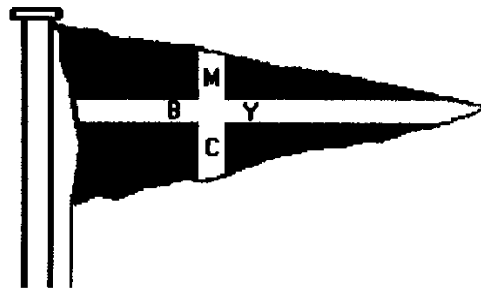


# MONTROSE BAY YACHT CLUB INC.



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SEASON 2018/2019

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# MONTROSE BAY YACHT CLUB

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020. All races will also be governed by the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and Class rules, except where varied by these instructions.

Australian Sailing and Yachting Tasmania (YT) have adopted policies relating to Anti-Harassment, Child Protection, Privacy, Sport Safe, Sun Smart and Anti-Doping that shall be used as guidelines by MBYC.

MBYC shall seek a dispensation from YT for the requirements of Rule 46 of the Racing Rules.

### 2. RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in Club races do so at their own risk and responsibility.

MBYC does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea and is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat, whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 that states; **The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.**

### 3. SAFETY REGULATIONS

The AS 2017-2021 Special Regulations Part 2: Off the Beach Boats shall apply in all races conducted by the club. It is recommended that all sailors be familiar with this document, which can be downloaded from the Australian Sailing website ([www.sailing.org.au/home/](http://www.sailing.org.au/home/)). Attention is drawn to Section 1.02.1 of the Regulations:

**The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the boat is structurally sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew who are physically fit to face the expected conditions. The owner and the person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. The owner and the person in charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows how to use it.**

Any yacht deemed by the Sailing Committee not to comply with the safety regulations will be refused race entry.

**ALL CREWMEMBERS MUST WEAR AN A.S.A. APPROVED PFD, in good repair, at all times when sailing, in accordance with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part II (5.01.2):**

Lifejackets shall comply with one of the following:

- (a) Australian Standard AS4758-2015 or
- (b) Australian Standard AS1512-1996 for PFD Type 1 or
- (c) Australian Standard AS1499-1996 for PFD Type 2 or
- (d) Australian Standard AS2260-1996 for PFD Type 3 or
- (e) An equivalent or more stringent overseas standard

And

Shall be branded with the respective standard authority's mark of approval.

All sailors in Novice division must wear the PFD outside all other garments.

The Sailing Committee will not start any race if the wind is consistently over 20 knots or when the conditions are expected to deteriorate significantly.

#### **4. NOTICE BOARD**

The official notice board of the club, for the posting of results, alterations to Sailing Instructions and any other official sailing notices will be the board on the Committee Room wall of the rear corridor.

#### **5. ALTERATIONS TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

These Sailing Instructions may be altered, or added to, by the Sailing Committee by posting a notice on the Notice Board at least half an hour before the start of the race or races affected thereby. Such posting shall constitute notice to each yacht in accordance with RRS Rule 90.2 and wherever possible and practicable, such notice shall also be given by loud hailer and/or public address and by flying International Code flag "L" from the club flag mast. Alterations to the sailing program will, whenever possible, be posted on the previous sailing day.

#### **6. CLASSES**

Yachts will normally race within a single Combined class, unless alternative arrangements are made and posted on the Notice Board in accordance with Sections 5 & 6.

If at any time the Sailing Committee considers that there are sufficient yachts of a particular class sailing in the Combined class they will make representations to the General committee to provide a separate series for that class.

Any such newly formed class will be subject to the applicable class association restrictions. Similarly classes with insufficient patronage may be transferred to the Combined class.

If a new class or classes is/are formed during the course of a season, the newly formed class or classes will start following the Combined class start and before the Visitor Class (if applicable).

A Novice class may be formed and will consist of yachts whose crew are in the early stages of sailing and/or racing. The Sailing Committee will continually review yachts in this class and promote them to class racing as soon as they reach acceptable standards of skill and confidence.

