



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE TOWN PLANNING & CO. SCHNAPPER POINT OPEN REGATTA incorporating the ILCA VICTORIA 2024 U21 CHAMPIONSHIP kindly supported by Ronstan



1. Rules:

The Schnapper Point Regatta (SPR) will be governed by current versions of World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS); the SPR Notice of Race (NoR); these Sailing Instructions (SI); the class rules of the classes sailing; except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

The Green Fleet shall be governed by the (WS) Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01 (See **Appendix B**).

2. Entry and Eligibility:

Division 1 - ILCA 7

Division 2 - ILCA 6 / & other single handed OTB with a Yardstick 159 and below

Division 3 - ILCA 4

Division 4 - Double Handed OTB

Division 5 - Optimist Open

Division 6 - Optimist Intermediate & other Single Handed Monohulls with a Yardstick 160 and above

Division 7 - Green Fleet

3. Notices to Competitors:

3.1 The Official Notice Board for this regatta will be located on the Mornington Yacht Club Website.

3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board:

<https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/schnapper-point-regatta.html>



4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions & Schedule of Racing:

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 1 hour before the races that they affect.
- 4.2 Any changes to the Schedule of Races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals made ashore:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm of the flag mast located on the MYC Tower.
- 5.2 When RRS Race Signal flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal AP. This amends RRS Race Signals – Postponement Signals AP

6. Schedule of Events:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 10 th February 2024	0930 - 1200 1200 1230	Schnapper Point Registration Race Management Meeting Competitor's briefing/Safety/Support Vessel briefing *All support vessels are required to attend*
	1355	Warning Signal for first Division. Subsequent Division Starts shall be signaled by a division's Class flag. Up to 3 races are scheduled to be sailed 'back to back'.
Sun 11 th February 2024	0845 0955	Race Management Meeting First Warning Signal. Up to 4 races are scheduled to be sailed 'back to back'. Presentation at the conclusion of racing.

7. Division Flags and Course Areas:

Division		Division Flag	Course
1	ILCA 7	White Flag with ILCA class Logo	Alpha
2	ILCA 6 & other	Green Flag with ILCA class Logo	Alpha
3	ILCA 4	Yellow Flag with ILCA class Logo	Alpha
4	Double Handed OTB	Numerical Pennant 4	Alpha
5	Optimist Open	White Flag with Optimist class Logo	Alpha
6	Optimist Intermediate & other	Blue Flag with Optimist class Logo	Alpha
7	Green Fleet	Green Flag with Optimist class Logo	Charlie

The racing will be on the waters of Port Phillip Bay adjacent to MYC. See **Appendix C**.

8. Courses:

There will be two course areas as described in **Appendix C**.

Courses are detailed in **Appendix A**.

A course board displaying a course number shall be displayed at the Warning signal for each Division indicating the course to be sailed for that race.



9. Marks

- 9.1 Alpha Course - Marks 1, 2, 3S and 3P and 5 will be inflatable Yellow Buoys. Mark 4 shall be an Orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.2 This clause intentionally blank.
- 9.3 Charlie Course – Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be 'stick' marks with different coloured flags

10. The Start:

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 Alpha Course - The Starting line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end and a Race Committee boat displaying an Orange flag at the Port end, or in its absence an Orange inflatable buoy.
- 10.3 This clause intentionally blank.
- 10.4 Charlie Course (Green) - The Starting line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end, and an inflatable red buoy at the Port end.
- 10.5 Boats not racing shall keep clear of boats that are racing and the Start area.

11. Change of Course.

Change of course shall be in accordance with RRS 33.

12. The Finish:

- 12.1 Alpha Course - The Finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee boat at the Port end, and a black and white inflatable buoy at the Starboard end.
- 12.2 This clause intentionally blank.
- 12.3 Charlie (Green) Course - The Finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end and a red buoy at the Port end.
- 12.4 Boats not Racing shall keep clear of boats that are racing. Boats shall stay clear of the Finish line after Finishing and **shall not sail directly to the start area through the course** whilst any other boats are racing.

13. Time Limits:

- 13.1 Boats failing to Finish less than 15 minutes after the first boat '*Sails the Course*' may be awarded an allocated place as defined in SI Clause 15.3. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14. Protests:

- 14.1 Protests shall be in writing and on forms available at the Regatta Office and lodged there within 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat, of that division to Finish, in the last race of the day.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.



