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Pacer Victoria State Championships 2010

Organising Authority: Pacer Victoria Inc in conjunction with Beaumaris Yacht Club Inc

Pacer Victoria as the organising authority has contracted Beaumaris Yacht Club Inc to conduct the 2010 Pacer Victoria State Championships on the waters of Port Phillip Bay from 6 March 2010 to 8 March 2010.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Pacer Victoria State Championships will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the ISAF 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) Addendum "A", Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats), shall apply to all entrants.
- 1.2 RRS1.2 and Special Regulations Addendum 'A' Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats), R1 Personal Buoyancy are amended to require that children under 12 years of age shall wear a PFD Type 1 that complies with R1.2 (a).
- 1.3 All boats shall sign on and sign off ashore as specified in Sailing Instruction 19 before and after each on water session.
- 1.4 The Pacer Class Rules and Pacer Sailing Rules will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the northern end of the first floor of Beaumaris Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal masts located adjacent to the Club Control Tower.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals, Postponement Signal AP.

5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Registration will be on Saturday 6 March 2010 from 0900 hours to 1200 hours.
- 5.2 A Competitors Briefing will be held on Saturday 6 March 2010 from 1230 hours.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

It is the intention of the Race Committee to have flexible start times in order to have optimum weather conditions

Event / Activity	Day	Date	Course	Time
Registration & Measurement	Saturday	6th March 2010		09:00 – 12:00 hours
Race 1	Saturday	6th March 2010	Short	Intention is for one on water session
Race 2	Saturday	6th March 2010	Short	
Welcome Function	Saturday	6th March 2010		18:00 hours
Race 3	Sunday	7th March 2010	Long	
Race 4	Sunday	7th March 2010	Long	
Race 5	Monday	7th March 2010	Short	Intention is for one on water session
Race 6	Monday	8th March 2010	Short	
Resail if required	Monday	8th March 2010	As Required	
Presentation Function	Monday	8th March 2010		Soon after last race

- 6.2** The maximum number of races shall be six (6).
- 6.3** The warning signal for:
- (a) an AM racing session will not be before 0930 hrs
 - (b) a PM racing session will not be before 1330 hrs and not after 1630 hrs
- 6.4** No warning signal shall be made after 1430 hrs on the last scheduled race day.
- 6.5** When more than one race will be held in one racing session, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made not less than 10 minutes after the official finishing time of the last boat in the preceding race. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, flag AP will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 7 CLASS FLAGS**
The class flag will be the Pacer Class symbol in blue on a white pennant.
- 8 RACING AREA**
The racing area for the event is the waters of Port Phillip Bay in proximity to Beaumaris Yacht Club.
- 9 THE COURSES**
- 9.1** The diagrams in Attachment 1 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2** Course designations and course signals will be displayed prior to the Warning Signal. Refer to Attachment 1.
- 10 MARKS**
- 10.1** Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow inflatable marks
- 10.2** New marks, as provided in Sailing Instruction 13, will be staff marks displaying a green flag for replacement mark 1 or a yellow flag for replacement mark 2.
- 10.3** The starting and finishing marks will be a staff displaying an orange flag.
- 11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**
There are no areas on the course designated as obstructions.
- 12 THE START**
- 12.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 12.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on a Race Committee Signal vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 12.3** A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 13 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**
To change the position of a mark of the course or the finish line, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark (or the original finish line) as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 14 THE FINISH**
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.
- 15 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 15.1** RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.
- 15.2** As provided in RRS 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42, provided that a member of the committee or its designated observer has seen the incident.
- 16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
- 16.1** The **target time** for the first boat to finish will be 90 minutes for the long course and 45 minutes for the short course.

- 16.2** The **time limit** for the first boat to finish will be 120 minutes for the long course and 75 minutes for the short course. Otherwise RRS 35 regarding abandonment shall apply.
- 16.3 Long course:** Boats failing to finish within forty-five (45) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
Short course: Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.4** Boats still racing, but not finishing within the time limit will be scored equal to the number of boats finishing plus two points, but no more points than the number of starters. This changes rules A4, A5, and A9.
- 17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 17.1** Protest forms are available from the Control Tower. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the session. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3** Notices, including protests by the race committee or protest committee under RRS 61.1(b) will be posted within 75 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race control tower.
- 17.4** A list of boats that, under RRS 17, have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 17.6** For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 17.7** Infringements of Sailing Instructions 1.3, 15.2, 19, 20 and 23 shall not be grounds for protest by competitors, but may result in action by the Race Committee or Jury. This changes RRS 60 and 61.
- 17.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 60 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 18 SCORING**
- 18.1** The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A, A4.1 and A9 will apply.
- 18.2** Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3**
- (a) When four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
 - (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score.
- 18.4** The restrictions on scoring for the junior divisions in stronger wind conditions according to Pacer Sailing Rule C.20 will be signalled by flying Code flag N over Numeral 2 flag.
- 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 19.1** Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 1 and RRS 4.
- 19.2 Sign-On:** Before each race or race session each competitor intending to race shall personally "sign-on", by signing the race sign-on sheet located in the ground floor area under the stairs of the clubhouse prior to the warning signal of the race or race session. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction will result in a boat being scored equal to "DNS" for the race or races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1
- 19.3 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 ground floor area under the stairs of the clubhouse. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction will result in a boat being scored equal to "DNF" for the race or races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1
- 19.4 Buoyancy Aids:** All competitors shall wear while racing, personal flotation devices that are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued by or approved by a national authority affiliated to the ISAF, or standards organisation, or certification authority recognised for the purpose by its respective government. In addition, government regulations require that competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.
- 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 20.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Pacer Event Sailing Committee.
- 20.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If damage

occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested before the end of protest time on the same day.

