



HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB INC.

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Mornington Trophy Race

Sailing Instructions

Saturday 11th February 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 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 6 shall apply.
- 2.2. PFD's & Harnesses
 - 2.2.1. Boats without life lines shall wear type 1 or 2 PFD's at all times.
 - 2.2.2. PFD's of the approved type will be worn when required by the Marine Safety Victoria Regulations December 2005.
 - 2.2.3. 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 anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.
- 2.4. All boats to carry a VHF radio for communication. This may be in the form of a hand held VHF radio.

3. Safety Equipment Declaration.

- 3.1. All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Compliance Declaration covering the 2011/2012 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. RRS 52 Manual Power.

- 6.1. RRS 52 Manual Power shall be modified to allow self steering equipment to be used in the Two Handed Division only.

7. Eligibility

- 7.1. 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.

8. The Race

- 8.1. The Hobson's Bay Yacht Club 2012 Mornington Trophy Race shall be held Saturday 11th February 2012. Warning Signal for the combined divisions will be at **0955** hrs.
- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. Racing will be abandoned if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a GALE warning during the race for the waters of Port Phillip.

9. Alterations to Sailing Instructions

- 9.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0800 hours on 11th February 2012 and may be faxed to the Club's office of participating boats.

10. Notice to Competitors

- 10.1. 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 Club's office of participating boats. Additional copies will be available at Hobson's Bay Yacht Club prior to the race, or at www.hbyc.asn.au

11. Indemnity

- 11.1. All those taking part in the 2012 Mornington 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 - handicaps shall be the boat's TCC as supplied by Yachting Australia at the close of entries.
- 13.3. AMS - handicaps shall be those supplied by Yachting Victoria at the close of entries.
- 13.4. Non-Spinnaker 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.

14. Course

For all divisions

- 14.1. Start in a southerly direction to the finish line at Mornington.

15. Committee Vessel

- 15.1. The committee vessel shall display an orange flag when on station at the start line.
- 15.2. Class Flag – Combined Divisions – Code Flag R.

16. The Start

- 16.1. 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 200 metres west of the No 74 Port of Melbourne Channel Mark.
- 16.2. The race shall be started in accordance with RRS26.
- 16.3. After the Preparatory Signal and before correctly starting if any yacht passes from the course side of the Starting Line to the Prestart side of the Starting Line between the Crowding Bouy and the Committee Vessel shall be disqualified.
- 16.4. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 16.5. A boat shall not start more than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal.

17. Time limit

- 17.1. There shall be no time limit. Yachts are requested to take their own times when finishing then check with officials of the Mornington Yacht Club. The Tower at Mornington Yacht Club will be manned until 1800 hours.

18. The Finish

- 18.1. The finish line shall be an imaginary line between a black line on a yellow disc on the north east face of the Mornington Yacht Club (MYC) Tower and the MYC finish mark, an orange barrel buoy which is outside the harbour limits and located approximately 275 metres east northeast of the Mornington Pier Light.
- 18.2. Boats crossing an extension of the finish line inside the harbour shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).
- 18.3. Yachts shall finish in a south easterly direction between the Finish mark (leave to port) and the race control tower. Please refer to diagram at Appendix' A'.

19. Boats Retiring

- 19.1. 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.

20. Protests

- 20.1. Protests shall be notified to a Race Official of the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club within two (2) hours of the protesting yacht reaching her moorings and lodged in writing, on the prescribed form, within forty eight (48) hours of the finish of the race with the Race Office of Hobsons Bay Yacht Club (HBYC).
- 20.2. Protests will be heard at the HBYC Clubhouse, Nelson Place, Williamstown at 8 p.m. on the Thursday following the race, unless otherwise notified.

21. Race Results

Results will be forwarded to competitors' clubs as soon as possible and will be available at www.hbyc.asn.au.

22. Handicaps

HBYC reserves the right to alter or adjust any handicap found to be incorrectly calculated or printed.

