



2023 CYGNETT VICTORIAN & OPEN OPTIMIST DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIP

11-13 MARCH, 2023

Sailing Instructions – Open & Intermediate Fleets



Abbreviations

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Championship shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing and Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3. The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested in the manner described in SI 16.1, or as soon as practicable after she retires.'
- 1.4. Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. All notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard. The official notice board for this regatta will be located on the Mornington Yacht Club Website regatta page:
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/133/results/series/2197/races>

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board no less than 1.5 hours before the races that they will affect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm of the flag mast located on the MYC Tower.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after D is displayed. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.' [SP]

5. Format of Racing

- 5.1. The regatta will consist of up to nine (9) races for Open Fleet and nine (9) races for Intermediate Fleet with four (4) races required to constitute a series.
- 5.2. Identification of Coloured Division [DP]
Open & Intermediate fleet boats shall display a coloured ribbon fixed with not less than 20cm of ribbon free to fly from the top of the sprit. Ribbons of the applicable colour will be provided by the Organising Authority. Sailors are responsible for ensuring their ribbon is displayed at all times.
- 5.3. Displaying of Sponsors Logos[DP]
Boats shall display a 'Cygnett' sticker on the bow and a 'Sly Boatbuilding' sticker on the forward quarter of the starboard gunwale. Stickers will be provided by the Organising Authority.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1. The schedule is as per the following table:

Date	Event	Open
Saturday 11 th March	Registration On Water Team Meeting Support/ Coach Boat Briefing Competitors Briefing FIRST WARNING SIGNAL Competitors Sausage sizzle & Opti Muster VIODA AGM	0800-1000 0930 1015 1030 1200 After Racing 1 hour after last boat finishes
Sunday 12 th March	Support/ Coach Boat Briefing FIRST WARNING SIGNAL Competitors Sausage sizzle & Opti Muster	915 1100 After Racing
Monday 13 th March	Support/ Coach Boat Briefing FIRST WARNING SIGNAL Competitors Sausage sizzle Presentation	915 1100 After Racing After Racing

6.2. Three races are scheduled each day and will be raced back-to-back.

6.3. Additional races may be sailed each day, provided that racing does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to Sailing Instruction 3.1.

6.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound not less than five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6.5. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

7. Division Flags

Division	Division Flag	Course Area
Open	White Flag with Optimist Class logo	Alpha
Intermediate	Blue Flag with Optimist Class logo	Alpha

9. Racing Areas

Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

10. The Course

The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the course including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11. Marks

The marks are described in Attachment 2.

12. The Start

- 12.1. The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Start Boat on the starboard end and a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 12.2. Once a starting sequence has commenced, all boats not involved in that start shall wait outside the starting area. Boats may approach the starting line only after the starting signal of the previous fleet has been made and no individual or general recall has been signalled. Boats that have finished shall return directly to the waiting area or ashore, keeping well clear of all boats racing and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. [DP]
- 12.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

13. The Finish

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the port end and a black and white chequered mark at the starboard end.
- 13.2. After finishing, other than to comply with SI16.1 or the completion of racing for the day, boats shall sail directly to the waiting area.

14. Penalty System

- 14.1. The penalty for breaches of the Class Rules will be standard penalties [SP] and may be less than disqualification.
- 14.2. Appendix P will apply to all races as is amended as follows:
 - a) The words "or subsequent" are added after the word "second" in P2.2.
 - b) P2.3 is deleted.

15. Time Limits and Target Times

- 15.1. Time limits and target times (in minutes) are as below:
- 15.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Fleet	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time
Open	75	20	35-40
Intermediate	75	20	30

- 15.3. Open Division boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.4. Intermediate Fleet boats deemed to be still racing by the Race Committee, but failing to finish within 15 minutes may be scored an allocated place. See SI 18.5. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1. Boats intending to protest shall inform the race committee immediately after finishing by approaching the port side of the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the finish line and hailing the protested boat's sail number and receive acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 16.2. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

- 16.3. The protest time limit is 90 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.
- 16.4. Notices shall 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 a Jury Room which will be specified on the official notice board. Protests may be heard before the end of the Protest Time Limit if all the parties are present.
- 16.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Jury will be posted on the official noticeboard within the time limit to inform competitors as per RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6. Breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [DP] and [SP] will not be grounds for a protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2
- 16.8. An International Jury has been appointed and decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. Arbitration

Appendix T of the rules shall apply.

