

# Sailing Instructions

## AWYC 2017-18 Sailing Season Club Races

**8 October 2017 – 18 March 2018**

The Organising Authority is the Albury Wodonga yacht Club Inc. (AWYC)

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by:
- a) The current the Australian Sailing *2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
  - b) The rules of respective classes,
  - c) The Sailing Instructions of AWYC.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club (AWYC) Clubrooms adjacent to the the Yard Arm Cafe counter.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1400 one week before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag pole located in front of the AWYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES




- 5.1 The Schedule of Championship race sessions is detailed in Attachment B.

- 5.2 A race session will include the number of races shown below:

Division	Class	Races per day
1	Yardstick less than 100, including Youth	2
2	Yardstick from 100 up to 150, including Youth	2
3	Yardstick more than 150 for Seniors, Juniors any yardstick	2

- 5.3 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no division becomes ahead of schedule, and that the change is made according to Instruction 3.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the 'On Station' signal for the first race each day is 8:50 with a scheduled start time for the first start of 9:00.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 13.30
- 5.6 The first race of a Championship race session will score points for the Commodore's, Vice Commodore's, Rear Commodore's, Handicap and Yardstick championships. Points scored in the second race of a session will apply only to Handicap and Yardstick championships.
- 5.7 The schedule and start times for non-championship races is detailed in the Club Sailing Calendar available on the web site.
- 5.8 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal, at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

Division 1 Yardstick 100 or less, including Youth	Navy Numeral 1	
Division 2 Yardstick from 100 up to 150, including Youth	Navy Numeral 2	
Division 3 Yardstick more than 150 for Seniors and any Yardstick for Juniors	Navy Numeral 3	
Any	Appropriate Class Flag	

## 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The location of the racing area will be on Lake Hume in the vicinity of AWYC.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 For weekend Club regattas and non-championship races, course layout will be advised at the pre-race briefing.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Mark A1 will be a pink truncated square-based buoy.
- 9.2 Marks A2, Bs and Bp will be orange and white truncated square-based buoys.
- 9.3 Mark A3 will be a yellow cylindrical buoy.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks will be yellow cylindrical buoys.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal. There may be one minute between the start of Division 1 and the warning signal for the next division.

<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Visual</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Time</b>
Warning Signal	Divisional flag	Displayed	One	-3 min
Preparatory Signal	International code flag*	Displayed	One	-2 min
One Minute Signal	International code flag*	Lowered	One	-1 min
Starting Signal	Divisional flag	Lowered	One	0

*\*Note: P, I, Z, U or Black (or I and Z together) at the discretion of the Race Officer*

- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course the race officer will move the original mark. This changes Rule 33.

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

## **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1 Target times for each race are 40 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark A within 20 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).
- 14.2 For Race 1 of the Championship Series, the course length will be set for a target race time based on a yardstick of 110 for Division 1 & 2 and a yardstick of 170 for Division 3.
- 14.3 For Race 2 of the Championship Series, the course length will be set for a target race time based on the following yardsticks for each Division:
- Division 1 – 90
- Division 2 – 110
- Division 3 – 170
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 40 minutes after the first boat of that division sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3 A race shall be abandoned if no boat has finished in 90 minutes

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at AWYC Discover Sailing Centre (DSC) Training Room. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 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 in the protest room, located at AWYC DSC Training Room, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 17, 20, 22, 23 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## 16 SCORING

16.1 The scoring system is as follows:

16.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- a) When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When from 7 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- d) When from 9 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores.

**Exception:** For weekend regattas with two races scheduled on the Saturday and three races on the Sunday – count 3 races if 4 or 5 races are completed and count 2 races if 3 races are completed.

16.3 A boat which qualifies as a starter, but does not finish, or retires, or is disqualified, will score points equal to the number of **finishers** in the race plus one.

16.4 Boats which do not compete in a race, will score points equal to the number of **entrants in the series** plus one.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All skippers or their crew shall sign on before racing each session and sign off at the earliest possible time after the completion of a race session (but no later than the protest time). Skippers or their crew are to use the sign on / sign off sheets provided, located adjacent the official notice board. Failure to sign on or off will incur a 20% time penalty without a hearing.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.3 Special Regulations Part 1 of current RRS will apply to allailable Yachts as appropriate to events of Category 6.

17.4 Special Regulations Part 2 of current RRS will apply for Off the Beach Boats.

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19.2 If a boat is not compliant to class rules then the competitor can submit a request in writing to the AWYC Club Captain Racing for the class rule to be waived for a period of time. The AWYC Club Captain Racing has the right to withdraw the waiver, giving the competitor 2 weeks' notice.

## **20 OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 20.1 Official boats will be only the boats required to run the series.

## **21 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start, until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel may apply in writing to the race committee for approval to coach boats during club racing. No on-water coaching will be approved for the Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear-Commodores' Trophy Series.
- 21.3 Support boats may be required by the race committee to assist in extreme conditions.

## **22 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 22.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **23 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 23.1 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.

## **24 PRIZES**

- 24.1 Competitors of all age categories are eligible to compete in any Division of the Championship series. The table below describes the prizes available to each age category for the Division they choose to compete in.

