

SOMR '06

SAIL MELBOURNE 2006 **WESTERNPORT MARINA SOUTHERN OCEANS MULTIHULL REGATTA** **AND VICTORIAN TRAILABLE MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

JANUARY 14th – 21st, 2006

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: MULTIHULL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA

HOST CLUB: MULTIHULL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA

VENUE: WESTERNPORT MARINA, HASTINGS, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005- 2008
- 1.2** The modified Texel Rule(the QMYC Offshore Multihull Rule) will apply, except as altered by these sailing instructions.
AYF Special Regulation Addendum 'A' Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 5 shall apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Office window.
Race results will be displayed on the notice board as soon as possible after the race.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled start on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be displayed not later than 1900 hours the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 4.1** There shall be NO signals made ashore, facility is not available.

4.2 ADVISORY NOTE

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

It is recommended that Skipper / Crew should wear a suitable P.F.D. when on deck in conditions such that wearing of a P.F.D. is warranted.

Conditions which a Skipper / Crew may consider warrant the wearing of a P.F.D. include: increased wind speeds, sea state, crew experience and night sailing.

P.F.D.s should be selected having due consideration for the sailing environment (size & type of yacht)

Code Flag Y will be displayed on the race committee starting vessel to indicate when PFD's are to be worn.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

135.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Race	Date	Start Time	Warning Signal
Invitation	Sun Jan15	1200 hours	1155 hours
Race	Mon Jan16	0930 hours	0925 hours
Race	Tues Jan 17	0930 hours	0925 hours
Race	Wed Jan 18	0930 hours	0925 hours
Race	Wed Jan 18	1330 hours	1325 hours
Reserved	Thu Jan 19		
Sternchaser	Thu Jan 19	1330 hours	1325 hrs first boat
Race	Fri Jan 20	0930 hours	0925 hours
Race	Sat Jan 21	0930 hours	0925 hours

The Sternchaser does not count for Regatta point score.

The Race Committee may alter the designated course length prior to the course flag being displayed

Resail days may be used if races are not completed as scheduled or if the race committee considers it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled.

- 5.3** When more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more classes) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed and appropriate sound signal made at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours..

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1** The racing area shall be in the areas known as Western Port and Bass Strait. The areas are covered by chart AUS 150 .

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1** The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.

8 DESIGNATING THE COURSE

- 8.1** A numeral pennant will be displayed, from the committee vessel, prior to the warning signal .

9 THE START

- 9.1** Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2** The starting line will be between the mast of the committee vessel displaying an orange flag or shape, and a

yellow inflatable buoy

9.3 The starting times for sternchaser race will be affixed to the noticeboard.

9.4 At the Sternchaser start, if any part of a yacht's hull, crew or equipment crosses the starting line before her correct starting time, that yacht shall incur a 5% increment to her elapsed time for that race, unless she returns and starts correctly.

10 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

10.1 A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. The change of course will be signaled by a race committee vessel displaying code flag 'C', and the compass bearing to the new mark and a sound signal periodically. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The committee vessel is in position at the finish when displaying a blue flag or shape. The finish line shall be between the mast of the committee vessel displaying an orange flag or shape and another mark as described in Appendix A of the sailing instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The 720° Turns Penalty, rule 44.2, will apply

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time limits are as follows:

Course	Time Limit
1,2,3	4 hours
4,5,7	5 hours
6	6 hours
8,9,10,11	10 hours
12	6 hours

13.2 When one yacht finishes within the time limit, then times for other yachts in that division yachts shall be recorded until 1 hour after the time limit, after which, all other yachts shall be scored 'DNF' (Did Not Finish)

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2 The Protest Time Limit for each event will be 2 hours after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day.

14.3 Protest notices will be affixed to the notice board, within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are a party to a hearing or named as a witness.

- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 14.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 1 hour after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 Six races are scheduled, of which a minimum of four shall be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 15.3
- (a) When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Signing On and Off:

All entrants must sign on for each race either:

1. At the information meetings which will be held in, or near, The Galley at the Westernport Marina, 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for the first race of the day or first start of the day for sternchasers.
2. By radio on the nominated channels at least 30 minutes prior to the start.

Completing the course in the prescribed manner or notifying the Race Committee of retirement or inability to sail or complete the course, using the allocated watch channels 73/94, will be deemed to have signed off. Any boat failing to sign off will be scored DSQ.

16.2 Resail:

Any resail of an abandoned race will be notified to all competitors by affixing notification to the notice board not later than 1900 hours the day before it will take effect.

- 16.3 Each yacht shall be sailed by a minimum of two crew, each over the age of 16 years, capable of handling the vessel.
- 16.4 All yachts shall comply with YA Safety Requirements for Category 5 events.
- 16.5 A Safety Compliance Declaration must be lodged with the Race Officer on registration prior to first race entered. A Safety Audit may be carried out at any time during the event. Boats failing to comply will not be able to compete until they do comply.