18. Scoring

- 18.1. The series for Open & Intermediate fleet will consist of up to nine (9) races, four (4) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. Open & Intermediate Fleet will be scored as follows:
 - (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores;
 - (b) When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score;
 - (c) When nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 18.3. To request correction of an alleged error in a posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available from the regatta office.
- 18.4. Failure to sign on will result in that boat being penalised three (3) points [SP] for the first race of the session (but not worse than a Did Not Finish). Failure to sign off shall result in that boat being penalised three (3) points [SP] for the last race of the session (but not worse than Did Not Finish). Penalties will be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 18.5. Allocated place determination for the Intermediate Division: Boats may be scored using their current standing at a position on the course determined by the Race Committee.

19. Safety Regulations

- 19.1. Boats shall sign-on before leaving the shore and sign-off within one hour of the Finish of the last boat in the last race of the session upon returning to the shore. Sign-on and sign-off will be corresponding to the skipper's name on a board at the Sign-on and Sign-off tent.
- 19.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. [SP]
- 19.3. Competitors who require assistance should blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in its opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). [DP]

Replacement of Equipment [DP]

- 19.4. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.5. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the regatta office and the damaged and substituting equipment has been checked by the Race Committee.
- 19.6. If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Race Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks [SP][DP]

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, the NoR and the SIs.
- 20.2. The organising authority will conduct safety checks to ensure a boat meets the International Optimist Class Safety standard.

21. Official and Accredited Vessels

Official vessels will be marked with:

Jury Vessels	'JI' in black letters on a white background
Race Committee	MYC Burgee

22. Support Vessels [DP]

- 22.1. All support person vessels shall complete a Support Vessels Details form and register with the organising authority. Support Vessel Details form is available on the MYC website Regatta HQ page or via the online entry system- both located at: <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/2023-victorian-optimist-states.html>
- 22.2. Whenever leaving or returning to the MYC Harbour, Coach and Support Person Vessels 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.
- 22.3. Each coach/support vessel is required to have the appropriate current insurance for their vessel and the support vessel driver must have a current vessel driver's licence. The vessel shall also carry all safety equipment required to comply with local Maritime VIC regulations, be equipped with a working VHF radio.
- 22.4. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the warning signal for a sequence of first starts until all boats in all divisions have finished or the Race Committee signals flag V and requests assistance. To observe the race, support vessels will be able to move from leeward to windward through either the starboard layline between marks 4 and 1 or the port layline between marks 2 and 3S/3P and keeping approximately 100 metres outside the course area. Race committee or Jury vessels may request a support or coach vessel to move further from the course area, in which case the mentioned vessel shall do so immediately [DP].

- 22.5. When the wind is less than 10 knots all coaches and support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 200m of the area where boats are racing. [DP]
- 22.6. When flag V is displayed with a long sound signal on a committee vessel all support vessels are to remain afloat and assist all sailors until flag V is removed.

23. Radio Communication

- 23.1. 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. [DP]
- 23.2. The communication channel will be VHF Ch. 73.

24. Prizes

24.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

Open Championships	1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boat
Victorian Championships (VIODA Members/Victorian residents)	1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boy 1st ,2nd and 3rd placed girl
Intermediate Fleet	1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boy 1st ,2nd and 3rd placed girl
Green Fleet	1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boy 1st ,2nd and 3rd placed girl Participation certificates for each competitor
Open Fleet Under 12 (VIODA Members/Victorian residents)	1st placed boy 1st placed girl
Open Fleet Under 11 (VIODA Members/Victorian residents)	1st, placed boy 1st placed girl
Open Fleet Under 10 (VIODA Members/Victorian residents)	1st, placed boy 1st placed girl

- 24.2. Intermediate Fleet, prizes will not be awarded to competitors who were awarded a prize for placing in the same fleet in a previous Victorian State Championship.
- 24.3. Age prizes will be based on a sailors age as at 31 December 2023.
- 24.4. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

25. Disclaimer of Liability

- 25.1. Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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. In addition to this the following clauses are applicable:
- 25.2. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the NoR or the SIs or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians.
- 25.3. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her helm is competent to sail and compete in them.

