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Black Rock Yacht Club Inc.

# Sailing Instructions for Club Racing

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## 1. Rules

All club races of the Black Rock Yacht Club Inc. (BRYC) shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6 shall apply to “Trailable” Yachts, and Part 2 shall apply to “Off-the-beach” boats. A boats and its crew shall comply with WS Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

## 2. Entries

2.1 BRYC accepts entries from any type of genuine “Off-the-Beach” class which has an AS yardstick, and “Trailable” type yachts that have a handicap as provided by the Australian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Rule (ATYSBR). Application for race entry by classes or boats that do not meet these requirements may be accepted on a case by case basis at the sole discretion of the Chairperson of the BRYC Sailing Committee.

2.2 Qualification for entry shall be as follows;

- (i) The helmsperson and the crew, if applicable, shall both be a financial sailing member of BRYC and/or another club affiliated with AS.
- (ii) BRYC members who are the helmsperson shall register their boat for race entry points by completing and returning the “Boat Registration / Race Entry” form upon payment of club membership fees or prior to the first race competed in.
- (iii) BRYC members who compete as the helmsperson in multiple boats during the season shall register each of their boats separately for race entry points by completing and returning a “Boat Registration / Race Entry” form upon payment of club membership fees or prior to the first race competed in for each respective boat.
- (iv) Non-BRYC members who are the helmsperson and wish to compete using a boat that is not registered with BRYC (ie., club visitors), may enter on an ad-hoc basis by completing the “Visitors Entry Card” and paying the fee of ten dollars (\$10) for each day attended at the Regatta Office which is situated on the upper rear terrace to the east of the main clubhouse and to the rear of the main rigging yard.

2.3 Daily entry and sign-on occurs in the Regatta Office.

- (i) Sign-on; For BRYC members with BRYC registered boats - the helmsperson shall move their “entry card” from the card rack and place it into the adjacent “race entry/sign-on rack” in the appropriate divisional position no later ten (10) minutes before the advertised start time of the applicable race.
- (ii) Sign-on; For visiting boats - the helmsperson (who has qualified for entry under 2.2 (iv) above) shall fill in all fields in the “visitor’s entry slip” and place it into the adjacent “race entry/sign-on rack” in the appropriate divisional

position no later ten (10) minutes before the advertised start time of the applicable race.

- (iii) The use of sails carrying a sail number that differs from that accompanying the boat registration information held by the club and indicated on the entry card or entry slip is permissible, but only if this is clearly indicated in the appropriate space on the entry card/slip on the day.
- (iv) Any helmsperson/boat not correctly entered as per 2.3 (i) or 2.3 (ii) shall not rank as a starter and will be scored "DNC" (Did Not Compete) in alteration of Rule A5.
- (v) Any helmsperson not correctly indicating the use of irregular sail numbers as per 2.3 (iii) will be scored "DNC" in alteration of Rule A5.

2.4 Sign-off; As soon as practicable after returning to the beach after any given race, the helmsperson of each and every competing boat shall move their entry card (or entry slip if a visitor) into the "Sign-Off" box which is located next to the "sign-on" rack. This action is critical for the determination of competitor safety.

2.5 Retirement; In the event that a helmsperson "retires" their boat from any of the races on a given day, the helmsperson of the boat shall, in addition to their duty under 2.4 above, sign the "Retirement Sheet" which is also located in the Regatta Office. This action is a declaration of retirement and is critical for the determination of competitor safety. Refer also to Section 19.2.

### 3 Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Regatta Office.

### 4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson of the Sailing Committee.
- 4.2 In the event of a change to the Sailing Instructions, the updated version shall be posted on the club website, a printed copy shall be posted to the Official Notice Board, and Code Flag "L" shall be displayed on the signal mast adjacent to the regatta office not less than 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time of the first affected race.

### 5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals may be made ashore as appropriate by the RO on any given race day. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the on the signal mast adjacent to the Regatta Office.
- 5.2 When Code Flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

### 6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The schedule of races shall be as per the Sailing Program which is accessible on the BRYC website [www.bryc.yachting.org.au](http://www.bryc.yachting.org.au). A printed copy will also be posted on the official notice board in the regatta office.
- 6.2 The sailing program may be varied from time to time. The version available on the BRYC website shall be deemed to be the "current" version.

