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Don Thompson Trophy Race

Sailing Instructions

Saturday 21st April 2012 1000hrs

1. Rules

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Yachting Australia (YA), the International Rules for the Prevention of a Collision at Sea between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (YV), the International Rating Club (IRC) and the Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable, and these Sailing Instructions

2. Safety Regulations

- 2.1. YV Special Regulations Part 1, Section 1-6, Category 5 shall apply.
- 2.2. PFD's & Harnesses
 - 2.2.1. PFD's of the approved type will be worn when required by the Marine Safety Victoria Regulations December 2005.
 - 2.2.2. It is also strongly recommended that all crew of boats wear a PFD type 1 or 2 and safety harnesses (as per YA Special Regulations Section 5.02) be worn whilst on deck when conditions are such as to warrant it. Such conditions would include when sails are reefed, where there is significant wind effect on the water or wave heights that might jeopardize the safety of the vessel or its occupants, inexperienced persons are on board or when sailing at night.
- 2.3. Bow Anchors. No anchor shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

3. Safety Equipment Declaration.

- 3.1. All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Compliance Declaration covering the 2011/12 season. Boats not complying with this requirement will not be entered.

4. Insurance

- 4.1. All entrants shall carry minimum liability insurance of \$ 10,000,000.

5. RRS 51 Moveable Ballast.

- 5.1. A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

6. Eligibility

- 6.1. Entry is open to all boats registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with Yachting Australia or Yachting Victoria. Entry to the YV Performance Handicap Divisions is open to boats with a YV Performance Handicap. Entries in the IRC and AMS Handicap Divisions must be in possession of valid certificates.

7. The Race

- 7.1. The Hobson's Bay Yacht Club 2012 Don Thompson Trophy Race shall be held Saturday 21st April 2012. Warning Signal for the combined divisions will be at **0955** hrs.
- 7.2. The race will not be started in the event of there being a current GALE warning issued by the Bureau of Meteorology for the waters of Port Phillip.
- 7.3. Racing will be abandoned if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a GALE warning during the race for the waters of Port Phillip.

8. Alterations to Sailing Instructions

8.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0800 hours on 21st April 2012 and may be faxed to the office of the club of the participating boats.

9. Notice to Competitors

9.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located adjacent to the rear door to Hobson's Bay Yacht Club, and may be faxed to the office of the club of the participating boats. Additional copies will be available at Hobson's Bay Yacht Club prior to the race, or at www.hbyc.asn.au

10. Signals Made Ashore

10.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flag staff located on the lawn to the north of HBYC Clubhouse.

11. Indemnity

11.1. All those taking part in the 2012 Don Thompson Trophy Race do so at their own risk and responsibility.

11.2. Acceptance of a boat's entry shall not cause or deem HBYC to be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment/crew.

11.3. Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rule 4: Decision to Race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

12. Rejection of Entry

12.1. The race committee reserves to itself the right to reject any entry up to the preparatory signal of the relevant division.

13. Handicaps and Divisions

13.1. Performance Handicap Divisions - Divisional handicaps shall be based on the YV handicapping system for relative performance. Hobson's Bay Yacht Club reserves the right to adjust the Performance handicap of any competing boat.

13.2. IRC - IRC handicaps shall be the boat's TCC as supplied by Yachting Australia at the close of entries.

13.3. AMS - AMS handicaps shall be those supplied by Yachting Victoria at the close of entries.

13.4. Non-Spinnaker (Cruising) Division – no sails may be set forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. A spinnaker pole may be used to pole out a headsail.

13.5. Insufficient Entries in a Division – If there are insufficient entries in any division the Race Committee may combine that division with another division if appropriate.

13.6. No Changing of divisions after Entries close.

14. Course

For all divisions

14.1. Start in a southerly direction leaving Gellibrand Shoal Mark to starboard then to the finish line.

15. Committee Vessel

15.1. The committee vessel shall display an orange flag when on station at the start and a blue flag when on station at the finish.

16. Class Flag

Class Flags shall be as follows:

Class	Flag
Combined Divisions	Code Flag "R"

17. Radio Sign on

All boats shall report their intention to compete in the Don Thompson St Leonards Race by VHF radio on Saturday 21st April 2012 as detailed below.

- 17.1. Race Control at HBYC shall call each yacht in alphabetical order on VHF Channel 73, starting approx. 0930 hours, and asked to confirm their intention to race.
- 17.2. The operator shall say boat name. Please respond with boat name and number of people onboard (P.O.B.) eg.
Radio Operator – “Esprit”
Boat Entrant - “Esprit racing, five P.O.B.”
Radio Operator – “Acknowledged Esprit”
- 17.3. The Race Committee may protest boats failing to comply with the compulsory radio report.

18. The Start

- 18.1. The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical buoy. A crowding buoy may be laid in the vicinity of the committee vessel. The starting line shall be east of the mouth of the Yarra River, approximately 500 metres south west of Station Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 18.2. The race shall be started in accordance with RRS26, 29 and 30. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 18.3. A boat shall not start more than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal.

19. Time limit

- 19.1. The time limit shall be sunset on Saturday 21st April 2012. This is published as 1745hrs.

20. The Finish

- 20.1. The finishing line shall be an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing a blue flag on the committee vessel and northeast corner of St Leonard's Pier. The committee vessel will be located approximately 200 metres from the NE corner of the pier at 090 degrees.
- 20.2. In the absence of the committee vessel, competitors are to record their finish times and to report their times to the race committee by SMS to the race officer mobile number (0413 485 577). Competitors should standardize their watches using the local time displayed on a GPS, and in conjunction with the official start time.

21. Boats Retiring

- 21.1. For safety and accountability of all competitors, a boat retiring shall report to Race Control by radio or telephone upon making the decision to retire, and again within one (1) hour of reaching its home club or berth.

22. Protests

- 22.1. Protests shall be written on forms available in the vicinity of the regatta notice board and delivered to the race committee by midday Monday 23rd April 2012.
- 22.2. Protests shall be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. Representatives of each boat shall be notified by mail of the time and place of the hearing.

23. Commercial Shipping

Regulations specify that boats shall not interfere with commercial shipping in shipping channels on Port Phillip. Any boat found to have interfered with commercial shipping shall be disqualified without a hearing, this alters RRS 63.1. A boat may use its engine to avoid such interference but shall lodge details to the race committee at the finishing line within 1 hour of finishing the race. A boat using its engine shall not gain a benefit in the use of the engine. Any boat using its engine shall bring the boat to a complete stop before continuing the race. The Sailing Committee, at its discretion may allow such use with or without a further penalty. This modifies RRS 42.

24. Electronic Communication

A boat shall neither make transmissions while racing nor receive electronic communications not available to all boats.

25. Race Office

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