



## QUEENSCLIFF - LONSDALE YACHT CLUB INC.

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### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SEASON 2019 – 2020

#### 1 RULES

All races will be governed by the current Australian Sailing (AS) Racing Rules of Sailing and the AS Special Regulations. Yachts will comply with AS Category 5 (keel boats and trail-ables), Category 7 (Couta Boats) and the appropriate class rules or as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the QLYC website ([www.qlyc.org](http://www.qlyc.org)).
- 2.2 Race briefing will be held 1½ hours before the scheduled start time for any QLYC race, in the area adjacent to the Queenscliff Harbour Office or as otherwise advised by the Club Captain.
- 2.3 The number and composition of divisions will be announced at briefing.

#### 3 VENUE

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

#### 4 THE COURSES

- 4.1 The Standard Courses will be posted on the QLYC website ([www.qlyc.org](http://www.qlyc.org)). A copy of any special course will be available at briefing.
- 4.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the Course number.
- 4.3 A Shortened Course and/or Abandoned Course shall be signalled in accordance with Rule 32. This information will also be broadcast on VHF Channel 72.

#### 5 MARKS

Marks will be posted on the QLYC website ([www.qlyc.org](http://www.qlyc.org)).

#### 6 COURSE AREA

- 6.1 Hazards in the form of sandbars, reefs, etc. occur over the course with extensive sandbars and tidal flats in the vicinity of Swan Island, the Wedge, and the Annulus. Shoaling in some areas may mean the location and depth of sandbars may not be as exactly indicated on the chart.
- 6.2 All boats must pass to the east of the red pile at the entrance to the Queenscliff Cut.
- 6.3 The course area experiences strong tidal currents. This can be a particular hazard in the vicinity of fixed structures and piles.
- 6.4 Drapers Reef lies approximately 100m inshore of Drapers Pile.
- 6.5 Port Phillip Heads is a “designated hazardous area” and PDF1 lifejackets must be worn by all crew whilst sailing in all the waters between an imaginary line drawn between Shortland Bluff and Point Nepean and within 3 nautical miles to seaward of Point Lonsdale.
- 6.6 The Sorrento-Queenscliff car ferry has right of way. It approaches Queenscliff at approximately 20 minutes to the hour and is scheduled to depart on the hour. The skipper of a vessel disadvantaged by the movement of the ferry may request redress by lodging a protest.
- 6.7 Yachts must remain a safe distance from Dive Charter boats and moored fishing vessels.

## **7 THE START**

- 7.1** The start shall be between the committee boat positioned on the starboard end of the start line, and a mark of course or buoy positioned to achieve minimum bias (where possible).
- 7.2** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races or divisions.
- 7.3** A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 7.4** If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **8 THE FINISH**

- 8.1** The finishing line shall be between the Committee Boat mast displaying the Club Burgee and a buoy or mark of the course.
- 8.2** If a competing yacht reaches the finishing line and the committee boat is not on station, competitors must record their own finish time and advise the OOD. Boats are not to re-cross the finish line following their finish.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply to any on water penalty however cota boats shall be deemed to have complied with such rules if the vessel completes a 360° turn to include one tack and gybe.

## **10 TIME LIMITS**

- 10.1** Races may be generally up to 3 hours and 30 minutes duration..
- 10.2** Boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35.

## **11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 11.1** Intention to lodge a protest should be notified to the OOD within one hour after the finish time of the last yacht.
- 11.2** Protests shall be written on standard forms available from the Club Captain or OOD within 24 hours.
- 11.3** The OOD will give notice of the hearing to all affected skippers. This shall constitute official notice to all parties

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1** The QLYC High Scoring System will be used. This changes Rule 90.3 and A4.
- 12.2** Results for all races will be used for the Aggregate Competition except those specified in the Sailing Program
- 12.3** 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.4** For both the Ray Maki and Cec Anderson series, each boat's worst score shall be excluded after six races have been completed.
- 12.5** If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst and at the first point where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s), no excluded scores shall be used. If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be awarded equal place. This changes Rule A8.2

**13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 13.1** All boats shall contact the race control boat on VHF radio Channel 72, at least 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal to advise their intention to race and number of People on Board (POB). Any changes of crew must be communicated to ensure crew names are recorded.
- 13.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 13.2** A boat which has crossed the finish line will be deemed to have signed off.
- 13.4** Yachts with retractable keels must only race with the keel locked in the full down position at all times. Coutra boats are exempt from this rule.
- 13.5** Where a yacht is sailed single handed, the skipper must wear a PDF 1 and use a safety harness connected to the vessel at all times.
- 13.6** Crew shall be at least one adult and one person over 14 years of age unless Rule 13.5 of these Sailing Instructions is complied with.
- 13.7** Crews of yachts without lifelines and/or crew under the age of 12 years shall wear buoyancy vests or life jackets.

**14 ADVERTISING**

All QLYC boat must fly the QLYC burgee. Visiting boats must fly their own club burgee.

**15 WASTE DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put waste in the water.

**16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio or telephone communications not available to all boats.
- 16.2** QLYC race control will use VHF Channel 72.

**17 PRIZES**

Presentation of trophies will be made at the QLYC presentation night at the end of the sailing season as advised on the Racing Program.

**18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regatta.

**19 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD10 million per incident and maintain this cover for the season. If a boat fails to maintain her insurance during the season, she shall be deemed to be ineligible and scored DNC for each race until her insurance is restored.