



QUEENSCLIFF-LONSDALE YACHT CLUB INC.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & NOTICE OF RACE SEASON 2017-2018

1. RULES

All races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* of the ISAF, the prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) and these Sailing Instructions issued by the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club Inc (QLYC). Yachts will comply with Addendum "A", AYF Special Regulations Section, Part 1, Section 2, Category 5 (keel boats and trailables), Category 7 (Couta Boats) and the appropriate class rules or as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

All competing vessels must carry a functioning VHF radio.

2. ENTRIES

- a. Eligible yachts should be entered by completing the crew sheet and signing the "sign on sheet", and the payment of the relevant fee per crew member.
- b. All competing yachts will fly the QLYC burgee.
- c. Yachts will declare on the entry form the class and/or club handicap currently applicable to that yacht and shall sail to that handicap which may be modified for the purposes of any race forming part of this programme in the sole and unfettered discretion of the QLYC Race Committee
- d. Yachts shall comply with their respective class rules and shall be disqualified for non-compliance upon protest unless alterations were declared on the entry form.
- e. Where team racing applies, a team shall consist of not less than three yachts subject to the discretion of the QLYC Race Committee with the best three results from yachts in the team to count to the team's placing
- f. QLYC reserves the right to reject any entry.
- g. It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure that crew members comply with the prescription that any crew member (as affiliated with AYF / YV), that sails in more than 3 races in one sailing season shall be a member of YV and a Yachting Australia Card holder under RRS Part 4, Rule 56.
- h. All those taking part in QLYC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The QLYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

**Attention is drawn to Section 1. Fundamental Rules and Definitions:
(pp197)**

Fundamental Rule 4. Decision to race:

The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

Fundamental Rule 4. Acceptance of the rules:

By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and yacht owner agrees:

- (a) to be governed by the rules;

- (b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules; and
 - (c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal.
- i. Each yacht must be insured with an appropriate insurer against 3rd party liability with current cover for such liability of not less than \$10 million.

3. RACE SCHEDULE & DIVISIONS

The racing program is posted on the QLYC website (www.qlyc.org.au) and distributed prior to the first race of the year. Copies are available at the race briefing.

4. BRIEFING

Race briefing will be held 1 ½ hours before the scheduled start time for any QLYC race, in the area adjacent to the Queenscliff Harbour Office or as otherwise advised by the Club Captain.

Notices to competitors and any changes to sailing instructions shall be posted on the official notice board at briefing.

Skippers shall sign on and complete a crew declaration sheet prior to, or before leaving the briefing area.

At briefing, any modifications or amendments or details re possible courses will be announced and displayed on the notice board.

The number and composition of divisions will be announced at briefing.

Changes to crew may be made by entering the start area and contacting the start boat by radio on **VHF 72**.

5. SINGLE HANDED SAILING

Where a yacht is sailed single handed, the skipper must wear a PDF 1 and use a safety harness connected to the vessel at all times.

6. THE START

The start shall be between the committee boat “*Swan*” or nominated committee boat for the day, positioned on the starboard end of the start line, and a mark of course or buoy positioned at right angles to the true wind (where possible).

The Starting Procedure – Racing Rules of Sailing Part 3, Conduct of a race, Rule 26 applies, (refer pp37)

7. RECALL

- a. Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1.
- b. General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 29.2.

8. THE FINISH.

The finishing line shall be between the Committee Boat mast displaying the Club Burgee and a buoy or mark of the course.

If a competing yacht reaches the finishing line and the committee boat is not on station competitors must record their own finish time and advise the OOD. Yachts are not to re-cross the finish line following their finish.

9. SHORTENED or ABANDONING RACE AFTER THE START

A Shortened Course and/or Abandoned Course will be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 32 and Race Signals at a mark of the course.

10. TIME LIMIT

Both Time Limit and Scores for any race held by QLYC under these instructions will be in accordance with RRS 35 (pp 41).

Additionally yachts that have not crossed the finish line by 1700 or within 1 hour after the first yacht to do so will be regarded as **“Did Not Finish” (DNF)**.

11. RETIRING AND SIGNING OFF

Yachts which cross the finish line will be deemed to have signed off.

