



MTYC Port Phillip Latitude Race Sailing Instructions Sat 21 Feb 2015

- 1. RACING RULES** - The race will be conducted under the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the Safety Requirements of Special Regulations Part 1, Category "5", of Yachting Australia (YA), except as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 2. BRIEFING** - Will be held at approximately 1200hrs, in the St Kilda Marina car park by the Principal Race Officer.
- 3. START TIME** – Warning signal 1255hrs, Start – 1300hrs.
- 4. MARINE RADIOS** – **VHF radios audible to the working crew in the cockpit**, must be switched on during the race and tuned to channel **VHF 72**. All race communication, including Shortened Course, Postponement of the Start; Abandonment etc will be indicated via **VHF 72**.
- 5. RADIO SIGN ON** -All boats intending to race shall sign on by advising the **MTYC Principal Race Officer** on **VHF 72** prior to the Warning Signal and receive acknowledgement. Any boat that does not complete a radio sign on check prior to starting will be considered a Non Starter and will be given a race result of DNS (Did Not Start).

Any boat that withdraws or is forced to retire shall, at the earliest opportunity, notify the **MTYC Principal Race Officer** on **VHF 72** or contact the **MTYC Principal Race Officer** on **mob 0419 002 946**.

- 6. PERSONAL BUOYANCY** – Unless lifelines are fitted, an approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD type 1 or 2) shall be worn by each crew member at all times whilst racing. It is further recommended that skipper and crews of yachts wear a suitable PFD when on deck, in conditions such that wearing of a PFD is warranted. Conditions in which a skipper/crew may consider warrant the wearing of PFDs include increased wind speeds, sea state, crew experience and night sailing.
- 7. LIFEBOUYS** - Boats need not comply with Special Regulation 4.21(a) Lifebouys, provided that a PFD 1 or 2 is worn by each member of the crew.
- 8. RACE CONDITIONS** - If Code flag 'Y' is called by the Principal Race Officer, PFDs must be worn & it is recommended that storm boards be fitted.
- 9. HANDICAPS** – Performance Based Handicap will be used for the calculation of latitudes for each boat.
- 10. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Will be indicated at the briefing.
- 11. COURSE** – From the starting line to the finishing line after rounding any point on the Latitude Line designated for each yacht in the Fleet List. Boats are to stay east of the Melbourne Shipping Channel.

The Fleet List, available separately, calculates latitudes for each boat and will take into account the variety of prevailing weather conditions which may be encountered for the race.

The applicable set of Latitudes will be confirmed at the Briefing. The set of Latitude Lines to be used may be subsequently varied after the start and while yachts are on the south bound leg of the course, if weather conditions vary significantly from those forecast prior to the start. Any such change will also be broadcast on VHF 72.

12. STARTING LINE will be between the Isolated Danger Mark (37° 53.210'S, 144° 57.540'E) and a laid Orange Flag.

13. STARTING PROCEDURE – The race will be started by using rule 26, and modified as below:

<i>PRE-WARNING SIGNAL</i>	<i>A series of SHORT SOUND SIGNALS</i>	<i>6 Min</i>
<i>WARNING SIGNAL</i>	<i>1 SOUND SIGNAL</i>	<i>5 Min</i>
<i>PREPARATORY SIGNAL</i>	<i>1 SOUND SIGNAL</i>	<i>4 Min</i>
<i>ONE MINUTE</i>	<i>1 SOUND SIGNAL</i>	<i>1 Min</i>
<i>STARTING SIGNAL</i>	<i>1 SOUND SIGNAL</i>	<i>START</i>

There are no flags used. The Sound Signals will be broadcast on VHF 72.

14. FINISHING LINE - is same as the Starting Line.

15. TIME LIMIT – Yachts not crossed the finish line by 1500hrs will be considered as not finishing the race.

16. POSTPONEMENT, CANCELLATION & ABANDONMENT OF RACE - Will be advised by the Principal Race Officer.

17. SHORTENED COURSE - Due to change of conditions the Principal Race Officer may shorten the course. This will be broadcast to boats by **VHF 72**.

18. RETIRING YACHTS – Yachts retiring shall notify the race committee vessel or another yacht in the fleet of their intention, by **VHF 72**.

19. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY - The **720'** turns penalty as provided in rule 44 of Part 4 (Penalties for breaking the rules) shall apply for infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the racing rules.

20. PROTESTS – Protests will be heard only after an application is made with an associated fee of \$10. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished. The protest form is available from the Principal Race Officer and will be heard in accordance with Racing Rules of Sailing.

21. INDEMNITY All participants compete in this race conducted by the Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club Inc at their own risk.

The MTYC is not responsible for the sea worthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or its crew.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, 'Decision To Race' which states ***“The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”***

The MTYC accepts no responsibility for any damage, injury or loss sustained by any boat, equipment or crew and/or persons associated, whether ashore or afloat and whether or not occurring during any rescue operation.

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or equivalent.

23. PROOF OF LATITUDE

Each boat at the end of the race is to provide to the Principal Race Officer, proof that they have sailed to the prescribed latitude. Proof may be a photo of their GPS, a screenshot of their smartphone GPS reading or other suitable evidence to confirm the boat reached the prescribed latitude.