



Bendigo Yacht Club 2016-17 Championship Season

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

The sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the club foyer.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before any race where it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole to the South East of the club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races will be conducted as per the 2016-17 Sailing Program.

5.2 The first warning signal will be at 14:10hrs.

5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

5.4 If another race is to be held immediately after the finish of a race, code flag L will be displayed from the Race Committee Boat at that finish.

6 DIVISIONS

Division	Flag	Classes
One	Numeral Pennant 1	Catamarans
Two	Numeral Pennant 2	OTB Monohulls
Three	Numeral Pennant 3	Trailables
Four	Numeral Pennant 4	Green Fleet

7 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted in the Kimbolton Pool, Lake Eppalock in the vicinity of Bendigo Yacht Club.

8 COURSES

The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed. All courses will be sailed to port, unless the Race Committee Boat is flying a green flag, in which case courses are to be sailed to starboard.

9 MARKS

Course marks 1, 2 & 3 will be red self-inflating, cone shaped buoys.

Course marks 4 & 5 will be yellow self-inflating, cone shaped buoys.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a course mark at the port end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting

sequence for other boats.

- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4.1 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on a staff at the starboard end and a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat at the port end.

For a starboard course, the finishing line will be between an orange flag on a staff at the Port end and a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end.

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course within 30 minutes after the start, the race will be abandoned.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat from their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and place determined by the protest committee.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

For Catamaran class divisions rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

15.1 **The Club Championship Series** will consist of all races sailed in both the Metcalfe Series and the Kimbolton Series as outlined in the Sailing Program. Divisional results will be calculated using YV Yardstick. The Club Champion will be determined according to the Club "Champion Selection Process" document.

15.2 **The Metcalfe Series** and the **Kimbolton Series** will consist of those races outlined in the Sailing Program. Both of these series will be scored individually using YV yardstick and also performance handicap in addition to the Club Championship.

15.3 **The Ancient Mariners Series** will consist of races as outlined in the Sailing Program. Competitors will include helmspersons aged 60 years and over.

16 SCORING

16.1 Scoring will be as per the Low Point System (RRS Appendix A4) and the Race Scores In A Series Longer Than A Regatta (RRS Appendix A9).

16.2 Average Points (duty score) will be allocated for Club Championship races for members who have been rostered to assist with race management provided they perform that function on the day. A maximum of 3 duty days can score average points. A boat's 'Duty Score' will be the average of all non-DNC results in the series.

16.3 Members who are unable to compete in Club Championship Series races due to state, national or international titles may request average points for those races. This request must be made in writing to the Sailing Committee before the relevant event.

16.4 The minimum number of races required to constitute a series is 10 for the Club Championship Series, 5 for each of the Metcalfe Series and the Kimbolton series and 4 for the Ancient Mariners Series.

16.5 The number of exclusions to apply for each Series is shown in the table below:

Number of Exclusions per Series	Number of Races Held per Series			
	Championship Series	Metcalfe Series	Kimbolton Series	Ancient Mariner Series
0	0-10	0-4	0-4	0-4
1	11-14	5-7	5-7	5-7
2	15-18	8-10	8-10	8-10
3	19-22	11-13	11-13	11-12
4	23-26	14-16	14-16	-
5	27-29	-	-	-
6	30-32	-	-	-

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Sign-On: Each helmsperson or a representative must Sign-On on the sheet provided at the Race Office before a race session. If a boat is unable to do this, they must communicate their intention to race to the Committee Boat before the preparatory signal for their division. Boats that fail to sign on will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.
This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 17.2 Sign-Off: Each helmsperson or a representative must Sign-Off on the sheet provided at the Race Office within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race for the session. Boats that fail to sign off will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by making a declaration on the sign-off sheet provided at the Race Office.
- 17.3 Emergency Signal: when the Emergency Signal is turned on, ALL boats are to immediately go ashore and no boats are to depart the club.
The Emergency Signal is comprised of 4 white lights. The lights are located above the main door of the Club's Common Room. The Emergency Signal applies to all boating activity being conducted by the Bendigo Yacht Club.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Changes of crew or equipment should be noted on the sign on sheet or in writing to race control.
- 18.2 Changes of equipment due to repairs or upgrades over the series are permitted.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and the prescriptions of Yachting Australia.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

