



YARINGA MARINERS CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS SUMMER SERIES 2008 – 2009

RULES

Yacht racing conducted by the Yaringa Mariners Club will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, viz. *Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, AYF and ISAF* and including the AYF Prescriptions and Special Regulations, Part 1 2005 – 2008 These rules will be supplemented by a set of 'local rules' as defined by these Sailing Instructions. There will be **NO** change of rules following the issue of the 2009 – 2012 edition of the 'Blue Book' in January 2009.

LOCAL RULES

Signing On/Off

Signing on must be completed 15 minutes prior to the Warning Signal for Division 1. All competitors must sign on on **VHF: Ch 77**, or **27 Mhz: Ch 94**. These channels should be used to notify *Yaringa Race Control* for signing on or retiring from a race.

Boats experiencing radio difficulties may sign on, or off, by hailing the Committee Boat. Failure to sign on, or off, will result in disqualification.

Listening Watch

All competitors must monitor one of the notified radio channels for the duration of the race, and for one hour prior to the notified start time.

Use Of Engines

Engines must not be used after the Preparatory Signal for the appropriate Division except:

- If a competitor has run aground, it may use its engine to free itself provided no distance gain is made and then informing *Yaringa Race Control* by radio.
- After informing *Yaringa Race Control* by radio, a yacht may use its engine to reach the start line providing it waits for five minutes after the starting signal for its division to start.

Vessels failing to do so, and identified, will be disqualified.

Use of Anchors

In the event that no headway can be made against a tidal flow, anchors may be used to maintain a yachts position or to prevent the yacht drifting into unsafe waters. Kedging is strictly prohibited; any vessel found guilty will be disqualified

Recalls

A *General Recall* will be indicated by the Committee Boat raising the 'First Substitute' and may be accompanied by two sound signals. The start for the postponed division will occur following the completion of the remainder of the scheduled starts, viz. 5 minutes after the start of Division 3.

An *individual recall* will be indicated by the Committee Boat raising Code Flag 'X' and may be accompanied by one sound signal. It will be removed following the completion of a correct start by the boat(s) identified, or at the expiration of 4 minutes after their start. Boats failing to return to restart will be disqualified.

Finishing

After finishing, competitors must not sail back through the finish line, but must sail well clear prior to de-rig. Boats failing to do so will be disqualified.

Postponement/Abandonment

In the interests of safety, the Race Committee reserves the right to postpone or abandon any event at any time.

Postponement or abandonment may occur for 'lack of wind' (in a strong tidal flow), or excessive wind having regard to the nature of overall conditions and the nature of competitors. Where possible, such decisions will be made ashore and notified to all competitors, but may be made from the Committee Boat 'on station'.

Handicaps

The Handicap System will be a modified Yachting Victoria adjusting performance system. (using a predetermined 'yardstick' performer based on number of competitors). An 'established base', (the handicap established at the end point for the preceding season [HYC Winter Series 2008]), will be adopted as the starting figure, and adjusted for subsequent performance over rolling five race sequences.

The Race Committee and handicapper reserve the right to make adjustments at its discretion.

Series Scoring

The series will be scored using a low point system.

To qualify for a series prize for each Division, a boat will need to complete a minimum of 5 races. If more than 5 races are completed, 1 race may be dropped. If 5 races or less are completed, all races are to count. DNS = the number of Division series entries plus 1. DNF = the number of Division starters plus 1. There is no provision for re-sail.

Indemnity

All persons taking part in races conducted by the Yaringa Mariners Club do so at their own risk and responsibility. Yaringa Mariners Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, or after, racing.

Competitors' attention is drawn to the following: '**The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone**'. (*Racing Rules of Sailing - Fundamental Rule 4*).

Safety

All competitors are required to meet Category 6 safety requirements. The responsibility for ensuring their boat's eligibility as regards to safety equipment will rest with each competitor.

Trailer Sailers will, whilst racing, compete with keels fully lowered and pinned in position. Failure to comply with this requirement, where identified, will lead to disqualification.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000.

THE COURSES

Time Limits

Time limits for races shall be of 5 hours duration. Yachts not finishing within this time limit will be recorded as DNF.

Selection

The course number will be announced on the day at the discretion of the OOD. The number of the chosen course shall be announced to all competitors by radio at least 15 minutes prior to the start for Division 1. Except in the case of emergency and signing on/off procedures, no other communication will take place between the Committee Boat and competitors.