- 14.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are parties or named witnesses.
- 14.4 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 reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 14.5 There shall be no protests in relation to racing in Division 7 - Green Fleet. Approved Coaches and Instructors, members of the Race and Protest Committees shall be available to resolve any issues at the end of each day's racing.

15. Scoring:

- 15.1 The RRS Low Point Scoring System shall apply.
- 15.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- a) When **four or less** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
 - b) When **five or more** have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 15.3 Allocated Place determination. (See SI Clause 13.1). Boats may be scored using their current standing at a position on the course determined by the Race Committee.
- 15.4 Scores in mixed fleets will be calculated by applying current Australian Sailing yardsticks.

16. Safety Regulations:

- 16.1 Approved personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat.

16.2 Sign On & Sign Off Procedure:

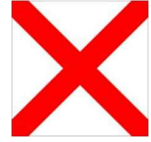
Sign-on and Sign-off will be a tag/ hook system corresponding to the skipper's name and sail number on a board at the Sign-on and Sign-off area. Boats shall sign-on each time before leaving the shore and sign-off each time as soon as possible when returning to shore. After the last race of the day, upon returning to the shore, boats shall ensure they sign off within one hour of the Finish time of the last boat in their division.

- 16.3 a) Boats who fail to Sign On ashore will be scored their place plus 3 points for the first race of the day. This amends RRS 63.1 and A5.
- b) Boats who fail to Sign Off ashore will be scored their place plus 3 points for the last race of the day. This amends RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 16.4 A boat that does not start or retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee prior to leaving the course area and Sign Off in accordance with SI Clause 16.2.



17. Coach Boats and Support Boats:

- 17.1 Only Coach Boats approved by the Race Committee shall be allowed in any Course Area. All Coach and Support boats shall lodge a Registration Form On-line before going to a Course Area. All Coach and Support boats must sign on and off (see SI Clause 18.3).
- 17.2 All support boats shall keep at least 50m clear of the Course Area during racing unless directed into the Course area by the Race Committee.
- 17.3 When Code Flag V is displayed (with one sound signal) on a Race Committee Boat or from the yardarm on the MYC Tower, all Coach and Support boats shall remain afloat under the control of the Race Committee to assist all competitors from any fleet until such time as Code Flag V is lowered.



18. Radio Communications:

- 18.1 A boat, whilst racing, shall neither make nor receive any Electronic Communications, this includes mobile phones and headphones.
- 18.2 The Race Management Communication Channels shall be as follows;
- Alpha Course - VHF Ch. 71
 - Charlie Course - VHF Ch. 72

MYC Tower will monitor VHF Channels 16, 71, 72 and 73.

- 18.3 Whenever leaving or returning to the MYC Harbour, Coach and Support boats shall Sign On and Sign Off by radio to 'MYC Tower' using the Communication Channel allocated to the Course area they are coaching/supporting and shall advise the number of Persons On Board.
- 18.4 VHF Channel 16 is to be used for emergencies only.

Channel 16 is **not** to be used for Support vessel Sign on/off.

19. Prizes:

- 19.1 Prizes and/or trophies will be awarded for the Regatta as follows:
- All Divisions – 1st, 2nd, 3rd and first female boat

