



## DOCKLANDS IRC INVITATIONAL REGATTA

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> & FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2010

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the Yachting Australian (YA) Special Regulations Part 1 and IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3, except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 All boats shall display the supplied sponsor's event bow signage, boom decals and backstay flags, if provided, from the start of the first race until the end of the regatta.
- 1.3 The race committee or jury may carry out random checks for compliance of Rules, as noted in S.I. 1.1, at any time during the regatta.
- 1.4 The Jury may go afloat to observe racing. The Jury may sound a whistle to indicate the Jury has observed a possible breach of Part 2 of the RRS.
- 1.5 In accordance with N.O.R 2.9, boats may be required to carry an additional media personality/sponsor representative on board whilst racing. The media personality/sponsor representative will be allocated by ballot to each boat by the organizing authority. The additional media personality/sponsor representative will not be included in the crew number as specified in N.O.R. 2.6.

#### **2 REGISTRATION**

- 2.1 Registration will take place from 1000 hrs Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at the regatta office Waterfront City, Docklands, Melbourne.

#### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at the regatta office Waterfront City, Docklands, Melbourne.
- 3.2 VHF channel 73 will be used as the Race Communications channel. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or other information of interest to competitors on the course VHF channel. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 and 62

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagstaff, located near the regatta office Waterfront City, Docklands, Melbourne.
- 4.2 Code flag "AP" with two sound signals (one when lowered) when displayed ashore means "Races not started are postponed". The Warning Signal shall not be made less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered ashore. This alters RRS Race Signals.

#### **5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 Changes to the sailing instructions made ashore will be posted at least one hour before the race affected.

- 5.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3<sup>rd</sup> Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of a maximum of five (5) Windward/Leeward races.

Date	Event	Time of first Waning Signal
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Registration	1000 hrs - 1300 hrs
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Up to 3 races (W / L)	1425 hrs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Up to 3 races (W / L)	1225 hrs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Presentation of prizes	2000 hrs

- 6.2 The last time for a warning signal each day will be 1645 hrs.

## 7 RACING AREA

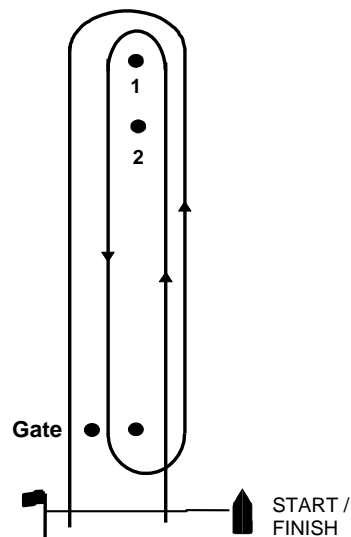
- 7.1 The Racing Area will be on the waters of Port Philip.  
 7.2 The course area is centered on position approx. S 37<sup>o</sup> 54.34', E 144<sup>o</sup> 53.34'

## 8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1 and the Gate marks will be red and white Audi cube buoys.  
 Mark 2 will be a red and white Audi truncated cone buoy  
 The start / finish mark will be a red and white Audi truncated cone buoy.  
 The change mark(s) as per SI 12 will be a yellow truncated cone buoy for Mark 1 and a yellow truncated cone buoy with a black band for Mark 2.

## 9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 The diagram below shows the course to sail and the approximate angle of the legs.



- 9.2 Mark 1 and 2 will be laid to windward of the start line.  
 The Gate will be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line.  
 (Note: The Gate may be laid after the starting signal)  
 9.3 Yachts shall sail between the Gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either Gate mark. If only one Gate mark is set, yachts shall round the mark to port.

- 9.4 The Course to be sailed will be indicated by the display of a numeral pennant. A board displaying the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 and Mark 2 will be displayed by the Race Committee Boat.

<b>COURSE No.</b>	<b>COURSE TO SAIL (All marks to port)</b>
<b>1</b>	START - 1 – Gate - FINISH
<b>2</b>	START – 1 – Gate – 1 – FINISH
<b>3</b>	START – 1 – Gate – 1 – Gate – 1 - FINISH
<b>4</b>	START - 2 – Gate - FINISH
<b>5</b>	START – 2 – Gate – 2 – FINISH
<b>6</b>	START – 2 – Gate – 2 – Gate – 2 - FINISH

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The Class Flag will be: -  
 Grand Prix - International Code Flag "W"  
 Production – International Code Flag "D"
- 10.2 The start will be between the course side of the Start / Finish Mark and the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Race Signal Vessel.

## **11 RECALLS**

- 11.1 In addition to RRS 29, the Race Committee MAY call yachts on channel 73.

## **12 CHANGING AND SHORTENING THE COURSE**

- 12.1 When changing the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a change mark(s). Any subsequent marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. Further changes of that mark will revert to the original mark(s).

## **13 FINISH LINE**

- 13.1 Will be between the Start / Finish mark and the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Race Signal Vessel. The Start / Finish mark may be relocated closer to the Race Signal Vessel after the start.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 The time limit for all races will be 2.5 hours from the start, or within forty five minutes of the first boat to finish, whichever is the earliest.
- 14.2 Yachts not finishing within the time limit will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points, but no more points than the number of starters. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS**

- 15.1 Submission of Protests:  
 Protests in accordance with RRS 61 will be delivered to the Regatta Office within 1.5 hours after the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the day in her class.
- 15.2 Hearing of Protests:  
 Protests may be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible and notified at the time of lodgement of the protest.
- 15.3 Reopening a Hearing:  
 RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than half an hour after being informed of the decision."
- 15.4 In accordance with RRS 64.1(a) the protest committee may make any determination it decides is equitable for the fleet.

## **16 ARBITRATION**

- 16.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes RRS Part 5, Section B.
- 16.2 After a written protest is lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted at this hearing.
- 16.3 A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2 shall have her elapsed time for the race increased by 5% or 4 minutes (whichever is the greater) Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the Jury.
- 16.4 The acceptance of an arbitrator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes RRS 60.1,62 and 66.
- 16.5 The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or may observe and give testimony to the Jury. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The Docklands IRC Invitational Regatta will consist of five (5) races. The minimum races to constitute a series will be two (2).
- 17.2 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply except all races will count for total points.

## **18 PRIZES AND TROPHIES**

Prizes will be awarded to each yacht placing first, second and third in each Class of the regatta, additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

Prizes for day one will be presented at the Waterfront City Breakfast with the Stars on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Day two prizes and Series overall presentations will be on the Waterfront City stage at approximately 2030 hrs, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# DOCKLANDS IRC INVITATIONAL COURSE AREA

