing competitors of the date, time and location of the hearing to which they are a party to or named as a witness.

11. Scoring

11.1 The Low Points scoring system of Rules Appendix A will apply to all events

11.2 If a boat completes less than 3 races in a series it shall have no series result.

11.3 If a boat completes 3 races than all results shall count

11.4 When 5 or more races in a series have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.5 A boat that joins a series after one or more races have been run will be awarded a Late Entrant score for each earlier race not sailed. The Late Entrant score will be the DNC score for the first non-abandoned race after the boat joins the series. Previous allocated DNC scores for other boats in earlier races will not be altered.

11.6 Average points may be award for a race that is part of a series where the requesting boat is participating in its class state, national or world championships or where the requesting boat has been chosen to represent the club in another event.

11.7 In the event that a boat is rostered on a particular race day to provide regular members of its crew for race crew duties she shall not race and will be scored DUT. This awards a score that is the average of the total points that the boat has received for all races in the series. Boats not meeting this obligation shall be scored DNC without a hearing.

11.8 The handicapper shall allocate handicaps to all boats at the commencement of the season and may revise such handicaps from time to time as a result of a boat's performance.

11.9 Average points may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee to a competitor who has been disadvantaged through an act of sportsmanship.

12. Starters, Race Results, Trophies and Prizes

12.1 Two starters per division shall constitute a race for that division

12.2 Race Results shall be displayed on the Official Notice Board on the day of the race and as soon as practicable on the HYC website. Results may also be announced in the Clubhouse

12.3 All race and series results shall be considered provisional until the Trophies and Prizes are presented.



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13. Marks

Start	Buoy with a Lime Green Flag
GP	Green Pile nearest to HYC Jetty
North	Blue Drum
East	Blue Drum
Humbug	Eastern Yellow Pile
Dolphin	Entrance to Hastings Channel
Sandstone Island	Sandstone Island
Wreck	Red Bill east of HYC
North Cardinal	Cardinal mark north of Sandstone Island
Finish	Buoy with a Lime Green Flag

14. Courses

14.1 The Course of the day will be detailed/displayed on the Chalk Board

14.2 The start mark for the days racing will be detailed on the Chalk Board

15. The Start

15.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26

15.2 The warning signal for Division 3 (Multi-hulls) shall be the start time of Division 1 (Trailables). This amends Rule 26.

15.3 The starting line may be between a staff displaying the class flag for the division to start on a Committee Vessel and the start mark.

15.4 A crowding buoy may be laid off the transom of the Committee Vessel and shall be considered part of that vessel.

15.5 Boats are requested to keep clear of the start line before their preparatory signal.

15.6 A boat that starts later than 15 minutes after her start time shall be scored did not start (DNS). This amends Rule 35, A4 & A5

15.7 When two races are programmed with only one start time being listed, the second race shall start as soon as possible after the first race is finished.

16. Recalls

Recalls shall be signalled in accordance with Rule 29.1 or 29.2

17. Shortening Course

Courses shall be shortened in accordance with Rule 32.



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18. The Finish

18.1 The finish line may be between a staff displaying the Club Burgee on a Committee Vessel and the finish mark.

18.2 Boats crossing the finish line may receive a sound signal indicating that they have finished the race.

18.3 A boat that re-crosses the finishing line after she has finished racing shall be disqualified (DSQ).

18.4 Boats that cross the finish line after sailing the course shall be deemed to have signed off

18.5 In the event that the Committee Vessel is not on station for the finish, all competitors shall pass within 50m of the finish buoy and record their finish time, as notified on the race radio communication VHF channel 77. This recorded time shall be passed onto the Race Committee at the first available opportunity as determined by the circumstances.

20. Time Limit

20.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 2 Hours.

20.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 90 minutes of the first boat in her division to finish, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This amends Rules 35, A4 & A5

21. Propulsion

21.1 A boat observed by a member of the Race Committee to have broken Rule 42 as amended by sub-clause 21.2 shall be Disqualified (DSQ) without a hearing.