

**Bendigo Yacht Club Inc**

**2023-2024 Season**

**Championship Series**

**Metcalf & Kimbolton Series**



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## **1 RULES**

Sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Australia Sailing and Class rules.

The notation [DP] in a rule in the sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS rule 60.1(a)

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse foyer.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 13.00 hrs on the day it will take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole to the southeast of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.'

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Races will be conducted as per the Sailing Program 2023-2024
- 5.2 The first warning signal on race days will be at 13:45 hrs.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed accompanied by a one sound signal at least two minutes before the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal for that race.
- 5.4 If another race is to be held immediately after the finish of a race, code flag L will be displayed from the Race Committee boat at time of the finishing of the 1<sup>st</sup> boat till the finishing of the last boat.
- 5.5 Changes to the Sailing Program 2023-2024 may be notified on the notice board in the club house foyer, the club website [www.beyc.org.au](http://www.beyc.org.au) and Main Sheet newsletter, email or on the official club Facebook page. The version number and date is displayed in the footer of the Sailing Instructions, with the most recent version taking effect. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

## **6 DIVISIONS**

Race starts will be in order as per the divisions listed in clause 8.

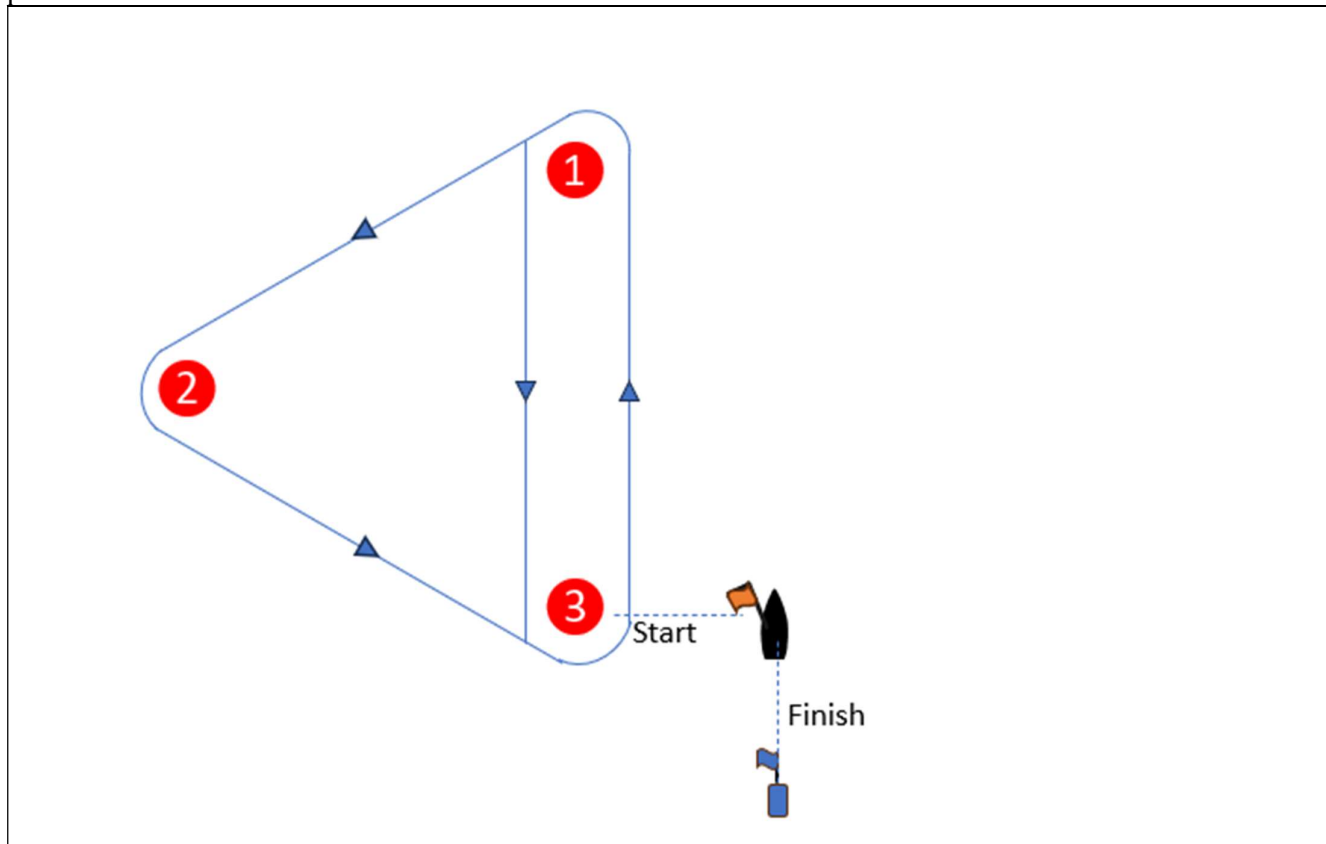
## **7 RACING AREA**

Lake Eppalock, Kimbolton Pool in the vicinity of Bendigo Yacht Club.

