



**Royal Geelong Yacht Club inc.**

**BRAVO COURSE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

***October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to  
September 30<sup>th</sup> 2019***

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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.

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 Life Jackets 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 three (3) 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	Flag G	
International Cadet Class	White Flag with black 'C' Insignia	
Optimists	Flag with Optimist Insignia	
Visiting Class.	Flag V	

## **7. RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be on Corio Bay.

## **8. THE COURSES**

No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying a course flag. Appendixes A to C 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 are listed in Appendix C

## **9. MARKS**

The marks are described in Appendixes A to C inclusive.

## **10. THE START**

10.1. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.2. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'DID NOT START' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1. The course shall not be changed after 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 RRS 32.2

## **12. THE FINISH**

12.1. Boats not racing shall stay clear of the finish line.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

Type	Time Limit	Finishing Window
Back-to-Back Races	90 Minutes	25 Minutes
Standard Courses	150 minutes	45 minutes

## **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. This changes RRS S13.2

14.2. Protest forms are available from the box located upstairs at the OTB Clubhouse. Protests and Requests for Redress or re-opening, 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. This changes RRS S13.3

- 14.4. When the protest committee decides that a boat is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it shall disqualify her or impose any lesser penalty. A penalty shall be imposed whether or not the applicable rule was mentioned in the protest. This changes Rule 64.1 (a)

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1. Boats that join the series after one or more completed races will be given the Did Not Compete (DNC) score for each earlier race.
- 15.2. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored the points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS A9 and A5.
- 15.3. 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, class or change of ownership, shall be deemed to be a new entry. Series aggregate point accumulation shall start at zero.
- 15.4. Only boats listed on the Club's register that have submitted a season entry will be eligible to score series 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.
- 15.5. If there are less than three (3) starters in a division or class, race scores will be excluded from the series aggregate.
- 15.6. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2), but no more points than the number of competitors entered. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4.2 and A5
- 15.7. 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) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 20% of scores.. This changes RRS A2.

## 15.8. 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.

15.9. 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 are likely to change performance.

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

15.11. 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 helms person 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**

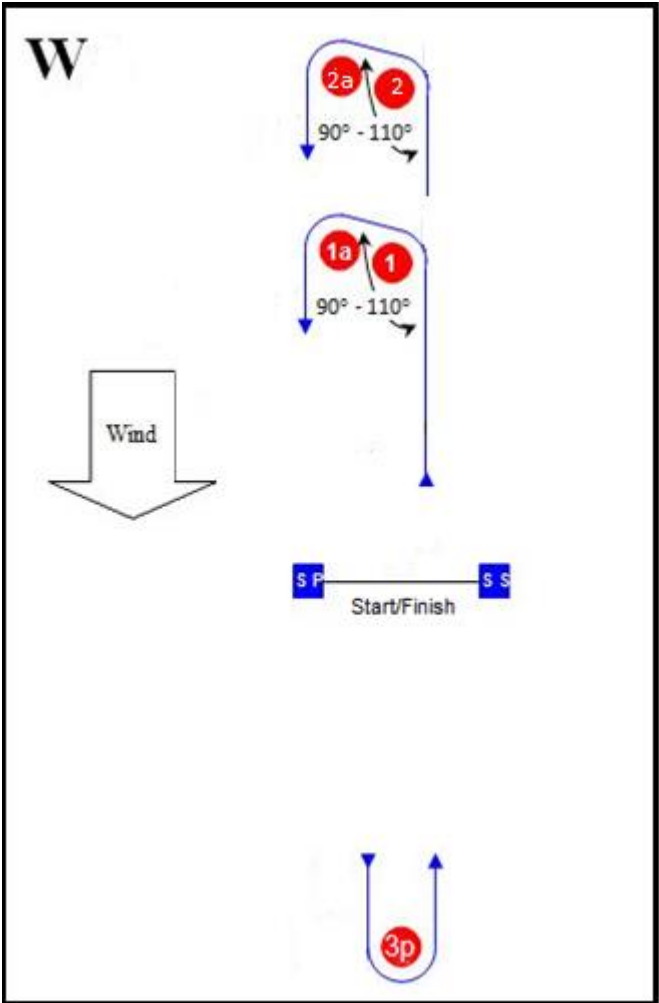
Competitors participate in RGYC races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

