



# Hastings Yacht Club Inc.

## 2021 Club Captains Weekend Regatta

### 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 on the race radio communications VHF channel 77 at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for the race.

2.2 To be eligible to race, all competitors shall have paid the prescribed regatta race entry fee by 10.00pm 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

2.3 Whilst racing under COVID restrictions a Crew Declaration must be filled out by all Skippers/Owners. This should be done prior to racing or as soon as possible after racing on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021. Failure to submit a Crew Declaration prior to 9.00am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 will result in disqualification from ALL races for the day without a hearing. This amends Rule 35, A4 and A5. This instruction will also apply where racing is conducted under any other similar government-imposed health and safety regulations where a Safety Plan is required, and it states this Sailing Instruction is applicable. The Crew Declaration form will be available online and email.

#### 3. Safety Regulations

3.1 All boats competing must, during daylight hours, comply with Category 6, and during night time racing, comply with Category 5N of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 with the following inclusions:

- Trailable Yachts shall 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
- Lifebuoy and heaving line to be readily accessible

3.2 The race radio communications VHF Channel 77 must remain functional from 1 hour prior to the notified start time and for the duration of the race.

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

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



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3.5 Racing for the day will be abandoned if a Gale Force or higher warning as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is still current on the morning the race is scheduled

3.6 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.

3.7 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.

3.8 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 Official Notice Board located near the entrance to Downstairs Clubrooms, emailed to skippers 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 Official Notice Board at least one hour before the advertised start time of any race they effect, emailed to skippers and may also be displayed on the HYC website.

#### **6. Signals made ashore**

6.1 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

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

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

6.4 The intention of all Signals made ashore may also be relayed on the race radio communications VHF channel 77

#### **7. Committee Vessels**

All Committee Vessels shall fly the HYC Burgee

#### **8. Schedule of Races**

8.1 Races 1, 2 and 3 will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 and races 4 and 5 will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

8.2 The first warning signal for the first race of each day shall be 9.55am.



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8.3 Subsequent warning signals for following races on each day will be as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.

#### 9. Class Flags

Class flags shall be!

Trailable Yachts, Division 1	Code Flag '1'
Keel Boats (including Noelex 30), Division 2	Code Flag '2'
Multi-hulls, Division 3	Code Flag '3'

#### 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 will be 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 the regatta it shall have no regatta result.

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

11.4 A boat that joins the regatta 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 regatta. Previous allocated DNC scores for other boats in earlier races will not be altered.

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

11.6 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 regatta results shall be considered provisional until the Trophies and Prizes are presented.



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#### 13. Marks

Start A	MS2
Start B	B28
Start C / Finish	MSSCM
Start D / Finish	B20
Start E / Finish	B22
Finish	B28
THB	Tortoise Head Buoy -YBY VQ (9)10S
SPB	Sandy Point Buoy - Red
Fairway buoy	Marks the entrance to Westernport Harbor
Newhaven Mark	Marks the entrance to Newhaven - FI R 10S
MS1	Southern Middle Spit Mark
MS2	Central Middle Spit Mark
MS3	Northern Middle Spit Mark
MSNCM	Middle Spit North Cardinal Mark
MSSCM	Middle Spit South Cardinal Mark
JIECM	Joes Island East Cardinal Mark
B25, 26, 27 etc	Shipping Channel Buoys
Mark A	Orange Inflatable Buoy

#### 14. Courses

14.1 Courses are detailed in the Course Book published on the HYC website

14.2 The course number shall be displayed on the Committee Vessel and relayed on the race radio communications VHF channel 77

14.3 The start mark for the days racing may be relayed on the race radio communications VHF channel 77

14.4 When Flag C is displayed on a Committee Vessel before or at the start all course are amended to include Mark A as the first mark of the course after the start and shall be passed on a hand that meets the requirements of Rule 28.1.

#### 15. The Start

15.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26

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



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

15.4 A boat that starts later than 10 minutes after her start time shall be scored did not start (DNS). This amends Rule 35, A4 & A5

15.5 When two or more races are programmed with only one start time being listed, the subsequent races shall start as soon as possible after the first and/or previous 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.

#### **18. The Finish**

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

18.2 Boats crossing the finish line will 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, as notified on the race radio communication VHF channel 77, and record their finish time. This recorded time shall be passed onto the Race Committee at the first available opportunity as determined by the circumstances.

#### **19. Time Limit**

19.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 2 Hours (120mins).

19.2 The time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee. If the time limit is to be extended, it will be announced with the course information on the race radio communications VHF channel 77 before the commencement of the race.

19.3 Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 30 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

#### **20. Propulsion**

A boat observed by a member of the Race Committee to have broken Rule 42 shall be Disqualified (DSQ) without a hearing.