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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**2018 WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE**  
**and**  
**YOUNGER SET WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE**  
**for “Off The Beach” boats**

To be held Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
Re-sail if required: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

Organising Authority: **Yachting Western Port (YWP)**  
Host Club: **Westernport Yacht Club Inc. (WYC)**

**1 Rules**

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*, the Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, the rules of the respective classes, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

**2 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board at WYC.

**3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board not less than 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first start, and Code Flag “L” will be flown from the flagpole of WYC with one sound signal.
- 3.2 An Information session will be held on the day of the race at 1200 hrs at WYC.

**4 Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the WYC flagpole.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two (2) sound signals means the race is postponed. The warning signal for the first start will be made not less than fifteen (15) minutes after AP is lowered with one (1) sound signal.

**5 Schedule of Races**

- 5.1 The warning signal for the first start will be at 1300 hours on Saturday 13th January 2018
- 5.2 Re-sail (if necessary): Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018, first warning signal at 1300 Hours.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will; begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 6 Divisions and Division Flags

The race will be conducted in Divisions. The Divisions and their respective flags are:

Division	Hull Type	Yardstick	Numeral Pennant
Division 1	Multihulls	Less than 88	One
Division 2	Multihulls	88 and above	Two
Division 3	Monohulls	Less than 119	Three
Division 4	Monohulls	119 to less than 131	Four
Division 5	Monohulls	131 and above	Five

## 7 Racing Area

The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port in the vicinity of the Westernport Yacht Club.

## 8 The Course

- 8.1 The course is triangular. The diagrams in **Attachment 1** show the course, including: the approximate angles between legs; the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 8.2 Courses may be shortened, in which case Flag S will be displayed by an Official boat in the vicinity of a rounding mark. The flag for each Division for which the course is shortened will be displayed before the leading boat of that Division rounds or passes the mark, accompanied by two sound signals. Boats of that Division will complete the course as shortened for the leading boat by rounding or passing that mark and then proceeding to the finish line in accordance with paragraph 13. A Flag "S" displayed with no Division flags will mean that the course has been shortened for all divisions.
- 8.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

## 9 Tides

Tide Times for Westernport in the vicinity of WYC:

Saturday, January 13 2018 - High Water 2.49m 08:15 hrs. Low Water 0.64m 16:16 hrs.

Sunday, January 21 2018 - Low Water 0.88m 10:04 hrs. High Water 2.60m 16:14 hrs.

## 10 Marks

- 10.1 Course marks 1, 2, & 3 will be cylindrical orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 Port end starting mark will be the cylindrical orange course buoy Mark 3, and the finishing mark is a stick buoy displaying an "F" flag on the starboard end and the committee boat on the port end of the finish line.

## 11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the first starting signal, and the preparatory signal two minutes before the starting signal. Each start will be the warning signal for the next start.
- 11.2 Races will be started in the order of divisions 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.
- 11.3 In the interest of timely racing, some divisions may be combined into one start.
- 11.4 The starting line will be between Mark 3 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the Mark 3 starting mark at the port end. The race committee boat may stream a barging buoy, which will be considered an extension of the race committee boat.
- 11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.6 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS rule A4 1.

## 12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 No changes to the course will be made after the start of the first division.

### **13 The Finish**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be below Mark 3, between the committee boat on the port end and a stick buoy displaying an "F" flag on the starboard end.

### **14 Penalty System**

- 14.1 For the multi-hulls Rule 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### **15 Time Limit**

- 15.1 The time limit for a division is three (3) hours after the start of that division, or 60 minutes after the first boat in that division finishes whichever is the later. All boats finishing outside these time limits will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

### **16 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office of Westernport Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat to finish.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. These notices will also be communicated on that day for posting on the notice boards of participating clubs whose members are named in the protest. Hearings will be held at Westernport Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted. Competitors and witnesses named may participate by phone.
- 16.4 Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instruction 17 (Scoring) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for this breach may be the subject of a protest by the race committee.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 11.5, 18, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.7 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

### **17 Scoring**

- 17.1 The course for each division is a specified number of laps.
- 17.2 For the **Western Port Challenge**, each boat's Elapsed Time will be adjusted for the time taken for the leg from leeward mark to finish by using the time taken on that leg by a selected boat and adjusted by the respective yardstick, to give an Elapsed Time for the laps sailed. This time will be corrected to give a Yardstick Corrected Time for the number of laps sailed.
- 17.3 Each boat's Yardstick Corrected Time will then be corrected to 4 laps
- 17.4 A Multi-hull Correction Factor will be calculated using the fastest 5 monohulls and 5 multi-hulls.
- 17.5 The Scoring for each boat entered will be as follows:  
DNC will not be included as an entrant.  
DNS, OCS, DNF, RAF and DSQ, will be allocated a corrected time equal to the last boat overall.
- 17.6 Each club's score will be the average of its Yardstick Corrected Times excluding time of:  
1 boat for every 3 boats after 7, then 1 drop for every 2 boats after 28 starters.  
e.g. 6 (0 drop), 7-9 (1 drop), 10-12 (2 drops), 13-15 (3 drops), 16-18 (4 drops), 19-21 (5

drops), 22-24 (6 drops), 25-27 (7 drops), 28-29 (8 drops), 30-31 (9 drops), 32-33 (10 drops), 23-35 (11 drops) cont.

