



**SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.**

# **The Commodore's Challenge**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**SUNDAY 20 MAY 2018**

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.2 AS prescriptions to Rule 46 apply to this Series.
- 1.3 All races will be conducted under the **UMPIRED FLEET RACING - SIMPLIFIED VERSION** as provided in Attachment B.
- 1.4 While afloat, competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) secured in accordance with its instructions and complying with the standard required by Australian Sailing. RRS rule 40 is changed so that it applies at all times while racing, without the need for display of the Y flag.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Official Notice Board shall be located at the Ken King Centre (KKC) at head of marina.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official notice board no later than 0900 on the day of the race.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the signal mast at the Ken King Centre
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE

Saturday 19 May 2018	Training Day (optional)	Between 1000hrs-1500 hrs
	Tips & tricks	1000 hrs
Sunday 20 May 2018	Registration	0800-0815 hrs
	Information Session & Boat Draw	0815-0845 hrs
	First Warning Signal	1000 hrs
	Presentation	Approximately 1600hrs

- 5.1 All races will be sailed as fleet races with crews rotating as per the draw which will be provided at the information session.
- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.3 There will be no warning signal made after 1500hrs.

## 6 BOATS

- 6.1 Six boats will be provided. Competitors shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.
- 6.2 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- 6.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- 6.4 Boat draw will be as follows:
  - a) At the briefing, skippers will draw a number out of a hat. Teams will remain in the boat assigned for the duration of the day.
- 6.5 If code flag T is raised with the class flag, boats shall not use spinnakers.
- 6.6 The Race Officer reserves the right to request boats to reef their mainsails if in the event of adverse weather. This will be communicated on VHF channel 77.
- 6.7 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative at the changeover boat immediately upon completing a race and before the next team takes over the boat or after securing the boat ashore at the end of the day. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flag will be the Beneteau class flag.

## 8 RACING AREA.

- 8.1 The races will be conducted on Port Phillip, in the vicinity of SYC.

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be as described in Attachment A.
- 9.2 The courses will be advised by the flying of the appropriate international numeral pennant (1-3) below the Class Flag from the mast of the committee boat.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 The start mark will be an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy.
- 10.2 Mark 1 will be a yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy and shall be rounded to port.
- 10.3 Mark 1a (hitch) will be an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy and shall be rounded to port.
- 10.4 Marks 2p and 2s will be yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 10.5 The finish mark will be a blue cylindrical inflatable buoy.
- 10.6 The change mark will be a yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy with a black band.
- 10.7 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When an additional change is made, the change mark shall be replaced with the original mark.

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between committee boat and a blue cylindrical inflatable buoy.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by that listed in the **UMPIRED FLEET RACING - SIMPLIFIED VERSION** rules in Attachment B.

## 15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for a race is 45 minutes.
- 15.2 The target time for each race is 25 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be given a score different from DNF, depending where they were in the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5.
- 15.4 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 15 minutes, the race may be abandoned. This changes RRS 35.

## 16 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 On-water umpiring as per the **UMPIRED FLEET RACING - SIMPLIFIED VERSION** in attachment B.
- 16.2 Protests will be conducted in accordance with the **UMPIRED FLEET RACING - SIMPLIFIED VERSION** rules, which is attached in attachment B.

- 16.3 Each Boat will be equipped with a Y flag. If a boat intends to protest, they should raise the Y flag in accordance with the **UMPIRED FLEET RACING - SIMPLIFIED VERSION** in attachment B.
- 16.4 Breaches of Sailing Instruction clauses 18, 19 or 20 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.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed by each boat to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races.
- 17.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 All boats must maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 77.
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 Each boat is required to carry a handheld radio on board. Teams may bring their own radio or can collect one at registration. Each boat will be given a radio