### **22. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000), with racing risk, per incident or the equivalent.

### APPENDIX A

Windward-Leeward Course  
 Course to be sailed is in the table below.  
 Signal: Numeral Pennant 1



If 1a (or 2a) is not laid, round 1 (or 2) to port  
 For all other marks, round to port

Group	Mark Rounding Order
Opti	Start-2-2a-3p-Finish
Cadet	Start-1-1a-3p- 1-1a-/3p -Finish
Mixed	Start-2-2a--3s/3p--2-2a--3s/3p Finish

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

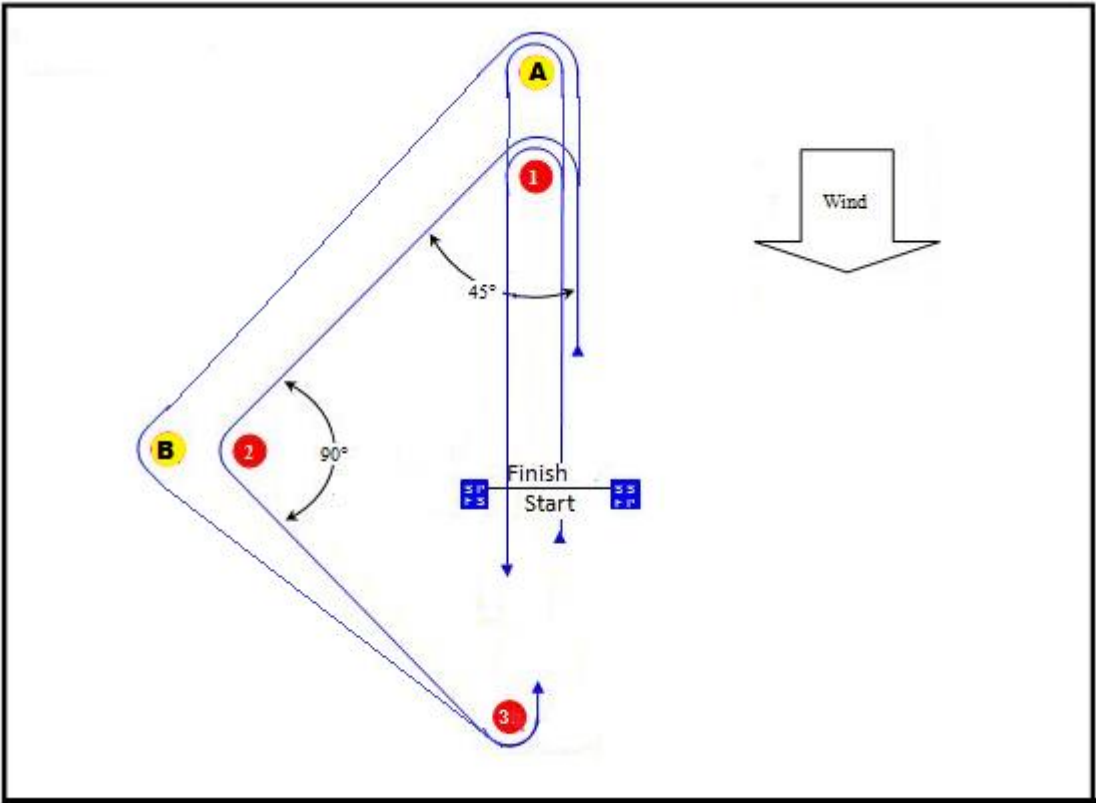




**APPENDIX B**

Triangle-Windward-Leeward Course

Signal: Numeral Pennant 2



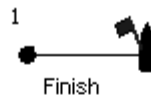
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Group	Mark Rounding Order
Opti	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
Cadet	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
Mixed	Start - A - B - 3 - A - 3 - Finish

Marks	Description
Start / Finish Mark	Yellow Inflated Tube
Mark 1, 2 and 3	Cylinder Shaped Orange Air Bag
Mark A and Ba	Yellow Cone Air Bag

**Appendix C**  
Special Course

Numeral 6



All Marks to PORT

Misc

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







































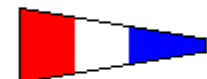







Cadet/Opti

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>Alphabet</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>Naval Numerals</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>Numerals</p>
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**Revision Record**

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