



Fleet Racing Regatta



Keelboats



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules and provisions of The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special regulations of the Yachting Australia (YA), The International Rule Club (IRC), Yachting Victoria Australian Measurement System (AMS), Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS) Club Based Handicaps and Class Rules except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 Friday 4th November 2011 Twilight Race – First Warning Signal 1730 hrs
- 2.2 Saturday 5th November 2011 Up to Three (3) races sailed back to back – First Warning Signal 0955 hours
- 2.3 Sunday 6th November 2011 Back to Back Races– First Warning Signal 0955 hours
- 2.4 A minimum for three (3) races to be sailed to constitute a series.
- 2.5 No racing will start after 1615 hours on Saturday 5th November with any start after 1530 will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 2.6 Any start after 1430 hours on Sunday 6th November will be at the discretion of the Race Officer. No race will start after 1500 hours.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the window of the Race Office on the Upper Deck of the RYCT Clubhouse. Copies may also be posted on the notice board in the window at the south-western corner of the Clubhouse.

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect.

5.0 SIGNALS

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole of the RYCT.
- 5.2 When Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant is hoisted ashore the Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 5.3 Announcements may also be advised by VHF Radio. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress. (Changes RRS 62.1)

6.0 SAFETY REQUIREMENT

All Yachts **not racing** shall avoid passing through other fleets that are racing when transiting different race areas on the way to or from their own race area.

7.0 RACE AREA – Twilight Race

For the Twilight Race on Friday 4th November 2011 a single Committee Boat will be used with all classes using the same starting line.

7.1 The Twilight Race Starting Area will be at or eastward of the DSS permanent mark – (Mark D) situated east north eastward of Wrest Point. The Committee Boat will manoeuvre in the vicinity of the Starting Area approximately 20 minutes prior to the start.

The Committee boat will maintain a listening watch and may also make race related announcements on VHF Channel 9 if competitors require directions to the starting line position.

7.2 Friday 4th November 2011 – Starting times & Class Identifiers

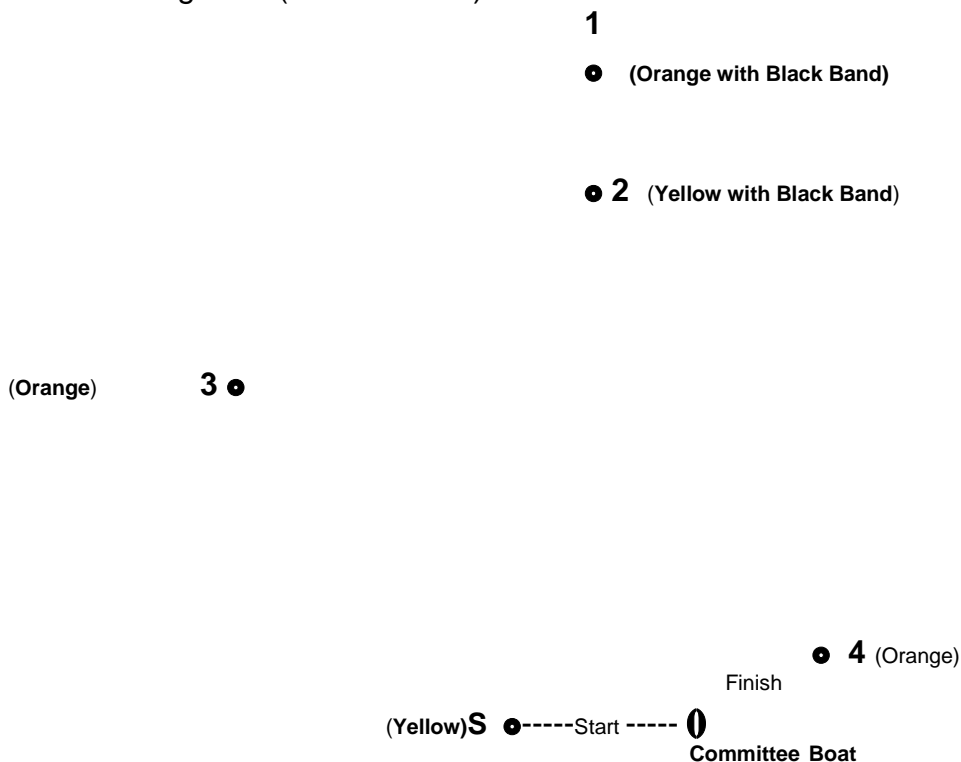
Class	Warning Signal	Starting Time	Class Identifiers
Division 1/ AMS/IRC/F40	1730	1735	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2/ AMS	1735	1740	Numeral Pennant 2
Sportsboats/SB3/Dragon	1735	1740	Numeral Pennant 2
Division 3/Trailables	1740	1745	Numeral Pennant 3