Further Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

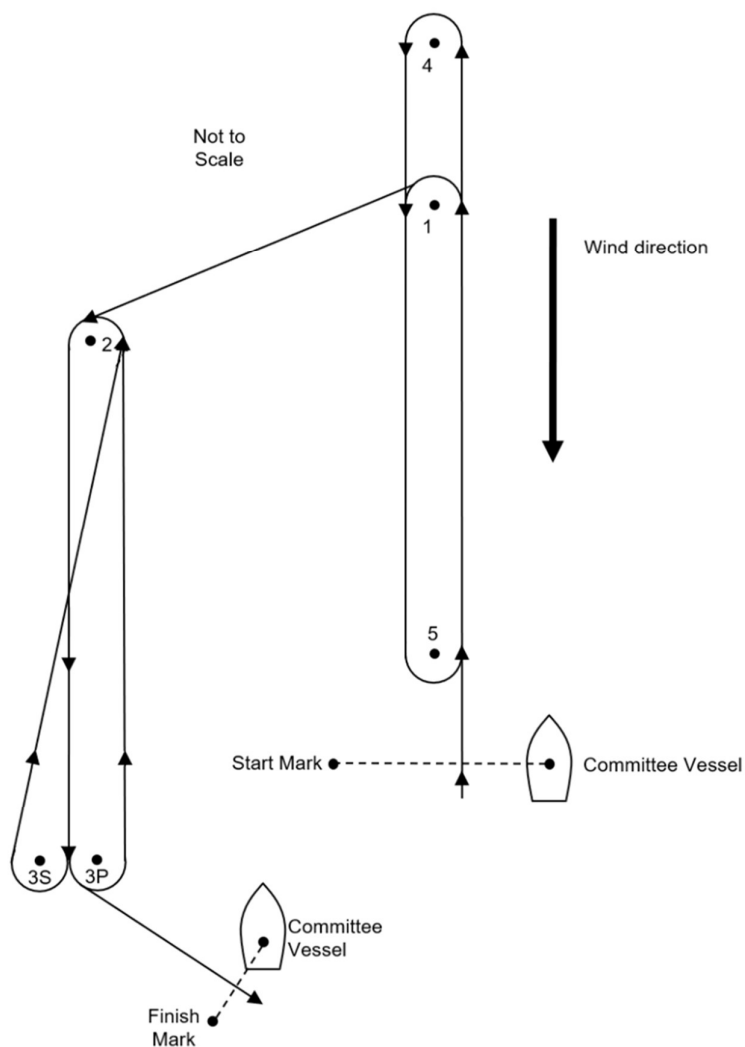
20. Entry Disclaimer:

- 20.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to Start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect.
- 20.2 By way of entry in the Regatta, competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authorities, and the Host Club, their officers, members, volunteers and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the regatta.
- 20.3 The Organizing Authorities, and the Host Club, their officers, members, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the Regatta. The competitor's attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3.



APPENDIX A

A.1 Course Area 'Alpha'



Course	Course Configuration
1	Start - 1 - 2 - Gate 3S or 3P - 2 - 3P - Finish
2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3P - Finish
3	Start - 4 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 3P - Finish
4	Start - 4 - 5 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 3P - Finish

- A board displaying a Course number shall be raised at the Warning signal for each Division indicating the course to be sailed for that race.
- Marks shall be left to Port; except for 3S which shall be left to Starboard.
- If only one Gate mark is laid, that Gate mark shall be considered as 3P and rounded to Port.

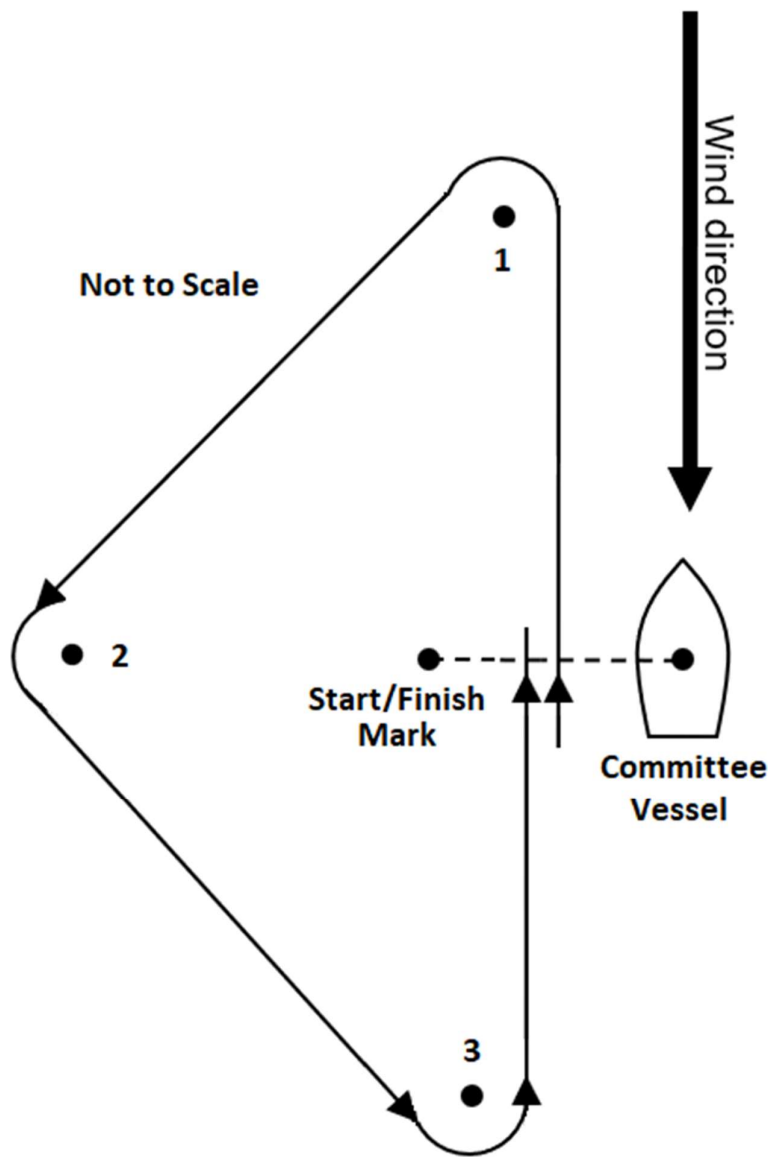
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A.3 Course Area 'Charlie'