23. Harbour Limits and Courtesy

- 23.1. For the purpose of these Sailing Instructions the harbour shall be that area of water bounded by Mornington Pier; a line drawn from the outer end of the pier to the outer Speed Restriction Buoy; then to the inner Speed Restriction Buoy; and a line drawn from the inner Speed Restriction Buoy to the Public Boat Launching Ramp. Please refer to diagram at Appendix 'B'.
- 23.2. The harbour shall be an obstruction while racing.
- 23.3. The yellow Speed Restriction Buoy laid north east of the Mornington Pier will be a courtesy buoy. Boats should not pass between this buoy and the pier at any time. Respecting the rights of users of the pier is paramount.

24. 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.

25. Electronic Communication

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

26. Race Office

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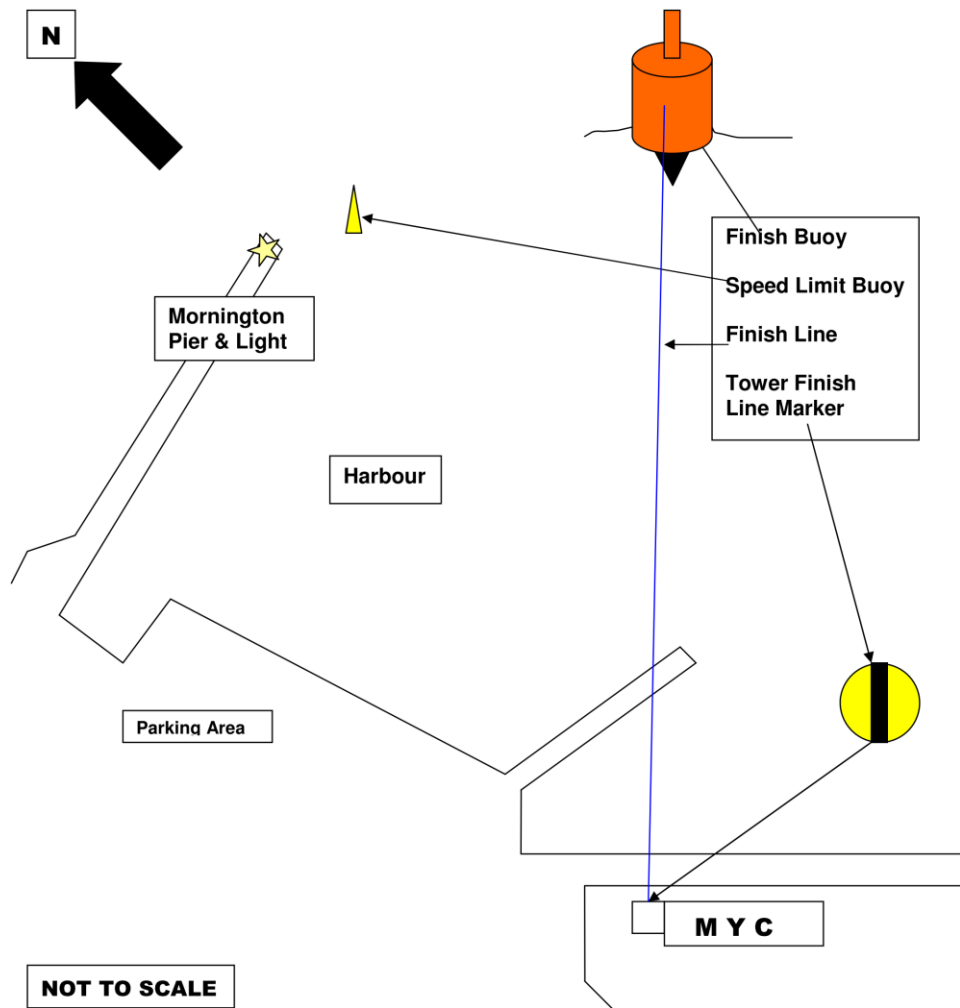
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FINISH LINE DETAILS

The Finish Line shall be an imaginary line between the black line on a yellow disc on the northeast face of the MYC Tower (by the signal mast) and the **MYC Finish Mark** being an **orange barrel buoy located (38°12.64S 145°02.35E)** approximately 150 meters east of the Mornington Pier Light. Boats should cross the Finish Line in a southerly direction leaving the Finish Buoy to Port.



Prepared by Stephen J. Bardsley, Race Administrator 12/10/2009

APPENDIX B
HARBOUR LIMITS

