



6 - 8 June 2020

Sailing Instructions

The Organising Authority for the Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta is Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in;

- The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- The special regulations of Australian Sailing Part 1 for racing boats,
- The Australian Measurement System (AMS),
- The IRC rules parts 1, 2 and 3, (excluding rule 22.4)
- The Event Handicap System (EHC), and
- The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) (Refer SI clause 18)

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 6 shall apply.
- 2.2 Marine VHF Radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof handheld and must be capable of operating on channels 12, 15, 16, 17, 67, 69, 71, 72 and 73.
- 2.3 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.
- 2.4 Safety Category 6 shall apply. All boats shall ensure a current Australia Sailing 2017-2021 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form (category 6) has been lodged and accepted at the boat's home club prior to the event. A copy of the audit form shall be supplied by the boat to the RMYS Sailing Coordinator via email to awkr@rmys.com.au. Entries will not be confirmed until this form is received. Spot checks in relation to category 6 audit forms may be conducted during the regatta by appropriately qualified personnel.
- 2.5 Races will start at the Race Committee's discretion, after review of the Bureau of Meteorology's early morning scheduled forecast and local weather station data for wind and sea conditions. Racing shall not commence if there is a consistent wind speed of 25 knots or greater (as measured by the Race Committee) or if a Gale Warning, issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, is current.
- 2.6 Attention is drawn to rule 40, which requires competitors to wear personal flotation devices when code flag Y is displayed.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at RMYS. They may also be posted on the AWKR Website - www.awkr.com.au and nominated boat representatives may be notified by text message.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect. They may also be posted on the AWKR website. Nominated boat representatives may be notified by text message.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff on the roof of the clubhouse. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	Number of races	Time of First Warning Signal
Sat 6 June 2020	2	0955 hours
Sun 7 June 2020	2	0955 hours
Mon 8 June 2020	2	0955 hours

6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed provided that races do not become more than one ahead of schedule.

6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Monday 8 June 2020.

7 DIVISIONS

7.1 Racing will be in Divisions.

The class flag for Division 1 will be code flag W.

The class flag for Division 2 will be code flag F.

7.2 Backstay Flags

All competitors shall fly conspicuously from the backstay (or in the absence of a backstay, from the starboard shroud) an identifying flag supplied by the Organising Authority as follows:

Division 1 Blue

Division 2 Yellow

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9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters of Port Phillip, west of the St Kilda breakwater and east of the shipping channel. The long distance course may extend as far as Brighton.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 Attachment A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the mark is to be left.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal the committee vessel shall signal the number of the course to be sailed by displaying the applicable numeral pennant(s).
- 10.3 No later than the warning signal, the committee vessel may display the approximate bearing of the next mark.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks for courses 1-6 will be orange cylindrical or conical inflatable buoys. Marks for courses 7-10 are fixed marks.
- 11.2 A new mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy displaying a horizontal black band.
- 11.3 The starting and finishing marks will be yellow cylindrical or conical buoys.
- 11.4 If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel, and the course side of the starting mark. A clearance buoy may be laid near the committee vessel: if laid, boats approaching the line to start shall leave this mark on the same side as the committee vessel.
- 12.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 12.3 Boats not yet racing (before their deemed preparatory signal) shall keep clear of boats that are racing (after their deemed preparatory signal). If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing.
- 12.4 Code flag L displayed on the committee vessel at the finish line indicates that another race will be started following completion of the current race. Code flag L will be removed (with one sound) one (1) minute before the new warning signal.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

A change of course after the start will be in accordance with rule 33. 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 practical. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.



14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the signal mast on the committee vessel displaying an orange flag and the course side of the finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for courses 1-6 is 2.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within this time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
- 16.2 The time limit for courses 7-10 is 5 hours. Boats failing to finish within this time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
- 16.3 If sunset should occur prior to the expiration of the time limit, the time limit shall be deemed to be sunset. For this regatta sunset each day is 1707 hrs.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Competitors are required to communicate their intention to protest to the race committee before leaving the race area.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the AWKR website after the last race of each day.
- 17.3 A notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board and on the AWKR website as soon as practical after the protest time limit, showing details of hearings. The organisers may contact competitors by mobile phone.
- 17.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was handed down. This changes rule 62.2.
- 17.5 An Arbitration hearing will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T.
- 17.6 Any trackers provided to competitors or used on boats cannot be used as evidence in an arbitration hearing or protest hearing.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Six (6) races are scheduled of which three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.