#### **7. RESTRICTIONS**

Every class yacht is expected to have a current class certificate but at the discretion of the Sailing Committee boats without a class certificate may be permitted to compete in class racing conducted by the club. Coaching of Novice class competitors while racing will be permitted. Coaching of all boats is permissible during any specifically nominated coaching event.

#### **8. CLASS SIGNIFICATION**

The class signals shall be either flags or cards of the following designs:

COMBINED	Code flag "O",
"NEWLY FORMED" CLASS	Relevant class flag, if available, with division numeral if needed,
NOVICE	Code flag "T",
VISITORS	Code flag "V",

#### **9. RACE ENTRY**

Prior to the race on each race day, every helmsman/woman must fill in the required entry form, supplied by the club. The completed forms are to be placed in the entry box at least half an hour before the scheduled beginning of the first race. A single entry will suffice for multiple events on the same day.

Late entries may be at the discretion of a member of the Sailing Committee, and will require payment of a prescribed fee.

The payment of a sailing member subscription by a member shall be deemed to be payment of the entry fee for all club races during that season, except for late entry fees.

## **10. VISITORS & FEES**

Casual visitors are welcome to sail in any race and a prescribed fee shall apply per yacht, including crew. They shall be eligible for any trophy events but will not be awarded any pennant or club championship points.

For a yacht that is not registered with a sailing club affiliated with YT, a maximum of four races shall apply in any season.

For yachts registered with a YT affiliated club, sailing as a visitor, a maximum of six races per season shall apply without reference to the sailing committee.

For a visiting crewmember, or non-sailing club member who wishes to sail on a club registered yacht a prescribed fee for each race shall apply. An exemption for MBYC from rule 46 is being requested.

For an invitation race a prescribed fee per visiting yacht may be applied.

***(A list of prescribed fees set by the General Committee will be placed on the noticeboard at the start of each season)***

No fees shall be charged for competitors participating in organised interclub exchange races.

## **11. COURSES**

The course number will be displayed on the judge's box or starting boat prior to the warning signal for the first class to be started. Should subsequent classes need to use different courses, the method of notification shall be given as an alteration to the sailing instructions.

The courses are defined by the current "COURSE DETAILS" list as posted on the notice board.

## **12. STARTING TIME**

Racing is scheduled to start at or after 1.30 p.m. unless otherwise notified. For specific events, as shown on the sailing program, other starting times may apply.

The warning signal for the first class to start, which is the class flag for that class, will be given 3 minutes prior to the published starting time.

## **13. STARTING SEQUENCE**

Racing will begin at the notified time with 3.00 minutes between classes and in the following sequence, where applicable:-

- COMBINED
- "NEWLY FORMED CLASS" (IF APPLICABLE)
- VISITORS
- NOVICE

If a particular class is not present, subsequent classes will advance in the starting sequence.

Gate starts may be conducted, either in accordance with the attached Course 11 Instructions or any other system, which will be defined by an "Alteration to the Sailing Instructions".

The Novice class will always be started from the clubhouse at a time to be notified

## **14. STARTING LINE**

For races started from the clubhouse the starting line will be an imaginary line from the flagmast on the judges box to a white flagmark "S". A green flagmark "G" may be placed approximately on this line between mark "S" and the flagmast. Yachts must pass between mark "G" and mark "S" when starting. Marks "S" and "G" may be removed after the start.

The starting line for other events are detailed on specific sailing instructions or according to any properly notified alterations to these sailing instructions.  
For mid river start races the committee boat will fly a Blue flag when on station at the Star-board end of the starting line.

## **15. STARTING PROCEDURE**

The normal starting procedure will be generally in accordance with RRS Rule 26: except the time is shortened to a 3 minute sequence

### **(a) WARNING SIGNAL;**

Three (3) minutes before the start of a class, the class flag for that class will be hoisted at the starting line.

Attention by one sound signal.

### **(b) PREPARATORY SIGNAL;**

Two (2) minutes before the start of a class, code flag "P", code flag "I" or black flag will be hoisted. Attention by one sound signal.

