



Royal Geelong Yacht Club

BRAVO COURSE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

October 1st 2017 to
September 1st 2018

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1. RULES

The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach boats (OTB).

Safety Requirements:-

- a) It is mandatory for ALL competitors to wear category 1, 2 or 3 Personal Flotation Devices whilst on the water.
- b) Transport Safety Victoria regulations regarding PFD's apply at all times.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official OTB notice board located on the North wall of the OTB Clubhouse East of the boat shed entrance.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted with four (4) days clear notice.





4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE


- 4.1. Signals will be displayed from the flagpole on the North-East corner of the OTB Clubhouse balcony.
- 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. When Flag D is displayed boats are advised not leave the shore. Any Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is removed.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Races are scheduled as per the Club's Events Calendar.
- 5.2. The scheduled times of the race warning signals are listed on the Club's Events Calendar.
- 5.3. The handicaps for a rescheduled race shall be those current at the date of resail.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class/Division	Class Flag	
Mixed Class Group 1 (YV Yardstick less than or equal to 97.5)	Flag G	
Mixed Class Group 2 (YV Yardstick greater than 97.5)	Flag K	
International Cadet Class	White Flag with black 'C' Insignia	
Optimists	Flag with Optimist Insignia	

Visiting Class.	Flag V	
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7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be on Corio Bay.

8. THE COURSES

Appendixes A to D inclusive describe the courses to be sailed. Special Course events will have separately-issued supplementary sailing instructions.

- a) The signals used to signify the Special Course to be sailed is listed in Appendix C
- b) The remaining courses shall be signalled by Chalk-board (or similar)

9. MARKS

The marks are described in Appendixes A to D inclusive.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. The Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. For a subsequent change the new mark will be replaced by the original mark.

For courses with a gate, the axis will not be changed following the start. This changes RRS 33.

- 11.2. When flag T is displayed at the leeward mark with repeated sound signals, boats shall proceed directly to the finish. This changes RRS32.2

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the course side of the finish mark.
- 12.2. Boats not racing shall stay clear of the finish line.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. Back-to-Back Races:

The first boat in each division (or class) must finish within 90 Minutes of the starting signal. If not, the race will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within forty minutes after the first boat of the last-finishing division sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), as per RRS 15.5. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

- 13.2. Standard Courses:

The first boat in each division (or class) must finish within 2 1/2 hours of the starting signal. If not, the race will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within sixty minutes

after the first boat of the last division-finishing sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), as per RRS 15.5. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Protest forms are available from the box located upstairs at the OTB Clubhouse. Protests and Requests for Redress or reopening, shall be delivered to the Race Officer, Club Captain, Chair of Yachting and Boating Committee or the Sailing Manager within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 48 hours of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the date, time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Boats that join the series after one or more completed races will be awarded a "Late Entrant" score for each earlier race. The "Late Entrant" score will be the Did Not Compete score for the first race in which the boat competes. Previously allocated Did Not Compete scores will not be altered.
- 15.2. When a class boat is replaced by one of the same design during the season, the aggregate points scored will carry forward to the replacement boat. The replacement boat shall be allocated a provisional handicap.

A replacement boat of a different design, or change of ownership, shall be deemed to be a new entry. Aggregate point accumulation shall start at zero.

- 15.3. Only boats listed on the Club's register that have submitted a season entry will be eligible to score aggregate points.

Accumulation of points will start from the date of their register application.

Boats entering individual races but not a complete series will qualify for individual race prizes but are excluded from series aggregate points.

- 15.4. If there are less than three (3) starters in a division or class, race scores will be excluded from the aggregate.
- 15.5. Boats still racing when her time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes rules 35, A4.2 and A5
- 15.6. Discards
RRS A2 is amended by the following:
 - a) Eight (8) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- b) When fewer than twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- c) When twelve (12) races or more have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores for 20% of races to the nearest lower whole number. This changes RRS A2.

15.7. Handicap System

- a) Mixed Class OTB Championship:
Australian Sailing's Yardstick system shall be used.
- b) Mixed Class OTB Handicap
A Performance-based Handicap system shall be superimposed on the Yardstick to compute corrected times.
- c) Cadet Handicap
The relativity across the Red and Blue fleets shall be maintained using a Performance-based Handicap system.
- d) Opti Handicap
A Performance-based Handicap system shall be used.

15.8. The Club Handicapper shall be notified, preferably in writing, at least three hours before the race of any substantial change to hull, rig or replacement sails which is likely to change performance.

15.9. Provisional results will be displayed on the Club's Web Site as soon as practicable.

15.10. Dispensation for boats competing in away events

RRS A4 is changed as follows:

Boats undertaking racing or delivery to Australian Sailing recognised events on or during the RGYC club season may apply in writing to the Yachting and Boating Committee for an allocated race score to be applied as follows.

