

Albert Park Yacht Club Inc.
Sailing Instructions – 1st Jan 2010 onwards

1. Rules

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the International Sailing Federations Racing Rules of Sailing (the Rules) 2009-2012, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australian Inc (YA), the rules of the classes sailed and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Indemnity

All those taking part in Albert Park Yacht Club (the Club) races, do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to RRS4, which states: “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

The Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after APYC sailing events.

3. Insurance

All boats sailing from Albert Park Yacht Club must have Public Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Competitors (including helmsperson and crews) shall be a member of a club or affiliated with a national authority.
- 4.2 All boats intending to race shall enter on the appropriate sign on/off sheet located near the briefing area or area designated prior to the scheduled start time of the race. Any boats not signed on will be recorded as “Did Not Compete”.

5. Declarations

It is incumbent on all helmspersons or their representatives to sign off as soon as practicable after finishing, or retiring, to record the fact on the sign on/off sheets. Boats failing to comply may be subject to protest and subsequent disqualification.

6. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board located in the foyer of the Clubhouse.

7. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the Race Notice Board no later than one half hour before the start of the race affected.

8. Signals Made Ashore

- 8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located on a Committee vessel moored at the Club or on flagpole at the Club.
- 8.2 Code Flag “AP” with two sound signals (one when lowered) displayed ashore means “the race is postponed”. The warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after “AP” is lowered.

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9. Schedule of Races

- 9.1 Races will be scheduled according to the Club program which will be posted on the Race Notice Board or a Regatta Notice of Race.
- 9.2 The Club program may be altered by way of a notice to competitors posted on the Race Notice Board no less than two weeks prior to the race affected.

10. Division Flags

Division Flags will be indicated on the Course Board.

11. The Course, Marks & Shorten Course

- 11.1 The course, description of marks & identity of the Start boat will be posted on the Course Board located at the briefing area usually in front of the clubhouse.
- 11.2 The course direction will be indicated by a red or green flag flown on the Start boat, red for port and green for starboard.
- 11.3 The course may be shortened by displaying on a committee boat either:-

Code flags “S” over “H” in the vicinity of any rounding mark:

Boats identified by the division flags also displayed shall, after completing the same number of laps as the leading boat in the division, immediately finish at the finishing line as described on the Course Board, or

Code flag “S” in the vicinity of a rounding or finishing mark:

Boats identified by the division flags also displayed shall, after completing the same number of laps as the leading boat in the division, immediately finish between the nearby mark and the committee boat.

- 11.4 When no division flags are displayed, all divisions will so finish.

12. The Start

- 12.1 Starting will be in accordance with RRS 26 except that the Warning Signal will be 3 minutes before the Starting Signal and the Preparatory Signal will be 2 minutes before the Start.
- 12.2 Starting Line will be between the mast of the Start Boat and the starting mark unless otherwise described on the Course Board.
- 12.3 A crowding buoy may be trailed from the Start Boat. This buoy shall be considered as an extension of the Start Boat.
- 12.4 Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made.
- 12.5 A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored “Did Not Start”. This changes Rule A4.

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13. Recalls

- 13.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2 except that Code flag “X” will be lowered no later than 2 minutes after the starting signal.
- 13.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.3 except that when there is a different start immediately following the recalled start, the first substitute will be lowered at the following start.
- 13.3 Division(s) involved in a general recall shall start after the last start scheduled at that time.

14. Committee Boats

A committee boat will be distinguished by the flying of a club burgee.

15. The Finish

The finish and finishing line will be described on the Course Board.

16. Time Limits

- 16.1 The time limit for races will be 2.5 hours unless Sailing Instruction 16.2 applies. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in its division or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored “Did Not Finish”. This changes Rule 35.
- 16.2 Where more than one race is to be sailed in a session or the race is part of a Twilight Series, the time limit will be 75 minutes unless otherwise indicated on the Course Board. Boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat in its division or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored “Did Not Finish”. This changes Rule 35.

17. Protests

- 17.1 Protests shall be written on protest forms available at the Albert Park Yacht Club Inc tower and subject to Sailing Instruction 17.2, lodged within 30 minutes of the protesting boat finishing the course, or should the boat not finish, as soon as practicable after retiring. No protest fee is required.
- 17.2 Where more than one race is to be sailed in a session, the time limit for lodgment of a protest shall be within 30 minutes of the protesting boat finishing the last race in the session, or should the boat not finish, as soon as practicable after retiring. No protest fee is required.
- 17.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Race Notice Board within two hours of the last boats finishing time, informing competitors of the time and place of the protest hearing.
- 17.4 The protest committee will consist of three to five people, one of whom will be the chairman.

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18. Scoring

- 18.1 The low point scoring system, Rule A2 will apply. Point scores will be decided over a series of races so that for less than five (5) races, all races will count, for five (5) to eight (8) races the worst score will be discarded, otherwise for nine (9) or more races the two worst scores will be discarded.
- 18.2 Handicapping will be calculated by the computer program used by the club for the purpose of calculating race results. All handicaps will be established by the Sailing Committee based on previous racing of the boat and skipper (and crew if applicable). Where this is unknown an average handicap will be given for the first race of that boat/skipper/crew.
- 18.3 The Race Officer and duty crews for a series race shall receive average points across races sailed in a series where duty is completed and recorded in the race results. There shall be a limit of one such claim per series if 2 or 3 races are sailed by the skipper, and two such claims per series if 4 or more races are sailed by the skipper, unless otherwise approved by the Sailing Committee.
- 18.4 A skipper may apply to the Sailing Committee for recognition of attendance at class associations or AYP/YV courses to be recognised and qualify for average points. There is a limit of one such claim per series.
- 18.5 An entrant needs to have competed in 50% or more of races completed in a series, including average points race(s), to be eligible to receive an award.
- 18.6 A win or place in the overall results of the Championship series will mean the skipper is not eligible for a trophy in the Handicap series.

19. Sailing Committee

The Sailing Committee shall be appointed by the General Committee and the names of the members of that Committee will be posted on the Race Notice Board.

20. Safety

- 20.1 All Boats shall comply with YA Special Regulations, Part 2.
- 20.2 Approved aids to personal buoyancy and footwear shall be worn at all times whilst afloat.