### **(c) ONE MINUTE SIGNAL;**

One (1) minute before the start of a class, code flag "P", code flag "I" or black flag will be lowered. Attention by one long sound signal

### **(d) START SIGNAL;**

The lowering of the class flag shall indicate the start. Attention to the start by one sound signal.

## **Note**

The Warning signal (Class flag) for the next class to start will be raised at the Start of the preceding class

All yachts other than the class being started shall keep well clear of the starting line prior to the warning signal of their own class. Classes may be combined by simultaneously using multiple class flags.

## **16. RECALLS**

### **(a) INDIVIDUAL RRS Rule 29.1**

In the event of any boat being over the starting line on the starting signal, international code flag "X" shall be hoisted with attention by one sound signal. The signal shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or for a maximum period of two minutes.

### **(b) GENERAL RRS Rule 29.2**

A general recall will be signalled by hoisting the First Substitute of the international code. Attention by two sound signals.

The recalled class shall be the next class to start. The Warning signal for the restarted race will follow one minute after the lowering of the First Substitute. The start for all following classes will be delayed as required.

### **(c) STARTING PENALTIES**

Starting penalties as prescribed in RRS Rule 30.1 "I Flag - Round the ends Rule" or Rule 30.4 "Black Flag Rule" may be applied at any start or following any general recall. The flag invoking these penalties will be displayed with the preparatory signal.

## **17. POSTPONEMENT**

At any time before the Starting signal the sailing committee may choose to signal a postponement by flying the Answering pennant of the International code in accordance with RRS Rule 27.3. Attention by two sound signals.

## **18. ABANDONMENT**

Any race can be abandoned either before or after the start and will be notified by the flying of international code "N" in accordance with RRS Rule 27.3 and 32.

Code flag "N" alone signifies a return to the starting area whereas "N" over "H" or "N" over "A" signifies all yachts are to return to the shore. Attention by three sound signals.

## **19. SHORTENED COURSE**

The committee may choose to shorten the course, of all or selected classes, at any mark of the course. The shorten course signal shall be international code flag "S", displayed on the judges box or committee boat and shall apply to all classes unless class signals are displayed. Attention by two sound signals. The finish for the shortened race shall be at the mark where the shortened course signal is displayed.

## **20. FINISHING LINE**

For races conducted from the clubhouse the finishing line will be an imaginary line from the flagmast on the judges box, to mark "A".

The finishing line for other events will be detailed on specific sailing instructions or according to any properly notified alterations to these sailing instructions.

After completing a race, yachts must keep clear of competitors not yet finished.

For Mid-river races the committee boat will fly a Blue flag when on station at the Starboard end of the finishing line.

## **21. TIME LIMIT**

A time limit of two and a half hours shall apply to all races except where there has been an alteration to the sailing instructions. If no yacht finishes within two and a half hours the race is abandoned. Furthermore, a time limit of half an hour will be set from the time the first yacht in each class finishes and remaining yachts in that class will be required to finish within this time. Yachts finishing outside either of these time limits will be scored DNF.

Notwithstanding the above, any race started after 3.00 p.m. may be abandoned at the discretion of the PRO should no yacht finish within one and a half hours.

During the sailing of back-to-back races, and at the discretion of the PRO, yachts deemed to be significantly lagging the majority of the fleet may be requested to cease racing and to return to the start area to enable the timely commencement of the next race. For yachts subject to this requirement, an estimated finishing time will be applied by the PRO.

## **22. DECLARATION**

All helmsmen/women who believe they have completed the course correctly and observed all rules, prescriptions and sailing instructions, must sign a declaration form displayed on the club house notice board, within half an hour of the finish of the last yacht in that class. For back-to-back races the time limit for all previous races is extended to the time limit for the final race.

A separate declaration is required for each heat or race.

If a yacht retires, the helmsman/woman must immediately upon return to shore, sign the declaration form as retired, and shall advise the PRO or race secretary forthwith.

## **23. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

Penalty turns as provided in the RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply instead of disqualification proceedings.