## 7 Club Competitions

### 7.1 **Club Championship**

Races are scheduled as per the Sailing Program (refer to Section 6) to constitute the Club Championship within each Class.

### 7.2 **Cerberus Series (Season Aggregate)**

Races are scheduled as per the Sailing Program to constitute the Aggregate Handicap within each Division.

### 7.3 **Short Course Series**

Races are scheduled as per the Sailing Program to constitute the Aggregate Handicap within each Division.

### 7.4 **Twilight Cup**

Races are scheduled as per the Sailing Program to constitute the Twilight Cup, which is a handicap for the whole of fleet.

### 7.5 **Special Events**

Special events scheduled as per the Sailing Program (such as Opening Day, Commodores Cup and Cock of the Rock, etc.) shall constitute a handicap for the whole of the fleet. The handicap may be in the form of a "stern-chaser" if indicated as such in the Sailing Program.

### 7.6 **Icicle Regatta**

Races are scheduled as per the Sailing Program to constitute the Aggregate Handicap within each Division.

### 7.7 **Other Regattas**

- (i) Other BRYC regattas such as the Skiff Regatta and the Go For Gold Regatta are regular open invitation club events that shall be governed by a separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions which will be made available as appropriate during the sailing season.
- (ii) In addition, visiting regattas such as State, National and World Championship events will be hosted by BRYC from time to time. Such events shall be governed by a separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, which will be made available as appropriate during the sailing season.

## 8 Classes, Divisions and Start Times

8.1 BRYC shall devise racing "Divisions" based on consideration of the number of registered boats in each Class, the relative compatibility of different classes sailing characteristics and the preferred course type of each class.

8.2 Specific Classes shall be allocated to a specific Division. Classes or boats that are not specifically allocated to a Division shall fall into a Division according to an AS yardstick range for practicality purposes.

8.3 The Racing Divisions Table shall be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Regatta Office.

8.4 Information in the Racing Divisions Table may be altered from time to time by the Chairperson of the Sailing Committee.

- 8.5 Application of the Racing Divisions Table may be altered on the day as follows;
- (i) The starting order for racing Divisions will be at the discretion of the Starter.
  - (ii) Several Divisions may be started together at the discretion of the Starter.
- 8.6 For races of the Twilight Cup only, racing divisions and start sequence shall be as indicated in the Twilight Cup Course Diagram and Starting Instructions posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Regatta Office.

### 9 Racing Area

The racing will be held on the waters of Port Philip, in the vicinity of BRYC, Cerberus Way, Black Rock, Victoria 3193.

### 10 Course

#### 10.1 *All divisions*

Courses will be as indicated on the Official Notice Board in the Regatta Office.

#### 10.2 *Foul water*

Foul water exists in two locations respective of the course area. Competitors failing to comply with 10.2 (i) and 10.2 (ii) shall be disqualified without hearing and scored "DSQ" (Disqualified) in alteration of RRS rule 63.1 and A5.

- (i) Competing boats shall not pass between the wreck of the former HMVS Cerberus or adjacent timber breakwater and the shore while racing.
- (ii) Competing boats shall not pass between the club finishing mark and the club tower except when finishing.

#### 10.3 *Shortened course*

At the discretion of the RO and/or the Starter in accordance with RRS rule 32.2, the course may be shortened. There are two ways in which the course may be shortened;

- (i) ***Shortened course – Club tower finish;***

The course may be shortened at any rounding mark by displaying Code Flag "S" and "H" from an adjacent club rescue or start vessel. Specific racing division(s) to which the shortened course applies shall be indicated by the flying of one or several divisional naval numeral flags from the same vessel.

If Code Flag "S" and "H" are flown but no divisional naval numeral flags are shown, then this will indicate that ALL divisions are shortened and should proceed to the club finish.

Competing yachts in the applicable shortened division(s) must pass the adjacent course mark to the correct side, and then pass between the club finish mark and club tower to correctly finish.

- (ii) ***Shortened course – On-water finish;***

The course may be shortened and finished at any course mark by displaying Code Flag "S" from an adjacent "on station" club rescue or start vessel. Specific racing division(s) to which the shortened course applies shall be indicated by the flying of one or several divisional naval numeral flags from the same on-station vessel.

If Code Flag "S" is flown but no divisional naval numeral flags are shown, then this will indicate that ALL divisions are shortened.