- 25.4. Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the race officers, safety and support vessels and beach masters.
- 25.5. The provision of safety vessels does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- 25.6. The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these conditions.
- 25.7. The Race Committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that (a) the boat, the equipment or the clothing of the helm, or (b) the physical condition of the helm is not adequate for conditions.

26. Insurance

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD 5 Million (recommended AUD 10 Million or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) per incident. All owners/competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The skipper of each boat must be able to display proof of cover if requested to do so.

Attachment 1: The Championship Course Areas

Approximate Course Area locations

Course Area Alpha- Open & Intermediate Fleets

Course Area Bravo- Green Fleet



Image care of Google Earth

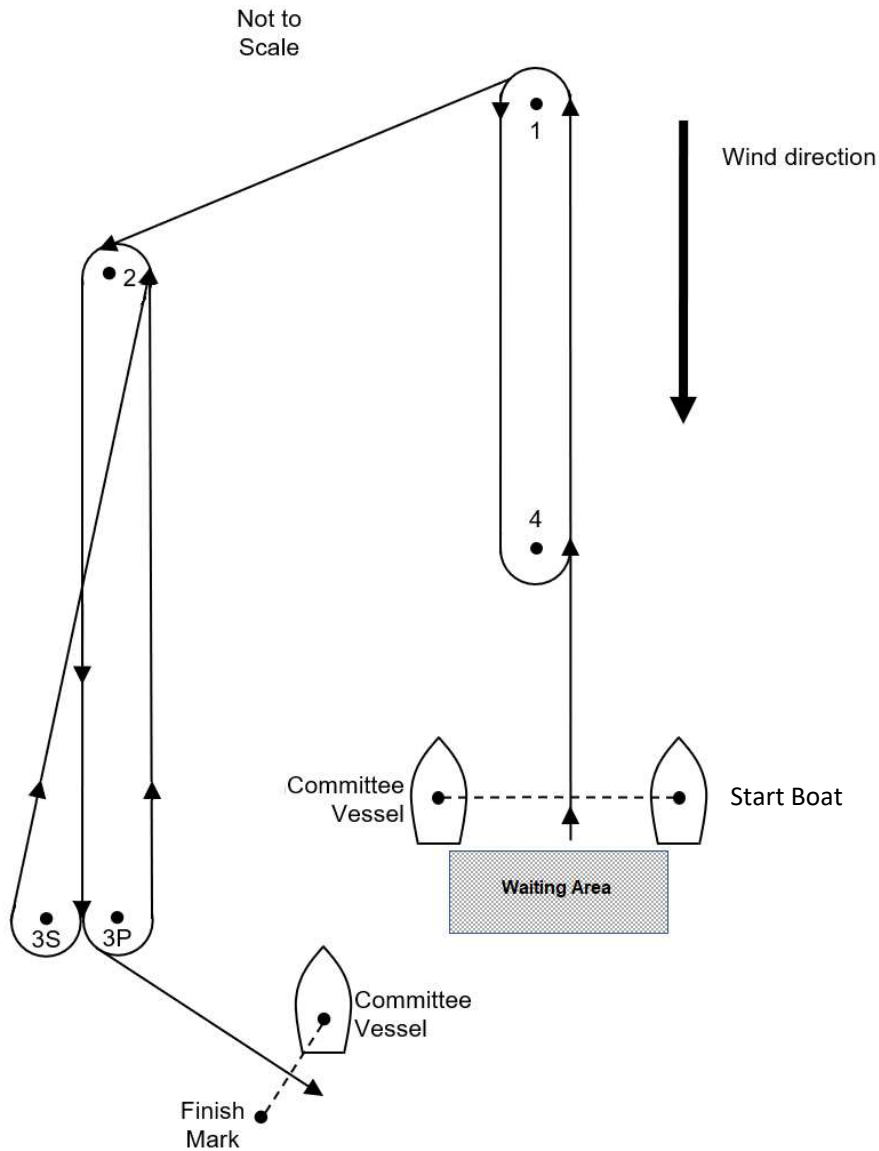
Attachment 2: Open and Intermediate Course

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.

OPEN FLEET: Start – 1-2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3P – Finish

INTERMEDIATE FLEET: Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish



Mark	Description
1, 2, 3S and 3P	Yellow inflatable buoys
4	Pink inflatable buoy
Finish	Black and white chequered inflatable buoy