7.3 **COURSES – Twilight Race** Friday 4th November 2011

10.1 COURSES – **All Marks to Port**

- A** From Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - Finish
- B** From Start - 1 - 3 - 4 - 1 - Finish
- D** From Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 1 - Finish
- E** From Start - 1 - 3 - 4 -1- 4 -1 - Finish
- F** From Start - 2 - 4 - 2 - Finish
- G** From Start - 1 - 3 - 4 - 1 - 3 - Finish
- H** From Start - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - Finish
- J** From Start - 1 - 3 - 4 - 1 - 3 - 4 - 1 - 3 - Finish
- K** From Start - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 3 - Finish
- M** From Start - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 3 - Finish

7.4 Courses Diagram– (**Not to Scale**)



7.5 **Finishing Line** – Shall be between an Orange Staff or Staff flying an Orange flag on the Committee Boat and Mark 4

7.6 Marks

Mark 1 will be an Orange Inflatable Buoy with a Black Band .

Mark 2 will be a Yellow Inflatable Buoy with a Black Band.

Marks 3 & 4 will be Orange Inflatable Buoys.

Mark 4 will be laid approximately 100 Metres to Starboard and to windward of the Committee Boat. Marks 1 & 2 will be laid to windward of the Start Line.

Mark 3 will be laid approximately at 45° to the line of Marks 1 & 4.

Mark S marking the outer end of the Starting Line will be a Yellow Inflatable Buoy .

Change of Course Mark for Mark 1 – Green Self Inflating Buoy

Change of Course Mark for Mark 2 – Red Self Inflating Buoy

7.7 Time Limit – Twilight Race

The Time limit for all classes on Friday 4th November 2011 is 1945 hours. Any yacht not finished by 1945 hours will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

8.0 Races – Saturday 5th November & Sunday 6th November 2011 will be conducted mid-river.

The Committee boat will maintain a listening watch and may also make race related announcements on VHF Channel 9 if competitors require directions to the starting line position.

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9.0 STARTING - KEELBOATS - 5th November & 6th November 2011

9.1 **STARTING AREA** - Keelboat Races held on Saturday 5th November & Sunday 6th November will start from a position determined by the Principal Race Officer. The Name of the Committee Boat will be posted on the Handicap Sheet, it will fly a Blue Flag until the attention signal and will be standing by on **VHF Channel 9**

9.1 Starting Times & Class Identifiers

Class	First Warning Signal Time	Starting Time	Class Identifier
Division 1/AMS/IRC/F40	0955	1000	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2/AMS	1000	1005	Numeral Pennant 2
Division 3/ Trailerables	1005	1010	Numeral Pennant 3
Dragon	1010	1015	Numeral Pennant 6
SB3/Sportsboats	1015	1020	Numeral Pennant 4

Races will be sailed back to back with subsequent races started as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.

9.2 **STARTING** will be in accordance with RRS 26.

The Start Line will be an imaginary line between an orange staff or orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a Yellow Inflatable Buoy marking the outer end of the starting line.