Competing yachts in the applicable shortened division(s) must pass between the on-station finishing vessel and the adjacent course mark to correctly finish.

### 11 Marks

Course marks shall be as indicated in on the Official Notice Board in the Regatta Office.

### 12 The Start

#### 12.1 *Weekend races*

- (i) Races will be started using RRS 26.
- (ii) Classes, divisions and start times shall be as described in Section 8.
- (iii) The time interval between each Divisional start shall be five (5) minutes.
- (iv) A race shall proceed where there are two (2) or more starters in the relevant division.
- (v) A boat shall not start later than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal.
- (vi) The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end of the line, and a staff mark displaying a red or orange flag at the port end of the line.
- (vii) A clearance buoy may be laid a short distance from the start boat. This buoy shall be considered an extension of the start vessel and shall be left to starboard when starting.

#### 12.2 *Twilight Cup races*

- (i) Races will be started using RRS 26.
- (ii) Classes, divisions and start times shall be as described in the Twilight Cup section of the Official Notice Board in the Regatta Office.
- (iii) A race shall proceed or not proceed at the Starter's sole discretion.
- (iv) A boat shall not start later than ten (10) minutes after its starting signal.
- (v) The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end of the line, and a staff mark displaying a red or orange flag at the port end of the line.  
or
- (vi) The starting line shall be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the club tower, and the club's fixed start/finish mark "S" located approximately 0.15nm to the west of the Half Moon Bay carpark shoreline/seawall.

### 13 Recalls

Recalls shall be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 29.2, with attention drawn to the following alterations;

- 13.1 Recalled Divisions (General Recall) shall be re-started after the completion of all other Divisional starts.

- 13.2 Recalled individuals (Individual Recall) shall re-start no later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal of their allocated start.

### 14 The Finish

#### 14.1 Regular Finish

- (i) The finish line will be between a between a mast displaying an orange flag on the club tower and the BRYC fixed start/finish mark "S" located approximately 0.15nm to the west of the Half Moon Bay carpark shoreline/seawall in front of the club tower.
- (ii) Note that the area of water from the sea wall to approximately 0.10nm from the club is designated as a no-boating zone by the presence of a fixed yellow marker. Competitors are reminded to adhere to the no boating exclusion zone as far as practicable.
- (iii) Once finished, a boat shall stay clear of the finish line. If after finishing it is necessary to return backwards (of the direction of finishing), boats must pass to the west (seaward side) of the BRYC fixed start/finish mark "S".

#### 14.2 Ordered finish

- (i) The Starter may finish a boat or several boats at any mark to enable a new race to start. Boats so finished will be scored as "SPA" (Score Points Allocated) and will receive points equal to the position they were in at the time they were ordered finished.

### 15 Time Limit

- 15.1 Except for Division 0 and the Twilight Cup, the time limit shall be one and a half hours (1hr 30mins) for each Division when racing on the Standard Course, and 3hrs when racing on the Long Course. For the Short Course, the time limit shall be at the sole discretion of the Starter.

Any boat finishing in a Division within the time limit shall mean that the extended time limit for all other boats within that division shall be one and three-quarters of an hour (1hr 45mins) for the Standard Course races, or three and one half hours (3hrs 30mins) for the Long Course. For the Short Course, the extended time limit shall be at the sole discretion of the Starter.

- 15.2 All boats still racing on the course after the extended time limit expires will be given a placing based in accordance with Section 14.2 as at the last mark they rounded within the overall time limit.
- 15.3 For Division 0, at 1330hrs the leading yacht shall continue and correctly round the next mark of the course from their position, and then proceed directly to the finish. All other yachts shall follow the same course until finished.
- 15.4 For the Twilight Cup races, the time limit is one hour (1hr). All boats on the course after the time limit expires will be given a placing based in accordance with Section 14.2 as at the last mark they rounded within the overall time limit.

### 16 Protests

- 16.1 Protest forms are available in the Regatta Office. For each division the protest time limit is one hour (1hr) after the last boat has finished in its respective division in its last race of the day.
- 16.2 Protest notices will be posted to the Official Notice Board in the Regatta Office within one hour (1hr) of the expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or names as a witness.