19 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

Marine regulations require that boats shall avoid commercial shipping. Boats which find themselves in danger of interfering with commercial shipping may use their engine to avoid interference and will not be penalised under rule 42 provided that:

- (a) It is used only as necessary to avoid the commercial shipping in question;
- (b) No advantage is gained through its use; and
- (c) A declaration containing a complete description of the circumstances is submitted to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.

This alters rule 42.

20 SIGN ON AND SIGN OFF

- 20.1 Boats shall 'sign on' by passing astern of the committee vessel, on starboard tack, prior to the first race of each day, hailing their sail number, and receiving an acknowledgement.
- 20.2 All boats are reminded to keep clear of the start line once they have signed on, and during the start sequence of another division. Failure to keep clear of other boats that may be in their starting sequence may result in protest by the Race Committee.
- 20.3 A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20.4 All vessels must enter a crew declaration online prior to the first race of each day.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats may display the RMYS burgee.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall not enter the course area, starting area, finishing area or go closer than 100m to any boat racing between the first preparatory signal for the first division to start and when the last boat finishes, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment, except under the advisement of the Race Officer. The penalty for failing to comply with the requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support vessel.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 Race communications will be via VHF Channel 72. Yachts must maintain a listening watch at all times whilst afloat.
- 23.2 A Non-Race Communications Channel of 15 will be used for all Support Vessels who are required to maintain a listening watch on this channel.
- 23.3 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.

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24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25 INSURANCE

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

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A

Race Management VHF Ch. 72

RMYS Office: 9534 0227



Div 1 (W)



Div 2 (F)

Course 1

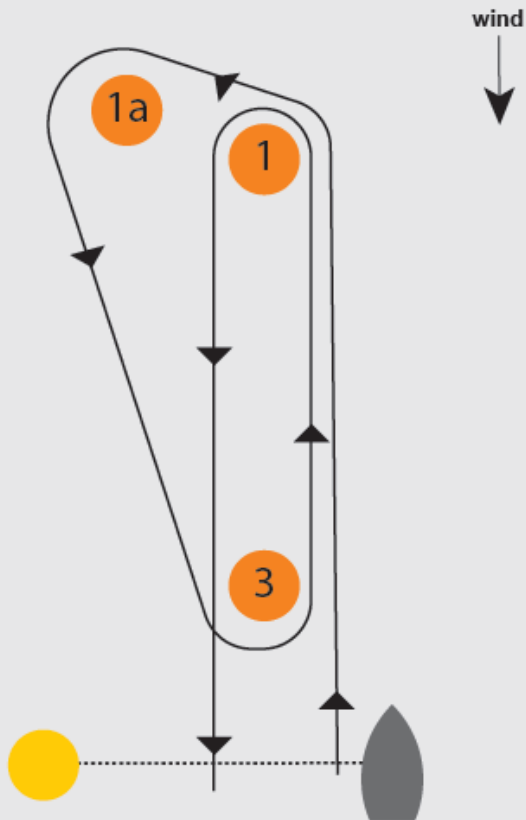


start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - finish
all marks to port

Course 2



start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - finish
all marks to port



Course 3

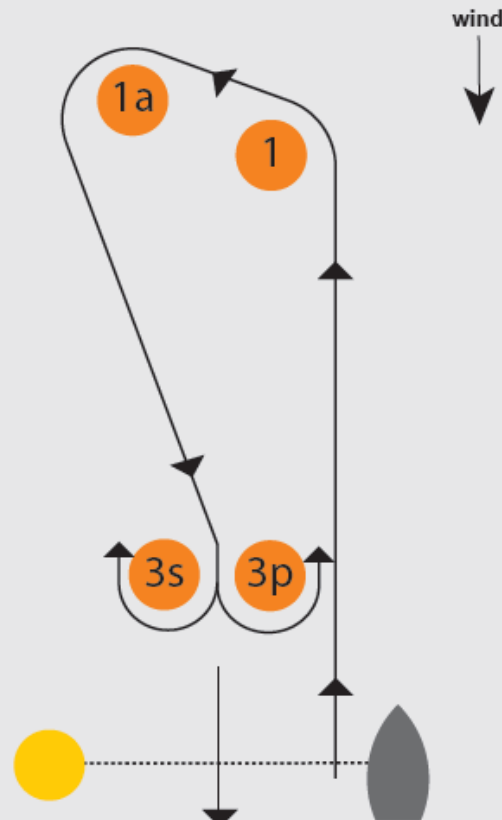


start - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - 1 - finish
all marks to port except 3s