Course Configuration
Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

- All marks shall be left to Port



APPENDIX B



Introductory Rules for Racing

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Some Explanations

Windward and *Leeward*: The *leeward* side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The *windward* side is the other side.

Port and *Starboard tack*: You are on *port* or *starboard tack* according to your *windward* side.

Advisor: A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

Basic Rules

1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

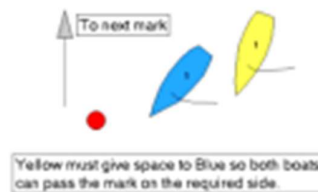
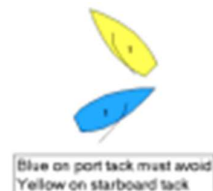
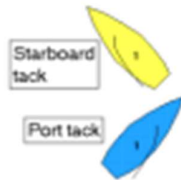
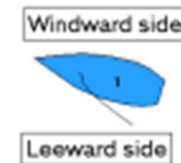
Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite *tacks*, if you are on *port tack* you must avoid the boat on *starboard tack*.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same *tack*, you must avoid the other boat
 - (a) if she is in front of you, or
 - (b) if she is on your *leeward* side.
5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite *tacks* at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.

Other Rules

7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the *advisor* after the race. The *advisor* may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the *advisor* may add extra points to the boat's score.

Responsibilities of Race Organizers



- (a) To run fair, enjoyable and safe races.
- (b) To inform all the competitors about the sequence of starting signals, the starting and finishing lines, the course to be sailed and the marks to be rounded.
- (c) To score each boat points equal to her finishing position, after adjusting for handicaps when appropriate.
- (d) To appoint an *advisor* on the rules and procedures for racing.

Introduction and Use

These rules are designed to stand on their own so that sailors who are starting to race can compete using only these few rules and without the need to learn the many details of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). They are appropriate for small boats in sheltered waters; they are not intended for boats over 6 metres (20 feet) long when an experienced person should be alongside and able to instruct the novice helm. These rules are compatible with the principles and fundamental rules in the RRS. However, they are neither a guide to nor an abbreviated form of the RRS.

The rules are intentionally minimalist and they omit as many complications of the RRS as possible. They are written for sailors who are starting to race and with no more than 2 years of racing experience. After this period these sailors should be encouraged to sail races under the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Boats racing under these rules should race on their own course and should not share the course area or marks with boats racing under the RRS.

Unlike normal racing, there is an obligation on the race organisers to verbally brief all competitors about the marks, the course and all relevant race management matters.

The role of rules advisor is a vital part of teaching the rules. Ideally the rules advisor should be afloat and should watch the racing but, as a minimum, the advisor must be available for discussion immediately the sailors return ashore. The rules advisor may be the same person as the race officer.

The standard penalty for breaking a rule is necessarily small at this learning stage and the difficulties of penalty turns are avoided. As it is only the advisor that imposes a penalty, possible pressure on a less confident competitor while racing is avoided. Note this two place penalty applies to all errors (including starting and course errors) although there is provision for increasing the penalty to avoid any advantage being gained from the error.



APPENDIX C



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