



Hobsons Bay Yacht Club
Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Race
Sailing Instructions
Sat 25th Feb 2012



Division A (Long Course) - YV Performance Handicap, IRC, AMS & Two Handed
Division B (Short Course) - YV Performance Handicap, IRC, AMS & Two Handed

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. The race shall be conducted under the following safety categories:

2.2. **For yachts entered in the long course (Division A - YV, IRC, AMS and Two Handed)**, YA Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 4 shall apply, with the **addition** of equipment as described below in 2.4.

2.3. **For yachts entering in the short course (Division B - YV, IRC, AMS and Two Handed)**, YA Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 5 shall apply, with the **recommendation** of additional equipment as described below in Section 2.4.

2.4.

Racing Rules of Sailing Para No	
4.03.1	Jackstays Fitted
4.06	One additional flashlight (minimum of 2)
3.21.2	Spare Compass independent of power supply
3.25	VHF radio
4.11.2	GPS onboard

2.5. PFD's & Harnesses

2.5.1. PFD's of the approved type will be worn when required by the Marine Safety Victoria Regulations December 2005.

2.5.2. PFD's shall be worn at all times by crew of the two handed division whilst on deck.

2.6. 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:

2.6.1. When sails are reefed.

2.6.2. Where there is significant wind effect on the water or wave heights that

might jeopardise the safety of the vessel or its occupants.

2.6.3. Inexperienced persons are on board.

2.6.4. When sailing at night.

2.7. **Bow Anchors.** No anchor shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

2.8. **Safety Equipment Declaration.** 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.

2.9. **Insurance.** All entrants shall carry minimum liability insurance of \$ 10,000,000.

2.10. **RRS 51 Moveable Ballast.** 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.

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

3. Eligibility

3.1. 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.

4. The Race

4.1. The Hobson's Bay Yacht Club 2012 Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Race shall be held Saturday 25th February 2012. Warning Signal as follows:

4.1.1. Division A (Long Course) All divisions 0955 hours

4.1.2. Division B (Short Course) All divisions 1000 hours

4.2. 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.

4.3. Racing will be abandoned if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a **GALE** warning during the race for the waters of Port Phillip.

5. Alterations to Sailing Instructions

5.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0800 hours on 25th February 2012 and may be faxed to the Club's office of participating boats.

6. Notice to Competitors

6.1. 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

7. Signals Made Ashore

7.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flag staff located on the north side of HBYC clubhouse.

8. Indemnity

8.1. All those taking part in the 2012 Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Race do so at their own

risk and responsibility.

8.2. 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.

8.3. 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."

9. Rejection of Entry

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

10. Handicaps and Divisions

10.1. 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.

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

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

10.4. 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. Ref para. 24.3 for details.

11. Courses

11.1. Division A

Start in a southerly direction to Gellibrand Shoal mark (to Starboard) to P2 (to Port) to Carrum Bight No 2 mark (to Starboard) to R1 (to Starboard) to West Channel Pile (to Starboard) to Prince George Bank (to Port) to Point Richards No 1 (to Starboard) to Spoil Ground Buoy (to Port) to R4 (to Port) to Williamstown Channel Mark No 21 (to Port) then to the finish line in a Southerly direction. Approximate distance: 74 nautical miles.

11.2. Division B

Course 1 (SW)

Start in a southerly direction to Gellibrand Shoal mark (to Starboard) to Prince George Bank (to Port) then to P2 (to to Port) then to P3 (to port) then to Outer Anchorage (to port) then to R4 (to port) then to Williamstown Channel Mark No 21 (to Port) then to the finish line in a Southerly direction. Approximate distance: 44 nautical miles.

Course 2 (SE)

Start in a southerly direction to Carrum Bight No 2 mark (to starboard) then to P2 (to starboard) then to P3 (to port) then to Outer Anchorage (to port) then to R4 (to port) then to Williamstown Channel Mark No 21 (to port) then to the finish line in a Southerly direction. Approximate distance: 43 nautical miles.

12. Description of Marks

"GELLIBRAND SHOAL" BYB Q(3) 10S 5M F BU East cardinal beacon
"NO 20 Williamstown Ch" R BN FL R 2S Red lateral beacon (shape: pile)
"NO 21 Williamstown Ch " G BN FL G 5S Green lateral beacon (shape: pile)
"Carrum Bight NO 2" Y Yellow special purpose buoy (can, i.e. cylindrical shape)
"R1" Y FL(3) Y 10S Yellow special purpose buoy (shape: pillar)
"R4" Y FL(2)Y 4S Yellow special purpose buoy (shape: pillar)
"P2" Y FL Y 4S Yellow special purpose buoy (nun, i.e.conical shape)
"P3" Y BN FL Y 3S Yellow special purpose beacon (shape: pile)
"PRINCE GEORGE" R FL R4S8M RACON(G) Red lateral beacon (shape: pile)
"WEST CHANNEL PILE" FL WR 6S 14/11M Special purpose or general beacon
"NO1 Pt Richards Ch" G F ISO G 4S 5M Green lateral beacon (shape: pile)
"Outer Anchorage" Y BN FL(4) Y 12S 3M Yellow special purpose beacon (shape: pile)
"Spoil Ground" Y FL Y 5S Yellow special purpose buoy (can, i.e. cylindrical shape)

The above information is provided as a guideline only.

