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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th January 2018

Sailing Instructions Geographe Bay Yacht Club

1. Rules

All races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA):

The Organising Authority will be Geographe Bay Yacht Club (Inc) (GBYC) 1 King St, Busselton WA.

1.2 The sailing instructions (SI's) for racing at GBYC will be their standard sailing instructions for the current season, except for the courses to be sailed which will be provided at the regatta meeting and these SI's.

1.3 Flag U may be used as the preparatory signal.

1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

2. Entries

2.1 All skippers are required to complete and sign the nomination form before each race.

2.2 The nomination fees for each class shall be as per NOR issued for this regatta.

2.3 All competitors shall be silver members of a YA affiliated club.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board located outside the committee room.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 1 hour before the first race it will affect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the control tower signal mast at the western end of the main clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replace with 'not less than 15 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. Schedule of Races – 2 Races Planned for each session.

Day & Date	Race	Time of the first Warning Signal
Friday 26 th January 2018	Briefing 1300 Cock of the Bay	1400
Saturday 27 th January 2018	Briefing 0900 Race session 1 Subsequent races to follow	1000
	Race session 2 Subsequent races to follow	1400
Sunday 28 th January 2018	First race of the day subsequent races to follow if required	1000

7. Class Flag

Class Flags will be allocated at the meeting prior to each race.

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be in Geographe Bay adjacent to Geographe Bay Yacht Club.

9. The Course

9.1 Illustration 'A' shows the courses including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left (port).

9.2 If it is deemed necessary to set a course with Starboard roundings, this will be signalled by a green flag displayed on the committee boat, no later than the warning signal.

9.3 All boats shall proceed from the final mark shown on the course diagram to the Southern Seas Buoy, which is a yellow stick marker with two orange bands, approximately 300 metres east of the finish line. This mark is to be rounded in a starboard direction before proceeding to the finish line.

10. Marks

Marks will be defined at competitors briefing.

11. The Start

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26. Classes will start in the order allocated at the Competitor's Meeting.

11.2 The starting line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark which will be an orange buoy with an orange flag.

11.3 A buoy may be streamed from the Committee Boat. For the purpose of the application of RRS the buoy is deemed to be a permanent part of the Committee Boat and any boat touching the buoy or passing between it and the Committee Boat shall be deemed to have touched the Committee Boat.

11.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.5 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'. This changes rule A4.1.

11.6 A split starting line may be set for the 'Cock of the Bay'. The middle buoy shall be used to separate classes and does not form part of the line. Cruisers 1 and 2 start at the leeward end of the line.

11.7 For a class to have their own start will require a minimum of 4 competitors. If this minimum is not met then these competitors will start in a mixed class with other classes.

11.9 If a competitor starts on the wrong side of the middle buoy according to 11.6 then she may be disqualified.

12. Recalls

12.1 Recalls will be signalled in accordance with racing rules 29.1 & 29.2.

12.2 When a general recall has been signalled, the recalled class shall then accept the starting signal for the last scheduled event as its warning signal. If more than one class has a general recall, then they shall start in the sequence set out initially.

13. Change of the Position of the Next Mark

To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or move the finish line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

14. The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line will be an extension of an imaginary line between the control tower Or Committee boat and the V marker on the beach. The extremities will be indicated by a red stick mark (IDM) at the inner end and a green stick (ODM) at the outer end. Boats shall pass between the IDM and the ODM when finishing or the start finish pin.
- 14.2 No boat shall pass through the finishing line at any time after the starting signal for their class other than to finish the race. Breach of this instruction will cause disqualification.
- 14.3 A sound signal will be made as the first boat of each class crosses the line. No signal will be given to signify the crossing of the line by the other boats.

15. Penalty Systems

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
- 15.3 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

16. Time Limits

- 16.1 The time limit will be two hours. See RRS 35.
- 16.2 The decision to shorten, postpone or abandon a race will be the sole discretion of the Race Officer.

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within one hour of the last boat's finishing time.
- 17.2 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

18. Arbitration

- 18.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.
- 18.2 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 18.3 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 18.4 After taking testimony, the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:

- a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
- b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to arbitration may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may have occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.
- c) No rule was broken and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
- d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty as detailed above and if so accepted, the protestor should withdraw the protest.

18.5 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

18.6 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

19. Scoring

19.1 Races are scored using the Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A.

19.2 Points will only be awarded to a registered entry of Helmsperson / Boat combination and are not transferable.

20. Radio Communications

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.

21. Prizes

Prizes for series will be awarded to all classes with a minimum of 4 entries.

22. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at the own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Geographe Bay Yacht Club 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.

23. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 for any one accident. By signing the entry form, Helmspersons are deemed to have made declaration they may have such cover.

24. Safety Requirements

Both helm and crew members shall wear, while on the water, approved buoyancy vests (PFD 2) in good order and repair, secured about their persons in a manner appropriate to the design of the garment. Cabin boats and fixed keelboats are exempted; however, they shall carry safety equipment in accordance with AYF Special Regulations Part 1 section 5.01.