17 ALTERATIONS TO YACHTS AND CREW

- 17.1** Notification shall be made to the Race Committee of any alteration to a yacht or its crew which is likely to affect the performance of a yacht including sails, rigging or hull measurement or skipper/helmsman. Failure to notify the race committee accordingly may lead to adjustment of a yacht's handicap without notice and back-dated to include all results affected by the alteration.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on either VHF channel 73 or 27MHz channel 94 for the duration of the race being sailed.

For the courses over 30nm all boats shall radio the committee vessel as soon as practical after rounding designated marks with their position and expected finishing time.

A boat shall only make radio transmission as above. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications except for safety reasons.

Call sign of committee boat T.B.A. MOB PH. 0427 593 855 .

19 HANDICAPS

An OMR rating certificate will determine the handicap for OMR division.

Performance handicaps will be determined by the Multihull Yacht Club of Victoria using the latest known handicap for each yacht and adjusted as required by the race committee.

An OMR rating certificate will determine the handicap for trailable division.

The Multihull Yacht Club of Victoria Inc., at its absolute discretion, reserves the right to alter or adjust any handicap.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for fastest time above and below 10m, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on OMR, 1st, 2nd and 3rd on Performance Handicap after each race at a "happy hour" at the Marina Bar.. Presentation of other trophies will take place at the end of the regatta function at 1900 hours on Saturday January 21st 2006

Individual race entries may be awarded prizes but will not be eligible for regatta prizes.

Southern Oceans Multihull Regatta Pointscore:

OMR – 1st (TYCV Perpetual Trophy), 2nd and 3rd

Performance Handicap – 1st (MYCV Club Champion Perpetual Trophy), 2nd and 3rd

Victorian Trailable Multihull Championship – OMR 1st (SOMR Perpetual Trophy), 2nd and 3rd

Sternchaser – Line Honours OMR – Sternchaser Perpetual Trophy

OMR – 1st, 2nd and 3rd (Aggregate Championship Pointscore)

Sponsors trophies and MYCV perpetual trophies for individual races to be announced.

Other Trophies:

Pigs Might Fly Trophy

Zinta Trophy

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

It is the competitor's decision to enter an event or to start and continue any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in this Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. Neither the Organising Authority, the Multihull Yacht Club Inc., their officers, members, servants, and agents accept liability or responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation in this event or howsoever arising in connection with this event. Competitors attention is drawn to fundamental Rule 4, which states: "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

22 INSURANCE

All boats competing in the SOMR Regatta shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000.00.

All Owners/Competitors who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

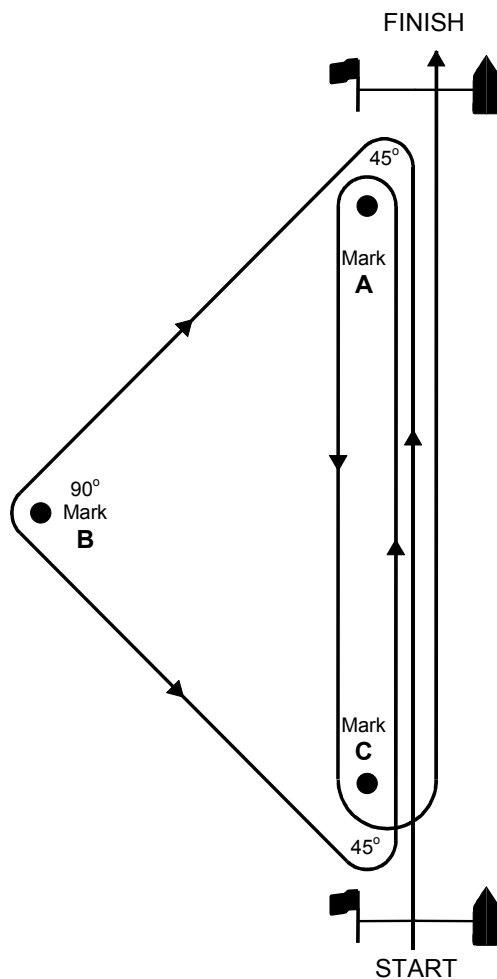
Attachment A

COURSES

Triangle Course

- The marks of the course shall be orange inflatable buoys with black letters – A,B,C
- Leave all marks to port or starboard as displayed by committee vessel.
- The course shall be in accordance with the course diagrams which are not to scale . Distances and angles shown are approximate.
- The start and finish lines shall be between the mast of the committee vessel and a yellow inflatable buoy.

No	Course Description	Approx. Distance
1	START – ABC – AC – ABC – ABC – FINISH	9.85nm



Other Courses

- The marks of the course shall be IALA navigation marks or orange inflatable buoys with black letters – A,B,C
- The start line shall be between the mast of the committee vessel and a yellow inflatable buoy near channel markers 27 **See NOTE below.**
- The finish line shall be between the mast of the committee vessel and channel marker 27 or 28, except for course 1 where it will be between the mast of the committee vessel and a yellow inflatable buoy.

