



BALLAARAT YACHT CLUB

~ **2016 – 17 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** ~

Includes: Handicap Pennant, Aggregates and other scheduled events.

1 **RULES**

- All races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2013 -2016 (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation, the appropriate Class rules (except as any of these be changed by the Sailing Instructions), the Racing By-laws of the Ballaarat Yacht Club, and by these Sailing Instructions.

2 **INDEMNITY**

- 2.1** All boats taking part in Ballaarat Yacht Club sailing events do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Ballaarat Yacht Club inc is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted, nor for the adequacy or sufficiency of her equipment.

Attention is drawn to Rule 4 ‘DECISION TO RACE’ which states that:

“The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”

2.2 **PERSONAL BOYANCY**

- **All persons on board yachts racing at Ballaarat Yacht Club events must wear an Australian Standards Association approved personal floatation device.**

The Ballaarat Yacht Club inc and the Ballarat City Council strongly recommend that appropriate footwear be worn at all times.

3 **ENTRIES**

3.1 **Series Registration**

- A Registration Form must be filled out for each boat prior to competing in any race of the series. The form must be signed by the Owner or nominated Skipper.
- A boat may have more than one ‘nominated skipper’, in which case the names of all nominated skippers are to be included on the registration form.
- Proof of Third Party Personal Insurance cover of at least \$5 million (10 million recommended) is required to be provided for each boat, by way of a copy of Certificate of Currency, which is to be attached to the Registration Form or provided to the Race Committee on renewal of the policy.

3.2 **Recognised Classes**

- Classes for which races are normally conducted at Ballaarat YC, and the divisions used for starting are listed in Paragraph 9 ‘Division Flags’ below

.3.3 **Race Entry**

- Race entry is by way of placing the entry fee in the envelope provided, completing all details and posting in the box located in the Ballaarat Yacht Club Members area prior to the advertised starting time. Boats not complying with entry requirements may have their entry refused and be scored ‘INV’ (Invalid entry).

Note: Where more than one race is scheduled to be sailed on the same day, a single entry fee will cover all races.

- Entry fees for each race are as follows:

Seniors	\$5.00	(five dollars)	per crew member
Visitors	\$5.00	(five dollars)	per crew member
Juniors (under 18)	\$2.00	(two dollars)	per crew member
Junior visitors	\$2.00	(two dollars)	per crew member

- Where a boat is skippered by a person other than the 'nominated skipper' (helmsperson) (refer 3.1 Above), the yacht's entry will not be accepted unless the details of the change are notified to the Race Committee on the form supplied, no later than 30 minutes before the advertised starting time.
- The Race Committee may accept a later notification of change only in extenuating circumstances.

4 DECLARATIONS

- All boats which enter but do not start, or retire after starting, must inform the Race Committee of the failure to start or the retirement. This is for reasons of safety and any boat not complying may be disqualified.

5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located adjacent to the Ballarat Yacht Club Flagstaff or in the Members area.

6 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of racing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1800hrs (6pm) on the day before the change takes effect.

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Ballarat Yacht Club flagstaff or in the members area.

7.1 Unsafe conditions



- If **N over H** displayed either onshore or on the Race Committee Boat, with 2 (two) sound signals, (2 (two) sound signals when lowered) means :

No boats shall leave the shore. Any boats already sailing shall return to shore immediately.

7.2 Postponement










- The answering pennant (code flag AP) displayed with 2 (two) sound signals means races are postponed.
- When Code flag AP is flown ashore a new warning signal will be made **not less than 15 minutes** after flag AP is lowered. 1 (one) sound signal.
- When Code flag AP is flown on the committee boat a new warning signal will be made **not less than 1 (one) minute** after code flag AP is lowered 1 (one) sound signal.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

- Races are scheduled according to the Ballarat Yacht Club 2016 -2017 Race Calendar.
- Unless otherwise specified the warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 1400hrs (2pm).

