



Royal Geelong Yacht Club inc.

Bravo Course

***Supplementary
Sailing Instructions***

***1st October 2019 to
30th September 2020***

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1. RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), Part 2.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official OTB notice board located on the North wall of the OTB Clubhouse East of the boat shed entrance.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted with three (3) days clear notice. This changes RRS S 3.1

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals will be displayed from the flagpole on the North-East corner of the OTB Clubhouse balcony.

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal AP. This changes RRS S 4.2

4.3 When Flag D is displayed ashore boats are advised not to leave the shore. Any Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is removed.






5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races are scheduled as per the 2019/20 RGYC Official Sailing Calendar available [HERE](#)

5.2 The scheduled times of the race warning signals are listed on 2019/20 RGYC Official Sailing Calendar available [HERE](#).

5.3 The handicaps for a rescheduled race shall be those current at the date of resail.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class/Division	Class Flag	
Mixed Class	Flag G	
International Cadet Class	White Flag with black 'C' Insignia	
Optimists	Flag with Optimist Insignia	
Laser Class.	Flag with Laser Insignia	
Visiting Class	Flag V	

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be on Corio Bay.



8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying a course flag and board where applicable.
- 8.2 Appendixes A to C inclusive describe the courses to be sailed.
- 8.3 Special Course events will have separately-issued supplementary sailing instructions.

9. MARKS

The marks are described in Appendixes A to C inclusive.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 10.2 Boats failing to start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'DID NOT START' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The course shall not be changed after the start. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

Boats not racing shall stay clear of the finish line. [DP]

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1

Type	Time Limit	Finishing Window
Back-to-Back Races	90 Minutes	25 Minutes
Standard Courses	150 minutes	45 minutes

- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2), but no more points than the number of competitors entered. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in her division has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals "No More Racing Today", whichever is later. This changes RRS S13.2
- 14.2 Protest forms are available from the box located upstairs at the OTB Clubhouse. Protests and Requests for Redress or re-opening, shall be delivered to the Race Officer, Club Captain, Chair of Yachting and Boating Committee or the Sailing Manager within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted as soon as practicable to inform competitors of the date, time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This changes RRS S13.3



15. SCORING

- 15.1 Boats that join the series after one or more completed races will be given the Did Not Compete (DNC) score for each earlier race.
- 15.2 A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored the points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area but not worse than the score for DSQ . This changes RRS A9 and A5.
- 15.3 When a class boat is replaced by one of the same design during the season, the aggregate points scored will carry forward to the replacement boat. The replacement boat shall be allocated a provisional handicap.
- 15.4 A replacement boat of a different design, class or change of ownership, shall be deemed to be a new entry.
- 15.5 Only boats listed on the Club's register that have submitted a season entry will be eligible to score series aggregate points.
- 15.6 Casual entries will be ineligible for any special trophies or series points but may be eligible for any "prize-of-the-day" at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 15.7 A minimum of three boats are required to start in a class or division for a race to be scored. This changes RRS A4 and A5
- 15.8 Discards
 - a) Eight (8) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - b) When fewer than twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - c) When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 20% of scores rounded down which will be discarded.
- 15.9 Australian Sailing Members rostered for rescue boat / buoy laying duties, shall be awarded an "On Duty Score" (DUT) and their score is calculated as the average of their "5" best scores for the *entire* Series.

This change is an addition to RRS Appendix A
- 15.10 Handicap System
 - a) Mixed Class OTB Championship:
Australian Sailing's Yardstick system shall be used.
 - b) Mixed Class OTB Handicap
A Performance-based Handicap system shall be superimposed on the Australian Sailing's Yardstick to compute corrected times.
 - c) Cadet Handicap
The relativity across the Red and Blue fleets shall be maintained using a Performance-based Handicap system.
 - d) Opti Handicap
A Performance-based Handicap system shall be used.
 - c) The Club Handicapper shall be notified, preferably in writing, at least three hours before the race of any substantial change to hull, rig or replacement sails which are likely to change performance.
 - d) Provisional results will be displayed on the Club's Web Site as soon as practicable.