Yachts retiring **MUST** notify a race official prior to leaving the racecourse. Advice can be by hailing the committee boat or other official boats on course, or by radio on **VHF channel 72**.

12. HAZARDS

- a. Hazards in the form of sandbars, reefs, etc. occur over the course with extensive sandbars and tidal flats in the vicinity of Swan Island, Shoaling in some areas including in shore of the westerly most point of Queenscliff Pier may mean the location and depth of sandbars may not be as exactly indicated on the chart. **Skippers are responsible to ascertain there is adequate water depth for their vessels.**
- b. **All competing vessels must pass to the east or seaward of the red pile at the entrance to the Queenscliff cut.**
- c. The course is in an area which experiences strong tidal currents. This can be a particular hazard in the vicinity of fixed structures and piles. **It is each skipper's responsibility to ascertain the tidal conditions on race days.**
- d. When the Wedge and/or the Caisson are named as marks of course **both the structure and the pile must be rounded.**
- e. **Drapers Reef lays approximately 100m inshore of Drapers Pile.**
- f. **The Sorrento-Queenscliff car ferry has right of way.** It approaches Queenscliff at approximately 20 mins to the hour. and is scheduled to depart on the hour.. The skipper of a vessel disadvantaged by the movement of the ferry may request consideration by lodging a protest.
- g. Moored fishing vessels must be avoided in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20,
- h. Yachts must remain a safe distance from Dive Charter boats.
- i. Port Phillip Heads is a *"designated hazardous area"* and PDF 1 lifejackets must be worn by all crew whilst sailing in all the waters between an imaginary line drawn between Shortland Bluff and Point Nepean, and within 3 nautical miles to seaward of Point Lonsdale.

13. PROTESTS

Will be accepted in accordance with Appendix R. of the RRS.2017-20.

- a. Protests shall be written on forms available from the OOD. They should be lodged with the OOD within one hour after the finish time of the last yacht.
- b. The OOD will give notice of the hearing to all affected skippers. This shall constitute official notice to all parties.
- c. Protests shall be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

14. PERFORMANCE HANDICAP AND SCORING

- a. At the absolute discretion of the QLYC Race Committee, the class and/or club handicap currently applicable to any particular yacht or such modified handicap as the QLYC Race Committee in its sole and unfettered discretion may determine shall apply.
- b. Provisional results will be advised as soon as possible after the race and displayed on the QLYC website. (www.qlyc.org.au).
- c. The low scoring system is used. The races included in the aggregate are specified in the Sailing Program but one discard is allowed in each of the Ray Maki and Ces Anderson series.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES , COUTA BOATS

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply to any on water penalty however cousta boats shall be deemed to have complied with such rules if the vessel completes a 360° turn to include one tack and gybe.

16. CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT

Will be signalled in accordance with RRS Part 3.32. In the case of adverse weather, the Abandonment and Re-sail signal shall be flown by the committee boat or at briefing on race day.

Early notification of cancellation may be made by text message to skippers who have registered their mobile phone numbers with the Club Captain.

17. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Presentation of trophies will be made at the QLYC presentation night at the end of the sailing season as advised on the Racing Program.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. Competing yachts must complete an annual Yachting Victoria Safety Compliance Declaration and Check Sheet prior to racing in the season and may be inspected for compliance with the safety regulations. Trailable and keel yachts Category 5 or better. Cousta boats category 7 or better.
- b. Yachts with retractable keels must race with the keel fully locked down at all times. Cousta boats are exempt from this rule.
- c. Crew shall be at least one adult and one person over 14 years of age unless Rule 5 of these sailing Instructions is complied with.
- d. Crews of yachts without lifelines or crew under the age of 12 years shall wear buoyancy vests or life jackets.
- e. Cousta boats are exempted the need to carry heaving lines. RRS 4.23 (pp255)
- f. Weather reports will be available from Queenscliff Coast Guard **VMR 369**.
- g. Skippers are reminded of ISAF Fundamental Rule Part 1, 1.1, Helping Those in Danger (pp29). Any time so lost may be claimed in writing using a protest format.

19. RADIO

The QLYC committee boat "**Swan**", and/or other rescue craft will maintain radio watch on channel **72 VHF**.

20. CONTACT NUMBERS

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