



Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

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R. M. Smith **Hot Pursuit Series**

2017-18

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments

Number	Date	Descriptions Changed	Summary of Amendment

1. Rules

The series will be governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 1 Sections 1-6
- The Performance Based Handicapping System (YV)
- The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC)
- Any amendments to the NOR or the 2017 -18 R. M Smith Hot Pursuit Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the change rooms at HBYC. Competitors may be notified by SMS and/or email. Notices may also be posted to the R. M. Smith Hot Pursuit Series page on the HBYC website.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the official notice board and the R. M. Smith Hot Pursuit Series page on the HBYC website.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the HBYC flag pole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with not less than '45 minutes'.

5. Schedule of Races

Date	Race	Warning Signal	Trophies
15 Oct 17	1	13:25 hrs	
22 Oct 17	2	13:25 hrs	
05 Nov 17	3	13:25 hrs	
03 Dec 17	4	13:25 hrs	Bob Pilgrim Memorial Trophy
21 Jan 18	5	13:25 hrs	Cock of Hobsons Bay Trophy
11 Feb 18	6	13:25 hrs	
04 Mar 18	7	13:25 hrs	
08 Apr 18	8	13:25 hrs	
22 Apr 18	9	13:25 hrs	

6. Division Flags

Division	Flag
Entire Fleet	Numeral Zero

7. Racing Areas

The racing area shall be the waters of Port Phillip.

8. The Course

See Twilight Courses located on the HBYC website Racing/Hot Pursuit Series/ Courses.

9. The Start

9.1. Warning 13:25hrs.

9.2. The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a fixed mark that is "Course Dependent".

9.3. The appropriate numeral for each group is an expression of time in minutes after the starting signal and shall be displayed at two minute intervals. The start for the group indicated by the numeral is signalled by the lowering of the numeral.

9.4. Pursuit entrants who chose not to use a spinnaker may not use spinnakers, bloopers or gennakers. Normal working sails may be poled out.

9.5. The starting procedure for the pursuit division is as follows:

Signal	Flag/Numeral Displayed	Sound	Minutes
Warning	Numeral Zero Displayed	1 Sound	-5
Preparatory	Code Flag P Displayed	1 Sound	-4
One Minute	Code Flag P Removed	1 Long Sound	-1
Start	Numeral Zero Removed Numeral Two Displayed	1 Sound	0
	Numeral Two Removed Numeral Four Displayed	1 Sound	+2
	Numeral Four Removed Numeral Six Displayed	1 Sound	+4

10. The Finish

10.1. The finishing line shall be an imaginary line between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and a fixed mark that is "Course Dependent".

11. Time Limit

The time limit is 14.30 hrs.

12. Protests and Requests for Redress

12.1. Protest forms are available from the HBYC website under Sailing – General Information. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered to the HBYC office by 1200hrs on the next working day after the race. Forms may be submitted in person or emailed to racing@hbyc.org.au

12.2. Protests and Requests for Redress will be heard at HBYC at 7pm on the Thursday following the race.

13. Safety Regulations

13.1. Races will not be started if there is a current GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip issued by the Bureau of Meteorology.

13.2. Racing will be abandoned if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip during the race.

13.3. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF Ch.73.

13.4. A boat found to have interfered with commercial shipping shall be disqualified without a hearing.
This changes RRS 63.1.

13.5. A boat may use its engine to avoid commercial shipping, but shall lodge details to the Race Committee at the finish line within 1 hour of finishing the race. A boat using its engine shall not benefit from the use of its engine. Any boat using its engine shall bring the boat to a complete stop before continuing the race. The Race Committee, as its discretion may allow such use with or without further penalty. This modifies RRS 42.

14. Radio Communication

14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14.2. The Race Committee may communicate with competitors on VHF Ch.73.

15. Prizes

15.1. The first placed yacht in the Series shall receive the R.M. Smith Series Trophy.

15.2. The first placed yacht in Race 4 shall receive the Bob Pilgrim Memorial Trophy.

15.3. The first placed yacht in Race 5 shall receive the Cock of Hobsons Bayl Trophy.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 the series.

17. Insurance

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

18. Further Information

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