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**COMMODORE'S CUP**

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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 All races shall be sailed under will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).
- 1.2 Yachting Australia (YA) prescriptions to the ISAF RRS 2021-2024 will apply.
- 1.3 Alterations to these Sailing Instructions and/or RRS 2021-2024 shall be:
  - Issued as an addendum to the handicap sheet posted on a noticeboard in the Deepdene Room and on the CYC website,
  - Posted on a noticeboard in the Deepdene Room; or
  - Posted on the noticeboard at the northern end of the main jetty one hour prior to the start of the race with attention drawn to such posting by flag L on the start box hoist and one sound signal; or
- 1.4 Under rule 86.1(b), in the definition Zone the distance is changed to four hull lengths.
- 1.5 Under rule 87, class rules and restrictions will apply for Class fleets.

## **2. SIGNALS**

### 2.1. Visual Signals

All signals shall be visual signals made with flags and/or pennants. Signals **may** be accompanied by a sound signal, the purpose of which is to draw attention to the visual signal, and failure of a starting sound signal shall be disregarded.

## **3. COURSES**

### 3.1. Keelboat Courses

The courses are based on the original 1905 course sailed by CYC.

The Course Number will be on the same hoist as your Fleet/Class flag and ALL Fleets will sail the same course.

#### **Course 1**

1. Through the CYC Start/Finish Line in an Easterly Direction
2. College Buoy (23) to Starboard
3. Day buoy in the vicinity of Point Resolution to Starboard
4. Mosman Buoy (14) to Port
5. Suicide Buoy (13) to Port
6. Burnside Spit (58) to Starboard
7. Through the CYC Start/Finish Line in an Easterly Direction

**Course 2**

1. Through the CYC Start/Finish Line in an Easterly Direction
2. College Buoy (23) to Starboard
3. Day buoy in the vicinity of Point Resolution to Starboard
4. Mosman Buoy (14) to Port
5. Suicide Buoy (13) to Port
6. Burnside Spit (58) to Starboard
7. College Buoy (23) to Starboard
8. Day buoy in the vicinity of Point Resolution to Starboard
9. Mosman Buoy (14) to Port
10. Suicide Buoy (13) to Port
11. Burnside Spit (58) to Starboard
12. Through the CYC Start/Finish Line in an Easterly Direction

**Course 3**

1. Through the CYC Start/Finish Line in an Easterly Direction
2. College Buoy (23) to Starboard
3. Day buoy in the vicinity of Point Resolution to Starboard
4. Mosman Buoy (14) to Port
5. Suicide Buoy (13) to Port
6. Burnside Spit (58) to Starboard
7. College Buoy (23) to Starboard
8. Day buoy in the vicinity of Point Resolution to Starboard
9. Mosman Buoy (14) to Port
10. Suicide Buoy (13) to Port
11. Burnside Spit (58) to Starboard
12. College Buoy (23) to Starboard
13. Day buoy in the vicinity of Point Resolution to Starboard
14. Mosman Buoy (14) to Port
15. Suicide Buoy (13) to Port
16. Burnside Spit (58) to Starboard
17. Through the CYC Start/Finish Line in an Easterly Direction

3. **Courses continued.**

- 3.2. The Laser and 420 Dinghy courses will be confirmed prior to the race starting and Laser and 420 Dinghy Sailors informed prior to launching off the beach.

3.3. Start Line

A line between the triangle on the Start Box (with an Orange Flag flying above) and a Buoy (International orange, black diagonal stripes) laid approximately 100 m to SSE.

3.4. Finish Line

The Finish Line for all races is the Club Start Line.

3.5. Lines in Use

A boat **may** pass in either direction through **any** Start or Finish Line in use, other than her own (and then **only if it is starting or finishing**) as long as it does not impede or interfere with any boat from starting or finishing across that line. This rule applies to the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club start/finish line A Line in Use will be identified by a conspicuous Orange Flag. Skippers need to make the judgment as to whether crossing the in use start line will interfere with boats trying to start or finish a race

Alleged infringements of this Sailing Instruction may be protested under Rule 60 as a result of report from any Sailing Committee. The onus of satisfying the Protest Committee that the boat did not pass through the line shall be with the protested boat.

3.6. Prohibited Zone

A boat shall not enter a rectangular shaped area approximately 50 metres wide behind the Start Line before her warning signal. A smaller red buoy may be laid behind the Start Line outer buoy indicating the extremity of this Prohibited Zone.

