



TOP OF THE BAY INTERCLUB CHALLENGE 2009

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Participating Clubs: Albert Park Yacht Club
Albert Sailing Club
Altona Yacht Club
Elwood Sailing Club
Port Melbourne Yacht Club
Williamstown Sailing Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2015 and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation.
- 1.2. The rules of each class shall apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at desk in the boat shed where competitors sign on.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all classes with an official 2008-9 Yachting Victoria yardstick or converted CBH that are on the register of one of the participating Clubs.
- 3.2. Boats shall be entered by a member of a participating club and shall have member of a participating club in charge. This changes RRS 46 and 75. Attention is drawn to the other requirements of RRS 46, 75 and RRS appendix 2.
- 3.3. No entry fees apply.
- 3.4. Eligible boats must enter on a sign-on sheet, with that sign-on sheet being lodged at the Altona Yacht Club between 1100 and 1300 hours on the race day.

- 3.5. Competitors sign-off can be either by coming ashore upon completing their race and physically signing-off, or for those participants who are not coming ashore after completion the race to notify the Finish Boat of their race declaration and that they are sailing back to their home club.
- 3.6. Non eligible boats may be permitted to race on the payment of a race fee of \$10 and will be recognized as an entrant but will not be included in any of the participating clubs team score.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore shall 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. Saturday February 7th, 2009. If required a re-sail will be on Sunday February 8th, 2009.
- 5.2. The warning signal for the first division will be at approximately 1400 hours with subsequent divisions following at 5 minute intervals however, signals made on the start boat will prevail.
- 5.3. No warning signal shall be made after 1700.

6. DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1. Divisions shall be made up of various classes as determined by the race committee.
- 6.2. Division flags shall be:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Class</u>
One	Pennant 1	Fast Cats 87 and lower,
Two	Pennant 2	Cats 88 and over,
Three	Pennant 3	Fast Monos 113.5 and lower,
Four	Pennant 4	Trailables,
Five	Pennant 5	Monos 114 to 122, and
Six	Pennant 6	Not so fast Monos 123 and over.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. The racing area shall be Altona Bay.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The course diagram and other relevant course information shall be displayed on the white board at the entrance to the AYC boat shed by 1100 on race day.

- 8.2. The course to be sailed will be multiple rounding's of a common triangular course with the first leg and last leg to windward.
- 8.3. Boats shall complete the number of laps in accordance with their respective division (as detailed in Instruction 6.2) as listed below:
- | <u>Division</u> | <u>Laps</u> | <u>Class</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| One | 5 | Fast Cats 87 and lower, |
| Two | 4 | Cats 88 and over, |
| Three | 4 | Fast Monos 113.5 and lower, |
| Four | 3 | Trailables, |
| Five | 3 | Monos 114 to 122, and |
| Six | 2 | Not so fast Monos 123 and over. |
- 8.4. The mark denoting the end of Seaholme Reef (Wise's Reef) is a mark of the course, and 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 Course Layer 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 this reef.
- 8.6. Courses shall 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, or instruction 12.1.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Course Rounding Marks 1, 2, and 3 shall be cylindrical inflatable orange or yellow buoys.
- 9.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1.
- 9.3. The start / finish line shall be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end.
- 9.4. A race committee boat signaling a change of course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races shall be started using Rule 26, with the warning signal being given 5 minutes before the starting signal with Divisions starting at 5 minute intervals.
- 10.2. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying the Altona Yacht Club Burgee 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 in long course races shall be scored Did Not Start. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal in short course or medium course races shall 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 shall move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change shall be signaled 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 signaling to maintain the course configuration.

Should this occur, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finish line shall be between a staff displaying the Altona Yacht Club Burgee 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.

12.2. A boat having finished her race shall not interfere with boats that are still racing and shall 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 or 44 shall acknowledge their action by making a declaration in the appropriate space on the Sign-Off form 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. Boats failing to finish within 150 minutes, or within forty-five minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes, shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protest forms are available from the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Office 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 race. 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 shall 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 shall be held in the upstairs observation lounge beginning at 1700 or 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 shall be posted on the official notice board located on the Notice Board in the boat shed where competitors sign on/off 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 shall be posted before the protest time limit on the official notice board located at desk in the boat shed where competitors sign on.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Each boats elapsed time will be corrected by the Yachting Victoria yardstick, or converted CBH to give its corrected time.
- 16.2. Each boat's corrected time will be averaged over the number of triangles sailed to give its average corrected time (ACT) for one triangle.
- 16.3. A multihull correction factor (MCF) will be calculated by dividing the sum of the six lowest ACT for monohulls by the sum of the six lowest ACTs for multihulls.
- 16.4. The ACT for each multihull will be multiplied by the MCF to give a corrected ACT.
- 16.5. A boat that submits an entry for the race but does not start will not be counted as an entry when determining its Club score.
- 16.6. A boat which starts but does not finish, or a boat which finishes but retires after finishing will be allocated an ACT equal to the highest ACT of any boat classed as a finisher and will be counted as an entrant when determining its score.
- 16.7. Any boat which is disqualified will be allocated an ACT ten percent greater than the highest ACT of any boat classed as a finisher and will be counted as an entrant when determining its Club score. A boat disqualified under RRS 2, fair sailing, RRS (acceptance of the rules), and RRS 42 (propulsion) shall have its results counted as part of its Club score under 8.8 and 8.9.
- 16.8. The results to be counted in each club's score will comprise the greater of 10 results or 75% of the Club's results to the **nearest whole number upwards**. A minimum of 10 results are necessary to be eligible for the **TROPHY**.
- 16.9. Each Club's score will be calculated as the average of the lowest corrected ACTs for those results to be counted.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. To be eligible for points all boats shall be required to have undergone a safety check and the safety check form completed and lodged at their respective home club. Skipper / Crew onus applies.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Sailing Committee as soon as possible and complete the necessary declaration.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1. 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.

19. Radio Communication

19.1. 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.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

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

21. PRIZES

21.1. The event is an annual challenge between the clubs at the top of Port Phillip Bay and is held in accordance with the Trust Deed. A trophy to be held by that Club until the next challenge will be presented to the winning Club Team after completion of the event.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. (See rule 4: Decision to Race.) The organizing authority shall 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

23.1. 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.