## **24. PROTESTS**

Protests in accordance with RRS Rules, Part 5 shall apply to all races. Protests by competitors must be lodged in writing, on the form provided, with the race secretary or PRO within two hours of the finish of the protesting yacht, providing that the intent to protest is verbally notified within the first hour.

A prescribed fee must accompany every protest (*A list of prescribed fees set by the General Committee will be placed on the noticeboard at the start of each season*). Parties to the protest must remain in the vicinity of the club until a time and date of hearing is announced by the Sailing Committee.

## **25. PROTEST COMMITTEE**

The Protest Committee shall consist of not less than three members from the nominated protest committee panel, or experienced senior sailing members, appointed by the Sailing Committee.

## **26. APPEALS**

Any appeals arising from a protest decided by the MBYC Protest Committee will be referred to Yachting Tasmania.

## **27. RESULT SHEETS**

Provisional result sheets will be displayed on the club notice board as soon as possible after each race and protests relating to the result sheet shall be lodged within one hour of that posting. The time of posting shall be noted on the sheet.

## **28. HANDICAPPING**

Handicaps are at the discretion of the sailing committee and will be determined generally in accordance with the 2017/18 Australian Sailing yardstick system as set out in the following website: <https://www.sailwave.com/rating-files-library>

## **29. PENNANT SERIES**

A series of pennant races will be scheduled, and pennant points will be scored and allocated only helmsmen/women who are members of the club and in accordance with the following:-

(a) Points will be awarded to helmsmen/women, not to individual boats. Therefore, a helmsman/woman can change his or her nominated boat during the course of the season. This provision is intended to address scenarios such as change of ownership or damage to boats, and is at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

(b) Each class racing at the club will have a Championship and Handicap pennant series with trophies for 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each series if more than 5, 10 or 20 yachts respectively started in at least six races.

(c) At least four races must be contested for award of Championship and Handicap pennants in any class.

(d) Points shall be scored in accordance with Appendix A, A4.1 low point system RRS 1027-20 with the number of races to be counted in accordance with the table below:-

Races conducted	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
Races to be counted	7	6	5	5	5	4	4

(e) A helmsman/woman who skips a retired or disqualified yacht shall score points equal to the number of starters in that race plus one. Non-starters shall receive points equal to the number of starters in that race.



- (f) Where applicable, race placing will be decided after the application of YV Yardstick correction factors.
- (g) Handicap pennant points to the helmsman/women will be awarded according each yacht's current handicap percentage together with any AS Yardstick for that class, if appropriate.
- (h) There must be at least three registered yachts started in any race for that race to be included in the pennant series.

### **30. TROPHY RACES**

Trophies will be awarded in each class to winners on handicap of each series of races designated as trophy races.

For trophy series where more than two races are sailed, the worst points result for each yacht will be dropped, and 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes will be awarded if more than 5, 10 or 15 yachts respectively sailed in all races for that class.

On trophy race days when multi-races are sailed the best 2 results will be averaged and that score will count in that trophy series.

For any race there must be at least three starters in any class, or two in open class, and at least half the possible races must be contested in each class for trophies to be awarded.

The Sailing Committee reserves the right to award trophies at its discretion.

### **31. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Races designated the Club Championship Series shall be conducted on the dates listed in the current Sailing Program.

At the discretion of the Sailing Committee, the classes to be contested in the Championships shall be advised by Notice of Race displayed on the Club Notice Board one week prior to the first race in the series.

### **32. PATROL BOATS**

**No racing will be conducted unless an appropriate number of patrol boats is available.**

### **33. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

In addition to compliance with the above rules every member of a yacht's crew shall at all times use common-sense and discretion in preserving his or her own safety and that of his or her fellow crew members, and in particular no skipper shall sail their yacht when by reason of weather or other factors, conditions are dangerous or hazardous.

Crew members of yachts shall at all times both afloat and on shore conduct themselves in a manner reflecting credit on their club and yachting in general.

