



## Season 2021-2022

The organising authority is Davey's Bay Yacht Club Inc.

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. RULES

All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 will apply to all "off the beach" boats including Flying Fifteens.

Directions issued by the Victorian Government's Chief Health Officer and Davey's Bay Yacht Club's COVID Safe Plan

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board situated on the club website at <http://www.dbyc.com.au/official-notice-board.html> or on the Notice Board at the base of the Murdoch Safety Tower when COVID restrictions allow access to the club.

## 3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. In order to qualify for entry, the helmsperson or crew shall be financial members of Davey's Bay Yacht Club (DBYC) and/or be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.2. Visitor entries – Visitors complying with RRS 46 may complete a 'Visitor Entry and Owners Declaration' form and pay the requisite \$25 visitor fee per sailing day.
- 3.3. Visitors are not eligible for results in DBYC Series races or Trophy races. The maximum number of visits per season shall be four.

## 4. MINIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS

The racing will proceed providing there are six (6) competitors across all divisions ranked as starters.

## 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1300 on the day it will take effect except, that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 5.2. As a courtesy to members, the Sailing Committee may draw attention to the changes on the Notice Board situated at the base of the Murdoch Safety Tower or the Sailor App.

## 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the Murdoch Safety Tower.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. The schedule of races is shown in the calendar which is available on the DBYC website or Sailor App. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Club website's [Official Notice Board](#) by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 7.2. On days where a trophy race is scheduled the trophy race will be the first race of the day with subsequent races being championship races.

- 7.3. The scheduled time of the Information Session each race day is 12:30hrs.
- 7.4. The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1330hrs.
- 7.5. 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.
- 7.6. Championship series are scratch races, Aggregate series are based on individual handicaps and the Davey's Bay Cup and Easter Cup are Division events based on individual handicaps.

## 8. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Division	Flag	Yachting Victoria Yardstick
1	Flying Fifteen	114 and less eg. Flying Fifteen, , Moth, Contender, Finn, Laser Full
2	420	115 – 119 eg. 420 & Laser Radial
3	Pacer	120 – 150 eg. Pacer, Sabre & Laser 4.7
4	Optimist	151 and higher e.g. Optimist, Open Bic, Minnow, Sabot

Classes not listed in these instructions will be allocated to a division by the Race Committee on the day they are sailing. Division may be combined on one start line by flying multiple Division flags.

## 9. RACING AREA

The race area will be the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Yacht Club.

## 10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. No later than the Warning 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 Committee Vessel.
- 10.3. If a course other than one shown in Attachment A is to be used, the Race Officer will advise at the pre-race Information Session.
- 10.4. If the marks of the course are to be different to those shown in Attachment A, the Race Officer will advise at the pre-race Information Session.

## 11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks are described in Attachment A
- 11.2. When the finish is in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Jetty, the port end finishing mark will be a pink flag.

## 12. THE START

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committees Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3. Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4. A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A5.
- 12.5. When code flag J is displayed with a division flag at the start (or subsequently from a committee vessel adjacent to a mark), the **Finishing Line** will be in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Jetty. In this case, the finish shall be between a staff displaying a pink flag and the end of the Jetty.

## 13. RECALLS

Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.

#### 14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the Finishing Line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

#### 15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The Finishing 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 finishing mark.
- 15.2. When code flag J is displayed with a division flag at the start (or subsequently from a committee vessel adjacent to a mark), the **Finishing Line** will be in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Jetty. In this case, the finish shall be between a staff displaying a pink flag and the end of the Jetty

#### 16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. Time limits and target times are as follows

Division	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Target Time	Race Target Time
1	75mins	15mins	45mins
2	75mins	15mins	45mins
3	75mins	15mins	45mins
4	40mins	15mins	25mins

- If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 target time the race may be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored on the water in their position at the time, at the discretion of the Race Committee. A boat may not request redress because of an action under this SI. This alters RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.3. For multiple short course Sprint Series, the target time for a race will be 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish a sprint race 5 minutes after the first boat finishes will be allocated a place at the discretion of the Race Officer. This alters RRS 35, 62.1(a), A4 and A5.

#### 17. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. For each division, the protest time limit and redress time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The words "or two hours after the incident" is deleted from RRS 62.2.
- 17.3. 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.
- 17.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

#### 18. SCORING

- 18.1. RRS Appendix A4 LOW POINT SYSTEM in conjunction with RRS Appendix A9 RACE SCORES IN A SERIES LONGER THAN A REGATTA will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst scores discarded as per the table below for the club **Major Aggregate and Championship** (MAC) and other series as scheduled in the DBYC calendar.

