



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SEASON 2018 - 2019

1 RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS)

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 shall be posted by 1200 on the Saturday before the first race day on which it will take effect.

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 removed with one sound.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled as per the racing calendar that has been circulated with the newsletter, club web-site and posted on club notice boards.

5.2 The numbers of races scheduled for each of the club events is as specified in the racing calendar. This may be changed if a single race is specified and there are previous races

abandoned in the series. The race committee at its discretion with a one week notice in writing on the club notice board may change this to “back to back” races until the series is back on schedule. Special attention to note is the sailing calendar where notification of ‘re-sail where necessary’ is placed against a singular Aggregate race. This will be an attempt by the sailing committee to make up for previous Aggregate races that were not conducted. The handicaps for a rescheduled race shall be those current at the date of re-sail.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1400 (as defined by GPS timing), except for days where a morning race short course program is scheduled, in this instance the warning signal shall be no earlier than 1000, or any other designated race time, as notified in the racing calendar or on the official notice board, or at the pre-race briefing.

6. DIVISION FLAGS

Division flags will be:

Division One (All Cats) numeral pennant 1

Division Two (All Monos) numeral pennant 2

Or

Division Three (Novice) numeral pennant 3

Division Four (Fast Monos < 118) numeral pennant 4

Division Five (all monos greater than or equal to 118) numeral pennant 5

Division Six (all cats 16ft. And over) numeral pennant 6

Division Seven (all cats under 16ft.) numeral pennant 7

7. GENERAL RECALL

In the event of a general recall flag being raised The division or divisions recalled will be re sailed after all scheduled divisions have started. This changes rule 29.2

8. THE COURSES

The course diagrams for each division will be displayed on the board at the entrance to the boat shed after the completion of the Sailing Committee meeting (when conducted).

8.1 The course for the Bill Smith Trophy, Fred Manning Handicap and Jack Bradley Handicap (Fleet Races) shall consist of a common course for all boats.

8.2 On Strong Wind Warning days a Sailing Committee meeting shall be held two hours prior to the scheduled race start to ascertain if conditions are conducive for the safe conduct of racing. The Sailing Committee shall look at all future predictions on the weather for the race and vote on whether to race or abandon the event which may be sailed at a later date.(policy)

8.3 If the average wind speed over 2 minutes is consistently over 18 knots 1 hour before racing commences. Racing for the day will be postponed and a further decision will be made by the committee looking at predictions of future weather at race start time. (policy)

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 Course Layer shall attempt to not lay any course where the rhumb line between two marks passes closer than within one hundred meters of the South Cardinal mark denoting the reef.

9 MARKS

9.1 The start mark will be a floating staff displaying a red flag.

9.2 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 be cylindrical inflatable pink buoys.

9.3 The ID Mark will be a conical inflatable orange buoy.

9.4 The Finish Mark is to be either:

9.4.1 a cylindrical inflatable yellow buoy for a Tower Finish, or

9.4.2 a floating staff displaying a red flag.

9.5 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1.

10 THE START

10.1 To aid in identification of when a starting sequence is about to commence, an orange flag will be displayed on the Committee boat no less than nine minutes prior to the commencement of the race.

10.2 Races shall be started using Rule 26, in accordance with appendix A

10.3 When the club runs short course or "back to back" racing or single race events, the 5-minute interval may be changed to 3 minutes at the 'Judge and Starters' discretion. Sailors shall be advised of this change to start timings at the pre-race briefing.

10.4 Boats whose warning signals has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the sequence for other races.

10.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal be scored Did Not Start without a hearing this changes rule a-4.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

11.2 The change shall be signaled by displaying Flag C with repetitive sounds, and a green triangular flag (for a change to starboard) or red rectangular flag (for a change to port) to indicate the location of the new course to be taken.

11.3 Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course shape.

11.4 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line shall be as notified in the pre-race briefing, and the club Notice Board prior to each day's racing. The finish line shall be either a:

Tower Finish: By rounding an ID mark thence 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 blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark (Red flag on floating marker). The finish line is an obstruction and any boat sailing through it in an upwind direction, other than when finishing, shall be disqualified.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all catamarans rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn-penalty is replaced with a one-turn-penalty

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Long Course: Boats failing to finish within 150 minutes, or within thirty minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35,A4 and A5.

