



SNARK TROPHY

Organising Authority
Davey's Bay Yacht Club
Mt Eliza, Victoria

in conjunction with **Ranelagh Club**
Sunday 8th February and Sunday 1st March 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2.
- 1.2. The SNARK Trophy is sailed in Pacer class boats without spinnakers

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1200hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3. As a courtesy to members, the Organising Committee may draw attention to the changes on the club website.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official notice board is on the Davey's Bay Yacht Club website at <http://www.dbyc.com.au/notice-board.html>. Notices may be repeated on the Ranelagh Club website.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. At Ranelagh Club: Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole.
- 5.2. At DBYC: Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the Murdoch Safety Tower.
- 5.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 8 th February 2026	Welcome and Competitor information at Ranelagh Club	1230
	Racing session 1 off Ranelagh Club	1330
	Presentation for day 1 at Ranelagh Club	1730
	Dinner available at Ranelagh Club	1800
Sunday 1 st March 2026	Welcome and Information session at DBYC	1230
	Racing session 2 off Davey's Bay YC	1400
Sunday 1 st March 2026	SNARK TROPHY Presentation at Davey's Bay YC	ASAP after Racing

- 6.1. The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each session is shown above.
- 6.2. Multiple races may be sailed in a session.
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least **three** minutes before a warning signal is made.

7. DIVISIONS AND FLAGS

- 7.1. DBYC Club racing will be conducted from the same starting vessel.
- 7.2. The starting order for racing Divisions will be at the discretion of the Starter.
- 7.3. Several Divisions may be started together at the discretion of the Starter.
- 7.4. The Pacer class flag will be used for the SNARK fleet.

8. VENUE AND RACING AREA

The race area will be the waters of Port Phillip Bay.

On 8th February 2026 Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of Ranelagh Club, Mt Eliza.

On 1st March Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Yacht Club, Mt Eliza.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left and the marks of the course.
- 9.2. No later than the Preparatory Signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course and approximate compass bearing of the first leg. These will be displayed on a board at the stern of the start boat.
- 9.3. If the marks of the course are to be different to those shown in Attachment A, the information will be provided at the information session for that days racing session.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks are described in SI Attachment A

11. THE START

- 11.1. RRS 26 is changed so that the Warning Signal is made 3 minutes before the Starting Signal and the Preparatory Signal is made 2 minutes before the Starting Signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

- 11.3. Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A5.

12. RECALLS

Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The target time for a SNARK race is 20 minutes.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish a race within 5 minutes after the first boat finishes may be allocated a place at the discretion of the Race Officer. This alters RRS 35, 62.1(a), A4 and A5.
- 14.3. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.4. The time limit for a SNARK race is 60mins.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Mediation is encouraged for any breach of rule(s) by the SNARK fleet.
- 15.2. If mediation cannot resolve the matter, Protest forms are available at the Race Office, located in the Murdoch Safety Tower. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3. For each division, the protest time limit and redress time limit is 60 minutes after the boat has finished the last race of the day. The words "or two hours after the incident" is deleted from RRS 62.2.
- 15.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located in the Murdoch Safety Tower, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the SNARK Trophy.
- 16.2. 3 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3. RRS Appendix A4 LOW POINT SYSTEM will apply.
- 16.4. A Club Team series score shall be the total of all the Teams' boats individual race scores. E.g. All races to count.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turn penalty is replaced by the One-turn penalty.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Sign-on and Sign-off. All entrants shall sign-on and sign-off by hailing the start crew aboard the Race Committee vessel and receiving acknowledgement.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 19.1. A boat may substitute her crew during a race session provided NOR 4.3 (minimum number of junior sailors) is met; and
- 19.2. All sailors during a race session are listed in the Team as per NOR 4.4.; and meets the spirit of the event.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone communications.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in this event does so entirely at their own risk. The organising authority nor any club listed in the Notice of Race is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat or the sufficiency / adequacy of its equipment. **Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, “*The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone*”.**

22. INSURANCE

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

23. PRIZES

As per NOR 17.

Attachment A - Course Diagram SNARK 2026

MARK SNARK 1, SNARK 2 AND SNARK 3: FLAG MARKS various colours

START MARK RED INFLATABLE BUOY

FINISH MARK WHITE INFLATABLE WITH BLUE TOP

SNARK COURSE 1 Start – 1, 2, 3 - Downwind Finish

SNARK COURSE 2 Start – 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3 - Downwind Finish

NOTE:

Port course.

Not to scale.

Other marks may be present in the course area.