- 20.3** The written application for substitution and the approval of the Pacer Event Sailing Committee will be displayed on the official notice board.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as displaying the Beaumaris Yacht Club burgee.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 200 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 23.2** Support boats shall be marked by displaying flag O of a minimum size of 400 by 500mm, conspicuously at all times.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications.

25 DIVISIONS

- 25.1** Divisions will be allocated at the discretion of the Event Sailing Committee after completion of three races of the Championship. Allocation to divisions shall also be based on a boat's results only in those races which they completed.
- 25.2** The age limit for Junior skippers and crews shall be under 18 years on the 6 March 2010

26 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Open Division	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th* placed boats
Division B	1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boats
Division C	1st, 2nd and 3rd* placed boats
Junior Skipper and Crew	1st, 2nd and 3rd* placed boats
Junior Skipper with Senior Crew	1st, 2nd* and 3rd* placed boats
Boats without spinnaker	1st, 2nd* and 3rd* placed boats
Masters – Skipper Over 55	1st, 2nd* and 3rd* placed boats

*Prizes marked with * are subject to the number of entries in that division.*

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Event Sailing Committee

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors sail at their own risk. Injuries to competitors and damage to boats can and does happen. The Organising Authorities and all parties involved in the organisation of the Regatta accept no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to any person or property, whether ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the Regatta or otherwise. The Organising Authorities and all parties involved in the Regatta disclaim any and all such liability. The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor for the management and care of a boat she or he may be sailing in the Regatta.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$5,000,000 (recommended AUD\$10,000,000).

Attachment 1:

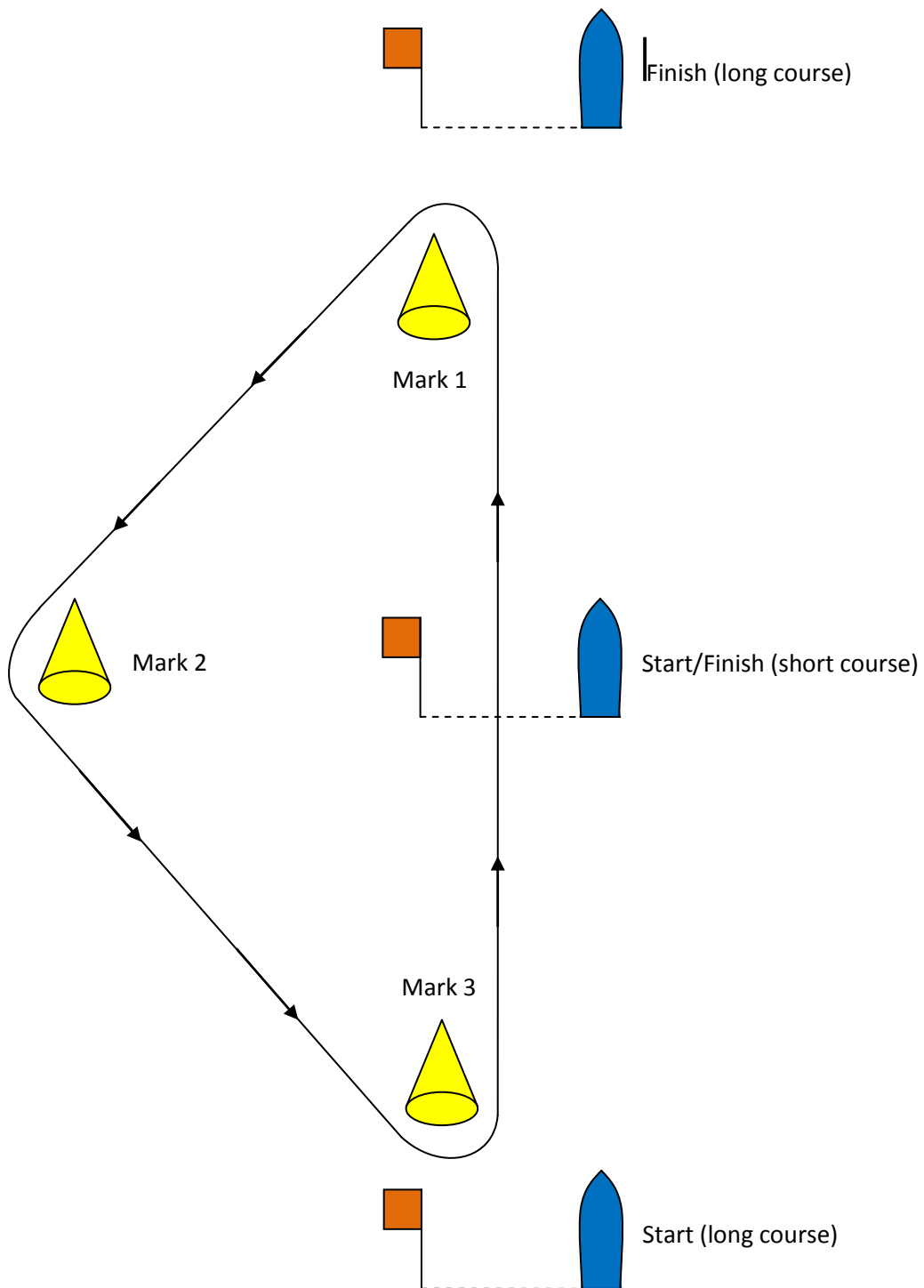
COURSES

Marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:

COURSE 1: Start, 1-2-3, 1-3, 1-2-3, Finish (indicated by display of Numeral Pennant 1 on Start Boat)

COURSE 2: Start, 1-2-3, 1-3, Finish (indicated by display of Numeral Pennant 2 on Start Boat)

Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be left to port.



NOTE: The finish line will be positioned to weather of Mark 3, but no further than 0.2 nautical miles beyond Mark 1.