



CLUB MARINE F18 CLASS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

23rd – 26th January 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is Royal Geelong Yacht Club and the championship will be conducted on behalf of the International F18 Class Association of Australia.

1. Rules

1.1 Race

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the International Sailing Federation's (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012

1.2 Entries

All entrants must be financial members of the Class Association and Yachting Australia or their own National Authority.

1.3 Advertising

Boom stickers and hull decals may be provided by the event sponsors. If provided, boom stickers shall be attached to each side of the boom and hull decals shall be attached to the topsides approximately one metre from each side of the bow. Boats failing to comply with this may be protested by the Race Committee only. This alters RRS 60.1 and 60.3

2 Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located within the Royal Geelong Yacht Club yard.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions.

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 2 hours before the scheduled start on the day it 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.

4 Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed between 0800 hrs and 2000 from the signal mast located at the North East corner of the Off-The-Beach (OTB) Clubhouse.

When Code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered" (This alters RRS Race Signals).

5 Schedule of Races:

Races are scheduled as follows,

Date	Warning Signal	Start Signal	Activity
Saturday 23 rd	1255	1300	Up to 3 races
Sunday 24 th	1155	1200	Up to 4 races
Monday 25 th	1155	1200	Up to 4 races
Tuesday 26 th	Resail if required		
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All times EDST

Resail races may be programmed at the discretion of the race committee as required. When back to back races are scheduled, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. No warning signal shall be made after 1600 hrs on the last scheduled race day.

6 Class Flags:

The class flag is a white flag containing the International F18 Class emblem in black.

7 Racing Area:

The racing area for the event will be in Corio Bay, Course Area "E" (see attachment 2)

8 The Courses:

Attachment 1 to these sailing instructions shows the course diagrams and configurations including the course signals, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 The Start:

9.1 The starting line will be between the mast of the Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

9.2 A boat shall not start later than ten minutes after her starting signal.

10 Shortening or Changing the Course:

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 practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11 The Finish:

The finishing line will be between the signal mast, displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a nearby finishing mark.

12 Time limit:

The time limit for the first boat to finish in each race is 90 minutes.

Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is longer, will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

13 Protests:

13.1 Protests will be lodged at the R.G.Y.C. Regatta Office (forms available at Regatta Office) within 90 minutes of the finish time of the last boat in the protesting boat's last race of the day.

13.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness. This will constitute official notice to all posted parties. Hearings will be held in the Jury room located in the main building RGYC.

13.3 RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On her 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."

13.4 Decisions of the National Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5 and YA addendum A.

13.5 Infringements of Sailing Instructions 1.2, 16.1 and 16.2 shall not be grounds for protest by competitors, but may result in action by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. This changes RRS 60 and 61.

14 Arbitration

14.1 At the discretion of the National Jury, an arbitration hearing may be heard prior to a protest hearing involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 (affecting Rule 63). After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator, no witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be heard by the National Jury.

14.2 A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score

for DSQ in her division or class, rounded up to the next whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.

- 14.3 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).

15 Scoring:

- 15.1 The "Low Point System" RRS Appendix A will apply except if there are five races or less sailed, all race scores will be counted.

16 Safety:

16.1 Sign-On:

For each race or race session each competitor intending to race shall personally "sign-on", by signing the race sign-on sheet located in the Race Administration area prior to the warning signal of the race or race session. This sailing instruction is protestable only by the race committee. This changes Rule 63.1 and A5.

16.2 Sign-Off:

All boats shall sign the race sign-off sheet upon returning to shore, but no later than the end of protest time for that day. This sheet will be available in the Race Administration area. This sailing instruction is protestable only by the race committee. This changes Rule 63.1 and A5.

17 Liability

- 17.1 All those taking part in races conducted by the R.G.Y.C. Inc. do so at their own risk and responsibility.

- 17.2 The R.G.Y.C. Inc. is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

- 17.3 The R.G.Y.C. Inc. is not responsible for any damage or injury, either ashore or at sea to persons or yachts which might result from participating in races conducted by the club.

- 17.4 Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rule 4:

Decision to race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

18 Prizes

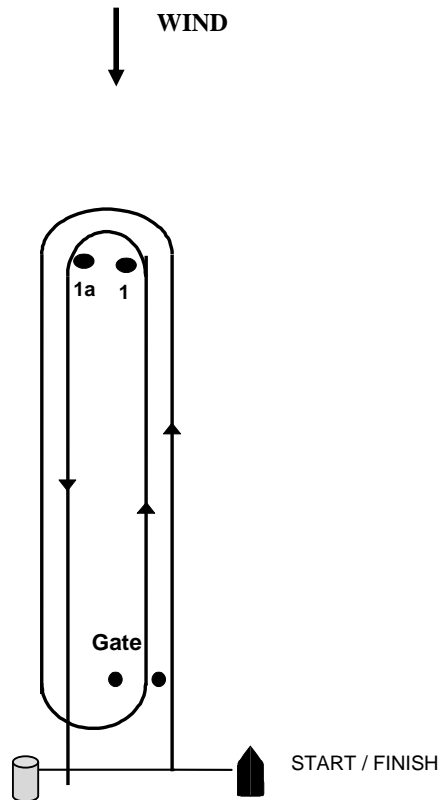
Trophies will be awarded to boats placing first, second and third in the championships. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

ATTACHMENT 1:

COURSES

- 1.1 The starting line will be between the signal mast, displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a port-end starting mark.
- 1.2 The finishing line will be between the signal mast, displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a nearby finishing mark.
- 1.3 The diagram below shows the course to sail. The Course Number to be sailed will be indicated by the display of a numeral pennant on the starting vessel.
- 1.4 For all courses, boats 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, boats shall round the mark to port.
- 1.5 A magnetic bearing to the first mark may be displayed from the committee vessel prior to the start.
- 1.6 The mark descriptions are detailed in each class or division's separate appendix to sailing instructions.

COURSE No.	COURSE TO SAIL (All marks to Port)
1	START – 1 – 1a - FINISH
2	START – 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 – 1a – FINISH
3	START – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – FINISH



COURSE MARK	MARK DESCRIPTION
Start mark	Red & white cone
Mark 1 and Gate marks	Orange buoy
Mark 1a	Yellow truncated cone
Change of course (SI 10)	Yellow buoy with black band

Attachment 2
Corio Bay Course Areas

