



VICTORIAN. DIVISION. 2011/2012 Summer Series
Race four (Pursuit) on March 4 2012
The race will be conducted by the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria
Scheduled start time 10:30 am

Sailing Instructions

Pursuit Race

1 RULES

The 2010/2011 CYAA (Vic) Summer Series of races will be governed by:

- the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012);
- the Special Regulations and Prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) Part 1 For Racing Boats.
- Requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) regulations

Boats shall lodge an appropriate Safety Compliance Declaration with their home club prior to the 2010/2011 CYAA (Vic) Summer Series. YA Safety Category 6 shall apply.

Yachts without lifelines must wear PFD1 – Failure to do so will result in boats being scored DSQ.

2 SHIPPING

- (a) Skippers shall at all times abide by the *PoMC Regulations* covering the navigation of small craft and yachts. Skippers are also required to comply with the directions of Port Authority and race officials patrolling shipping channels.
- (b) Any skipper subject of a complaint by a ship's master for any reason whatsoever may be disqualified after protest.
- (c) Amplification of **Racing Rule 20 – Room to tack at an obstruction**. If there is a ship approaching in a Channel then the Channel becomes an obstruction.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted to CYAA members via email and will be posted on the RYCV official notice board.

4 START TIME & CLASS FLAG

- The scheduled warning signal will be at 10:25 am.
- Race start time is scheduled to be 10:30am.
- Three or more starters will constitute a race.
- The class flag for the race will be the Classic Yacht Association of Australia Burgee.

5 INTENTION TO RACE

- Starters in Race 8 are required to indicate to RYCV Race Committee they intend to race.
- Starters are to sail up to and past the RYCV Race Committee Starting Box located on the outer arm of the RYCV Marina and verbally inform the Race Committee the name of their yacht and their intention to start in Race 8.

6 STARTING LINE

The Pursuit Start Line shall be an imaginary line between the Flag Staff of the RYCV Starting Box located on the Northern End of the RYCV Marina and Mark O, a plain orange special purpose mark located approximately 200m to the North. (Initial Course direction is to the East).

7 SIGNALS FOR STARTING

See separate sheets for individual yacht start times.

- **WARNING SIGNAL** – Five minutes before the start of the race the class flag, CYAA Burgee, shall be hoisted on the marina flag staff, the course number displayed and a sound signal made.
- **PREPARATORY SIGNAL GROUP 1** – Four minutes before the start of the race, the preparatory signal shall be hoisted and a sound signal made.
- **REMOVAL OF PREPARATORY SIGNAL** – One minute before the start of the race, the preparatory signal shall be lowered and a sound signal made.
- **STARTING SIGNAL** – At the start, the class flag shall be lowered and a sound signal made. The course number will remain displayed until all competitors have started.
- The **SCHEDULED** group starting time for each boat is on the list of entries. The **ACTUAL** starting time for each group is when their group number is removed from display on the RYCV Race Committee starting box.

8 FAILURE OF SIGNAL

Times shall be taken from visual signals and the failure or mistiming of the gun or sound signal shall be disregarded.

9 RECALLS

If any part of the yacht's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line when the start is indicated when the start is indicated it shall return and restart correctly or incur a 10% penalty added to its elapsed time.

10 SHORTEN COURSE

- After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course or abandoned the race
- Race committee signal of 2 sounds and flag S displayed indicates shorten course
- Finishing line will be at a rounding mark, between the mark and the Race Committee vessel flag staff displaying signal flag S.
- The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.
- Race committee signal of 3 sounds and flag N, N over H or N over A displayed indicates race abandoned.

11 THE FINISHING LINE

The Finish Line shall be an imaginary line between the Flag Staff of the RYCV Race Committee Starting Box located on the Northern End of the RYCV Marina and the finish mark, Mark O, a plain orange special purpose mark, approximately 200m to the North.

12 RACING AREA

Shall be in the waters of Hobson's Bay. Port Phillip

13 THE COURSES

- The allocated RYCV course will be signalled by a number board attached to the Race Committee Starting Box.
- Details of the allocated course are contained in the RYCV SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Green book Sept.2008.

Please note additional course instructions for Race 4 Marina Start and Finish

- *After starting, and prior to sailing the assigned course, yachts shall pass through the gate formed by the No. 20 Channel Pile and the Northern end of the Workshops Pier.*
- *Prior to finish of the assigned course, yachts shall pass through the gate formed by the No. 20 Channel Pile and the Northern end of the Workshops Pier.*

14 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the boat to Finish is 150 mins and those boats finishing within 60 mins will be scored.

15 SCORING

The scoring system is the "Low Point System" with modifications in accordance with the Notice of Race.

16 SAFETY

- The race will not start if the wind speed is 25 knots or greater or if a GALE Warning is current.
- The crew of boats that do not conform to YA Special Regulations Part 1 Section 3.12 (category 6 races included) shall wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times whilst racing. PFDs shall conform to YA Special Regulations Section 5.01.1.
- RYCV recommends all competitors wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD) whilst racing with shortened sails.
- The responsibility for a yacht skippers decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone.
- A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the race committee as soon as possible. – by calling the RYCV Race Committee on VHF Channel 73.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- The Race Committee will monitor VHF radio channel 73.
- 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.
- All boats without exception shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 16 and 73 failure to do so may result in a boat being scored DSQ.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.