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Senior	Commodore's Trophy Division Championship Division Handicap	Commodore's Trophy Division Championship Division Handicap	Division Championship Division Handicap
Youth	Vice Commodore's Trophy Division Championship Division Handicap	Vice Commodore's Trophy Division Championship Division Handicap	Division Championship Division Handicap
Junior	Vice Commodore's Trophy Division Championship Division Handicap	Vice Commodore's Trophy Division Championship Division Handicap	Rear Commodore's Trophy Division Championship Division Handicap

- 24.2 Both Yardstick (Championship) and Handicap prizes will be awarded for 'Spring Series' and 'Summer Series' results. Races before New Year will constitute 'Spring Series' and races after New Year will constitute 'Summer Series'.
- 24.3 Classes: If 3 or more yachts of a class have qualified as starters in the number of races to count for a Championship series, trophies MAY be awarded for that class, with that class being precluded from trophies for its Division championship.
- 24.4 Trophies will be allocated to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for all championship series unless there are fewer than 3 starters.
- 24.5 Prizes for non-championship regattas will be advised at the pre-race briefing.

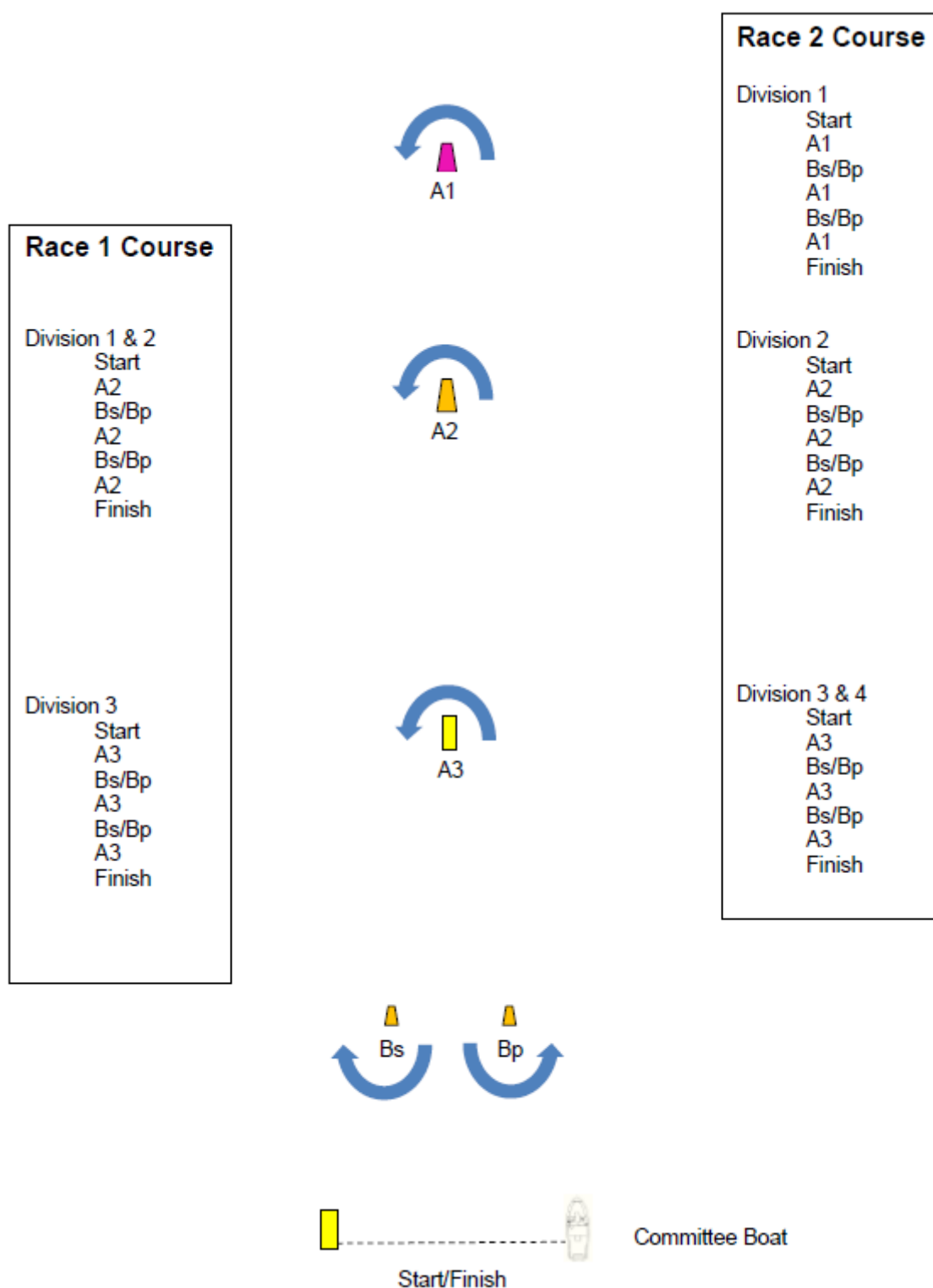
## **25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 the regatta.

## **26 INSURANCE**

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

**Attachment A – The standard Windward-Leeward course with gate Bs-Bp.**



**Attachment B – Schedule of Championship Races**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Race</b>
Sunday, 8 October 2017	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 1
Sunday, 22 October 2017	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 2
Sunday, 12 November 2017	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 3
Sunday, 26 November 2017	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 4
Sunday, 10 December 2017	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 5
Sunday, 21 January 2018	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 6
Sunday, 11 February 2018	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 7
Sunday, 25 February 2018	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 8
Sunday, 4 March 2018	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 9
Sunday, 18 March 2018	9:00 am	Club Championship Racing 10
Sunday, 25 March 2018	9:00 am	Back Up Date for Re-Sail