14.2 Medium Courses (back to back races): Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes or within twenty minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes shall be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rules 35.

14.3 Short Courses: Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes or within fifteen minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish this changes rule 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 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 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 as soon as practicable.

15.4 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

15.5 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 14.3, 18, 19.2, 22, 23 and 24 shall 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 number of races required to be completed to constitute a series, as outlined in the racing calendar that has 16.1 Rule A2 is amended by the following: -

Table 1. Club Aggregate Series

Races Completed	Discards
15 or more	3
13 – 14	2
11 – 12	1
Less than 12	0
Eight races are required to be completed to constitute a series	

Table 2. Commodore’s Club Championship Series

Races Completed	Discards
6 or more	2
4 – 5	1
Less than 4	0
Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series	

16.2 Boats owned or helmed by Club Members who have not paid their Annual Yacht Club Membership fees shall be ineligible to be awarded race points, until such time as the fees are paid.

16.3 Occasionally Members may be required to assist with the manning of the Rescue Boats in order for a race to be safely conducted. On these occasions, the Member shall be compensated by their boat being awarded average points from the whole series that count. This is on the proviso that the Member notates ‘Duty’ on the Sign On/Off sheet of that day. Duty compensation points shall be awarded to a boat a maximum of three times within the current season.

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 given to the Sailing Committee. Skipper / Crew onus applies.

17.2 Each boat competing in the day's racing program is required to sign on prior to commencing their first race of the day.

17.3 Competitors are also required to sign off when they have completed their last race for the day by completing the necessary declaration within 30 minutes of the last boat coming to shore.

17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the sailing committee as soon as practical ..

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without the prior approval or notification of the Sailing Secretary, Handicapper or Tower Operator.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall 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 shall be marked as follows; '**ALTONA RESCUE**' and '**ALTONA PATROL**' or as advised on race days.

21 PRIZES

21.1 The number of, and type of Prizes to be awarded shall be at the discretion of the Committee of Management for Altona Yacht Club. Prizes shall be awarded as follows; Bill Smith Opening Day Trophy, Fleet race based on Yachting Victoria Yardsticks, Commodore Club Championship, based on Yachting Victoria Yardsticks, with separate awards to the monohull and catamaran divisions,

Jack Bradley Trophy, Fleet race awarded to the boat with most improved Altona Y.C. Handicap on that day,

Fred Manning Handicap, Fleet race based on Altona Y.C. Handicap,

There maybe prizes awarded for 'Short Course', 'Fun' or Sternchaser races.

21.2 Based on 21.4 below, Prizes in the Aggregate Series are awarded based on YV Yardsticks, and Altona Y.C. Handicap for each racing Division. Note that YV Yardstick trophy winners are not eligible for Altona Y.C. Handicap trophies.

21.3 Class prizes shall be awarded where there are more than three boats within the class which compete on a regular basis. Class prizes will be awarded to the best performing boat overall.

Each division to be treated as separate.

This applies to the Aggregate (Yardstick and Handicap), Commodore's Cup and Short Course races.

(as per sailing instructions – the winner of the Yardstick event is barred from winning the Handicap event)

21.4 The number of eligible boats will be determined by the average fleet size (the number of starters for each race divided by the number of races completed – rounded up). A competitor is not eligible if they are not a financial member of the club.

The number of awards given out for each division will be decided for all competitions by the following table.

Average fleet size	1st.place	2nd place	3rd. place	4th. place
3-4	yes			
5	yes	yes		
6	yes	yes		
7	yes	yes	yes	
8	yes	yes	yes	
More than 8	yes	yes	yes	yes

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

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

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.

To aid in identification of when a starting sequence is about to commence, an orange flag shall be raised on the Committee boat approximately nine minutes prior to the commencement of the race. This orange flag shall also constitute the port end of the Start line.

For the short course races the 5 minutes between starts will be changed to 3 minutes.

1. Signal Flag and Sound Minutes before

Warning	3,5	Division flag	1 long sound
Preparatory	2,4	P, I, or code flag "U	1 sound
One-minute	1,1	Preparatory flag removed	1 long sound
Starting	0,0	Division flag removed	1 sound

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