Races completed	Discards
0-4	0
5-8	1
9-15	2
16-22	3
23-30	4

- 18.2. 3 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3. Up to 2 races completed in a session will be scored for Trophy events, except for the Commodore's Cup (first race only) and the Davey's Bay Cup (first race only).
- 18.4. The race(s) back to Davey's Bay Jetty will not be included in a series score.
- 18.5. Any trophy event to be re-sailed will be scheduled at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.
- 18.6. Races results based on handicap will use the handicap already established from prior races or seasons. The handicap will be a rolling average of a boat's last three races.
- 18.7. Scoring when on Duty. For those skippers who miss an aggregate race due to their involvement as Duty Officer, or Duty Crew a result will be recorded for the race. This will be taken as an average result based on the last 3 races previously completed without penalty in the current season. In the event three races without scoring penalty have not been completed the result concerned will not be filled in until three races without scoring penalty have been completed. It is the affected boat's responsibility to draw the situation to the attention of the handicapper/scorer.
- 18.8. Scoring when away. Skippers missing Club Championship and Aggregate events for class National or State Championships, with a Training squad for a National or State event or compassionate reasons (at discretion of the Sailing Committee) may apply to the Sailing Committee prior to their absence to have their best three results in the same series averaged to provide points in the missed races. It is the affected boat's responsibility to draw the situation to the attention of the handicapper/scorer of any away-from-club commitments. Any dispute in this matter will be decided by the Sailing Committee.

## 19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. Sign-on and Sign-off. All entrants shall sign-on and sign-off the Sailor App or by using the entry/race book located at the base of the Murdoch Safety Tower. Entrants who omit to sign-on or sign-off will result in that boat being scored a DP (Discretionary penalty) of 25% of their finishing place in the first race of the day without a hearing but no worse than the score for DNF. This changes Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 19.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## 20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. A boat may substitute her crew during a series. However, a substitution of skipper during a series will be considered a new entry. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Substitute crew shall not helm the boat.
- 20.2. A boat may change her sail number from the one supplied on the **Boat Registration Form** provided the change be in writing and submitted to the Race Control Tower at least one hour before the scheduled start time of the first division in that race. Failure to do so will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 21. 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. However, a boat may use a GPS recording device while racing for the purpose of post-race analysis of its racing performance.

## 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in Davey's Bay Yacht Club events do so entirely at their own risk. Davey's Bay Yacht Club 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".**

## 23. 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) per event or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who sign a **Boat Registration Form** are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

## **24. PRIZES**

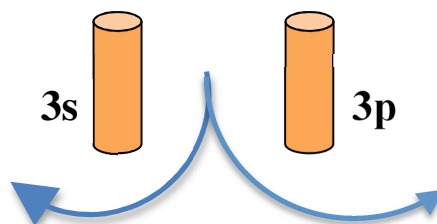
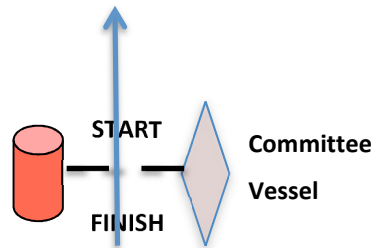
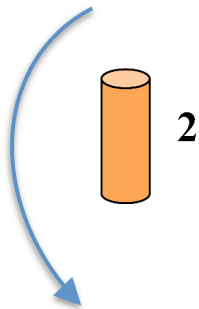
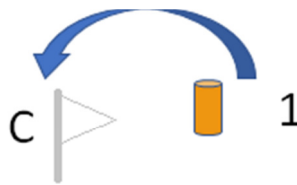
Prizes will be awarded for each series at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

# Attachment A - Course Diagram

**OUTER MARKS** 1, 2 and 3p/3s – Yellow inflatable or orange conical buoys  
**INNER MARKS** 1 and 2 – As described in Race Information Session (often flags)  
**CLEARANCE MARK “C”** Flag  
**START / FINISH MARK** Red or yellow inflatable buoy

**COURSE 1** START - 1,C,3sp - 1,C,2, 3p leaving 3s to starboard - FINISH  
**COURSE 2** START - 1,C,3sp - 1,C,2, 3p leaving 3s to starboard - 1,C, 3sp - FINISH  
**COURSE 3** START - 1,C,3sp - 1,C,3sp - 1,C, 3sp - FINISH

NOTE: Port course shown. Not to scale. Orange Cylinders shown in diagram may be either yellow inflatable or orange conical buoys.



COURSE 4

Windward - Slalom Leeward  
START - 1C, 2s, 3p, 4s, 5p, 6s - FINISH