### **34. PENALTIES**

If, in the opinion of the General Committee, a member is guilty of a breach of club rules relating to Safety or Code of Behaviour, the member shall be liable at the discretion of the General Committee to -

- (a) Suspension as a member for such period as the General Committee may see fit, or,
- (b) Expulsion as a member of the club, and
- (c) In the case of an offending yacht owner, removal of the name from the club register.

**For MONTROSE BAY YACHT CLUB**

**Sailing Committee  
Oct. 2018**

## IF YOUR YACHT CAPSIZES

Capsizing is a normal part of dinghy sailing. With a few precautions and knowing the correct response it presents no danger to sailors.

If you capsize in Montrose Bay you must act quickly, so that your mast does not become stuck in the bottom mud.

The following measures are essential to minimise risk or danger.

- a) **DO NOT PANIC.** The yacht will not sink.
- b) **CHECK THAT ALL THE CREW ARE SAFE.** Check they are not caught under sails, under the hull or injured in any way. Make sure the crew stays with the yacht.
- c) **STAY WITH THE YACHT.** Do not swim after gear that comes adrift from the yacht. If you leave the yacht it can drift or be blown away from you very quickly. The yacht can be seen much more easily than your head in the water.
- d) **CALL FOR ASSISTANCE BEFORE BECOMING EXHAUSTED.** If you are cold, tired or injured call for assistance immediately. Obey all instructions given by the crew of the rescue boat.

You can signal for assistance by raising your arm or some object above your head and waving slowly. All yachts are under surveillance during the race and if assistance is needed rescue boats will be directed to you.

e) **TO RIGHT YOUR BOAT.**

- Uncleat and free all sheets and control lines such as the boom vang.
- Swim the boat almost head to wind and if possible have the crew at the bow.
- Right your boat by applying a steady pressure on the centreboard or rope over the upper gunwale. Allow time for the water to clear the sail, and when the sail is free, ease the pressure and move away from the hull to prevent the yacht from righting on top of you.
- Reboard the yacht over the transom, or over the gunwale if there is crew to balance the yacht.
- Bail out sufficient water to continue sailing (if necessary, depending on the class of yacht) and allow the automatic bailers to clear any excess water from the yacht.
- In severe weather it may be necessary to lower the mainsail before righting the yacht.
- If there is any broken gear and you are unable to continue racing, **CALL FOR ASSISTANCE**, secure the yacht gear and head back to the clubhouse under jib or jury rig if possible. Otherwise lower the sails, keep the yacht head to wind until help arrives.

**REMEMBER, DO NOT PANIC OR LEAVE THE BOAT.**

## Description Of Events

### Brett Webster Memorial Shield

Awarded to the best handicap performance on the day closest to the 29 Oct and commemorates a past junior sailor. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018.

### Tony Green Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the best performing sailor on the designated day and commemorates a past senior member. 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### Pittwater Regatta

24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, Pittwater Sailing Club. Open to Sabres, NS14s and B14s.

### Norm Deane Trophy

Awarded to the handicap winner on the day nearest to the anniversary of the club's founding. Held on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### Royal Hobart Regatta

Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday February 11<sup>th</sup>  
All classes event held on the two different days.  
Contact: Royal Hobart Regatta Association Ph: 6234 7249

### Izaboat Race

Race commemorating Eric Szabo, a prominent member of Lindisfarne Sailing Club. The day consists of the third long distance race (MBYC to LSC, weather dependent) followed by participation in the Izaboat race at Lindisfarne. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019.

### Sabre State Championships

Saturday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with Lindisfarne Sailing club.

### CJ Mason Shield

Awarded to the best handicap performance in the Long Distance Race Series.

### **Other Montrose Bay Perpetual Trophies are:**

#### Ross Muir Trophy

Awarded to the best performance by a club member in a National or International regatta.

#### Manly Junior Trophy

Awarded to the most improved junior sailor.

#### Witch Doctor Trophy

Awarded to the sailor who has most enjoyed sailing during the season.

#### Club Service Award

Awarded in recognition of service to the club by a non-sailing member.

## STANDARD COURSE DETAILS

For all courses please refer to the course diagrams for the typical location of the buoys.  
All club standard sailing instructions not altered by these course instructions, remain applicable.

