

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2022 NOVICE SKIPPERS AND WOMEN SKIPPERS AND NAVIGATORS YACHT RACE



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AMENDMENTS

Number	Instructions Changed	Summary of Amendment

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE 2022 NOVICE SKIPPERS AND WOMEN SKIPPERS AND NAVIGATORS RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON PORT PHILLIP BAY. THE RACE IS ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED BY THE OCEAN RACING CLUB OF VICTORIA, INC (ORCV).

1. RULES

1.1. The rules for the race shall be:

- The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS).
- The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- The Special Regulations of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV).
- For yachts entered in AMS, the Rules and Regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS).
- For yachts entered in ORC, the Rules and Regulation of the Offshore Rating Congress (ORC).
- The Notice of Race.

except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. All times in these Sailing Instructions are Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) unless otherwise stated.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).

2.2. Any change to these Sailing Instructions may be posted on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).

2.3. Any such changes will be announced after the Sign-On Schedule as detailed in SI A4.

3. THE START

The start will be as described in *Appendix B Start*.

4. THE COURSE

The course will be as described in *Appendix C Course*.

5. THE FINISH

The finish will be as described in *Appendix D Finish*.

6. TIME LIMITS

The Time Limit for all yachts shall be Sunset (1749). Any yacht finishing after this time shall be scored DNF (amends RRS 35).

7. DECLARATION

Written declarations are not required. A yacht correctly passing though the finish line is deemed to have made a declaration on the part of her skipper that to the best of his or her knowledge no rules have been breached during the race.

8. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 8.1. Protests or requests for redress are to be lodged with the ORCV office no later than 1200 on Monday, 22 August 2022. The office contact details are:

Phone:	0493 102 744
Email:	orcv@orcv.org.au
Address:	3 Aquatic Drive ALBERT PARK VIC 3206

- 8.2. A yacht intending to protest or request redress shall inform the Race Director giving any details as may be known at the time by email (race.director@orcv.org.au) or SMS (0418 396 605).
- 8.3. Any protests or requests for redress will be heard at a time and place to be advised.
- 8.4. If the Protest Committee decides that a yacht that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it shall disqualify her or apply some lesser penalty (amends Rule 64.1(a)).
- 8.5. Any request for redress involving the official time sheet shall be submitted as soon as possible after the posting of the results but no later than 1200 on Monday, 22 August 2022.
- 8.6. The Protest Committee shall not be entitled to abandon the race as a consideration for redress (amends RRS 64.2).

9. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 9.1. The Safety Category and regulations are as set out in the Notice of Race.
- 9.2. The ORCV strongly recommends that safety harnesses and suitable lifejackets be worn whenever conditions warrant, particularly in rough weather, at night or when sailing short-handed.
- 9.3. The crew of yachts sailing Double Handed shall wear lifejackets at all times when on deck.
- 9.4. In particular, attention is drawn to Victorian regulations which stipulate the mandatory wearing of lifejackets when on deck during times of heightened risk. This includes crossing a bar, transiting Port Phillip Heads, sailing at night and when the weather or weather forecast indicates risk. For full details, consult the Transport Safety Victoria website (www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au).
- 9.5. Yachts shall keep clear of all commercial shipping (vessels more than 35 metres in length) while within Port Phillip.
- 9.6. In the event of avoiding action becoming necessary, a yacht may start her engine and motor to avoid a shipping hazard, on a course perpendicular to the ship's track for as long as necessary.
- 9.7. A yacht that takes such action shall return to the location she started motoring, cease motoring and resume racing as soon as possible. The details of any such action shall be reported to the Race Director on the Declaration after finishing.
- 9.8. A yacht or her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the ORCV safety rules and sailing instructions.
- 9.9. The Race Director may, at their absolute discretion, disqualify a yacht from participating or continuing to participate in the race if they believe that it is unsafe for that yacht to commence or continue to race.

10. UNSUITABLE CONDITIONS

- 10.1. After commencement of the race, the race can be terminated at the Race Director's discretion.
- 10.2. The Race Committee may deem the race to be abandoned, rescheduled to another time or shortened.
- 10.3. Prorated positions may be used to determine a result for the race and/or for any series.
- 10.4. Termination of the race will be advised by radio.

