

2012 S80 CLASS BRASS MONKEY SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

All races shall be governed by the 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, as amended the Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of the YA and YV and the Port of Melbourne Regulations, all as modified by these instructions. The class rules of the S80 Association shall also apply. Sailing equipment outside the class rules shall be removed or made inoperative, to the extent that the equipment is unable to be used during racing.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

All yachts taking part in races conducted by HBYC do so at their own risk and responsibility. Races shall be conducted under Category 6 of Addendum A of the RRS. HBYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to ISAF Rule 4.

“A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.”

3. SAFETY EQUIPMENT COMPLIANCE

Boats shall have a valid Safety Equipment of Compliance for Category form lodged with the Race Committee at least two hours prior to the Start of a Race. Boats not having a valid SECC lodged shall be scored DSQ.

4. POSTPONEMENT & ABANDONMENT

All signals shall be in accordance with the racing signals of the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, display these signals from the HBYC signal mast.

5. LIFE JACKET RULE

RRS 40 shall only apply to yachts without lifelines.

6. SHIPPING

a) Skippers shall at all times abide by the Port of Melbourne Regulations covering the navigation of small craft and yachts. They shall also abide by the directions of race officials patrolling shipping channels. Skippers failing to abide by the Port of Melbourne Regulations and the directions of the race officials shall be disqualified. This alters RRS No.60, 61, 62 & 89.3

b) Any Skipper subject of a complaint by a Ship's master for any reason whatsoever may be disqualified.

7. START TIMES

The start time shall be 1320hrs. A boat shall not start more than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal.

8. STARTING SIGNALS

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag (Flag R)	1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag	1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed	1 sound	0

9. STARTING LINE

The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable cylinder buoy at the port end. A Crowding Buoy may be laid nearby the Committee Vessel. The starting line will be located approximately 400 – 600m south of Webb dock.

10. STARTING RE-CALLS

There shall be no general recalls. When any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal, it shall return to the pre-start side of the line to start correctly. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS29.1. An announcement of premature starters may be made by radio on VHF channel 73

11. COURSES

Course No. 1 (Southerly)

Start line to Mark X to port to No. 74 Channel Mark to port to R4 to port to Mark X to port to No.74 Channel Mark to port to R4 to port to Mark X to port to No. 74 Channel Mark to R4 to port then to finish line.

Course No. 2 (Northerly)

Start line to R4 to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to starboard to Mark X to starboard to R4 to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to starboard to Mark X to starboard to R4 to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to Mark X to starboard then to finish line.

Course No. 3 (Easterly)

Start line to Mark X to port to No. 74 Channel Mark to port to No. 17a Channel Mark to port to Mark X to port to No.74 Channel Mark to port to No. 17a Channel Mark to port to Mark X to port to No. 74 Channel Mark to No. 17a Channel Mark to port then to finish line.

Course No. 4 (Westerly)

Start line to No. 17a Channel Mark to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to starboard to Mark X to starboard to No. 17a Channel Mark to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to starboard to Mark X to starboard to No. 17a Channel Mark to starboard to No. 74 Channel Mark to Mark X to starboard then to finish line.

NOTE: Yachts shall not pass through the start/finish line except to A) start and B) finish. Yachts passing through the start/finish line on other legs will be DSQ. This only applies to the S80 Class.

12. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

R4: a yellow marker buoy approx 200m W of Channel Mark 80

Mark X: an orange inflated cylinder buoy marked X approx 200m SE of Channel Mark 17 Channel Piles marking Port of Melbourne Channels. See Charts AUS143, AUS154 and AUS155, as modified by Notices to Mariners.

13. FINISHING LINE

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and an orange inflatable cylinder buoy at the port end. The finishing line will be located approximately 400 - 600m south of Webb dock

14. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all boats shall be 1700 hours. If less than three (3) boats finish in a division the race for that division shall be abandoned. This changes Rule 35.

15. RACE RESULTS

Results shall be advised promptly. Results shall be posted on the Regatta Noticeboard in the foyer of Hobson's Bay Yacht Club and also posted on the Internet at hbyc.asn.au

16. SCORING SYSTEM FOR SERIES

The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, shall apply. The number of races scheduled and the number to be completed will be stated in the series Notice of Race.

17. PROTESTS

a) Protests shall be notified to a Race Official within two hours of the protesting yacht's finishing time and lodged in writing, on the prescribed form, by 1200 hours on the Monday following the race.

b) Protests will be heard at Hobson's Bay Yacht Club, 268 Nelson Place, Williamstown at 1930 hours on the Thursday following the race, unless otherwise notified. Notice of protests shall be posted on the Race Noticeboard located in the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Foyer.