## Courses 1 to 5

### Club House Courses

These courses are essentially a triangle, windward and return and a triangle, with extra marks for the starting leg.

**Course 1**                      **South East (Starboard Course)**

**Start to B - ECA - EC - EC to finish at A**  
**All buoys to Starboard except B to Port**

**Course 2** **South East (Port Course)**

Start to B - CDE - CE - CDE to finish at A  
All buoys to Port

**Course 3**                      **West - North West (Port Course)**

Start to F - CEA - CE - CE to finish at A  
All buoys to Port except F to Starboard

**Course 4**                      **West – North West (Starboard Course)**

Start to F - EDC - EC - EDC to finish at A  
All buoys to Starboard

**Course 5** **North - North East**

Start to DCA - DA - DC to finish at A  
All buoys to Starboard

### Course Instructions for courses 1 to 5 inclusive

An alteration to the Sailing Instructions may be posted for any of the following situations.

- (a) If a high performance yacht class is sailing an extra triangle may be added to the course or more distant marks may be used for that class.
- (b) If a junior yacht class is sailing the windward and return leg of the course may be eliminated from the course or closer marks may be used for that class.
- (c) For multiple short back to back races the windward and return legs of the course may be eliminated for all classes.

## Special Course 6

**General:**

Course 6 is reserved for a Special course to be set by the PRO and defined by Sailing Instructions posted prior to the event.

In particular this year this course will be used for the long distance trophy races where it is intended to race in more remote portions of Montrose Bay.

## Mid River Courses 7 and 8

### Conventional Olympic type courses

#### General:

Course 7 has a traditional leeward start and windward finish whereas course 8 uses the same location, approximately 1/3 up the windward leg, for both the start and finish. Course 8 may also be used for short course racing.

#### Course:

Main Course: Start to mark 1,2,3 - 1,3 - 1,2,3 to Finish

Junior Course: Start to mark 1,2,3 - 1,2,3 to Finish

The windward mark 1 will be directly upwind of 2 with the wing mark 2 being on the Port side of the leg from 3 to 1 for a Port course, or on the Starboard side for a Starboard course.

The course will be notified before the warning signal by flying a red flag for a Port course or a green flag for a Starboard course. For a Port course all marks shall be left to Port and for a Starboard course all marks are to be left to Starboard except the finish line mark, which is to be left to Port.

#### Starting Line:

The starting line for all classes will be between the flagmast of the committee boat and the main leeward mark 3 for course 7, or code "O" flagmark for course 8.

#### Finishing Line:

For both courses the finishing line for all classes will be between a code "O" flagmark and the flagmast of the committee boat.

For course 7 the committee boat will be located approximately upwind of mark 3 and slightly beyond mark 1. For course 8 the committee boat will remain at the starting location.

## Mid River Courses 9 & 10

### Trapezoidal & "M"

#### General:

These courses may be used for either normal or short course events and has the committee boat stationary at the leeward end of the course. Only the Port course configuration will be used.

#### Courses:

##### Trapezoidal

Main Course: Start to mark 1,2,3,4, - 1,4, - 1,2,3, to finish

Junior Course: Start to mark 1,2,3,4, - 1,2,3, to finish

##### "M"

Main Course Start to mark 1,2,5,3,4 - 1,4 - 1,2,5,3 to finish

Junior Course Start to mark 1,2,5,3,4 - 1,2,5,3 to finish

All marks except the finish are to be left to PORT

#### Starting Line:

The starting line for all classes will be between the flagmast of the committee boat and Mark 4.

#### Finishing Line:

The finishing line for all classes will be between the flagmast of the committee boat and a Code "O" flagmark located downwind of the committee boat.

## Mid River Course 11

### Gate Start Competition

#### General:

This course uses a combined simplified gate start and three major marks with a finish at the clubhouse. It may be used for normal or short course events.

#### Course:

The course will be:-

Senior Course                      Start to 1,2,3,- 1,3,- 1,2,3,- 1 to finish line at clubhouse.