Note: It is a policy of the club that trailable yachts that carry a 27MHz radio should monitor channel 94 so they may be called upon to assist in rescue operations if needed.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as determined by the Bendigo Yacht Club.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in club races entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 racing.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

24 HELMSPERSON

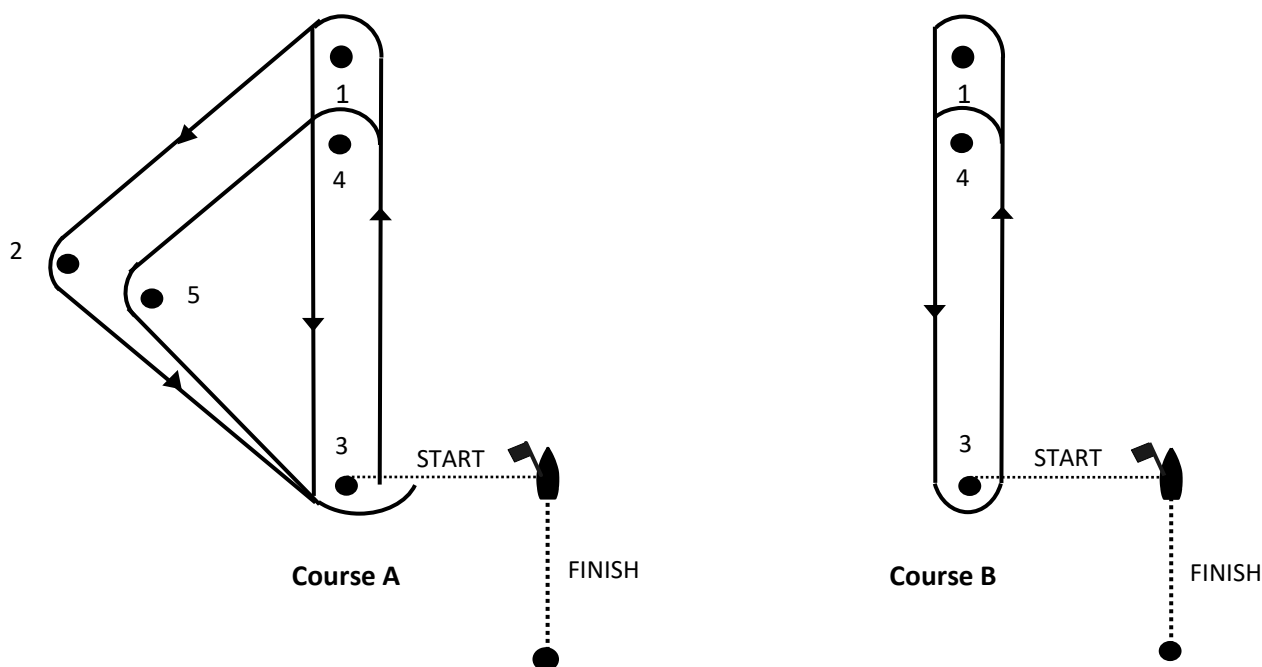
The helmsperson shall not change boats more than twice throughout the combined Kimbolton and Metcalfe Series' within each division. When a helmsperson changes boats more than twice, a separate entry for each of those boats will result.

25 ENTRY FORM

A BeYC current season entry forms for each helmsperson must be completed prior to competing. These are available from the Race Office.

ADDENDUM A

THE COURSE



The diagram above shows the port course. All courses are to be sailed to port unless the Race Committee Boat is flying a green flag, indicating a starboard course, in which case the direction of travel and the finish line will be a mirror image of that shown above.

Course A

Division 1: S-123-13-123-13F

Division 2: S-453-43-453F

Division 3: S-453-43-453F

Division 4: S-453F

Course B

Division 1: S-13-13-13-13F

Division 2: S-43-43-43F

Division 3: S-43-43-43F

Division 4: S-43F

Shortened Course will be signaled by Code Flag S which will be flown from a race committee or rescue boat adjacent to a Course Mark. This will be accompanied by 2 sound signals. Boats are required to pass that mark on the correct side then proceed to the finish line rounding Mark 3 to the correct side for the course. This changes rule 32.2.