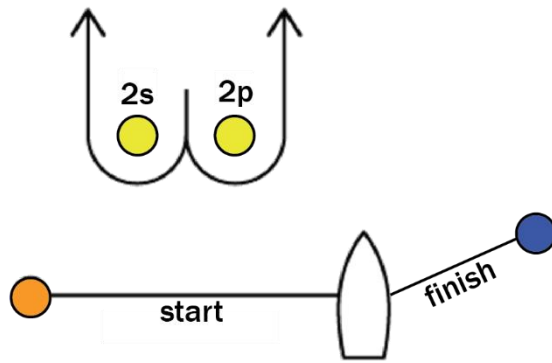
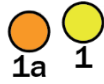
## **21 PRIZES**

- 21.1 Presentation will be held upstairs in the Member's Library at SYC at the conclusion of racing on Sunday 20 May 2018. Commodores, race officials, competitors and their families are invited to attend the presentation.
- 21.2 The Doris Little Women in Sailing Challenge platter will be awarded to the winning team. The platter is to remain at Sandringham Yacht Club.

## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta 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 the regatta.

## Attachment A



Course Flag	Course
Numeral Pennant 1	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
Numeral Pennant 2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
Numeral Pennant 3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish

## Attachment B

### UMPIRED FLEET RACING - SIMPLIFIED VERSION

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This is a simplified version of the World Sailing document: *Addendum Q – Umpired Fleet Racing* and is intended for limited use in club racing where umpires are available.

These instructions provide for on-water adjudication for protests for incidents between boats, recognising that the system has limitations – particularly, the limited coverage which can be provided by the umpires.

#### Overview

A boat can protest another boat for a breach of a rule of Part 2 – except rule 14 where there was damage or injury – in which she was directly involved or saw, and have it adjudicated by an umpire<sup>i</sup>. Other protests will be dealt with in the normal way.

The boat being protested can take a penalty at the time or, if she believes she was not at fault, she can wait for the umpire to adjudicate.

The umpire can either: signal 'no penalty' or penalise one or more of the boats involved.

Except as set out below, the normal rules continue to apply.

#### Protests and Penalties

##### *Protests*

To protest, a boat shall display a protest flag<sup>ii</sup> and hail “*protest*”

##### *Voluntary Penalty*

A boat may take a voluntary penalty at the time of the incident as follows:<sup>iii</sup> (note: this also applies to ‘touching a mark’)

- On an upwind leg, the penalty shall be one gybe.
- On a downwind leg (including a reach below 90deg), the penalty shall be one tack.

##### *Umpire Signals*

Where there is no response to a protest, an umpire will signal by blowing a whistle, displaying a flag and identifying a boat or boats as follows:

- Green or Green and White – no penalty (either no rule was broken, the incident was not seen or the umpire was not in a position to properly adjudicate)
- Red flag – the boat or boats indicated are penalised.

The penalty shall be a one turn penalty (sail well clear as soon as possible and make one tack and one gybe).<sup>iv</sup>

##### *Umpire initiated penalties*

An umpire will not normally give a penalty unless there is a protest by a boat. However, an umpire may penalise a boat without a protest by another boat when a boat:

- touches a mark and does not take a penalty
- gains an advantage despite taking a penalty
- deliberately breaks a rule
- commits misconduct or a breach of sportsmanship

The umpire may impose one or more ‘one turn’ penalties, each signalled as above.<sup>v</sup> The umpire may also report her to the protest committee for further action. Umpire decisions shall not be grounds for redress.<sup>vi</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> This changes rule 63 - Hearings

<sup>ii</sup> Refer rule 60.1 and changes rule 61(a)(2)

<sup>iii</sup> This changes the penalties in the first paragraph of rule 44.1 and in rule 44.2 but does not change rules 44.1(a) or (b)

<sup>iv</sup> This changes rule 64.1 – Penalties and Exoneration

<sup>v</sup> This changes rule 63.1 – Requirement for a Hearing

<sup>vi</sup> This changes rules 62.1(a)