Junior Course                      Start to 1,2,3, - 1,2,3, - 1 to finish line at clubhouse.

All marks to be left to PORT except the finish, which may be either direction.

Marks 1 & 2 will be set before the start and the committee boat may set mark 3 after the start of the race.

#### Starting Procedure:

There will be one combined start for all classes.

#### Warning signal:

There will be no warning signal given except that if the race cannot be started at approximately the listed starting time a postponement will be signalled at least 10 minutes before the start.

#### Preparatory signal:

Five minutes before the beginning of the starting sequence the committee boat will fly code flag "P" and give one sound signal.

#### The START:

The beginning of the starting procedure will be signalled by lowering code flag "P" and raising code flag "H" with attention by one sound signal. At this time the nominated "**Pathfinder**" yacht will begin a close-hauled **PORT** course from the immediate area of the committee boat stationed near mark 3.

The committee boat will then take up station travelling a boat length behind and to the starboard side of the Pathfinder yacht.

When the PRO is satisfied with the Pathfinder course and the committee boat position the **STARTING GATE** will be **OPENED** by dropping a **WHITE** flag mark from the committee boat with attention by one sound signal.

The starting time for the race is when the White flagmark is dropped.

The **STARTING LINE** is then between the white flagmark and the stern of the moving committee boat and competitors may start across the line on starboard tack when and where they choose.

The PRO may release the Pathfinder yacht at any time to join the race but the committee boat will hold the same course and speed until all yachts have started or the PRO decides the starting line is long enough, at which time code flag "H" will be lowered on the committee boat and a **GREEN** flagmark will be dropped to mark the end of the starting line, with attention by one sound signal.

Any yacht hitting either the Pathfinder or the committee boat during the starting procedure will be automatically disqualified.

If any difficulties prevent the gate from being opened within one minute of the lowering of the preparatory signal the start will be abandoned by flying the answering pennant and giving three sound signals. A new preparatory signal and start will begin one minute after lowering the answering pennant.

#### Finish Line:

The finish line will be between a code flag "O" flagmark moored off the clubhouse, and the judges box flagmast. Competitors will cross the finish line from the side closest to the last mark of the course.

### **Shortened Course:**

The course may be shortened at any mark of the course by stationing a patrol boat flying code flag "S" in the immediate vicinity of that mark and giving such sound signal as necessary to draw attention to the code flag.

Competitors will round that mark and proceed directly to the finish line at the clubhouse.

If the shortened course is to apply to only one of the combined classes this will be signalled by flying the appropriate class flag with code flag "S".

## **Junior Courses N1 to N3**

### **General:**

The Novice courses are controlled from the clubhouse and located in the safe waters near the clubhouse.

**N1** Start to F, H, B, S - F, H, B - to finish at S All buoys to Starboard.

**N2** Start to B, H, F, S - B, H, F to finish at S All buoys to Port

**N3** Special course set by PRO

## **COURSE MARKS (all courses)**

For Courses conducted from the Club house the "Marks of the Course" are designated alphabetically from "A" to "H" plus "S"

For mid river courses the "Marks of the Course" are designated numerically "1" to "5" with the exception of the finishing flagmark, code flag "O", and "G" the green distance mark.

Mark A	Code flag "O" flagmark	Rounding and finishing mark for Club house courses.
Marks B & F	Orange Buoys or Flagmarks	Rounding marks used to provide upwind starts.
Marks C, D & E	Orange Buoys	Rounding marks for club house courses.
Mark G	Green flagmark	Distance mark on the starting line.
Marks H	Yellow or Orange flagmark	Rounding mark for the junior courses.
Mark S	White flagmark	Starting line for club house courses.
Marks 1 to 5	Orange buoys or flagmark	Main Starting and rounding marks for mid-river courses.
Yellow or Orange flagmark		For Junior courses alternate rounding marks may be used. PRO to notify effected classes.

Alternate mark types may be used, but will be notified by the PRO prior to the start.

Code flag "M" will be used to replace a missing mark, either as a flagmark or on a committee boat, which will then be the replacement mark.