



## Racing Instructions 2018- 2019 Season

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – 2018/19

The 2018 -2019 Season of Sailing conducted by the Ranelagh Yacht Squadron (RYS) under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS) will be held on the waters of Port Phillip, Victoria, Australia, in the vicinity of Ranelagh Yacht Squadron.

#### 1. RULES.

All races will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the Notice of Race, and by these sailing instructions.

#### 2. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

Races are scheduled as per the RYS calendar.

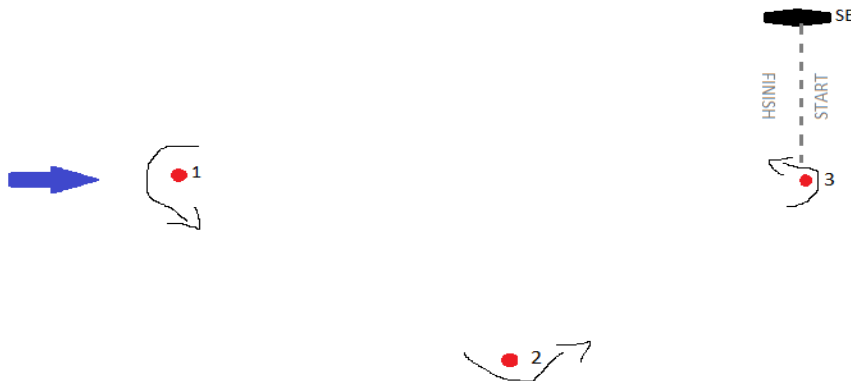
#### 3. RACING AREA.

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Ranelagh Yacht Squadron except for Long Distance Races.

#### 4. COURSES.

All classes shall sail on the same course as pictured below. Port or starboard courses will be indicated from the start boat by displaying a red or green flag respectively.

#### COURSE



#### COURSE A (WATER FINISH)

**COURSE:** S – 1 – 2 – 3 -1-F

#### 5. MARKS.

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange cylindrical, self-inflatable buoys. It must be rounded on the appropriate side for the course direction. For each Course the finish mark will be a staff mark with a red flag attached.

#### 6. START.

The starting line will be between the staff displaying an RYS Burgee on the race committee boat at the starboard end and Mark 3 at the port end.

A yacht shall not start later than five minutes after her starting signal.

## *7. THE FINISH.*

The finish line shall be between a mast or staff displaying the RYS burgee on the race committee finishing vessel and the port-end finishing Mark 3.

## *8. PENALTY SYSTEM.*

The penalty shall be one 360-degree turn. This alters RRS 44.16.

## *9. SCORING*

Boats will be award points based on their position through the finish line for their individual class.

## *10. SIGN ON AND SIGN OFF.*

**19.1** The skipper of each yacht shall sign on prior to the warning signal of the first division of the first race of the day on a form located near the white boards of the Beach Box.

## *11. MEETING OF COMPETITORS.*

A meeting of competitors may be held in the Beach Box prior to any race. Questions about the sailing instructions will be accepted and answered. However, such answers, whether written or not, shall not form a part of these sailing instructions.

## *12. COMPLIANCE WITH SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.*

Failure to comply with these Sailing Instructions shall result in disqualification from the race(s) in which they are infringed.

## *13. INDEMNITY.*

All those taking part in RYS races, do so at their own risk and responsibility. RYS is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. RYS, its members or those persons assisting RYS, will not be responsible for damage caused to yachts by Club rescue boats or other boats assisting in rescue duties, or in any other circumstances or manner whatsoever. Attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states, inter alia:

**“A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.”**