8 DIVISION FLAGS

Division	Class	(Numeral Pennant)	Division Flag
1	Sharpies	1	
2	Miscellaneous Catamarans	2	
3	Laser	3	
4	Laser Radial & 4.7	4	
5	Miscellaneous Mono Division 1	5	
6	Jubilee	6	
7	Pacers, Miscellaneous Mono Division 2 <i>(Junior classes & Access)</i>	7	

9 RACING AREA

- The racing area is on Lake Wendouree, generally that portion of the lake between the Ballarat Yacht Club and the North side of the Rowing Channel.

10 THE COURSE

- The courses to be sailed are as described and illustrated on the notice board adjacent to the Ballarat Yacht Club Flagstaff.

Courses may change on the water is there is a significant wind shift

11 COURSE FLAGS

Course One (1) Starboard Course	Green Flag	
Course Two (2) Port Course	Red Flag	

- The sequence of mark rounding's which constitute a full race for each division is as follows:
Note: When more than one race is scheduled different courses may be sailed as shown at breifing

A-B-C-A-C by No. of Laps Nominated on Day - then to K & Finish

Except that in all cases, if **Code flag F**  is displayed on **Mark A** the last rounding of the **Mark C** is omitted and boats are required to sail **directly to K & finish** after the last rounding of **Mark A**

12 MARKS



- All rounding marks will be Large Red inflatable buoys. (if an inner course is laid for juniors these will be Orange inflatable)
- Starting and Finishing marks will be ORANGE buoys with an orange flag.
- The Crowding buoy will be a WHITE buoy.
- When BLUE marks are laid in the vicinity of View Point they should be considered an extension of View Point. Boats shall not sail between these marks and View Point.

13 THE START







13.1 The Starting Line

- The Starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag  on the Start Boat at the Starboard end, and the Orange Starting Mark  on the Port end. A Crowding Mark (White Buoy) may be laid in the vicinity of the Committee Boat and if laid will be considered an extension of the Committee Boat.

13.2 Starting procedure: **Note:** This changes Rule 26.

Minutes before Start Signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	Code P 	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed 	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- Races will be started in the following order: **Note:** Subject to change depending on weather conditions and number of starters.

Start No	Division	Class
1	3	 Laser
1	4	 Laser Radial & 4.7
2	6	 Jubilee.
3	1	 Miscellaneous Mono Division 1
3	7	 Miscellaneous Mono Division 2 & Pacers
4	2	 Miscellaneous Catamarans & Paper Tigers

13.3 Keeping clear .

- Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

13.4 Late Starters

- Boats will be scored DNC if they do not start within fifteen (15) minutes after their starting signal has been made..

13.5 No Race

- If there are less than three (3) starters in any class the race may be declared a 'No Race' i.e. no points will be awarded. However boats from a recognised class with insufficient starters may start and race in a Miscellaneous Class race, although they will not score Pennant/Aggregate points for that race.
- This instruction does not apply to Cock of the Lake Results.

EXCEPTION 1:

- If after starting a race in good faith, one or more of the boats are subsequently found not to have correctly followed Instruction 3 'Entries' or for any other reason are scored 'INV', any remaining boats may not be penalized for the fact that there were less than three starters, i.e. their race results may be allowed to stand and the race not declared a 'No Race'.

EXCEPTION 2

- Boats on Rostered Duty shall be considered as starters for the purpose of the above rule.

EXCEPTION 3

- Boats attending class titles and have been granted average points shall be considered as starters for the purpose of the above rule.

13.6 General Recalls


- When a General Recall is signaled, the re-start for the division(s) involved will be held after the last scheduled start, using the standard procedure. The First Substitute Flag will be displayed for two (2) minutes only. This changes Rule 29.3.

14 FINISHING



14.1 The Finishing Line

- The finishing Line will be between a BLUE flag  on the Ballaarat Yacht Club jetty and the ORANGE Finishing Mark. 