NOTE: To enable a windward start for each course , Channel Marker 27 will be first mark of each course with the exception of the triangular courses. The start line will therefore be set downwind of channel marker 27, and a red or green flag will be flown beneath the course flag to indicate port or starboard rounding of channel marker 27.

No	Approx. Distance	Course Description
2	10.5NM	START-27– 35(S) – TG(S) - 31(S) – 35(P) – FINISH(CBOAT &28)
3	11NM	START-27- 18(P) - YBnew(S) - YBY17(S) - FINISH(CBOAT&27)
4	17NM	START-27- 35(S) -TG(S) – BYB & YBY (JI)(S) - TG(P) - 35(P) - - FINISH(CBOAT&28)
5	16NM	START -27- YBY(S) - 13(S) - 18(P) - 31(S) - FINISH(CBOAT&28)
6	22.5NM	START-27 - 19(P) - YBnew(P) - Middle Spit Channel - CR(P) - BYB(JI)(P) -TG(P) - 35(P) - FINISH(CBOAT&28)
7	15.2NM	START-27- 19(P) - YBnew(P) - Middle Spit Channel - BY(P) - 35(P) - -FINISH(CBOAT&28)
8	30.5NM	START-27-YBY(P) – BYB(LS)& YBY(LS)(S) - FLR.10s(S) - 13(S) - YBY17(P) - 29(S) - -FINISH(CBOAT&28)
9	35.3NM	START-27- 35(S) -TG(S) -BYB(JI)(S) - CR(S) - Middle Spit Channel- - YBY(S) - 35(S) – MS1(P) - FINISH(CBOAT&27)
10	35.3NM	START-27- YBY(S) - 1(S) - PB(S) - 2(P) - 35(S) - FINISH(CBOAT&28)
11.	Start,(To be advised),-Clockwise around French Island-YBY(S)-finish near	28.
12.	START-27-GATE BUOYS C.D.-35(S)-TG(S)-BY(S)-17(S)-YBY(S)-16(S)-MS1(P)- GATE BUOYS-FINISH .	
	OR	
	START-27-GATE BUOYS C.D.-MS1(S)-16(P)-YBY(P)-17(P)-BY(P)-TG(P)-35(P)- GATE BUOYS C.D.-FINISH .	

DESIGNATED MARKS -RADIO REPORTING

COURSE 8 BYB(LS)

COURSE 9 BYB(JI)

COURSE 10 CH. MARK 2

NOTE : COURSE 12

Buoys C.D. location will be laid east of channel marks 27 and 28
 Finish Line will be between the Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

CHART REF. AUS 150, 151

Sailing the course Joes Island . When approaching the east cardinal rounding mark yachts shall keep to starboard an imaginary line drawn between the east and west cardinal marks . This imaginary line does not extend beyond the east cardinal mark to the east or the west cardinal mark to the west. This rule is to prevent yachts sailing into danger of grounding.

legend

A,B,C	ORANGE INFLATABLE BUOYS WITH BLACK LETTERS	
BY	NORTH CARDINAL MARK – BLACK	38°16.40’S 145°17.00’E
	YELLOW-MARKS THE NORTH END OF MIDDLE SPIT	
BYB(JI)	EAST CARDINAL MARK OF JOES ISLAND	38°16.50’S 145°21.20’E
BYB(LS)	EAST CARDINAL MARK OF LOELIA SHOAL	38°28.20’S 145°23.15’E
CBOAT	COMMITTEE BOAT	
CR	CRAWFISH ROCK	38°16.20’S 145°17.80’E
ER	EAGLE ROCK	38°15.90’S 145°16.80’E
FL.R.10s	PORT HAND ENTRANCE BEACON TO NEWHAVEN	38°29.90’S 145°22.70’E
MS1		38° 21 .60’ S 145°14.50’ E
MS2		38°19.75’ S 145°14.76’ E
MS3		38°18.36’ S 145°14.70’ E
FW	FAIRWAY BUOY– ENTRANCE MARKER TO WESTERNPORT	38°30.20’S 145°05.35’E
PB	PILOT BUOY(Y)	38°28.30’S 145°04.25’E
SP	SANDY POINT – RED CHANNEL MARKER	38°24.50’S 145°14.50’E
TG	TIDE GAUGE(Y)	38°15.50’S 145°16.40E
YB(new)	SOUTH CARDINAL MARK - NEW TALLER BEACON LOCATED SOUTH OF THE OLD YB MARK	38°22.60’S 145°15.40’E
YBY	WEST CARDINAL MARK – YELLOW BLACK YELLOW	38°25.60’S 145°15.10’E
YBY17	WEST CARDINAL CHANNEL MARK No 17 – YELLOW BLACK YELLOW	38°24.30’S 145°15.15’E
(P)	LEAVE TO PORT	
(S)	LEAVE TO STARBOARD	
(Y)	YELLOW	
33		38°17.80’S 145°13.85’E