11. RACE COMMUNICATIONS

Race communications procedures are detailed in *Appendix A Race Communications*.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. All those taking part in this race do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 12.2. Acceptance of a yacht as an entrant in the race is not to be taken as express or implied acceptance on the part of the ORCV and/or any of its Flag Officers, committee members, Equipment Auditors or any other members, of the fitness of any yacht or any equipment on such yacht to safely compete in the race, and/or deal with any and all eventualities of the contemplated passage. It is the responsibility of each skipper of each competing yacht to decide whether his/her yacht is fit and suitably crewed for the intended purpose, and neither the ORCV nor any club, person or company connected with the organisation of the race is responsible for the seaworthiness of any yacht whose entry is accepted.
- 12.3. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 "Decision to Race" of the RRS which states:

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

13. APPENDICES

The attached Appendices A, B, C and D form part of these Sailing Instructions.

Appendix A RACE COMMUNICATIONS

THIS APPENDIX DESCRIBES THE RADIO AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THIS RACE.

A1 GENERAL

- A1.1 While racing, a yacht shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and satellite phones.
- A1.2 Yachts with AIS transponders shall have them switched on at all times.
- A1.3 It is compulsory for yachts to respond to all scheduled radio and SMS communications, including the Sign-On Schedule and complete the Position Reports.
- A1.4 Yachts shall not give false or misleading position reports.
- A1.5 Yachts are required to monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times when not actually using the radio with other channels.

A2 RACE CHANNELS

- A2.1 Radio communications for this race will be on VHF Channel 82 unless yachts are directed to alternative channels.
- A2.2 The Race Director's mobile phone number (0418 396 605) will be used to record finishing times as described in *Appendix D Finish*.
- A2.3 The following VHF channels may be used:

Channel	Usage
82	Race Communications
16	Distress & Calling
67	Working, MSI

- A2.4 The following telephone numbers may be used:

Number	Usage
0418 396 605	Race Director's Phone Crew changes Finishing

- A2.5 The following email addresses may be used:

Email Address	Usage
race.director@orc.vic.org.au	Race director messages

- A2.6 When mobile coverage is available, the Race Director may be contacted on the Race Director's phone (0418 396 605).

A3 RACE RADIO STATIONS

A3.1 ORCV (*Ocean Racing*)

- Sign-On Schedule (VHF 82)
- Premature starters (VHF 82)
- Position Reports (VHF 82)

A3.2 Any changes to communication arrangements will be announced following the Sign-On Schedule.

A4 SIGN ON SCHEDULE

A4.1 A Sign-On Schedule will be conducted on VHF Channel 82 by *Ocean Racing* commencing at 0830 and concluding no later than 0845 on Sunday, 21 August 2022.

A4.2 Yachts will be called in alphabetical order to confirm that they are starters in the race. If intending to race, a yacht shall reply "*{yacht name} is a starter, we comply with the Notice of Race, {xx} persons on board, OVER*".

A4.3 A yacht that does not respond on the first call shall wait until she is re-called at the end of the schedule.

A4.4 Any yacht failing to respond on the Race Frequency during this schedule shall not be considered a starter in the event and shall be scored DNS.

A4.5 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and changes to yacht handicaps will also be announced during the schedule.

A4.6 In case of difficulties, yachts shall contact the Race Director via an SMS text message to 0418 396 605.

A5 PREMATURE STARTERS

Premature starters may be identified on VHF Channel 82.

A6 POSITION REPORTS

A6.1 Each yacht shall call *Ocean Racing* on VHF Channel 82 and report her position at 1300 hrs and 1500 hrs.

A7 YACHTS RETIRING

A7.1 If a yacht retires from the race, every effort shall be made to advise *Ocean Racing* as soon as possible and give the following information:

- Time & position at the time of retirement
- Reason for retirement
- The state of the crew
- The port to which the yacht is retiring.

A7.2 Any yacht that retires shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 82 until such time as she reaches a safe harbour.

A7.3 Within two hours of arrival at a safe harbour, contact shall be made with ORCV (*Ocean Racing*) by radio on VHF Channel 82 or the Race Director's phone (0418 396 605) to confirm safe arrival.