14.2 Procedure

- A Mark identified by the Code Flag 'K'  will be located close to the Finishing Line. To finish, a boat must proceed from the last Rounding Mark of the course to the 'K' Mark which is to be left on the same side as the Rounding Marks, then to cross the Finishing Line from the direction of 'K'.
- The 'K' Mark has a required side only when finishing.
- Boats must not cross the Finishing Line unless finishing, and after finishing, boats must not re-cross the Finishing Line from either direction.
- Unless finishing the Finishing Line is to be treated as an Obstruction.
- Boats contravening the requirements of this instruction may be disqualified.

15 SHORTENING COURSE

- If necessary, a race will be shortened according to the following procedure:
- A race may be shortened at any rounding mark, provided that at least three (3) legs of the course must be completed to constitute a race.
- If a race is shortened, Code Flag 'S'  will be displayed on the rounding mark, and the Committee Boat will be located adjacent to the mark.
- To signify the Division/s for which the race is being shortened, the appropriate Division Flags will be displayed on the Committee Boat, and may be accompanied by two (2) sound signals.
- Boats for which the course has been shortened are to round the mark displaying Code flag 'S' as required, then proceed directly to the Finish and finish in the prescribed manner.
- NOTE: Where a division consists of more than one class, the shortened course applies when the **first boat** of each class reaches the mark displaying Code Flag 'S'. 
ie the Classes may not have completed the same number of legs when the shortening is applied.

16 TIME LIMIT

- The time limit for a boat to finish will be three (3) hours, except that for each class, where a boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit for other boats in that class will be either three (3) hours, or one (1) hour after the finishing time of the first boat, whichever is the later.

16.1 Short course races

- The time limit for a boat to finish will be two (2) hours, except that for each class, where a boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit for other boats in that class will be either two (2) hours, or 30 min (30) after the finishing time of the first boat, whichever is the later.

17 PROTESTS

- Protests must be lodged at the Race Committee Room **within 45 minutes** of the finishing time or retirement of the protesting boat.
- Requests for Redress based on race results will be accepted up to eight (8) days from the issue of such results.

18 SCORING

- The Scoring System used will be the Low Point System, Rule A4.1, except as changed below.
- The Cock of the Lake will be decided on VYC Yardstick, with no handicap adjustment.
- All designated Cock of the Lake races completed (with no courses shortened) will count (no results discarded).
- Aggregate series results are calculated on a handicap basis, with each boat allowed to discard her worst three (3) races.
- Pre and Post-Christmas Aggregate Series will be decided on the number of races completed, with the one (1) worst score to be discarded.
- Where a Line Honours Trophy is awarded in a class it will be awarded to the boat which has taken Line Honours the highest number of times for the season. A tied result shall stand. For Miscellaneous Classes, line honours results will be determined using the VYC Yardstick.
- A boat must be registered (see instruction 3.1) and (except for the Line Honours Series) must compete in 60% of races completed in a series to be eligible for a trophy in that series.

18.1 Other Points

- Where a boat is not awarded a finishing place in a race for the division in which they would normally compete the following points will be awarded: (This changes A4.2)
 - DNF, DNS, RAF: Number of starters plus 1
 - DNE, DSQ: Number of starters plus 3
 - DNC, INV: Number of starters plus 3.
 - AVE: Average points

18.2 Average Points

- Where a boat complies with Ballaarat Yacht Club policy on receiving average points, the Race Committee may award that boat 'Average points' for that race.
- Average points are calculated as the average of all points gained for all other races for the series. Such a request must be in writing, and received by the Sailing Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the event in question.

19 PENALTY EXEMPTIONS

- Junior classes & Access will not be penalized if it is deemed necessary for outside assistance to be rendered for the purpose of extracting their mast from the mud following a capsized, or similar assistance. Jubilee Class will not be penalized if in the instance of a person overboard being recovered from the water and returned to their craft. This changes Rule 41.

20 CHANGES TO CLASS RULES

- When any class rules specify a minimum length of foils, those rules are changed to the extent that no minimum length will apply when racing in Ballaarat Yacht Club races held on Lake Wendouree

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