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Portarlington Passage Race

Saturday 7th October 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments

Number	Date	Descriptions Changed	Summary of Amendment

1. Rules

The Portarlington Passage Race 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 International Rating Certificate (IRC) Rules, part 3
- The Australian Measurement System (AMS)
- The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC)
- Any amendments to the NOR or the Sailing Instructions of this event.

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 HBYC website Racing/Long Distance Series/Notice to Competitors

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 on the HBYC website Racing/Long Distance Series/Sailing Instructions.

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	Warning Signal
Saturday 7 th October, 2017	0955hrs

6. Division Flags

Division	Flag
Entire Fleet	Code Flag R

7. Racing Areas

The racing area shall be the waters of Port Phillip.

8. The Course

Mark	Notes
Start	Vicinity of Channel Marker 71
Gellibrand Shoal Mark	Leave to starboard
Finish	See Appendix A

9. Sign On Passage Race only

- 9.1. The Race Committee shall call each yacht in alphabetical order on VHF Ch.73 from 0900hrs (approx.).
- 9.2. The Race Committee may protest yachts failing to respond to compulsory sign on.
- 9.3. When called, yachts shall respond with boat name and number of persons on board.

Vessel	Example
Race Committee	Esprit
Esprit	Esprit racing. 5 POB
Race Committee	Acknowledged Esprit

10. The Start

- 10.1. The race will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line shall be in the vicinity of channel marker 71.
- 10.3. The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical buoy.
- 10.4. A crowding buoy may be laid in the vicinity of the committee vessel.
- 10.5. After the preparatory signal, but before correctly starting:
 - 10.5.1. Any boat passing from the pre-start side of the starting line to the course side of the starting line between the crowding buoy and the committee vessel shall return to the pre-start side of the starting line by passing on the course side of and around the committee vessel.
 - 10.5.2. Any boat touching the crowding buoy shall correct her error in accordance with RRS 31.
 - 10.5.3. Any boat passing from the course side to the pre-start side of the starting line between the crowding buoy and the committee Bessel shall be disqualified.
- 10.6. A boat starting more than 10 minutes after their starting signal shall be scored DNF without a hearing.

11. The Finish

- 11.1. The finishing line shall be an imaginary line between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel.
- 11.2. The committee vessel will be located approximately 100m from the north-west corner of the Portarlinton pier. See Appendix A.
- 11.3. HBYC Race Officials may finish the race from Portarlinton Pier. Race Officials display a blue flag. Radio Ch.73 when approaching within 200 metres of the jetty.
- 11.4. In the event there are no race officials or committee vessel competitors are to record their finish times and report them to the race committee via SMS to 0475 757 509. Competitors should standardise their watches using the local time displayed on a GPS.

12. Time Limit

The time limit is 1700hrs.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 13.1. 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
- 13.2. Protests and Requests for Redress will be heard at HBYC at 7pm on the Thursday following the race.

14. Safety Regulations

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

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

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

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

14.5. 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.

15. Radio Communication

15.1. 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.

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

16. Prizes

16.1. The 1st placed yacht on PHS shall be awarded the Walter Paton Trophy.

16.2. The 1st placed yacht on AMS shall be awarded the Alex Nelson Trophy.

16.3. Additional prizes shall be presented at the discretion of the organising authority.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. Further Information

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Appendix A

