S80 Victorian Championship
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
12-14 January 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments

Date Issued	Amendment Number	Details
11/01/2024	1	Clarify crew declarations, class flag, course marks,

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
2023 S80 Victorian Championships
Sailing Instructions:

1. **Crew Declarations**
   1.1. It is mandatory that all boats register their Crew Declarations via the TopYacht Entry System. Crew declarations **MUST be completed after midnight** on the day of the race and **at least** 1 hour prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day electronically via the following link - http://tymob.net.au/mycrew.php?evid=1759

   1.2. Failure to do so may result in the Race Committee scoring the boat Disqualified (DSQ) without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

2. **Notices to Competitors**
   2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RMYS Website located at rmys.com.au Competitors/skippers may be notified by SMS and/or email.

3. **Changes to Sailing Instructions**
   3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

   3.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be available at

   https://www.rmys.com.au/sailing/s80/

   Competitors/skippers may be notified by SMS and/or email

4. **Signal Made Ashore**
   4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RMYS flagpole.

   4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. **Class Flag**
   The class flag will be code flag J.

6. **Racing Areas**
   Racing will be on Port Phillip, to the east side of the main shipping channel.

7. **Courses**
   See attachment 1 to these Sailing Instructions.

   The Sailing Committee will display a numerical pennant indicating the number of the course to be sailed, no later than the warning signal.

   The bearing to the first mark will be displayed on the Race Committee boat.

8. **The Start**
   8.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

   8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the 'port-end' starting mark, a yellow cylindrical buoy or fixed mark.

   8.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

9. **Marks**
   9.1 Course marks will be orange inflatable buoys.

   9.2 When changing the course after the start the Race Committee will lay a new mark and then lift the original mark as soon as practicable. A replacement mark will be an orange buoy with a black band. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the replacement mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

   9.3 When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with a mark displaying the same characteristics as the original.

10. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and a yellow cylindrical buoy.

11. Penalty System

11.1   For infringements of Class Rules 4, 8 and 9 the penalty may be less that disqualification if the Protest Committee decides.

11.2   For laid Courses the Two Turn penalty is changed to be a One Turn penalty, except for infringements that occur within the zone of a rounding mark.

12. Time Limit

Windward - Leeward Races

The time limit for each short course race will be two and a half (2.5) hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 30 minutes after the finish of the first boat (whichever is the later), will be scored "Did Not Finish (DNF)". This changes RRS 35.

13   Protests and Requests for Redress

13.1   Protest forms are available from the RMYS website at https://www.rmys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Protest-Form-Template.pdf.

13.2   The Protest Time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing on the day. On the last day of racing, the protest time limit is 60 minutes. The same time limit applies to requests for redress protests and protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

13.3   Protest hearing schedule will be posted within (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.4   On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

a)   Within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.

b)   No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

c)   On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

14. Arbitration

14.1   All protests involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 will be subject to arbitration in accordance with RRS Appendix T

14.2   Rule T1 (b) is changed to 35% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries. However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish.

15. Safety Regulations

15.1   Attention is drawn to World Sailing Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

15.2   AS Addendum A, Special Regulations Category 6 shall apply.

15.3   Marine VHF radios capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16 and 72 shall be carried on all boats.

15.5   Boats and their equipment including safety equipment may be subject to random inspection, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15.5   The S80 Association has established an upper wind limit. Races will not be started if the average wind speed over a 5-minute period immediately prior to the start exceeds 25 knots.

15.6   A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on the applicable VHF Channel (ref. Radio Communication).

15.7   A boat found to have interfered with commercial shipping shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

15.8   A boat may use its engine to avoid commercial shipping but shall lodge details to the Race Committee at the finish line within one hour of finishing the race. A boat using its engine shall not

benefit from the use of its engine. Any boat using its engine shall bring the boat to a complete stop before continuing the race.

The Race Committee, at its discretion may allow such use with or without further penalty. This changes RRS 42.

16. Radio Communication

16.1   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.

16.2   The Race Committee may make Race Management announcements on **VHF Channel 72** or as per appendices and/or any issued 'Notice to Competitors'.

16.3   The Committee Boat (Start Boat) shall be called 'William Paterson'

16.4   The land-based station shall be called 'Squadron Base'

17. Scoring

17.1   A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled.

17.2   Three (3) races are required to be constituted a series

17.3   When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4   When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

18. Further Information

RMYS Boating Administrator – Ann Rogers boating@rmys.com.au

Or On Water Race Officer via 0409 256 672 **or Ch 72.**

ATTACHMENT 1: LAID COURSES
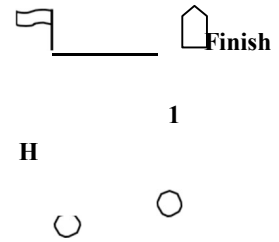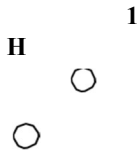
Course 1 (Downwind Finish)	Course 4 (Upwind Finish)
START – 1(P) – H (P) - FINISH	START – 1(P) – H(P) – GATE - FINISH
Course 2 (Downwind Finish)	**Course 5 (Upwind Finish)**
START – 1(P) – H(P) – GATE – 1(P) – H(P) FINISH	START – 1(P) – H(P) – GATE – 1(P) – H(P) - GATE - FINISH
Course 3 (Downwind Finish)	**Course 6 (Upwind Finish)**
START – 1(P) – H(P) – GATE – 1(P) - H(P) – GATE -1(P) - H(P) – FINISH	START – 1(P) – H(P) – GATE – 1(P) – H(P) – GATE -1(P) – H(P) - GATE- FINISH