15.11 Dispensation for boats competing in away events.

RRS A4 is changed as follows:

Boats undertaking racing or delivery to Australian Sailing recognized events on or during the RGYC club season may apply in writing to the Yachting and Boating Committee for an allocated race score to be applied as follows:-

- a) The boat's allocated race score shall be the average of her series for the season, excluding DUT, RDG and other AVG scores. The value of this number will change as the season progresses.
- b) The scores of other boats shall not be changed
- c) No more than two club race-days per boat can be awarded dispensation.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a) A Check-Out and Check-In sheet will be located on a table in the OTB Club-house.
- b) The skipper (or crew) of each boat shall check-out by signing this sheet prior to leaving the shore, and check-in by signing this sheet as soon as possible upon returning to shore at the completion of racing, but no later than the protest time limit. In addition to the sign on/off sheet, an electronic version will be made available on a trial basis.
- c) Boats failing to sign-on or sign-off will be scored their finish score plus five (5) points, but not worse than the score for DSQ, by the Race Committee without a hearing. The scores of other boats shall not be changed.

This changes RRS A4, A5 and 63.1

- d) Prior to starting, boats shall "report" their intention to race by hailing their sail number to the race committee boat, after it is on station at the starting line, and shall have their hail acknowledged. [DP]
- e) A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify a rescue boat operator, the race committee boat or the R.G. Base Radio Operator as soon as possible.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of helms person is not permitted.

17.2 Only major items of equipment damaged or lost may be substituted, then only if approved by the race committee or allowed by class rules. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. For the purpose of the event 'major equipment' consists of Hull, Mast, top mast, whisker pole, boom, dagger board, rudder - tiller and stock and sails.

17.3 Boats displaying a sail number other than the number recorded at entry will be scored DNC by the race committee without a hearing.

This changes RRS A4, A5 and 63.1.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats may display the RGYC Burgee.



19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as per the Prize list, available on the Club's Website.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in RGYC races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 racing.

22. INSURANCE

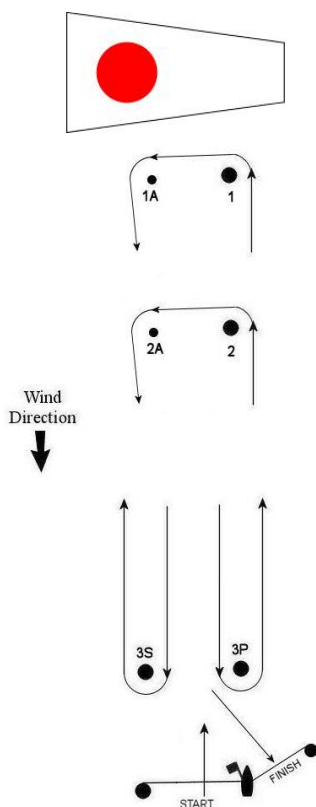
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000), with racing risk, per incident or the equivalent.



APPENDIX A

Windward – Leeward Course

Signal – Numeral Pennant 1



If one of the gate marks (3S or 3P) is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to PORT

Group	Mark Rounding Order
Opti	Start – 2 - 2A - 3S/3P – 2 - 2A – 3P - Finish
Cadet	Start – 2 - 2A - 3S/3P – 2 - 2A – 3S/3P – 2 - 2A – 3P - Finish
Mixed / Laser	Start-1- 1A - 3S/3P-1- 1A - 3S/3P-1- 1A – 3P - Finish

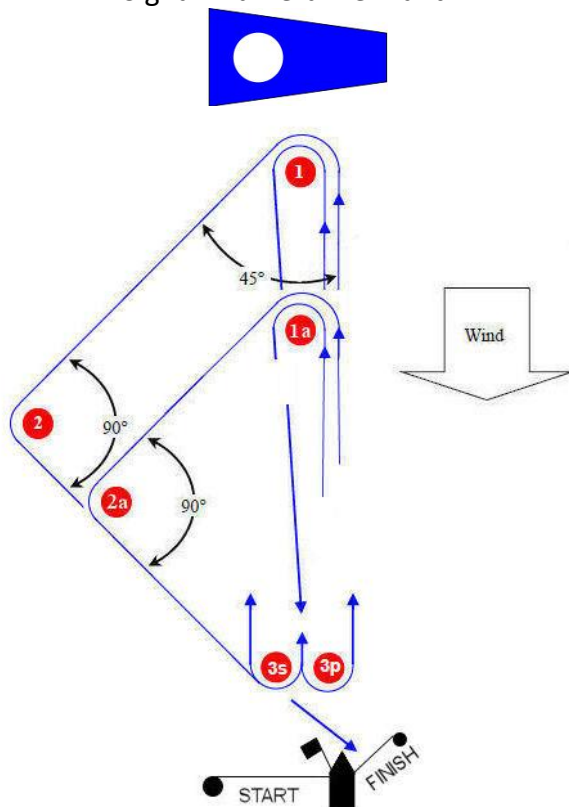
Mark	Description
Start Mark	Yellow Pencil Mark
Mark 1	Orange Cylinder
Mark 2	Yellow Truncated Cone
Marks 3S & 3P	Orange Cone
Marks 1A & 2A	Yellow Pencil Mark
Finish Mark	Black Cone