### 17 Scoring

- 17.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS, Appendix A will apply, of which 50% of the races scheduled (rounded up) must be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's series score will be the total of her scores for 70% of the races conducted rounded up to the higher whole number. The lowest total score wins.
- 17.2 Appendix A9 will apply to all club events. The number of boats entered in the series will be the number of registered boats, as per Section 2.2 (ii) and 2.2 (iv), at the time that the race took place.
- 17.3 Club handicaps will be determined by the "clubs race scoring program" as set and altered by from time to time by the race committee. The handicaps for the Trailable Yachts will be the current handicaps as provided by the Australian Trailable Yacht & Sports Boat Rule (ATYSBR).
- 17.4 Non-members will not be included in club series results.
- 17.5 Any re-sails of club races will be at the discretion of the Chairperson of the sailing committee.
- 17.6 Results will be available on the club website as soon as possible after completion of racing.
- 17.7 Rostered Rescue Boat Crews; Failure to attend rostered duty (refer Section 18 below) may result in a penalty by rejection of points for the following two (2) races entered.

### 18 Rostered Duty

- 18.1 It is a requirement that all BRYC sailing members attend a number of days each season as one or more of rescue boat driver, rescue boat crew, OOD, Starter, Tower assistant, etc.) to assist with the running of sailing events.
- 18.2 The Duty Roster will be populated by the Sailing Committee based on a combination of known or expected membership lists prior to the first race of the season. The Duty Roster shall be available on the club website and amendments may be made from time to time.
- 18.3 Inability to attend duty on a rostered day; it is the responsibility of the rostered person to make themselves aware of their rostered duty obligations, and if required to arrange a swap or change if unavailable on specific days. If assistance is required to arrange a swap, then arrangements shall be made by the rostered person through their Class representative on the Sailing Committee.
- 18.4 Names and contact information for Class Representatives shall be posted on the Official Notice board in the Regatta Office.

### 19 Safety

#### 19.1 **Personal buoyancy**

All competitors shall wear personal floatation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specification issued or approved by a national authority affiliated with WS, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government. Attention is drawn to RRS rule 1.2.

#### 19.2 **Retirement**

A retirement form will be located in the Regatta Office. Should a boat retire from a race for any reason, the helmsperson shall so indicate on the form within one hour of the last boat finishing in the respective division or the abandonment of the race. Failure to comply may

result in action from the race committee. The helmsperson must, in addition, move their entry card from the 'sign on' rack into the 'sign off' box.

### **20 Measurement**

Measurement checks in accordance with the rules of the appropriate class may be carried out at any time prior to, or on completion of a race at the discretion of the RO or Chairperson of the Sailing Committee.

### **21 Official Boats**

BRYC race management boats shall display the burgee of the club (blue triangle with a white stripe), and / or will be identifiable by signage applied to the side(s) of the boat.

### **22 Radio Communications**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications. A boat however may use a GPS recording device while racing for the purposes of post-race analysis of its racing performance.

### **23 Prizes**

23.1 There must be three (3) or more registered entrants in a class, and they must collectively sail in a minimum of 50% of races completed to qualify for prizes. Three (3) entrants = 1st place prize, four (4) to six (6) entrants = 1st and 2nd place prizes, and seven (7) or more = 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes.

23.2 Prizes may be in the form of a trophy, a gift or other award at the discretion of the club General Committee.

### **24 Disclaimer of Liability**

24.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter an event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an event or race is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See RRS rule 4.

24.2 BRYC, its officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in an event or howsoever arising in connection with an event or race.

24.3 BRYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment, whether registered as an entry with the club or not. BRYC also is not responsible in any way whatsoever for assessing or regulating the health and sailing abilities of any person entered in any race or event hosted.

### **25 Insurance**

All boats competing in a race or event hosted by BRYC shall maintain, at their own expense, third party insurance cover of not less than AUD 5,000,000 (recommended AUD 10,000,000). All owners/competitors who register for entry, or who enter as a visitor are deemed to have declared that they hold such cover.

### **26 Commercial Shipping**

Port Rules for Proclaimed Ports, including the waters of Port Phillip, requires small vessels in all circumstances to keep clear of commercial shipping. Boats found to have contravened this rule may be subjected to disqualification.



**27 Amendments**

Any amendments to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the BRYC website [www.bryc.yachting.org.au](http://www.bryc.yachting.org.au), and on the notice board in regatta office.

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