



McConaghy - KA Sails International Moth Victorian Championships

Royal Geelong Yacht Club

23rd – 26th January 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

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 IMCA 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 | 1355 | 1400 | Up to 3 races |
| Sunday 24 th | 1255 | 1300 | Up to 4 races |

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| Monday 25 th | 1255 | 1300 | Up to 4 races |
| Tuesday 26 th | Resail if required | | |
| | Prize giving | | |

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 Moth Class emblem in black.

7 Racing Area:

The racing area for the event will be in Corio Bay, to the south of Course Area "B" (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 Marks:

The description of the marks to be used will be: -

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| Start mark | White Audi cylindrical buoy |
| Mark 1 and Gate mark | Orange buoy |
| Mark 1a | Yellow truncated cone |

10 The Start:

- 10.1 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.
- 10.3 A boat shall not start later than ten minutes after her starting signal.

11 Shortening or Changing the Course:

- 11.1 No changes in course will be made after the start of any race.
- 11.2 The course may be shortened on any lap by the display of Code Flag 'S' from the committee vessel.
After the first boat has either;
 - (a) finished the complete full course, or
 - (b) has finished a shortened course,
 all other boats will be finished at their next crossing of the Finish Line, regardless of the number of laps completed by that boat. Boats that cross the Finish Line within close proximity of the first boat may be advised of their racing status by the committee vessel. This changes RRS 41.

12 The Finish:

The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee vessel displaying an orange flag and an orange buoy to be passed to port.

13 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.

14 Protests:

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.

- 14.3 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."
- 14.4 Decisions of the National Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5 and YA addendum A.
- 14.5 Infringements of Sailing Instructions 1.2, 17.1 and 17.2 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.

15 Arbitration

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 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).

16 Scoring:

- 16.1 The ISAF Appendix A Low point Scoring System will apply, with the exception that 1st place in a race will score 0.8 points.
The number of scheduled races are detailed in Attachment 1. A minimum of 5 races will be required to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When 5 or 6 races have been completed in an event, a boat's score shall be the sum of the scores for all races sailed.
- 16.3 When 7 or 8 races have been completed in an event, a boat's score shall be the sum of the scores for all races sailed, excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 When 9 or more races have been completed in an event, a boat's score shall be the sum of the scores for all races sailed, excluding her two worst scores.
- 16.5 A boat that did not finish (DNF) shall be scored equal to the number of finishers plus 1 (one). This amends RRS A4.2.
- 16.6 For races where the course is shortened or where all boats do not complete the same number of laps the following will apply in determining the finishing order;
 - (a) Boats completing the same number of laps as the first finishing boat will be scored in the order that they cross the Finish Line. e.g. 1,2,3,4,5,.....
 - (b) Boats completing 1 lap less than the first boat will awarded a finishing place equal to the next available place after all boats complying with (a) above have been scored, and in the order they cross the Finish Line the next time after the first boat has completed the course. e.g. 6,7,8,9,10,11,.....
 - (c) Boats completing 2 laps less than the first boat will awarded a finishing place equal to the next available place after all boats complying with (a) and (b) above have been scored, and in the order they cross the Finish Line the next time after the first boat has completed the course. e.g. 12,13,14,15,.....
 - (d) The above method of scoring will apply regardless of whether or not the first finishing boat is subjected to any scoring penalties (eg. OCS, ZFP, SCP, RAF, DSQ, DNE).
Boats who do not finish within the time limit will be scored for their positions on the last lap completed. (To maintain equity with those lapped boats completing fewer laps within the time limit.)

17 Safety:

- 17.1 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.

17.2 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.

18 Liability

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

18.2 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.

18.3 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.

18.4 Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rule 4:

Decision to race: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

19 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:

COURSE

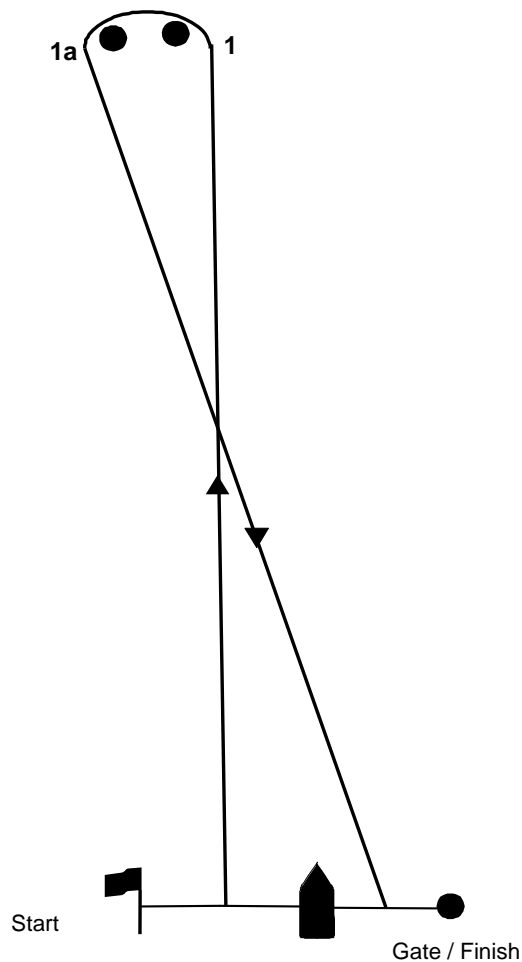
1 Order of Rounding
(All marks to port)

Start – Mark 1– Mark 1a - Gate – Mark 1 – Mark 1a – Gate – Mark 1– Mark 1a- Finish Line.

Gate: The Race Committee vessel will form one end of the Gate. Boats shall sail between the Gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either Gate mark.

The approximate distance from the Start Line to Mark 1 will normally be 0.75 -1.2 nautical miles. This may be adjusted for light or heavy conditions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Mark 1a will be approximately 50 metres to Port of Mark 1 at approximately a 90 degree angle.



Attachment 2
Corio Bay Course Areas