A7.4 Failure to comply with this requirement may prejudice acceptance of an entry in future races.

A8 SUMMARY

Date	Time	Action	Channel	Station
21 August 2022	0830 to 0845	Sign-On Schedule	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
		Alterations (SIs, Handicaps)		
	0955-1000	Starting Sequence		
	1000+	Individual Recalls (may be notified)		
	1300	Position Report		
	1500	Position Report		
	1749	Sunset		

Appendix B START

THIS APPENDIX CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT THE STARTING LINE AND THE STARTING PROCEDURES. NOTE: THE POSITIONS SHOWN IN THESE DIAGRAMS ARE APPROXIMATE AND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. THE DIAGRAMS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR NAVIGATION AND THE POSITIONS SHOWN MAY VARY ON THE DAY.

B1 START PROCEDURE

- B1.1 The start time will be 1000 on Sunday, 21 August 2022 allowing the Race Committee, at its discretion, to postpone to another time. Any postponement of the start time will be announced by radio on Channel 82 at the conclusion of the sign on sked.
- B1.2 Races will be started using radio signals rather than signal pennants. This amends RRS 26.

B2 STARTING LINE

- B2.1 The starting line will be between RGYC Buoy CB3 and Hopetoun Channel No. 12, allowing the Race Committee at its discretion to relocate the start line to a position closer to Melbourne in the event of light weather.
- B2.2 The Starting Line may be relocated to a position adjacent to any of the following marks of the course:-
 - Hopetoun Channel No. 4 pile
 - Wilson Spit Channel No.10 pile
 - Wilson Spit Channel No.4 pile
 - Wilson Spit Channel No.2 pile
- B2.3 Any decision to relocate the starting line will be announced on Channel 82 at the end of the Sign On schedule, including announcement of the details of the new start arrangements..

Appendix C COURSE

THIS APPENDIX DESCRIBES THE COURSE AND HOW IT IS TO BE SAILED. NOTE: THE POSITIONS SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE.

C1 THE COURSE MAY BE SHORTENED EITHER BY RELOCATING THE START LINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPENDIX B (B2.2) OR BY FINISHING THE RACE AT THE SPOIL GROUND MARK (OR BOTH).

- C1.1 If the start line is relocated, all marks to the west of the relocated start line are deleted from the course.
- C1.2 If the race is to be finished at the Spoil Ground Mark, competitors will be advised on Channel 82 at the conclusion of the 1500 hrs position reporting schedule.

C2 COURSE

Mark	Side Left
Start	
Hopetoun Channel No 10 Pile	Starboard
Hopetoun Channel No 4 Pile	Starboard
Hopetoun Channel No 2 Pile	Port
Wilson Spit Channel No. 10 Pile	Port
Wilson Spit Channel No 4 Pile	Port
Wilson Spit Channel No 2 Pile	Port
Spoil Ground Pillar located at (S37 59.067 E14453.00)	Port
Finish	

Appendix D FINISH

THIS APPENDIX DESCRIBES THE FINISHING LINE AND ANY POST-FINISHING PROCEDURES. NOTE: THE POSITIONS SHOWN IN THESE DIAGRAMS ARE APPROXIMATE AND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. THE DIAGRAMS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR NAVIGATION AND THE POSITIONS SHOWN MAY VARY ON THE DAY.

D1 FINISHING LINE

- D1.1 Unless the course is shortened in accordance with Clause C1.2, the Finishing Line shall be an imaginary line between the sighting indicator in the SYC Race Control Tower at the starboard end and SYC No 4, a yellow spar buoy approximately 0.4nm bearing 243°M from SYC Race Control Tower (see the diagram below). A clearance mark may be laid adjacent to the breakwater and yachts approaching the line shall leave this clearance mark to starboard.
- D1.2 If Clause C1.2 applies and the course is shortened, the Finish Line shall be an imaginary line 50m long due East from the Spoil Ground Mark.

D2 FINISHING PROCEDURE

Skippers will record their own finishing times, accurate to 1 second, and inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing by SMS message to the Race Director's mobile phone (see paragraph A2.4) in the following format:

<sail no> <yacht name> <HH.MM.SS>