This rule does not apply before the Warning Signal for the first division to start.

3.7. Visual Obstruction of the Start Line

Except in an emergency, boats making fast to the fuelling jetty south of the Start Box shall not hoist sail after the warning signal for the first division.

After finishing, boats returning to moorings, pens or jetties **shall not** obstruct the view of the line from the Start Box, **shall not** re-cross the Finish Line, and shall not obstruct boats finishing.

3.8. Navigation Marks

All permanent navigation marks (Beacons and Spit Posts) rank as marks of the course. Boats shall pass on the deep water side of each mark except where specifically directed otherwise by these Sailing Instructions.

3.9. Marks of the Course

All marks shall be rounded in the direction specified.

## **4. START PROCEDURE**

### 4.1. Start

Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.

- 4.1.1. Start Times for both Club and River Starts

The preparatory signal for the first fleet will be made 13:55 with the fleet commencing at 1400 hours. Thereafter, following fleets will start at five-minute intervals.

- 4.1.2. Starting and Restarting

If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the start line or its extensions after her warning signal, the boat shall be sailed to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting.

A boat sailing towards the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions to start shall keep clear of a boat not doing so until she is completely on the pre-start side.

- 4.1.3. Keeping Clear

Boats whose 'Warning Signal' has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

### 4.2. Start Sequence – Non-Handicap Races

The start sequence is in accordance with rule 26.

When a General Recall has been signalled a new 'Warning Signal' will be made one minute after the lowering of flag 'First Substitute'. When a General Recall has been signalled the start of the succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

### 4.3. Order of Start

Will be determined by the number of boats in each division or class that present for racing. Fleet starts will be indicated by the relevant division or class flag. The likely order of start will be:

Farr 9.2

Division 1

Division 2

Division 3 & 4

Lasers and 420 Dinghies – To be confirmed on the day

## **5. RACING**

### 5.1. Abandonment or Postponement of Races:

Will be signalled in accordance with Racing Rules of Sailing

### 5.2. Shortened Course

- Courses may be shortened during a race from the Club Start Box when the leading boat is in the vicinity of Burnside Spit or from a Club Rescue craft in the vicinity of any other mark of the course.
- When the course is shortened at Burnside Spit, boats will proceed from Burnside Spit through the finish line in an Easterly Direction.
- When the course is shortened at any other mark of the course, boats will proceed from that mark directly to Burnside Spit, keeping to the deepwater side of all permanent navigation marks, then through the finish line in an Easterly Direction.

### 5.3 Time Limit

The time limit for races shall be:

For Keelboat Races 2 hours and 30 minutes

Should the leading boat in a Division finish within the time limit the race is valid for all other starters in that Division.

### 5.4 Sail Numbers

Boats shall carry sail numbers on **all sails** in accordance with RRS Rule 77 and Appendix G. Application for a limited dispensation may be made to the Sailing Committee not later than 24 hours before the boat's scheduled start time.

### 5.5 Minimum of Starters

Should less than six boats be preparing to start in a division their race may be abandoned, cancelled, or combined with another fleet that has not started yet.

### 5.6 Retirement

- A retiring boat shall notify the starter either by hailing and receiving acknowledgement or by messenger at the first opportunity.
- The Fleet or Class Flag (as described in 5.7 below) shall be removed when a boat retires.

### 5.7 Distinguishing Flags:

- In order to be recognised as a starter a boat shall carry her Division (Naval Numeral) Fleet (Code) or Class Flag as appropriate on her backstay approximately 1.5 metres above the sheerline.

## **6. GENERAL PROVISION FOR YACHTS COMPETING IN CYC EVENTS**

### 6.1. Eligibility to Compete

- Except those racing by invitation, all boats shall be skippered by a financial Senior member of Claremont Yacht Club.
- Notification of a change of skipper shall be made to the Sailing Committee at least 30 minutes prior to the race's scheduled start time.
- The Sailing Committee may at its sole discretion vary the handicap of a boat.
- Rule 56 of the RRS requires that all crew that sail in more than 3 races (not including Twilights must be a member of a club affiliated with the YA. In the event that there is a successful protest concerning a breach of this rule, the penalty set will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This may not apply in the case of races run by Associations or other Clubs.

### 6.2. Advertising

- Advertising on boats is to be within the limits specified for rule 80 of the RRS and ISAF Regulation 20: Advertising Code.

