



# The Showdown 2011



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Off-the-Beach Classes



**5 – 6 November 2011**



### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY: ROYAL YACHT CLUB of TASMANIA

### 2. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia, the Rules of the relevant Classes except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

The Race Committee may apply changes to Rule 42 as allowed by various Class Rules. Changes to Rule 42 will be applied and signaled as described in the various Class Rules.

### 3. RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in The Showdown 2011 races do so at their own risk and responsibility. RYCT is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 which states 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.

### 4. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority in accordance with the Notice of Race.

The Regatta is open to monohull centreboard dinghies, sailboards and off-the-beach catamarans, holding a valid measurement certificate and/or class registration and as listed in the Notice of Race. All competitors must be bona fide members of a club or class association affiliated with Yachting Tasmania/Yachting Australia.

### 5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

## 6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 60 minutes prior to the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

Changes to Sailing Instructions may be communicated on the water while Code Flag L is flying.

## 7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes (45 minutes for Alpha Course) after AP is lowered."

## 8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows: There are eight (8) races scheduled over the two days with the warning signal for the first race on each day at 1000 hours. Subsequent races will be back to back. A lunch break to suit the program may be signaled by the Committee Boats.

The Warning Signal for back to back races will be made not less than ten minutes (10) [five (5) minutes for Alpha Course] after the last boat has finished the previous race. Competitors are expected to remain afloat and in the vicinity of the starting line.

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

## 9. DIVISION FLAGS

Division flags will be:

Division One	-	Numeral Pennant One (Optimist, Development/Junior Sabot)
Division Two	-	Numeral Pennant Two (Senior Sabot)
Division Three	-	Numeral Pennant Three (Heron, Mirror, Cadet)
Division Four	-	Numeral Pennant Four (Int. 2.4)
Division Five	-	Numeral Pennant Five (Sabre, Laser 4.7, Flying 11)
Division Six	-	Numeral Pennant Six (Laser, Laser Radial)
Division Seven	-	Numeral Pennant Seven (NS14, 420)
Division Eight	-	Numeral Pennant Eight (Sharpie, 470, Catamaran)
Division Nine	-	Numeral Pennant Nine (B14, 29er, 49er, Foiler Moth)
Division Zero	-	Numeral Pennant Zero (Sailboards)

## 10. RACING AREA

There will be two (2) racing areas. Alpha Course start will be between Battery Point and Bellerive Bluff. Bravo Course will be in the area bounded by the DSS Permanent mark and Long Point.

Divisions are assigned to racing areas as follows:

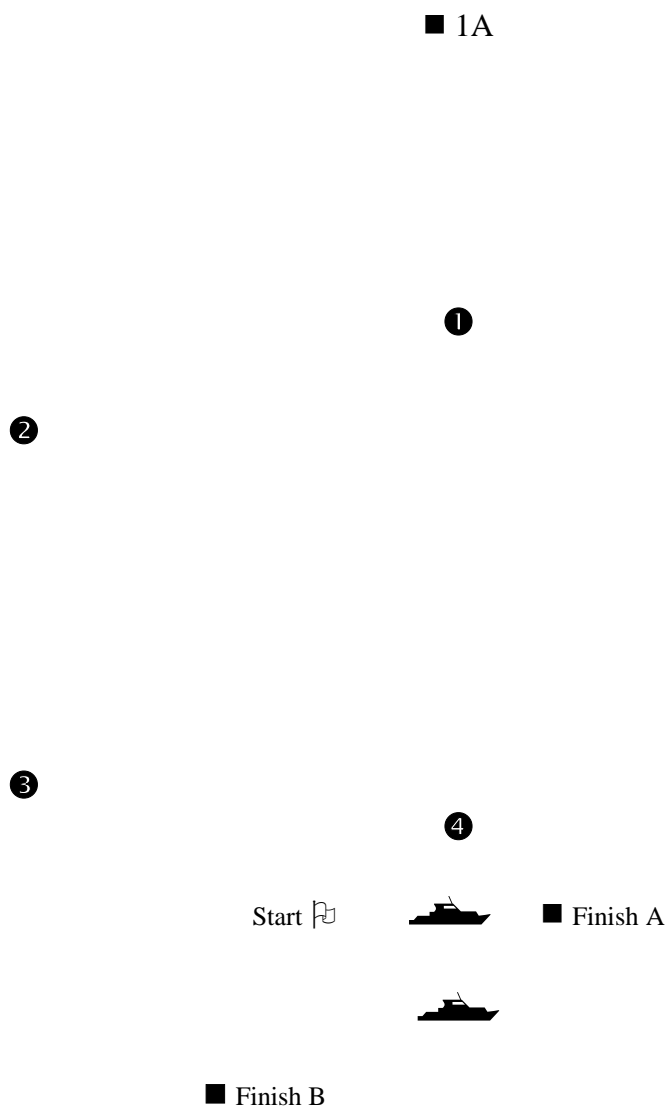
Alpha Course – Divisions 6, 7, 8, 9 and 0

Bravo Course – Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

## 11. COURSES


This diagram shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. On Alpha Course, Mark 1 will be approximately 1,000 metres from Mark 4. On Bravo Course, Mark 1 will be approximately 800 metres from Mark 3.