- The boat's allocated race score shall be the average of her scores in the five (5) races in that series immediately prior to the race for which an average score is requested.
- If five (5) races have not been conducted prior to the date of the requested event the boat's allocated race score shall be the average of her scores for the first five (5) races in that series.
- The scores of other boats shall not be changed
- No more than two club race-days per boat can be awarded dispensation.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1. A Check-Out and Check-In sheet will be located on a table in the OTB Club-house.

The skipper (or crew) of each boat shall check-out by signing this sheet prior to leaving the shore, and check-in by signing this sheet as soon as possible upon returning to shore at the completion of racing, but no later than the protest time

limit. In addition to the sign on/off sheet, an electronic version will be made available on a trial basis.

- 16.2. Failure to check-out or check-in may result in a boat being scored DNF by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 16.3. Prior to starting, boats shall “report” their intention to race by hailing their sail number to the race committee boat, after it is on station at the starting line, and shall have their hail acknowledged
- 16.4. A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify a rescue boat operator, the race committee boat or the R.G. Base Radio Operator as soon as possible

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. Substitution of helmsperson is not permitted.
- 17.2. Only major items of equipment damaged or lost may be substituted, then only if approved by the race committee or allowed by class rules. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. For the purpose of the event 'major equipment' consists of Hull, Mast, top mast, whisker pole, boom, dagger board, rudder - tiller and stock and sails.
- 17.3. Boats displaying a sail number other than the number recorded at entry may be scored DNC by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5 and 63.1.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats may display the RGYC Burgee.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as per the Prize list, available on the Club's Website.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in RGYC races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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 racing.

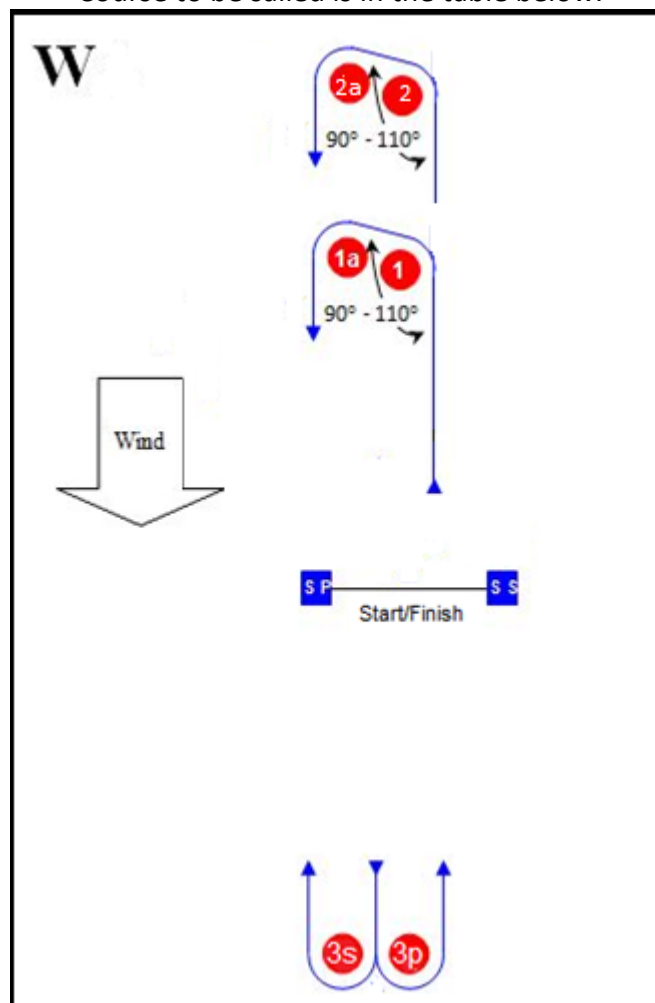
22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 (\$10 million) per event or the equivalent, **plus racing risk endorsement**.

APPENDIX A

Windward-Leeward Course

Course to be sailed is in the table below.



