



# 68<sup>th</sup> Sharpie Australian Championships



27<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
 Organising Authority: Black Rock Yacht Club inc.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 RULES:**
  - 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). YA Special Regulations, Addendum "A" Part 2 (off the Beach Boats) will apply to all entrants.
  - 1.2 Advertising:  
Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
  - 1.3 Rule 42.2 (a) is modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows:  
ASSA by-law PART B 20 (1) alters rule 42.2(a) to read-  
"On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the yacht's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind".
- 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**  
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Regatta Office of the Black Rock Yacht Club.
- 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**  
Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour prior to the start of the race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**
  - 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagstaff of the BRYC, located on the upper balcony of the club grounds.
  - 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES:**
  - 5.1 Racing is scheduled as per Attachment 1.
  - 5.2 When more than one race is scheduled on a day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after completion of the previous race. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

- 5.3** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hours.
- 6** **CLASS FLAG:**  
Class flag will be the Sharpie Class flag.
- 7** **RACING AREAS:**  
The race area will be on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Black Rock Yacht Club.
- 8** **THE COURSES:**
- 8.1** The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the course, 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. All courses will be port hand.
- 8.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the middle of the start line to Mark 1.
- 9** **MARKS:**  
The Marks will be as described in Attachment 1. If Attachment 1 is not issued with the sailing instructions, it will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 10** **THE START:**
- 10.1** Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.
- 11** **CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK:**  
To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12** **THE FINISH:**  
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the finishing mark at the Starboard end and the port end finishing mark.
- 13** **PENALTY SYSTEM:**
- 13.1** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 13.2** Appendix P will apply
- 14** **TIME LIMITS:**
- 14.1** The time limit is 180 minutes with a target time of 90 minutes except for back-to-back

races in which each race will have a time limit of 120 minutes with a target time of 60 minutes.

**14.2** Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish' except for back-to-back races in which boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rules 35 and A4.

**15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**

**15.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be lodged there within the protest time limit.

**15.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

**15.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury office as soon as possible following the posting of the notice.

**15.4** Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

**15.5** A list of boats that, under instruction 13.2, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 will be posted before the protest time limit.

**15.6** For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.

**15.7** Breaches of instructions 10.3, 13.1, 17, 18, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

**15.8** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

**16 SCORING:**

**16.1** 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**16.2** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**17 SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

**17.1 Sign-On: Sign-Off:**

For each race or race session each boat intending to race shall personally ‘**sign-on**’ in the race administration area at Black Rock Yacht Club prior to the warning signal of the race or race session and shall “**sign-off**” upon returning to shore, but no later than the end of protest time for that day. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction may result in a boat being penalised for one or more races of that day.

**17.2 Personal Flotation Devices:**

All competitors shall wear, at all times whilst afloat, personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2

**18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

**18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS:**

**19.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

**19.2** **Change of Sail Number.** Application for a change of sail number may only be made on the appropriate form, which can be obtained from the Regatta Office. Competitors failing to complete the form and lodge it with the Regatta Office before the race may be scored DNC for that race(s).

**20 OFFICIAL BOATS:**

Official boats will be marked as follows: They will fly or display the Black Rock Yacht Club burgee.

**21 SUPPORT BOATS:**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall be no closer than 100 metres to boats that are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This includes being within 100 metres of the finish line.

**22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**23 PRIZES:**

The following prizes will be awarded:-

**The Sir Dallas Brooks Trophy and the Addison Bros. Trophy** to the winner of the Australian Championships.

**The Geoff Augustine Trophy** to be for the crew of the boat winning the Australian Championship.

**The Alcorso Trophy** to the second placegetter in the Australian Championships.

**The Fred Meyer Trophy** to the third placegetter in the Australian Championships.

**The Phil Durham Trophy** to the fourth placegetter in the Australian Championships

**The Golden Oldies Trophy** to the competitor over 40 years of age with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

**The Erky Mitton Trophy** to the competitor over 50 years of age with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

**The Westpac Trophy** for consistency on handicap over the seven championship heats.

**The Ray Callard Trophy** to the winner on handicap in the first invitation race.

**The Bretts Plywood Trophy** to the winner on handicap in the second invitation race.

**The Graham Keys Trophy** to the first Female skipper in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

**The Red Hand Trophy** to the country representative with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

**The Tomlinson Trophy** to the junior representative with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

**The Bishops Team Trophy**, for the best team effort over the seven (7) Australian Championship heats. The first five (5) boats to finish from each State team to score points towards the trophy. The points score system to be as for the Australian Championships.

**The O'Grady Cup** to the helmsman of the team representative boat who achieves the best score over the nine (9) races of the regatta. The results of the invitation races shall, for this purpose, be computed as for the Australian Championship heats.

**The Don Shields Perpetual Trophy** to the non team representative in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

**The George Laurens Trophy** to the non team representative in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats on handicap.

**The Mark Peelgrane Memorial Trophy** to the helmsman who achieves the most wins over the nine (9) races of the carnival, with a tie being decided by a count-back of other finishing positions.

## 24 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

**25 INSURANCE:**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Phill Collyer  
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Sharpie Nationals Regatta 2010/11

## Attachment 1.

### SCHEDULE OF RACING

Date	Event	Warning Signal
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010	Registration & Measuring 0900-1600	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010	Invitation Race 1	1400
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010	Invitation Race 2	Immediately after Inv 1
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010	Race 1	1400
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010	Race 2	1400
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010	Race 3	1400
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2011	Lay day	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2011	Race 4	1400
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2011	Race 5	1400
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2011	Lay day	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2011	Race 6	1400
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2011	Race 7	1200

## Marks

### MARK

1, 2 & 3  
Start Pin

Finish Pin  
Start Mark

Finish Mark  
Substitute

### Colour

Large Yellow Conical

Race Committee boat displaying an Orange Flag or a Staff mark displaying an Orange flag

Small Yellow Cylindrical Buoy

Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end displaying an Orange flag

Race Committee boat displaying a Blue flag

Large Yellow Cylindrical with a white band

## Attachment 2

### Course Illustration

Finish 

1 ▲

2 ▲

3 ▲

Start 

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

**Note**

- The interior angle at Marks 1 and 2 and 3 are approximately 45° & 90° & 45° respectively.

Diagram is not to Scale