

International OK Dinghy Interdominion & Australian Championships.

Black Rock, Melbourne.
6th to 11th January 2008

Black Rock Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Personal flotation devices (PFDs) shall be worn by competitors at all times while racing. Competitors are reminded that **Victorian law** requires that a PFD type 1 or a PFD type 2 must be worn at all times when afloat.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Black Rock Yacht Club Regatta Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 1900 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located on the balcony of BRYC.
- 4.2 When code flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in RRS, Race Signals, AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

Sunday 6 th January 2008	Practice Race	1425 Warning Signal
Monday 7 th January	Race 1	1325 Warning signal
	Race 2	ASAP after previous race.
Tuesday 8 th January	Race 3	1200 Warning signal.
	Race 4	ASAP after previous race
Wednesday 9 th January	Lay day	
Thursday 10 th January	Race 5	1200 Warning signal.
	Race 6	ASAP after previous race
Friday 11 January	Race 7	1200 Warning signal

Resails will be at the discretion of the organizing authority as required.

On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal shall be made after 1455.

- 5.1 Code flag AP (answering pennant) will be displayed for a short time after the finish of the 1st. race each day. The removal of AP will draw attention to the warning signal for the next race.
- 5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. Code flag “L” will be displayed at the finishing boat to inform competitors that the next race will be sailed.

6. CLASS FLAG.

6.1 The Class flag will be a OK insignia on a white background.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 On the waters of Port Phillip off Black Rock Yacht Club.

8. COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate target time for each race is 90 minutes.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate bearing to the 1st mark.

9. MARKS.

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, will be orange cylindrical buoys.

9.2 The starting marks will be a race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.

9.3 The finishing marks will be race committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff buoy displaying a blue flag at the port end.

9.4 New marks as provided in S.I. 11 will be orange cylindrical buoys with a white band.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

10.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1

11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK.

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signals to maintain course configuration.

12. THE FINISH.

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end of the line and the port end finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1 and A5

14. PROTESTS.

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the cadet shed at the times stated in the notices.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When less than six (6) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.2 All competitors shall sign on before leaving the beach & sign off after returning to shore.
- 16.3 A competitor failing to comply with SI 16.1 or 16.2 may be subject to protest by the race committee only. The penalty may be less than a disqualification.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 A boat shall not receive radio communications while racing that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000

20. PRIZES, as described in the notice of race.

Attachment A

Course 1 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Marks to port.