### 6.3. Dress

The minimum dress standard for a boat's crew is an all white shirt or the designated crew uniform for that boat. The preferred dress standard is a uniform design and colour for shirts, shorts or long pants. The Sailing Committee encourages each yacht's crew to adopt a suitable uniform.

### 6.4. Safety

- Boats sailing in river events shall comply with YA Safety Regulations appropriate to the category of the race.
- Category 7 is the standard for Keelboat daylight sailing within the confines of the Swan River.
- It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that his/her boat complies with the YA Safety Regulations appropriate to the category of the race.
- The Sailing Committee at its discretion may undertake random safety inspections to ensure that vessels are appropriately equipped.
- All boats other than dinghies designed for single handed sailing shall be crewed by a minimum of two persons, each of whom shall be capable of handling the vessel alone in an emergency.



#### 6.5. Responsibility

- The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner.
- Attention shall be drawn to RRS Rule 4 “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.
- No responsibility will be accepted by the Claremont Yacht Club or its Sailing Committee for the seaworthiness of a boat for which an entry is accepted, for sufficiently or adequacy of her equipment, or for the safety of her crew.
- Owners are advised to adequately insure against loss or damage to boats and equipment and injury to crew however occurring.

#### 6.6. Club Burgee

- Skippers are urged to fly the Club Burgee at all times. The Club Burgee should be flown from the highest point on the mast or the starboard spreader but never from the backstay.
- The backstay should be used for racing flags only ie: Class Flag, or Protest Flag.
- The national flag may be flown from the stern of the boat when not racing.

### **7. PROTESTS**

The intent to protest must be indicated in accordance with Part 5, Rules 60 and 61 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. All protests submitted to the Race Committee under Part 2 of the Racing Rules will be offered the process of Mediation.

In accordance with the requirements set out in Rule 61.2, the written protest must be submitted on a form available from the CYC Start Box or the Deepdene Room. The CYC Rear Commodore Sail (RCS) or Principal Race Officer (PRO) must be advised of a boats intention to protest within 15 minutes of the boat finishing or within 30 minutes of the boat withdrawing from the race. Protests must be lodged in person with the RCS or PRO within 30 minutes of the notification of protest being made.

The Race Committee and Protest Committee may protest a boat as a result of information received from an interested party or an invalid protest where it is alleged damage or injury occurred. This changes rule 60.3(a)

#### 7.1. Mediation

Mediation will be offered for all protests lodged in accordance with Rule 61 alleging infringements of a Rule in part 2 of the Racing Rules. A mediation hearing will be held as soon as practicable subsequent to protest being lodged and prior to any hearing of that protest.

The Race Committee will appoint a mediator. The mediator will notify the time and place of the mediation hearing. The mediator may inform the parties to the protest of the time and place of the mediation, verbally.

The mediator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.

One representative only, of both the protestor and the protestee, may attend the mediation hearing. No witnesses will be allowed at the mediation hearing.

Mediation, once closed shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of the mediation process shall be subject to an appeal or grounds for redress. One of the following conclusions will be reached by the parties involved:

- The protest was not a valid protest in that it did not comply with Rule 61. The protestor shall then withdraw the protest.
- There was no infringement of the Rules. The protestor shall withdraw the protest.
- There was an infringement of the rules but the protested boat exonerated itself. In accordance with the Rules, the protest shall be withdrawn.
- There has been an infringement by one or more boats involved. The protest shall be withdrawn.

The infringing boat may accept scoring points equal to a position half way between the infringing boats actual finishing position and a disqualification. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of all other boats shall not be affected.) The Protest shall be withdrawn.

If the mediation process is unable to reach any of the foregoing conclusions, the protest shall proceed to a protest hearing. The mediator may not be part of such a protest committee, nor may the mediator be called as a witness to the protest committee.

## **8. BEFORE AND AFTER THE RACE**

Light meals are available from the Deepdene Room from 1200 hours.

Before and after the race you are welcome to tie up at the CYC Refuelling Jetty (immediately in front of the Start Box) or on the end of B Jetty (spur jetty extending to south of the Start Box)

Please do not to block the view of the Start/Finish Line immediately after the race.

Alternatively, you can sail home, and then drive over to CYC.

Come up to the bar for some good company and further refreshments.

Subject to availability of results, presentations will be made in the Deepdene Room as close to 1730 hours as possible.

Please remember that due to limited space, only CYC Senior Members are entitled to park vehicles on Club grounds.