

LATROBE VALLEY YACHT CLUB Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - 2017 / 2018

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by 'The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing boats and Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats and the current class rules of each Class. Race Category 6 for trailable boats will apply.
- 1.3 The Marine Safety Board of Victoria requires that vessels less than 7 metres in length need only light their vessels with a single white light whilst under way after dark.

In the interest of safety, the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club requires that all vessels participating in events after dark on the Hazelwood Pondage, display the navigational lights applicable to a sailing vessel of less than 20 metres; that is port and starboard lights and a rear white light all fitted to the hull.

The technical requirements are listed in the Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook July 2017 pages 127. Vessels not meeting these requirements will not be eligible to enter night events.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the northern end of the boat shed, beneath the control room.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the affected race. The hoisting of code flag 'L' and one sound signal will indicate that a change to the Sailing Instructions has been posted.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast in front of the control room.

5. Schedule of Races

Race dates/schedule and starting times are listed in the Sailing Program as published in 'Mainsheet'.

6. Class Flags

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Multihulls	#1
A Division	#3
B Division	#4
C Division	#5
D Division	#6
E Division	#7

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be as shown on the course boards.

8. The Course

- 8.1 Courses will be set using inflatable and other marks, laid prior to the race, to provide a suitable course.
- 8.2 The courses will generally be windward – Leeward - triangle 'in nature for all classes. The Race Officer of the Day (ROD) shall advise full details of the course at the information session.
On completion of their respective courses, yachts shall sail from the leeward mark direct to the finish line, leaving the course buoy and finish mark on the same hand as the course marks.
'C' division course shall be as advised by the ROD.
- 8.3 The water along the south wall (swimming zone) defined by a line of marker buoys is out of bounds to all vessels at all times.
- 8.5 Yachts observed entering out of bounds areas may be subject to protest.
- 8.6 A red flag on the safety mark indicate "all marks to port". A green flag on the safety mark shall indicate "all marks to starboard". See 10.2
- 8.7 Shorten Course shall be signaled from a Committee Boat stationed near any rounding mark of the course. The committee Boat shall display:
- Either** (a) Code Flag 'S' alone; indicates all yachts shall sail a shortened course.
- or** (b) Code Flag 'S' and one or more divisional flags; indicates only those yachts so signaled shall sail a shortened course.

Yachts so signaled must round that mark and proceed to the finish as prescribed in 9.2. Two sound signals shall accompany this signal. This changes RRS 'Race Signals'.

9. Club Courses

Course	Course Board
<u>Mono</u> Triangle, windward – Leeward, Triangle	C1
<u>Multi</u> Triangle, windward – Leeward, Triangle, Triangle	C1
<u>Mono</u> Triangle, windward – Leeward	C2
<u>Multi</u> Triangle, windward – Leeward, Triangle	C2
<u>Mono</u> Triangle, Triangle, Triangle	C3
<u>Multi</u> Triangle, Triangle, Triangle, Triangle	C3

10. Marks

- 10.1 Marks shall be orange inflatable buoys supplemented by temporary marks as determined by the Committee on the day.
- 10.2 The two marks nearest the Control Tower, being an orange with black stripes inflatable buoy and blue flag respectively, must be rounded in that order and on the prescribed side at all times.

11. The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26 except that the starting interval will be at 3-minutes. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and a mark at the port end. A safety mark with a course flag shall be attached to the stern of the Committee boat. Such a mark and its line shall form part of the Committee boat for the purposes of RRS 31.
- 11.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep well clear of the starting area.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'DNS'. This changes rule A4.1.

12. The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the control tower and a mark carrying a blue flag.
- 12.2 The two fixed marks nearest the control tower, being the course buoy and a blue flag respectively, shall be left in that order and on the side prescribed in 9.2 above when a yacht is finishing.
- 12.3 Yachts, which have cleared the finish line, **shall not recross the finish line** from either direction. A yacht infringing this rule may incur a 20% time penalty.

13. Penalty

The 720-degree turn penalty, RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

14. Time Limit

No time limits shall apply. The Committee shall aim to adjust courses so that the majority of yachts will finish each race within 2.5 hours.

15: Protests:

- 15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Control Tower and shall be delivered to the Race Officer within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish.
- 15.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

16. Scoring

- 16.1 The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A4.1, will apply.
- 16.2 A yacht that comes to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for a finishing place one more than the number of yachts **entered in the race**. A yacht that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for a finishing place one more than the number of yachts **entered in the series**. Appendix A Rule A9
- 16.3 Series of Races. A series of races shall be the best 5 out of 7 or 5 out of 5. If 3 or less are sailed it shall not constitute a series. Races not counted as a series are still used to calculate the Aggregate results for Club Championship.
- 16.4 Season Aggregate. The number of races to count shall be the nearest whole number to 2/3rds of the points score races with the best results to count. The Rear Commodores series is not included in these results.
- 16.5 Club Championship This competition is calculated from the results of all aggregate races except that these are fleet and not divisional results. The results are calculated using times from the longest common course sailed by all divisions.
- 16.6 Rostered Duty Skippers who carry out rostered duty and their yachts (if not sailed) will receive points calculated on average results over each series. A skipper can only receive points once per series. This shall not affect the points of awarded to yachts and skippers who sail the race.

- 16.7 A skipper or crew who fail to do duty, or organize a replacement for their duty, will be awarded points for DNC. These points cannot be dropped from the final score. The scores of the duty personnel may, at the discretion of the committee, be modified when a member is required by the committee to carry out duty more than once a series, to a max of 3 races using the same principle of average scores.

17. Prizes

Prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

18. Disclaimer

Competitors participating in Latrobe Valley Yacht Club series racing, entirely at their own risk. See rule 4.

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

Latrobe Valley yacht Club Inc, its associates and appointees will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury or death or inconvenience sustained during, prior to or after any programmed event.

19. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.