If 1a is not laid, round 1 to port

If 2a is not laid, round 2 to port

If 3s is not laid, round 3p to port

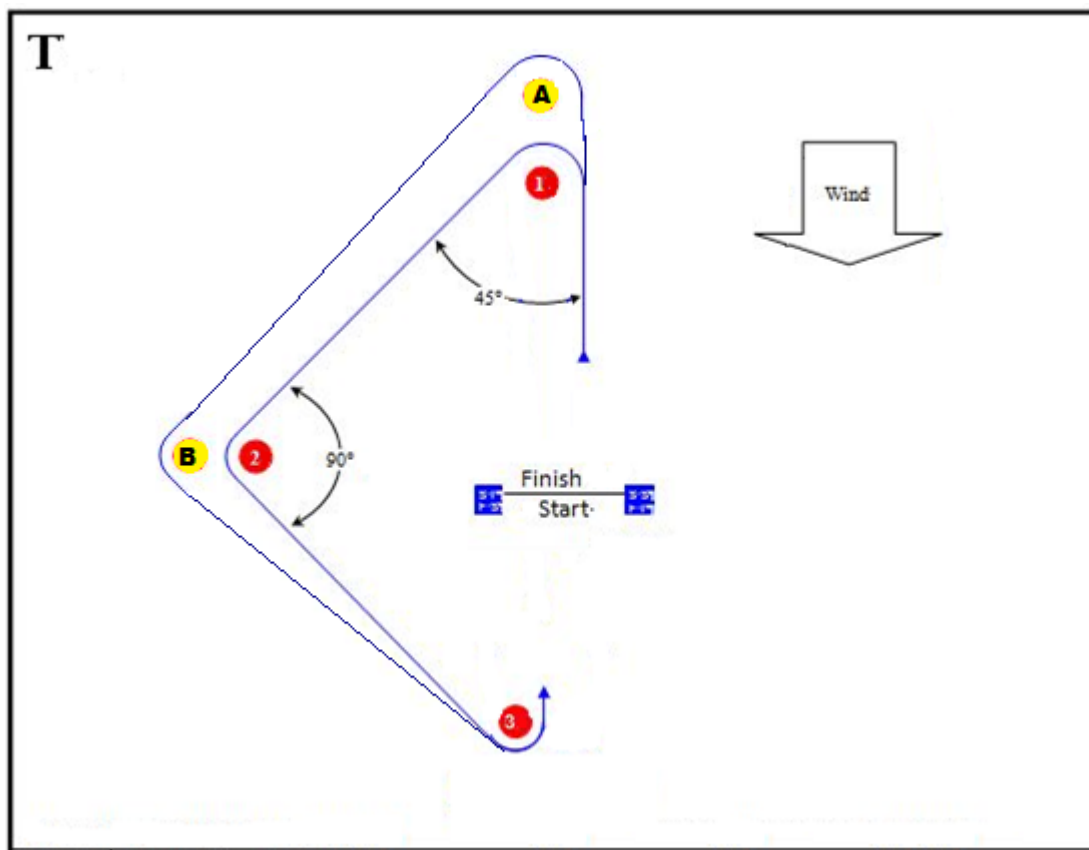
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W1	Start-1-1a-3s/3p-Finish	WO1	Start-2-2a-3s/3p-Finish
W2	Start-1-1a-3s/3p- 1-1a-3s/3p -Finish	WO2	Start-2-2a--3s/3p--2-2a--3s/3p Finish
W3	Start-1-1a-3s/3p- 1-1a-3s/3p -1-1a-3s/3p - Finish	WO3	Start-2-2a--3s/3p- 2-2a--3s/3p - 2-2a--3s/3p Finish

Marks	Description
Start / Finish Mark	Yellow Inflated Tube
Mark 1,3S & 3P	Cylinder Shaped Orange Air Bag
Mark 1a, 2a	Black Cone -
Mark 2	Yellow Cone Air Bag
New Mark	Cylinder Shaped Orange Air Bag with a black band
Start/Finish	Yellow Inflatable tube

APPENDIX B

Triangle Course

All marks to Port
Course to be sailed is in the table below.