APPENDIX B

Triangle-Windward-Leeward Course

Signal: Numeral Pennant 2



Signal	Mark Rounding Order		
	Opti	Cadet	Laser / Mixed
TR1	Start – 1a – 2a - Finish	Start – 1a – 2a - Finish	Start – 1 – 2 - Finish
TR2	Start – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 2a - Finish	Start – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 2a - Finish	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 - Finish
TR3	Start – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 2a - Finish	Start – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 2a - Finish	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 - Finish

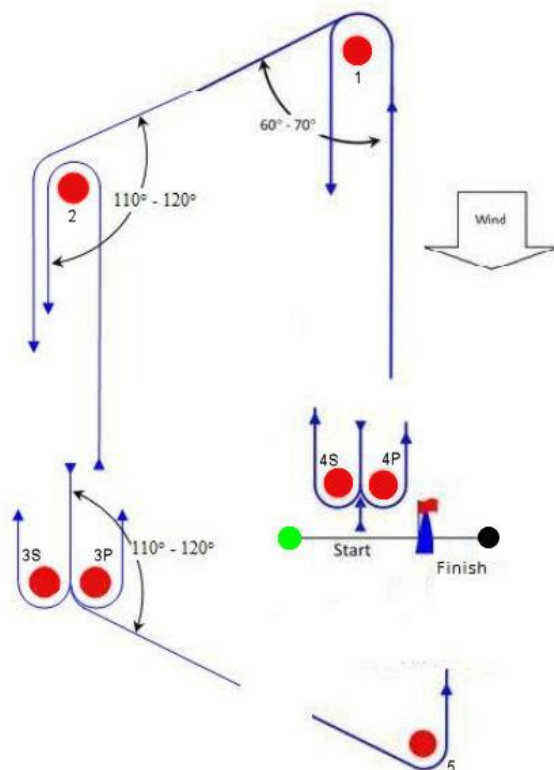
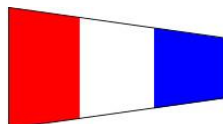
Mark	Description
Start Mark	Yellow Pencil Mark
Marks 1, 2 and 3s/3p	Orange Cylinder
Marks 1a and 2a	Yellow Truncated Cones
Finish Mark	Black Cone



APPENDIX C

Trapezoid Course

Signal: Numeral Pennant 3



Inner Trapezoid Course (with beat to finish)

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
IW 1	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
IW 2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

Outer Trapezoid Course (with beat to finish)

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
OW 1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
OW 2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish



Mark	Description
Start	Yellow Pencil Mark
Mark 1	Orange Cylinder
Mark 2	Orange Cylinder
Marks 3p & 3s	Orange Cylinders
Marks 4p & 4s	Yellow Truncated Cones
Mark 5	Orange Cylinder
Finish	Black Cone



ATTACHMENT 1

Signal Flags
For Information Only

A		K		U		1		1	
B		L		V		2		2	
C		M		W		3		3	
D		N		X		4		4	
E		O		Y		5		5	
F		P		Z		6		6	
G		Q				7		7	
H		R				8		8	
I		S				9		9	
J		T				0		0	
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Revision Record

<i>Rev No</i>	<i>Revision Date</i>	<i>Clause Affected/Notes</i>
V1	3 rd Oct 2019	Initial Release
V2	21 st Oct 2019	Revised 15.11, Replaced Green mark with Yellow Pencil Mark Appendix A,B & C