Mark 'A'

Each course will commence with a beat to a laid mark (Mark 'A'). of approximately 0.75nm. prior to the Warning Signal for Division 1, the Committee Boat will raise either a green flag or a red flag indicating that Mark 'A' is to be left on the starboard side (Green flag) or the port side (Red flag). Other mark roundings are as indicated in the course descriptions following.

Specific Course Descriptions

Courses shall be indicated by the Committee Boat flying, prior to the Warning Signal for Division 1, a numeral pennant corresponding to one of the following:

- Course 1:** Start, Buoy 'A', SP (Starboard), Finish
- Course 2*** Start, Buoy 'A', MS3 (Port), 'C' (Port), 'B' (Port), Finish (as a gate), 'A' (Port), MS3 (Port), 'C' (Port), 'B' (Port) Finish
- Course 3*** Start, Buoy 'A', Buoy 'B' (Starboard), MS3 (Starboard), Finish (as a gate), 'A' (Starboard), 'B' (Starboard), MS3 (Starboard), Finish.)
- Course 4*** Start, Buoy 'A', Buoy 'B' (Starboard), JIECM (Starboard), Finish
**For Courses 2, 3 and 4, 'B' will be set approximately 200 metres south of the entrance to Watson's Inlet.*
- Course 5** Start, Buoy 'A', MSNCM (Starboard), MSSCM (Starboard), MS1 (Starboard), Finish
- Course 6** Start, Buoy 'A', MS1 (Port), MSSCM (Port), MSNCM (Port), Finish
- Course 7** Start, Buoy 'A', MS3 (Port), No.35 (Port), No. 28 (Port), No. 27 (Port) MS3 (Port), No. 35 (Port), Finish line (as a gate), "A' (Port), MS 3 (Port), No. 35 (Port), Finish line (as a gate), No. 28 (Port), No. 27 (Port), MS3 (Port), No. 35 (Port), Finish.
- Course 8**** Start, Buoy 'A', (Port), Buoy "B' (Port), through Start line as a gate, Buoy A', (Port), Buoy 'B' (Port), then through start line (and then continuous at the discretion of the OOD).
*** For Course 8 only, the distance from Start to windward Buoy 'A' may be increased to approximately 1 nm.*

Buoy 'B' may be located to form an approximately equilateral triangle with mark "A" and mark "C" (triangle course), OR located approximately 0.5nm to leeward of the start line (windward/leeward course).

Other Courses

Round the Marks Rally – Course to be advised on the day

Marks

Start Line	Between Committee Boat and laid yellow mark 'C'
Mark 'A'	Laid yellow mark designated 'A'
Mark 'B'	Laid yellow mark designated "B"
No, 27, 28, 35	Shipping channel buoys
MS1, MS3	Middle Spit markers
MSSCM	Middle Spit South Cardinal Mark
MSNCM	Middle Spit North Cardinal Mark
JIECM	Joes Island East Cardinal Mark
SP	Sandy Point Buoy

THE START

The start will be located approximately 1 nm to the north of MS3 in a position enabling a beat to Mark 'A'. It will be between a vessel displaying the Yaringa Burgee and laid yellow mark 'C'.

The Committee Boat may deploy a yellow distance mark from its stern. If used, competitors must not pass between the distance mark and the Committee Boat. The penalty for failure to follow this instruction will be disqualification.

Three Divisions will start – Divisions 1 and 2, and Division 3.
The combined start for Divisions 1 and 2 will act as a warning for Division 3.

Races will start by using Rule 26 (as modified by these Sailing Instructions), with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the Starting Signal.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Start
Prior to Warning	Course Numeral pennant Red or Green flag	15
Warning Signal	Division (s) flag(s), 1 sound	5
Preparatory Signal	'P' flag, 1 sound	4
One minute	'P' flag removed, one long signal	1
Start	All flags removed ('X' or 'First Substitute may be flown), 1 sound	0

THE FINISH

The Finish Line shall be between the Committee Boat flying Blue flag ('on station') and Mark 'C', OR between the Committee Boat flying code flag 'S' ('shorten course') at a mark of the course. Yachts shall finish by sailing through the line from the direction of the previous mark.

Yachts finishing will receive a sound signal indicating they have finished the race.

All competitors are reminded of the friendly spirit in which racing is conducted at Yaringa and for the fundamental need for competitors to avoid collisions at all costs.