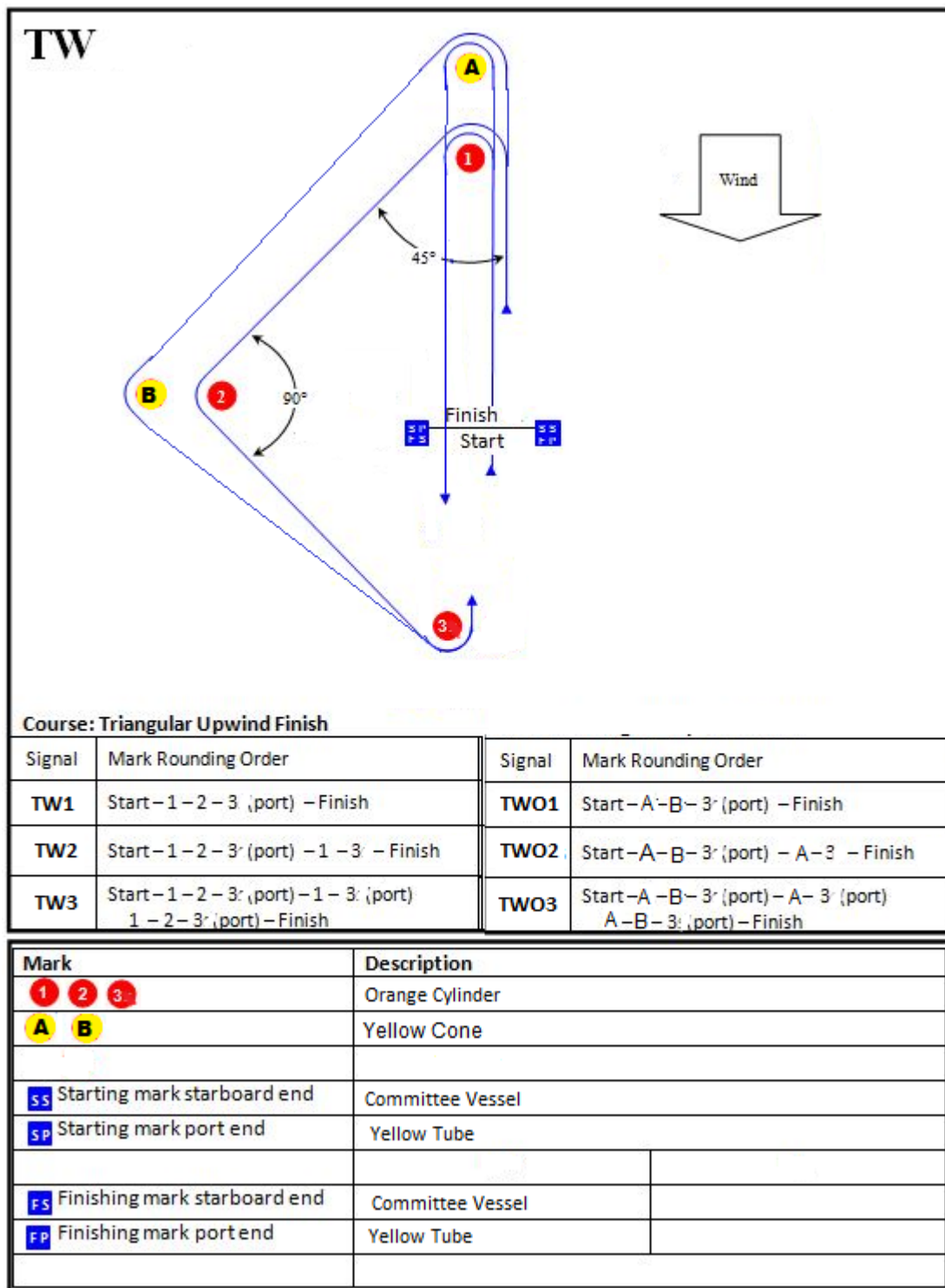


Signal	Mark Rounding Order	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
T1	Start-1-2-3-Finish	TO1	Start-A-B-3-Finish
T2	Start-1-2-3- 1-2-3- Finish	TO2	Start-A-B-3- A-B-3-Finish
T3	Start-1-2-3- 1-2-3-1-2-3Finish	TO3	Start-A-B-3- A-B-3- A-B-3-Finish

Marks	Description
Start / Finish Mark	Yellow Inflated Tube
Mark 1, 2 & 3	Cylinder Shaped Orange Air Bag
Mark A, & B	Yellow Cone
New Mark	Cylinder Shaped Orange Air Bag with a black band

APPENDIX C

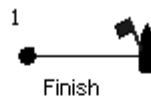
Triangle-Windward-Leeward Course



Appendix D

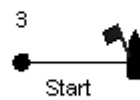
Special Course

Numeral 6



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All Marks to PORT

Misc

Start-1-2-3-1-2-4-2-3-1-2-3-Finish

Cadet/Opti

Start-1-2-4-1-3-4-2-3-Finish

ATTACHMENT 1

Signal Flags

For Information Only

<p>A </p> <p>B </p> <p>C </p> <p>D </p> <p>E </p> <p>F </p> <p>G </p> <p>H </p> <p>I </p> <p>J </p>	<p>K </p> <p>L </p> <p>M </p> <p>N </p> <p>O </p> <p>P </p> <p>Q </p> <p>R </p> <p>S </p> <p>T </p>	<p>U </p> <p>V </p> <p>W </p> <p>X </p> <p>Y </p> <p>Z </p>	<p>1 </p> <p>2 </p> <p>3 </p> <p>4 </p> <p>5 </p> <p>6 </p> <p>7 </p> <p>8 </p> <p>9 </p> <p>0 </p>	<p>1 </p> <p>2 </p> <p>3 </p> <p>4 </p> <p>5 </p> <p>6 </p> <p>7 </p> <p>8 </p> <p>9 </p> <p>0 </p>
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Revision Record

<i>Rev No</i>	<i>Revision Date</i>	<i>Clause Affected/Notes</i>
A	26 Sept 2017	Issued for Review Geoff Searle Input
B	5/10/2017	Courses marked up, cadet insignia
C	8 Oct 2017	Courses marked up, cadet insignia
D	28 Oct 2017	Course Numbering Revised