

HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB

2010 Class Racing Series SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The HBYC Class Racing Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012 including amendments, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the AYF, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race/Sailing Instruction.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

All boats taking part in races conducted by Hobson's Bay Yacht Club (HBYC) do so at their own risk and responsibility. Unless otherwise stated, races shall be conducted under category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1, 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing. HBYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to ISAF Rule 4, which states

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone."

3. SAFETY REGULATIONS

3.1 Special regulations Category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations part 1, 2009-2012 racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.

3.2 It is strongly recommended that all crew of boats wear a PFD type 1 or 2 whilst on deck when conditions are such as to warrant it. Such conditions would include:

- When sails are reefed or:
- When children are on board
- Inexperience persons are on board
- Or at any other time it is believed that a risk of falling overboard exists

3.3 All crew members on boats without lifelines and/or when there is significant likelihood that the vessel may capsize or be swamped by waves or the

occupants may fall overboard or be forced to enter the water, shall wear an approved PFD 1 at all times.

3.4 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem.

4. STARTING TIMES

The races will be sailed in accordance with the schedule below, unless notified otherwise.

Div1: Warning Signal 1155 hours; Start 1200

Div2: Warning Signal 1200 Start time 1205 hours

Bluebirds: Warning Signal 1205 Start time 1210 hours

Div 3: Warning Signal 1210 Start time 1215 hours

5. DISTINGUISHING FLAGS

Boats competing in a divisional race shall display a distinguishing flag on their backstays as follows:

1st Division	Blue
2nd Division	Yellow
3rd Division	White

Boats failing to display such flags may be deemed to have not started.

Bluebirds race in their own division and are not required to carry a flag on their backstay.

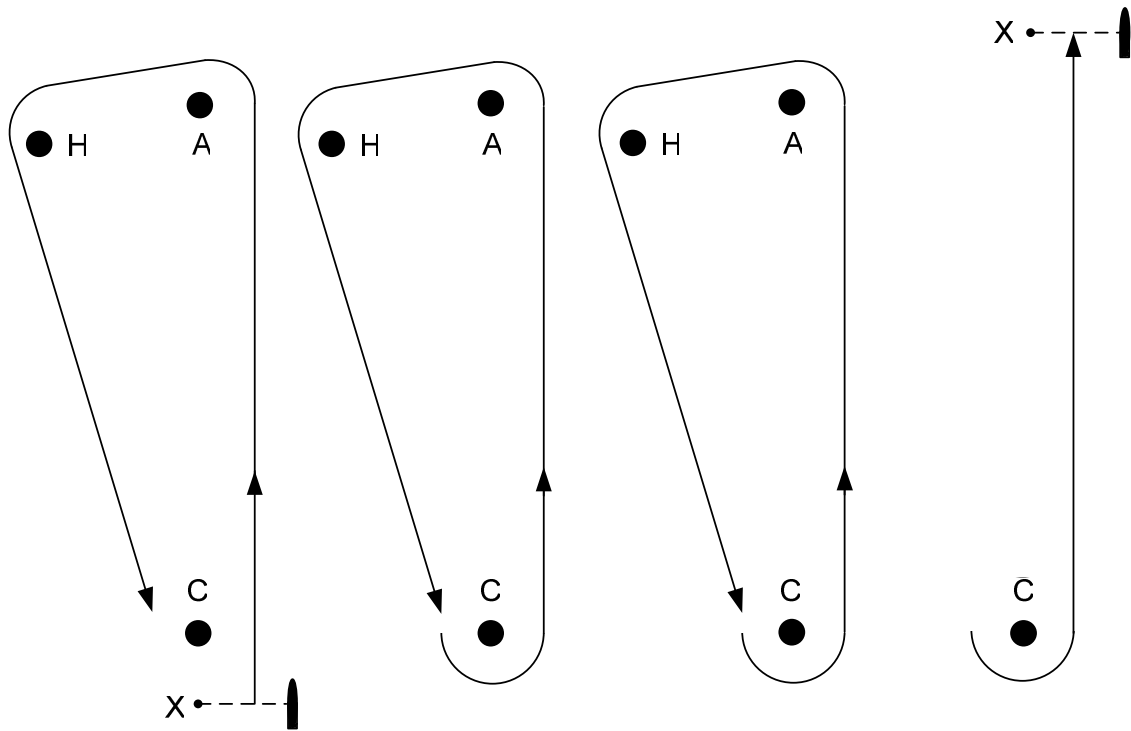
6. MARKS AND COURSES

The following diagrams show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed and the side on which each mark is to be rounded. The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark A may be displayed from the Committee Vessel.

COURSES 1, 2, 3, 4 (Course 2 is indicated)

Mark A shall be approximately 1 nautical mile from Mark C.

Mark H shall be approximately 0.25 nautical miles from Mark A.



COURSE 1 Start - A - H - C - A - H - C - A - H - C - A - H - C - Finish
 Marks to be rounded to port

COURSE 2 Start - A - H - C - A - H - C - A - H - C - Finish
 Marks to be rounded to port

COURSE 3 Start - A - H - C - A - H - C - A - H - C - Finish
 Marks to be rounded to port

COURSE 4 Start - A - H - C - A - H - C - Finish
 Marks to be rounded to port

7. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

Starting Line

The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the signal mast on the committee vessel and an orange inflatable cylinder 'Mark X'. A crowding buoy may be laid nearby the committee vessel. When laid it shall have the same required side as the race committee boat.

Finishing line

The finishing line shall be an imaginary line between the staff on the committee vessel displaying a blue flag and an orange inflatable cylinder 'Mark X'.

8. STARTING PROCEDURE

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Times shall be taken from the visual signal. The failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

The preceding start signal shall be the warning signal for the next division

Signal type	Flag type and sound	Number of minutes before start signal
Warning	Class flag raised; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Flag P raised; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Flag P removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

The class flags are:

Division 1: Code Flag 'V'

Division 2: Code Flag 'E'

Bluebirds: Yellow flag.

Division 3: Code Flag 'T'

9. TIME LIMIT

The time limit is three (3) hours for all races. If at least one boat finishes within the time limit, times will continue to be recorded for 30 minutes from the time of the first boat. This changes Rule 35.

10. PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Race office and shall be lodged within two (2) hours after the finish time of the last boat to finish.

All protests shall be strictly in accordance with RRS 61 and will be heard in the Hobson's Bay Yacht Clubhouse 268 Nelson Place at a time to be advised. Notice of protest may be posted on the race board located in the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club lower foyer.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including the use of mobile telephones) not available to all boats while racing and which constitute outside assistance.

12. RESAILS

There will be no resails.

13. NUMBER OF STARTERS

2 or more starters per division are required to constitute a Race.

14. RACE RESULTS

The **finishing order** of the yachts will be the placing of the yachts subject to penalties and protests. Race results will be notified to the participants following each race.

15. SPECIAL CONDITIONS COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

Skippers shall at all times abide by the Port of Melbourne Corporation Regulations covering the navigation of small craft and boats in confined areas. They shall also abide by the directions of race officials patrolling shipping channels. Skippers failing to abide by the Port of Melbourne Regulations and the directions of the race officials shall be disqualified. The extent of this rule includes transiting to and from the club/moorings to the race area. This alters RRS No.60, 61 & 62

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Note: Please retain these Sailing Instructions, as they are applicable to all races in the series for 2010. Any questions should be directed to the HBYC race committee listed below:

racing@hbyc.asn.au