25. Yardsticks

The Club will use its own yardstick system based on local conditions and local boats. Where there are sufficient race data for a class, a yardstick may be allocated for the regatta. It is important to remember that any modification away from the Class rules for a yacht will affect its yardstick.

CAMPING

Due to City of Busselton regulations, camping on the yacht club grounds is permitted only for the duration of the regatta. No Caravans or motor homes will be allowed. There are limited spaces so please book early.

CLUB FACILITIES

All club facilities will be open for the duration of the Regatta.

MEALS

Lunches and dinners will be available from the galley

BAR FACILITIES

It is **ILLEGAL** to consume alcohol on the club premises if it is not purchased from the Yacht Club bar. The bar is fully licensed and able to supply take-away beers at competitive prices.

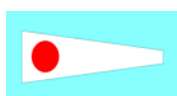
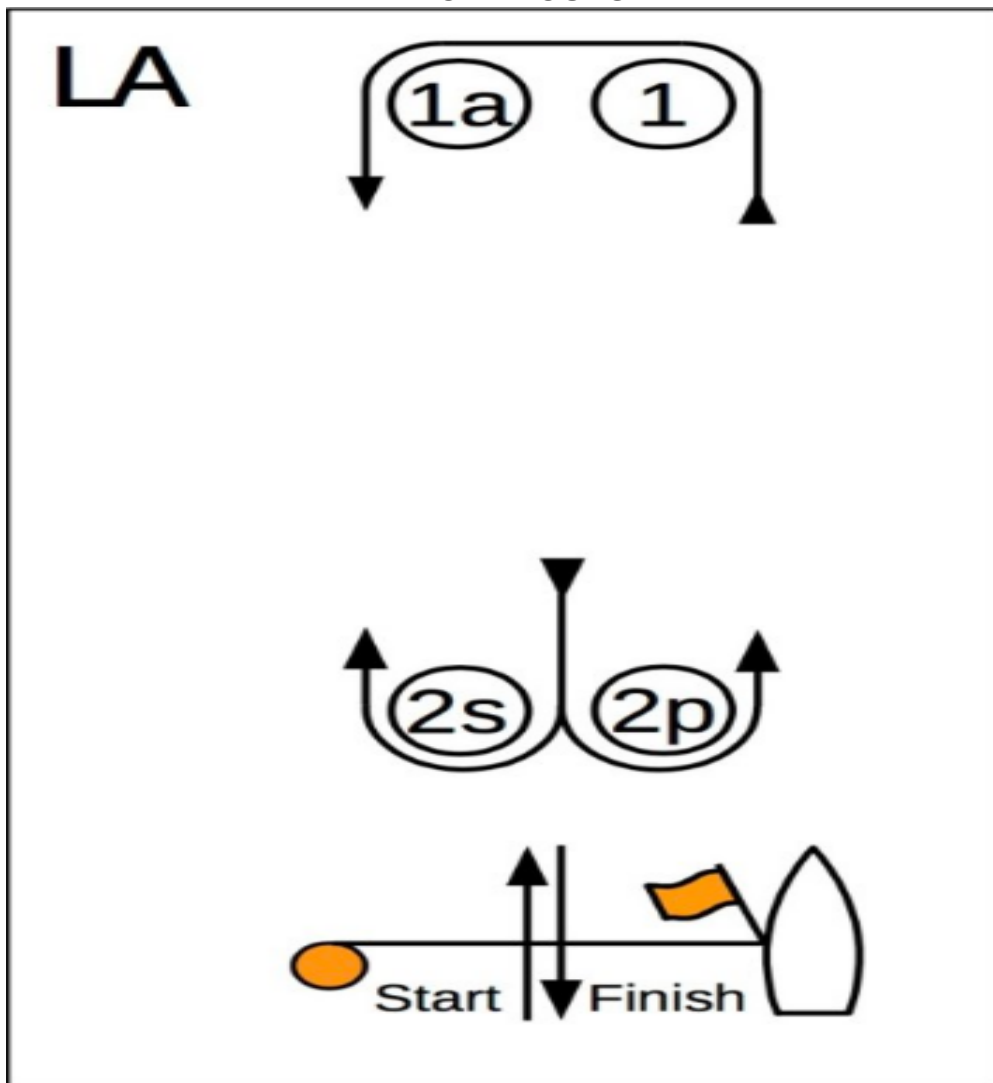
PRESENTATIONS

ASAP after sailing Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Major Presentations will be made on Sunday afternoon ASAP

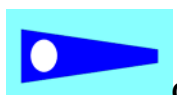
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WINDWARD / LEEWARD – PORT COURSE



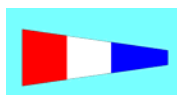
Course 1

Start -1-1a-2S/2P-1-1a -Finish



Course 2

Start -1-1a-2S/2P-1-1a -2S/2P -1-1a Finish



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Course 3

Start -1-1a-2S/2P-1-1a (leave to Port) – Southern Seas –Finish at



Course 4

Start -1-1a-2S/2P-1-1a -2S/2P -1-1a (leave to Port) – Southern Seas –Finish at club

THE COURSE TO BE SAILED WILL BE INDICATED ON THE START BOAT USING NUMERAL PENNANTS