### Alpha Course



Int. 420:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – Finish B
NS14:	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – Finish B
Laser/Laser Radial:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – Finish B
Sharpie, Paper Tiger:	Start – 1A – 2 – 4 – 1A – 2 – Finish A
B14, 470, 29er:	Start – 1A – 4 – 1A – Finish A
Other Cats, Foiler Moth, Sailboard:	Start – 1A – 4 – 1A – 4 – 1A – Finish A

## Bravo Course


Finish 1 



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Start/Finish 2 



Sabot:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish 1
Optimist/Development/Junior Sabot:	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish 2
Heron, Mirror:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish 1
International Cadet:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish 1
Int. 2.4	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish 1
Flying 11:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish 1
Laser 4.7:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish 1
Sabre:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish 1

## 12. MARKS

### Alpha Course Marks

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be yellow triangles.

Mark 1A will be an orange cylinder.

The Start mark will be a fisherman's buoy flying an orange flag.

The Finish A mark will be a pink cylinder. Finish B mark will be a yellow cylinder.

Change of course mark will be a fluorescent orange triangle.

### Bravo Course Marks

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange and white cylinders.

The Start mark will be a fisherman's buoy flying an orange flag.

The Finish mark will be an orange cylinder.

Change of course mark will be a pink/black cylinder.

### 13. THE START

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Warning	Division flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, I ; or Black 1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory flag lowered; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Division flag removed; 1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding division. This changes Rule 26.

The Race Committee may choose to start one or more divisions at the same time. This will be indicated by the display of the two or more Division flags at the Warning signal.

The starting line will be between an orange pole on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the starting mark at the port end.

A boat whose warning signal has not been made, shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. A boat starting later than three (3) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

### 14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. This changes rule 33.

### 15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between an orange pole on the race committee boat and the finish mark as described in SI 12.

Code Flag ‘L’ when flown from a race committee boat at the Finish shall mean “Another Race will start as soon as practical.” This changes Race Signals.

### 16. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 60 minutes for all Classes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat in its Class or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

## 17. PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to the race office within 45 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish for the last race of the day.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a 25% scoring penalty as calculated in Rule 44.3(c) during the Mediation hearing.

### 17.1. Protest Mediation

17.1.1. As an alternative to the normal hearing system, the protest mediation system will be used to the following rules:

17.1.2. For protests alleging infringements of rules of Part 2 or Rule 31, a short mediation hearing of a maximum duration of 15 minutes will be held. This hearing will take place before a hearing with the protest committee.

17.1.3. Once the protest has been lodged at the Race Office, the mediator will call a representative of each boat. Witnesses are not allowed.

17.1.4. When in the mediation a boat acknowledges her infringement, she will be given a 25% scoring penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).

17.1.5. If as a consequence of the mediation the protesting boat accepts that no rule was infringed in the incident, the protest will be considered withdrawn.

17.1.6. There shall be no request for redress or to reopen a hearing when the mediator's decision is accepted by both parties. This changes RRS rules 62.1(a), 66 and 70.1.

17.1.7. When the decision of the mediator is not accepted by all of the parties, the protest will be decided by the protest committee.

17.1.8. In order to accelerate the mediation, protestors are requested to remain in the vicinity of the race office from the time the protest is lodged until they are called.

17.2. The mediator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee.

## 18. SCORING

Three races will constitute a series. Where six or more races are completed one score will be excluded. Where fewer than six races are completed there will be no discard. This changes App A.2.

## 19. SIGN ON, SIGN OFF

Each competitor shall personally sign on before the start of each race and sign off within one hour of the finish of the last boat in their class. Sign on and sign off sheets will be placed at the race centre. Failure to sign on will result in that boat being penalised five (5) places for the first race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Failure to sign off shall result in that boat being penalised five (5) places for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1. Yachts sailing directly to the start area from their club or not returning to RYCT and proceeding directly from the finish area to their respective clubs shall sign on and off by notifying the Committee boat.

If races are sailed “back to back” competitors are required to sign on and sign off once only for the races in that back to back session. A competitor who fails to sign on for back to back races will be penalised five (5) places for the first race only of the back to back races (but not worse than DNF). A competitor who fails to sign off after the back to back races will be penalised five (5) places for the last race only of the back to back races (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

## **20. PRIZES:**

Prizes will be awarded in all classes with the number of prizes dependent on the number of entries in the class. A range of random prizes will also be distributed.