## 8 COURSES

8.1 All courses are to be sailed to Port (all course marks are to be left to port, except start and finish marks).

8.2 The diagram below shows the approximate courses layout and the order in which the marks are to be passed.



Division	Flag	Classes	Course
One		Mono Hulls	4 laps - S 123 13 123 13 F
Two		Trailable Yachts	4 laps - S 123 13 123 13 F
Three		Catamarans	6 laps - S 123 13 123 13 123 13 F (Metcalf and Kimbolton series <b>non Club Championship races only</b> ) <i>Club Championship races - S 123 13 123 13 F 123 13 F</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> time through F counts to Club Championship</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> time through F counts to Metcalfe or Kimbolton series.</i>
Four		Green Fleet	2 laps – S 13 13 F

- 8.4 Shortened Course** will be signalled by Code Flag S which will be flown from the Race Committee Boat at the start/finish line. This will be accompanied by 2 sound signals which will be repeated when each competitor or group of competitors approaches Mark 3. Boats are then required to pass Mark 3 on the correct side for the course then proceed to the finish line. This changes RRS rules 32.1 and 32.2

## **9 MARKS**

Course Mark 1, 2, 3 will be orange or red balls, or self-inflating cone buoys

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal as described in Addendum A.
- 10.2 The starting line will be Mark 3 at the port end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end.
- 10.3 '[DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5 and A4
- 10.5 When a general recall is signalled the new start for the recalled division shall be after all other scheduled starts and any prior recalled divisions.
- 10.6 Individual Recall as per rule 29

## **11 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a Blue Flag on a staff at the Starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the Port end.

## **12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 12.1 If no boat has rounded the first mark of the course within 30 minutes after the start, the race will be abandoned. A race may also be abandoned at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat from their division finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1 Protest forms are available in the drawers outside the Control Room Window.
- 13.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 13.4 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 at a time and place determined by the protest committee.

## 14 PENALTIES

- 14.1 For Division Three rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

## 15 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES

- 15.1 **The Club Championship Series** will consist of races as outlined in the Sailing Program 2023-2024. Overall results will be calculated using Australian Sailing Yardstick.
- 15.2 **The Metcalfe Series and the Kimbolton Series** will consist of those races outlined in the Sailing Program 2023-2024. Both series will be scored individually in addition to the Club Championship. Divisional results will be calculated using Australian Sailing Yardstick.
- 15.3 **The Pennant Series** is a Personal Performance Handicap which will also be conducted using the races within the Metcalfe Series and the Kimbolton Series.
- 15.4 **The Ancient Mariners Series** will consist of races as outlined in the Sailing Program 2023-2024. To be eligible for this series the helmspersons need to be aged 60 years and over.

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring will be as per the *Low Point System* (RRS Appendix A4) and RRS Appendix A5.3. For a race to count toward the series score, there must be at least 2 competitors in each division, Div 1 & 2 are combined for this purpose and scored together. The Australian Sailing Yardsticks (2023-2024 for OTB monohulls and 2023-2024 for OTB catamarans) will be applied<sup>1</sup>. Trailable yachts will be scored according to the ATYSBR JULY 2019 CBH ratings will be converted to yardsticks.
- 16.2 Average Points (duty score) will be allocated for Club Championship races for members who have been rostered to assist with race management provided they perform that function on the day. A maximum of 3 duties days can score average points for Club Championship series and 2 duties days for Metcalfe and Kimbolton Series. A boat's Duty Score will be the average of all non-DNC results in the series. If a member performs another member's rostered duty this should be declared on the sign-on sheet and average points may apply up to the maximum number of races. An exception may be made by application to the sailing committee if a member foregoes racing to perform duty, and the race would not have been able to run without their assistance.
- 16.3 Members who are unable to compete in any Series races due to state, national or international titles may request average points for those races for a maximum of 2 events. This request must be made in writing to the Sailing Committee before the relevant event.
- 16.4 The minimum number of races required to constitute a series is 6 for the Club Championship Series, 6 for each of the Metcalfe Series and the Kimbolton series and 6 for the Ancient Mariners Series.