The locations of marks and features within Port Phillip Bay are depicted on the relevant Charts AUS143, AUS154, AUS155, and AUS157 and as modified by Notices to Mariners including but not limited to 992(T)/2008.

13. Committee Vessel

13.1. The committee vessel shall display an orange flag when on station.

14. Radio Sign on

14.1. All boats shall report their intention to compete in the Port Phillip Sea Pilots Race by VHF radio on Saturday 25th February 2012 as detailed below.

14.2. Race Control at HBYC shall call each yacht in alphabetical order on VHF Channel 73, starting approx. 0915 hours, and ask to confirm their intention to race.

14.3. 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"

Boats failing to comply with the compulsory radio report shall be deemed non starters.

15. Class Flag

15.1. Class Flags shall be as follows:

Class	Flag
Division A - IRC, VYC, AMS and Two Handed	Code Flag "V"
Division B - IRC, VYC, AMS and Two Handed	Code Flag "E"

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 east of the mouth of the Yarra River, approximately 500 metres south west of Station Pier, Port

Melbourne.

16.2. 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.

16.3. A boat shall not start more than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal.

17. Time limit

17.1. **Division A** - The time limit on the race will be 0800 hrs on Sunday 26th February 2012.

17.2. **Division B** - The time limit on the race will be 0000 hrs on Sunday 26th February 2012.

18. The Finish

18.1. The finish line shall be an imaginary line between the Southern end of the HBYC clubhouse balcony and Williamstown Channel Pile No 20, leaving the channel pile to port.

18.2. Boats shall report to Race Control by radio before they round R4 on VHF channel 73.

18.3. Competitors finishing after dark are requested to illuminate their sail numbers when finishing.

18.4. Competitors finishing after dark are also requested to record their finish time and confirm this with Race Control.

18.5. 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.

19. Protests

19.1. Protests shall be written on forms available in the vicinity of the regatta notice board and delivered to the race committee by midday Monday 27th February 2012. This changes RRS 61.2

19.2. 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.

20. Logs

20.1. Skippers are required to submit a log on the form provided to reach the Race Committee, Hobson's Bay Yacht Club, Nelson Place, Williamstown by midday Wednesday 29th February 2012, detailing:

Names of Crew and Yacht Club of which they are a member.

Time of rounding all marks and finishing time

Wind strength and direction, together with other boats in the vicinity at least every two hours.

Any other relevant information that might be included on a log.

Failure to return log sheet may result in disqualification without protest. This modifies RRS 63.1

21. 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.

22. Electronic Communication

22.1. Boats shall notify the HBYC Race Control VHF Channel 73 after rounding the following marks:

22.1.1. Division A

Carrum Buoy No 2
Point Richards Channel Mark No 1

22.1.2. Division B

Course 1 – Prince George Bank
Course 2 – Carrum Buoy No 2

22.2. The relative position of other boats in the close vicinity should be noted if they can be positively identified and given if requested. If no response is heard, boats shall send an SMS to the Race Director noting Sail Number, which Mark is rounded and time.
E.g. **H7 Carrum 1236hrs**

22.3. A boat shall neither make transmissions while racing nor receive electronic communications not available to all boats except any SMS as per 22.2

23. Race Office

Hobson's Bay Yacht Club 268 Nelson Place Williamstown VIC 3016 Tel: 9397 6393 Fax: 9397 1045 Race Director: Tony Dawson Mobile 0413 485 577 Alt Mobile: Ryan Blackstock 0408 135 565 E-mail: racing@hbyc.asn.au

24. Trophies

24.1. The Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest corrected time on YV Performance Handicap in Division A (Long Course). A trophy will be awarded for 2nd place and a trophy will be awarded for 3rd place.

24.2. Subject to the number of entries, trophies shall also be awarded for the following:
Div A: 1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on IRC handicap, AMS & 2 Handed
Div B 1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on YV Performance, AMS, IRC 2 Handed
Best Log as voted by the Sailing Committee.

24.3. The following conditions shall apply:

There shall be seven (7) starters in a Division or no third prize, five (5) starters or no second prize, three (3) starters or no first prize.

If the number of entries is less than three (3) the Division may be combined with the most appropriate Division.

Trophies will be presented at the HBYC Presentation night.