Course 4



start - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - 1 - 3s/3p - 1 - finish
all marks to port except 3s



Course 5

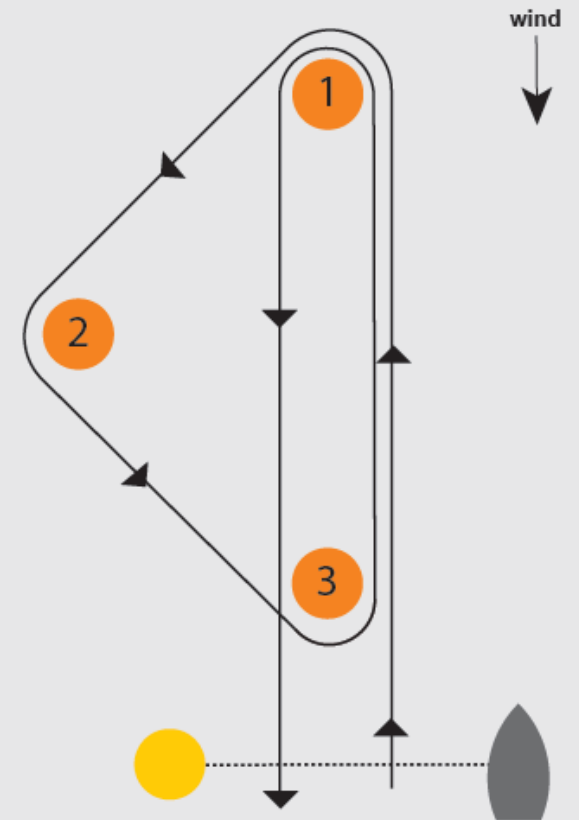


start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - finish
all marks to port

Course 6



start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - finish
all marks to port



ATTACHMENT A

Course 7 Approx. 12nm

Start (approx. 1nm south of RMYS C)

	Lat °S	Long °E
RMYS C	37° 52.20'	144° 56.40'
R2	37° 54.60'	144° 56.20'
RMYS A	37° 51.90'	144° 57.46'
RMYS C	37° 52.20'	144° 56.40'
R2	37° 54.60'	144° 56.20'

Finish (in the vicinity of RMYS C)

All marks to port

Course 8 Approx. 12nm

Start (in the vicinity of RMYS C)

R2	37° 54.60'	144° 56.20'
RMYS A	37° 51.90'	144° 57.46'
RMYS C	37° 52.20'	144° 56.40'
R2	37° 54.60'	144° 56.20'

Finish (in the vicinity of RMYS C)

All marks to port

Course 9 Approx. 12.5nm

Start (approx. 1.5M to the west of RMYS D)

RMYS D - to starboard	37° 51.49'	144° 57.47'
R2	37° 54.60'	144° 56.20'
RBYC 6	37° 54.35'	144° 58.56'
RMYS A	37° 51.90'	144° 57.46'
RMYS C	37° 52.20'	144° 56.40'
RMYS A	37° 51.90'	144° 57.46'
RMYS C	37° 52.20'	144° 56.40'

Finish (in the vicinity of RMYS A)

All marks to port except as indicated

Course 10 Approx. 11nm

Start (in the vicinity of RMYS A)

RMYS C	37° 52.20'	144° 56.40'
RBYC 6 - to starboard	37° 54.35'	144° 58.56'
R2 - to starboard	37° 54.60'	144° 56.20'
RMYS A	37° 51.90'	144° 57.46'
RMYS C	37° 52.20'	144° 56.40'
RMYS A	37° 51.90'	144° 57.46'
RMYS C	37° 52.20'	144° 56.40'

Finish (in the vicinity of RMYS A)

All marks to port except as indicated