<sup>1</sup> with exceptions where alternative recommendations are noted in class rules. Specifically, Crew weight adjustments, will not be used. A-Class (Vintage) is to apply only to pre-2000 vintage hull designs, regardless of sail or board configuration.

16.5 The number of exclusions to apply for Each Series is shown in the table below:

Number of Exclusions per Series	Number of Races Held per Series			
	Championship Series	Metcalfe Series	Kimbolton Series	Ancient Mariner Series
0	0-4	0-4	0-4	0-4
1	5-8	5-8	5-8	5-8
2	9-10	9-10	9-10	9-10
3	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12

## 17 REPLACEMENTS OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Notify the control room of Replacement of crew should be done when signing on or in writing to Race Committee.
- 17.2 Changes of equipment due to repairs or upgrades over the series are permitted.
- 17.3 All persons on board a boat while racing shall abide by Rule 46 (shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or hold a valid Sail Pass)

## 18 ENTRIES

- 18.1 All entrants must pay an entry fee – either annual entry fee or daily race fee of \$10 for single handers or \$15 for crewed boats.
- 18.2 All persons on board a boat while racing shall abide by Rule 46 (shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or hold a valid Sail Pass)
- 18.3 A helmsperson may enter multiple divisions for each series but will be scored individually for each class and division. For example, two different classes of OTB monohull will have separate scores.
- 18.4 The helmsperson of a boat may change boats within the same class up to two times throughout a series. When a helmsperson changes boats more than twice, a separate entry for each of those boats will result.

## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

### 19.1 Sign-ON

[DP] Each helmsperson or a representative must Sign-on by the following methods 1/ on the sheet provided at the Control room window, or 2/ by verbal notification to the Race Officer on the Race Committee Boat. Names of helmsperson and all crew to be clearly legible. Boats that fail to sign on will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 & A5.

### 19.2 Sign-OFF

[DP] Each helmsperson or a representative must Sign-off on the sheet provided at the Control room window within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race for the day. Boats that fail to sign off may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 & A5.

- 19.3 A Boat that retires from a race or does not compete after signing on shall notify the Race committee as soon as possible by verbal notification to the Race Officer on the Race Committee Boat and by making a declaration on the sign on-off sheet.

- 19.4 Emergency Signal: when the Emergency Signal is turned on, ALL boats (except Safety Boats) are to immediately go ashore, and no boats (except safety Boats) are to depart the club.

The Emergency Signal is comprised of 4 white lights. The lights are located above the roof of the club house. The Emergency Signal applies to all boating activity being conducted by the Bendigo Yacht Club.

## 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by an inspector appointed by the Sailing Committee for compliance with the Class rules and the prescriptions of Australian Sailing.

## 21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio or data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communications that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The use of smart phone apps for GPS tracking, compass, speed, timing etc is permitted unless excluded by class rules.

## 22 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as determined by the Bendigo Yacht Club.

## 23 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough waters, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 24 INSURANCES

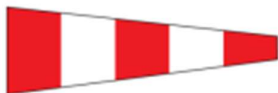



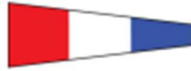













Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## 25 REGISTRATION FORM – Visiting sailors

In case of an incident, BeYC requires the emergency contact details for all participants.

A registration form is available from the draws under the Control Room window and shall be completed by all participants who are visiting from other clubs or sailing under a Sail Pass, prior to competing in their 1<sup>st</sup> race for the series.

## Addendum A - Race Signals

Postponement			
 	<b>AP (Answering Pennant)</b> Races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.		2 sound signals when displayed. 1 sound signal when removed.
	<b>Division Flags</b>		
Div 1 – OTB Monohulls 	Div 2 – Trailerable yachts 	Div 3 – Catamarans 	Div 4 – Green Fleet 
Start Sequence			
Minutes before starting signal	Visual Signal	Sound signal	Means
5 (first start only)	Orange Flag 	One	Committee boat on station
3	Division Flag displayed	One	Warning signal
2	Code Flag P displayed  	One	Preparatory signal
1	Code Flag P removed	One long	One minute signal
0	Division Flag removed	One	Starting Signal
Next division's Warning Signal is made at the same time as the previous Start Signal, no additional sound signal is made, time is taken at the Start Signal even if the flag is not displayed immediately.			
Other Signals			
Individual Recall – Code flag X 	General Recall – First Substitute 	Code flag L – Another race will be run immediately after the last boat finishes.  If displayed ashore a notice has been posted	
Shortened Course – Code Flag S 	   <b>N over A</b> All races are <i>abandoned</i> . No more racing today	  <b>N</b> All races that have started are <i>abandoned</i> . Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is <i>abandoned</i> again or <i>postponed</i> .	



