

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2017 Latrobe City Sauna Sail

10th, 11th & 12th June 2017

Latrobe Valley Yacht Club



Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Special Regulations of Yachting Australia, Part 1, for Racing Boat (Category 6 will apply for trailable boats) and Part 2, for Off The Beach boats.

A PFD that complies with the Special Regulations shall be worn at all times whilst afloat.

Code flag 'Y' is considered to be permanently displayed in accordance with rule 40.1 For this regatta, PFD 1,2 or 3 personal floatation devices must be worn at all times while sailing on Hazelwood Pondage.

Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the northern end of the boat shed, beneath the control room.

Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour prior to the scheduled time for the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.

Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast in front of the control room.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the race signal AP.

Schedule of Races

Saturday 10 th June	Registration	0800hrs -> 1200hrs
	Information Session	1130hrs
	Racing	1300hrs – two races scheduled
Sunday 11 th June	Racing	1000hrs – one race scheduled

	Racing	1400hrs – one race scheduled
	Presentation	Following conclusion of racing
Monday 12 th June	Racing	1000hrs – one race scheduled
	Presentation	Following conclusion of racing

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with a long sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

No warning signal will be made after 1200hrs on Monday 12th June.

Class Flags

Flag	Division	Criteria
Numeral Pennant 1	1	Multihulls – YV yardstick of 80 or less
Numeral Pennant 2	2	Multihulls – YV yardstick greater than 80
Numeral Pennant 3	3	Monohulls - YV yardstick 96.5 or less
Numeral Pennant 4	4	Monohulls – YV yardstick 97 to 120
Numeral Pennant 5	5	Monohulls – YV yardstick greater than 120
Numeral Pennant 6	6	Juniors
Numeral Pennant 7	7	Hansa Dinghy, Liberty or 303

The definition and associated Class Flags of any additional Divisions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board no later than 11.15hrs on Saturday 10th June.

Racing Area

The racing area will be on the waters of the Hazelwood Pondage.

Courses

Course diagrams are detailed in Addendum A.

Courses will be designated on a board on the Race Committee Vessel located on the starboard end of the start line and displayed before or with the warning signal.

The side on which Course Marks are to be passed shall be designated by displaying on the Race Committee Vessel either a green flag (starboard) or a red flag (port) before or with the warning signal.

The water between the island and western shore, the designated swimming area, and the hot water outfall channel and a 50m wide swimming zone is marked along the southern wall and

is out of bounds. Any boat sailing in an out of bounds area may be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

Yachts sailing in Divisions using the Outer and Intermediate courses shall keep clear of the start and finish line for the Inner course at all times when the committee boat is displaying an orange flag. Any boat not keeping clear may be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

Shorten Course

If the Race Committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sound signals), boats shall finish by passing the nearby mark which becomes the Last Mark and finishing as described in “The Finish”.

Marks

Course Marks:

Outer Course – Large Yellow Inflatable Marks

Intermediate Course – Pink Inflatable Marks

Inner Course – Small Orange Inflatable Marks

Start Marks:

All Starts – Green Buoy

Finishing Marks for Outer & Intermediate Course:

Line-up Mark – Orange Mark with Black Vertical Stripes

Finish Mark – Buoy carrying a blue flag

Finishing Marks for Inner Course:

Finish Mark – Green buoy

The Start

Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made three minutes before the starting signal.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the Start Mark at the port end.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

Rule 29.2 is changed to state that the warning signal for the first recalled Division will be displayed at the start of the last Division, except when there are no other Divisions to start. The warning signal of subsequently recalled Divisions may be displayed at the start of the preceding recalled Division.

The Finish

Inner Course: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the port-end finishing mark.

Outer & Intermediate Courses: From the last Course Mark, sail and pass the Line-Up Mark to port and finish between the control tower and a mark carrying a blue flag.

Boats which have cleared the finish line, shall not re-cross the line from either direction. A yacht infringing this rule may be scored with a 20% time penalty without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

Time Limit

The target time for the first boat to complete the course shall be 45 – 60 minutes and the time limit for the first boat to complete the course will be 90 minutes. Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored “Did Not Finish”. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

Protests

Protest forms are available at the race office located in the club control tower. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

For each Division, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in that Division has finished the last race of the day.

Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at Latrobe Valley Y.C. as soon as possible following the posting of the notice.

Scoring

A minimum of three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

When four or five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.

Safety Regulations

For each race session, yachts intending to race shall ‘Sign-on’ by signing the race sign-on form located on the front foyer no later than 15 minutes prior to the 1st warning signal.

Failure to comply will result in a boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

All boats shall sign the race ‘Sign-off’ sheet upon returning to shore, no later than the end of protest time for their Division on that day. This sheet will be available on the lower deck. Failure to comply will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and these sailing instructions.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.