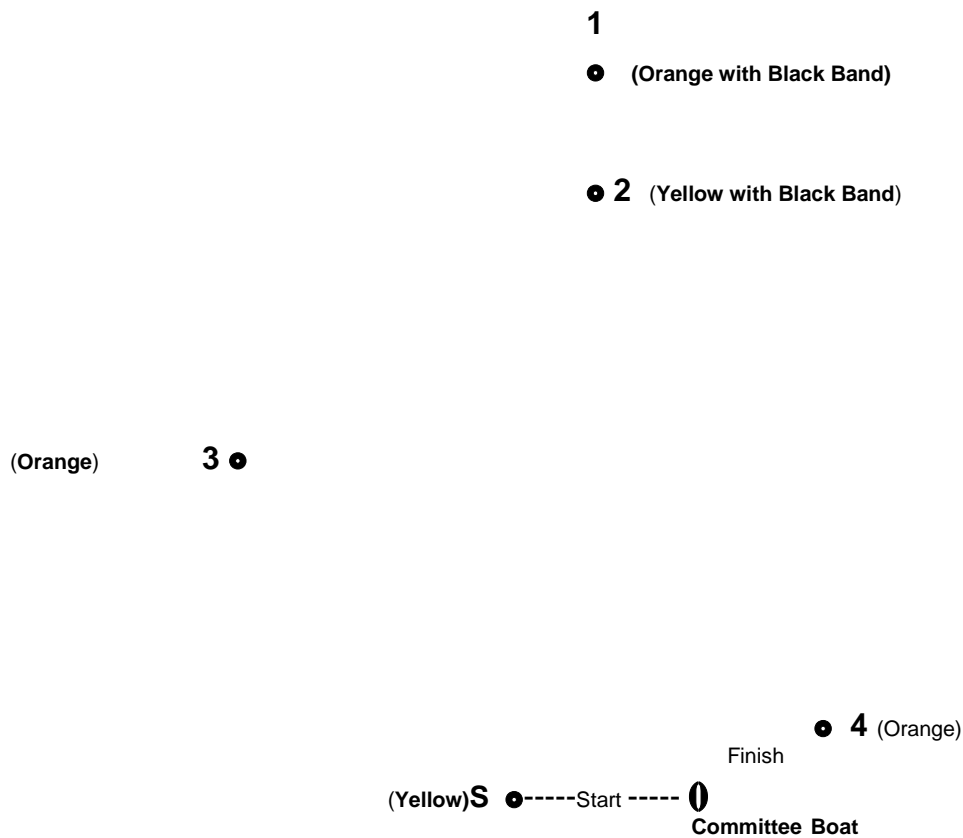
9.3 Distance Mark – A Mark displaying a Green Flag may be laid approximately on the Starting Line close to the Committee Boat. Yachts shall leave this mark on the same hand as the Committee Boat while starting.

10.0 COURSES

10.1 COURSES – All Marks to Port

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13.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

The course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33, except that, the signal will be made on the Committee Vessel.

Changes to the course will be made by setting the Change of course Mark (Green for Mark 1 & Red for Mark 2). Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When a subsequent change of course is required the Original marks will be used.

The approximate bearing and distance to the new mark may be displayed on the Committee vessel and may also be advised by VHF Radio.

14.0 TIME LIMIT –

The time limit for the first yacht to finish in each race shall be 2 hours 30 minutes.

Yachts not finished within 40 minutes of the first yacht in their class shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This Changes RRS 35.

15.0 PROTESTS

Protest forms are available from the RYCT Sailing Office. Protests shall be lodged there within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish on the last race of the day.

16.0 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS shall apply except that **ALL** races shall count .

17.0 LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

All those participating in The Showdown Regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility.

ATTENTION is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 (Decision to Race)

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, their executives, boards, servants, volunteers and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Regatta disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the races covered by the notice of races and the sailing instructions.