

Melbourne Midwinters Team Racing
Albert Park Yacht Club In Conjunction with The Imperial Poona Yacht Club
Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including appendix D, Team Racing Rules, and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) Addendum A and Part 2.
- 1.2 RRS D2 Umpired Races will apply.
- 1.3 RRS D2.5, Two-Flag Protest Procedure will apply.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 To become eligible a team shall register as required by the notice of race. The team shall provide the damage deposit before going afloat for the first time.
- 2.2 After registration no team member may be changed without the prior permission of the race committee.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Changes to these SIs will be signalled by flying flag L from the shore signal position. Such changes will be posted on the official notice board not less than 10 minutes before the warning signal of the first affected race.

5 Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 The shore signal position is the club flagpole.

6 Event Format and Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The format of the event will be described in the notice of race or on the official notice board at the event. The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the race committee taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors.
- 6.2 The schedule of races will be displayed on the official notice board. Any changes thereto and schedules for subsequent rounds will be displayed not less than 10 minutes before the start of that phase of the competition.
- 6.3 Every race will be assigned a race number in the race schedule.
- 6.4 Unless otherwise advised, the race number will be displayed on the committee boat between the preparatory signal and start signal for that race. When the race number is displayed in this way, it overrides all prior communications, schedules or instructions. The race committee may at any time remove a particular race from the published sequence of races and run it at a later time.

7 The Course and Time Limit

- 7.1 Unless otherwise specified in the appendix to these SIs:
 - 7.1.1 The starting line will be between the mast of a committee boat and a starting mark;
 - 7.1.2 The finishing line will be between the mast of a committee boat and a finishing mark.
- 7.2 The starting mark, finishing mark and course marks will be described on the official notice board.
- 7.3 The course configuration will be displayed on the official notice board.
- 7.4 The race committee may move marks of the course at any time. Rule 33 will not apply.
- 7.5 The time limit for each race will be 15 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This amends rule 35.

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8 The Start

- 8.1 Races will be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal. This amends rule 26.

Signal	Time before starting signal	Sound Signal
Warning	3 Minutes	3 Long
Preparatoy	2 Minutes	2 Long
	1 Minute, 30 Seconds	1 Long, 3 Short
One Minute	1 Minute	1 Long
	30 Seconds	3 Short
	20 Seconds	2 Short
	10 Seconds	1 Short
	5 Seconds	1 Short
	4 Seconds	1 Short
	3 Seconds	1 Short
	2 Seconds	1 Short
	1 Second	1 Short
Start	0 Seconds	1 Long

If visual signals are used for the event they will be described on the official notice board.

- 8.2 Failure to hear a signal shall not be grounds for redress, amending rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a) (redress).
- 8.3 When a boat is subject to rule 29.1 flag X need not be displayed for more than 1 minute after the starting signal; this amends rule 29.1. The race committee may hail the sail numbers or the total number of premature starters.
- 8.4 A boat that fails to start within two minutes of her starting signal, and is not OCS and subject to RRS D3.1(b), will be scored points equal to the number of boats entitled to race. This changes RRS D3.1(a).
- 8.5 An OCS boat that has rounded the first mark shall not return to start.
- 8.6 An erroneous OCS call or the failure to hear one shall not be grounds for redress, amending rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a) (redress).
- 8.7 Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals

9 Postponements and Abandonments

- 9.1 Postponements may be signalled by several short sound signals with an announcement, changing Races Signals.
- 9.1 The race committee may abandon a race for any reason, changing rule 32 (abandonments). Abandonments will be advised orally, changing Race Signals.

10 Touching a Mark

- 10.1 Provided the flag remains on the buoy there shall be no penalty when a boat touches any part of a flag which does not surround the staff of a mark. This amends rule 44.1.

11 Capsizes

- 11.1 A boat capsized after her starting signal, so that both her gunwales are touching the water or her masthead is in the water, shall retire immediately.

12 Scoring

- 12.1 Rules D3 (scoring a race) and D4 (scoring a series) will apply.

13 Umpiring, Protests and Penalties

- 13.1 All races will be umpired, unless an announcement is made.

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- 13.2 Boats/crews will not be provided with protest & umpire flags. Each crew will need to provide its own flags (red & yellow).
- 13.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race office within 10 minutes after the relevant incident or, if the incident is afloat, within 10 minutes after coming ashore.
- 13.4 The protest committee may refuse to hear a protest or request for redress unless its outcome is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round of the competition. This amends rule 63.1.
- 13.5 When rule D2.2 applies and the race umpires together with one other umpire (when available) decide that a boat has broken rule 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team by half a race win or a race win or more without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with rule D3.1(c). This amends rule 63.1.
- 13.6 When a competitor fails to wear personal flotation device or footwear the competitor's team shall be penalised one race win without a hearing. This amends rule 63.1.
- 13.7 When a protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no significant effect on the outcome of a race, it may make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to order a resail or to impose no penalty. This amends rule D3.1.

14 When Boats are Supplied by the Organising Authority

- 14.1 For each race the race committee will allocate boats to the participating teams.
- 14.2 Standing rigging shall not be altered nor any gear removed without the permission of the race committee.
- 14.3 Competitors are to supply their own red and yellow flags.

14.4 BREAKDOWNS

- 14.4.1 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their boats before racing.
- 14.4.2 Competitors shall report any defects, damage or breakdown to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.4.3 When to continue racing after damage a breakdown risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately.
- 14.4.4 The race committee shall decide redress in accordance with rule D5.
- 14.4.5 The race committee may postpone a resail indefinitely and score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round.

14.5 CONTINUITY

- 14.5.1 Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any race in progress.
- 14.5.2 A boat shall remain the responsibility of the team until handed over to the race committee or the next team to use that boat. Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as practical and in racing trim.

15 Disclaimer of Liability, Insurance

- 15.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 15.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 15.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, umpires, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- 15.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.