- 17.7 Entrants of clubs that cannot field a team of sufficient numbers to qualify for a team score, may nominate another club for their scores to contribute to as a joint result. This must be indicated on individual entries.
- 17.8 The Club or joint team with six (6) or more entrants and the lowest average time is the winner. A club that has less than six (6) boats rank as entrants will not qualify as a Club entry, but the boats will be eligible for individual prizes.
- 17.9 For those also entered in the **Younger Set Western Port Challenge** the Yardstick Corrected Times will be calculated as in instructions 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, and 17.5.
- 17.10 For the **Younger Set Western Port Challenge**, each club's score will be the average of its Yardstick Corrected Times excluding times discarded as follows:-
- |          |   |   |   |   |   |            |
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| Entrants | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 11+        |
| Discards | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | all over 6 |
- 17.11 The Club with 3 or more entrants and the lowest average time is the winner. If less than three (3) boats rank as starting for a Club, that Club will not qualify as a Club entry, but the boats will be eligible for individual prizes.

## 18 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 Each club will assign a "Home Race Officer" (HRA).
- 18.2 The HRO will ensure any boats sailing to a host club have signed on at their club before sailing to the host club for the race. Also the HRO will ensure that all boats who sign on have returned and signed off. The HRO will also inform the host Club Race Officer that all boats have returned and signed off.
- 18.3 A competitor from each boat must "sign on" on the sheets provided at Westernport YC before 1230 hrs OR alternatively a boat may sign on at the member's club before 1200 hrs.
- 18.4 All Boats, including those that retire, are required to sign off at the end of the race, by:
- signing the Sign Off sheet at the Westernport Yacht Club within 30 minutes of the last boat to finish; or
  - making a verbal declaration to an Official Boat flying a blue flag lying to windward of the finishing mark. This must be done by sailing close to and hailing the Official Boat, and ensuring that a clear acknowledgement is received back from that boat. The acknowledgement will comprise the sail number of the boat signing off being repeated and the raising of code flag 'C'. This alternative does not apply to any protesting boat, or a boat notified as being subject to protest. These boats must proceed ashore and Sign Off.
- 18.5 A boat which fails to sign on or sign off in accordance with this rule 18 may be disqualified at the discretion of the Host Club Race Officer
- 18.6 Before the race, the Host Club Race Officer will check that all entered boats from each club have signed on. After the race the Race Officer will remain on duty until each club confirms that all competitors from that club have returned. Each home club is responsible for the safe return of their respective fleet to their home club. Each home club shall communicate with the Host Club race control (via VHF Channel 77) when their fleet including patrol boats is all accounted and returned safely.

## 19 Official Boats

Official Boats will fly their home club burgee.

## 20 Rubbish Disposal

Rubbish may be placed aboard official boats.

## 21 Prizes

Prizes will be presented to Club Officials at the next AGM of Yachting Westernport Port as follows:

- 21.1 **The Western Port Challenge perpetual shield** awarded to the winning club.
- 21.2 **The Westernport Younger Set perpetual trophy** awarded to the winning club of the younger set race. Skipper and crew must be under 21 years of age on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- 21.3 **The Rod Johnson Memorial Trophy** awarded to the club with the best junior crew. A minimum of three boats and all crew members must be under 16 years of age on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- 21.4 **The Westernport Challenge Multihull Shield** awarded to the overall winner of divisions 1 and 2.
- 21.5 **The Westernport Challenge Monohull Shield** awarded to the overall winner of divisions 3, 4, and 5.
- 21.6 **Individual lady prize** awarded to each of the crew members of the leading boat with a lady skipper.
- 21.7 **Individual junior prize** awarded to each of the crew of the leading boat with a skipper under the age of 16 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- 21.8 **Individual divisional prizes** awarded to each of the crews placed first second or third in each division, in both the Western Port Challenge and the Western Port Younger Set challenge, subject to the number of boats per division as follows:
  - 21.8.1 **If there are 5 boats or more – first, second and third.**
  - 21.8.2 **If there are 4 boats – first and second.**
  - 21.8.3 **If there are 3 boats – first only.**
  - 21.8.4 **No individual divisional prizes will be awarded if there are less than 3 boats in a division.**

## 22 Disclaimer of Liability

- 22.1 Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4 Decision to Race “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.” Westernport Yacht Club and the Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
- 22.2 Each competitor should note the indemnity that is granted to the Westernport Yacht Club and the Organising Authority on signing the Entry Form.

## 23 Insurance

Each participating boat or skipper in charge of the boat must be insured with Marine Third-Party insurance legal liability cover to a minimum level of **\$5,000,000** per incident or the equivalent.