



**ALTONA YACHT CLUB Inc.
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2nd AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA
25th & 26th Jan 2009**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 - 2008 and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation.
- 1.2 The rules of each class will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the boat shed where competitors sign on.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of 30 minutes before the start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before the first race day on which it will take effect, or as otherwise advised.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff next to the control tower at the seaward side of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore boats are requested not to leave the shore until flag AP is lowered and a signal is made.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates and Timings of the events:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Race No:</u>
	25 Jan	1000	1
		1330	2 & 3
	26 Jan	1000	4
		1330	5 & 6

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5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is as per para 5.1.

5.5 When more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more classes) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. No warning signal will be made after 1700 unless otherwise advised to competitors on the official notice board, as per para 3.

6. DIVISION FLAGS

6.1 Divisions will be made up of various classes as determined by the Race Officer.

6.2 Possible Division's and flag's could be:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Class</u>
One	Pennant 1	Slow Monos > = 120
Two	Pennant 2	Fast Monos < 116
Three	Pennant 3	Slow Cats > = 80
Four	Pennant 4	Fast Cats < 80
Five	Pennant 5	Trailables
Six	Pennant 6	To be defined
Seven	Pennant 7	To be defined

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area shall be within Altona Bay.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The course diagrams for each division will be displayed on the white board at the entrance to the boat shed 60 minutes prior to race start. To facilitate optimum sailing for the conditions of the day, the actual course layout and length will be set at the discretion of the Race Officer.

8.2 This regatta will not be using standard format racecourses (e.g. windward/return, or triangle). More likely courses could be combinations of Trapezoids, reaches, or squares.

8.3 A special feature of this Regatta will be where Race 6 will be an individually timed 'Drag Race'. Where a reaching course consisting of a start line (with windward/leeward markers) and a finish line (with windward/leeward markers), with each boat being called forward individually and timed for **one** run between the two lines. Each boat will be given an individual numbered starting order and is to 'line up' and wait in a queue until called forward.

8.4 The mark denoting the end of Seaholme Reef (Wise's Reef) is a mark of the course as a consequence all boats racing must pass this mark on its seaward side.

8.5 Altona Reef represents a navigational hazard and as such the race officer shall attempt to not lay any course where the rhumb line between two marks passes closer than within one hundred metres of the South Cardinal mark denoting the reef.

8.6 Courses will be shortened where weather conditions dictate a shortened course is required to either complete the race or for the safety of the competitors.

8.7 Where the Judge & Starter deems it necessary to shorten a course the process used to shorten a course shall be as per rule 32.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be cylindrical inflatable orange, yellow or red buoys.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1.

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9.3 The starting line will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end.

9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal and classes starting at not less than 5 minutes intervals.

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

10.3 Boats whose warning signals have not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4 A boat starting after her designated start time shall not interfere with boats that have commenced their starting sequence.

10.5 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

11 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

11.2 For all the divisions, rule 33 is applied;

Reverse 'port' and 'starboard' when the mark is to be left to starboard.

11.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be as notified on the Briefing Notice Board prior to each day's racing. It will be either:

Tower Finish: By rounding an ID mark prior to passing between the Altona Yacht club tower and the finishing mark. Both marks are to be rounded on the port side.

or

On Water Finish: Between a staff displaying a orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the port-end finishing mark. The finish line is an obstruction and any boat sailing through it in an upwind direction, other than when finishing, shall be disqualified.

or

Shortened Course: When the Race Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and code flag "S" is on station within the immediate vicinity of a mark of the course proper, the finishing shall be between the Committee boat and that mark.

12.2 A boat having finished her race shall not interfere with boats that are still racing and will stay away from the on course side of the finishing line.

13 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 The penalties are as follows: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be a 720 degree Turns Penalty. However, if she caused serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach she shall retire.

13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall acknowledge this by noting their action on the Sign On/Off form at the race office, within the protest time limit.

13.3 For all multihulls rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720-degree turn is replaced by a 360-degree turn.

14 **TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The Time limit for all divisions shall be 90 minutes. This changes rules 35.

15 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

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

15.2 For each class/division, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in the class/division has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest 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 or the protest time limit, on the official notice board located at desk in the boat shed where competitors sign on, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the upstairs observation lounge beginning no sooner than one hour after last boat in the race, to which the protest relates, has finished.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board located at desk in the boat shed where competitors sign on to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 13.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit on the official notice board located at desk in the boat shed where competitors sign on.

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 13.3, 14, 17, and 18 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.

16 **SCORING**

16.1 The Low Point scoring system shall be applied, utilising YV yardsticks. For conversion purposes, Trailable CBH's shall be converted to yardsticks in accordance with the methods stipulated by YV.

16.2 All race results are to be counted towards the regatta final results. There will be no drops, and one race must be completed to consist the series.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 To be eligible for points all AYC boats will be required to have undergone a self administered safety check, with the safety check form completed and handed to the Sailing Secretary. Skipper / Crew onus applies.

17.2 All visiting Sailors entering this regatta are to complete and submit to the Race Officer, a boat safety declaration form. These forms are attached to these Sailing Instructions, and from the official notice board located in the boat shed where competitors sign on.

17.2 Each boat competing in the day's racing program is required to sign on prior to commencing their first race of that day and sign off when they have completed their last race for that day completing the necessary declaration.

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and complete the necessary declaration.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee member to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows; 'ALTONA RESCUE' and 'ALTONA PATROL' or as advised on race days.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the winners of each individual racing division. Depending on the number of entrants in each racing division, more prizes may be made available. A regatta result ceremony will take place 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore after Race 6, with the regatta results and prizes being announced then.

21.2 Placing's will be determined using the current yardstick calculation table published by Yachting Victoria.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate 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 racing at Altona Yacht Club.

23 INSURANCE

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

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Addendum A - Starting Races

All races sailed shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Five Minute Start Sequence

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before Starting Signal</u>
Warning	Division flag; 1 long sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Division flag removed; 1 sound	0

Note: The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class