ROYAL MELBOURNE YACHT SQUADRON

Sailing Instructions 2026-2027 V 1

Including Supplementary Sailing Instructions:

I)	Pursuit Races (started off the breakwater)
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Note: passage races will have sailing instructions issued separately.

Amendments

Version	Date Effective	Comments
1	1.10.2026	Original Document

For all other series/races refer to the appropriate Host Club as nominated on the Sailing Calendar available via the Club Website. The term “Home Club” means the club where the boat is registered.

1 [SP] CREW DECLARATIONS

1.1 Accurate crew declarations shall be completed after 0100hrs on the day of the race and at least 15 mins prior to the warning signal of the yacht’s first race of the day. Failure to lodge a crew declaration (or a crew declaration being inaccurate) will result in the yacht being scored DNC without a hearing for all races on that day.

1.2 All yachts shall register their Crew Declarations via the TopYacht Entry System or via the QR code.

1.3 Sail Passes are to be purchased via RevSport: Sail Pass link

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 The Official Notice Board for the RMYS is at the following website: https://rmys.com.au/official-notice-board/

2.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 2000 on the day preceding the race for which they will take effect.

2.3 The Host Club may issue Notices to Competitors on their website. Competitors may also be notified by SMS and/or email. A copy of the notice may also be posted on the Home Club's noticeboard.

2.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Host Club's flagpole and may be repeated at other clubs on their flag poles.

2.5 Oral amendments to the Sailing Instructions may be made over the radio channel designated in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) immediately prior to the warning signal. These may be repeated during the race. This amends RRS Race Signals.

3 COURSES, STARTING AREA, LIGHT BOX

Refer to Supplementary Sailing Instructions I to V

4 KEEPING CLEAR OF COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

4.1 **[DP]** It is a requirement that competitors keep clear of commercial shipping. Any yacht the subject of a complaint by a ship's Master may be disqualified. Refer to Supplementary Sailing Instructions VI: Keeping Clear of Commercial Shipping.

5 HEARING REQUESTS

5.1 Protests shall be lodged at the Host Club within two hours after the finishing time of the last yacht of any division to finish. Protest forms may be lodged by email or handed in at the club's office.

5.2 Appendix T Arbitration shall apply.

5.3 Protests will be heard at a time and place to be notified by the Host Club and may be via video conferencing.

5.4 Host Club contact details are as follows:

Club	Email	Phone
Hobsons Bay Yacht Club	racing@hbyc.org.au	9397 6111
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	boating@rmys.com.au	9534 0227 0493 363 062
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	sailmanager@rycv.asn.au	9397 1277

6 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will display the burgee of the club hosting the event.

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

I) Pursuit Races

Race radio	VHF Channel 72.
Call sign	Squadron Tower.
Starting Area	Breakwater Start.
Class flag	R
Course	Selected from attached RMYS Pursuit Courses. Pursuit courses may have spinnaker and non-spinnaker division, The same course number will be advised for both divisions, but the courses may be different. Spinnaker courses have a “S” suffix.
Course notification and starting procedure	Yachts are allocated a handicap in minutes from the start time. The yacht’s preparatory signal is 4 minutes before her start, regardless of any signals made. **Light Tower not used:** handicap numbers will be displayed in the Tower window. The yacht’s start time occurs when the number is removed. **Light Tower used:** refer to Supplementary Sailing Instructions IV: RMYS Light Tower. The yacht’s start time occurs when the number is first displayed. These changes modify RRS26.
Safety category	Category 6 for races occurring during daylight hours. Category 5N for any race occurring, or extending to, after sunset.
Starting Line	The starting line is an imaginary line between the vertical line on the breakwater Race Tower and the centre of Mark A, excluding the area between Mark H and the Tower. Note that Mark H is not necessarily located on the starting line.
Individual recalls	Yachts starting one minute or more before their allocated start time shall receive a DNS. No recall signal shall be made. This changes RRS 29.1 **Light Tower not used:** refer to RRS 26. **Light Tower used:** refer to Supplementary Sailing Instructions IV: RMYS Light Tower. An individual recall message may be made on VHF 72.

Shortening course	The race officer may shorten the course by deleting a mark of the course and advising such on VHF channel 72. Should it be required the Race Officer will also advise of a change in finishing direction.
Finish Line	The finish line is an imaginary line between the vertical line on the breakwater Race Tower and the centre of Mark A, excluding the area between Mark H and the Tower. Note that Mark H is not necessarily located on the finishing line. Yachts passing to the breakwater side of H are not considered finished. Yachts should not pass back through the line after finishing.
Time limit	Twilight: 10 minutes before sunset.
Other	Notes: Yachts not yet racing (before their preparatory signal) shall keep clear of yachts that are racing and stay at least 50m from the start line. Mark H shall be treated as an inner distance mark. Yachts shall not pass between Mark H and the Tower from the time of the first warning signal until all yachts have finished racing.
Finishing in darkness	Yachts finishing between sunset and sunrise are required to notify the Race Committee by radio (Call Sign- Squadron Tower) on VHF channel 72 approximately 5 minutes before their finish and illuminate their sail numbers continuously from 100 metres before the finish line until they have cleared the finish line. Yachts shall radio Squadron Tower announcing their sail number when crossing the finish line.

Further information: Ann Rogers boating@rmys.com.au or 9534 0227

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

II) Squadron Race (combined start)

Race radio	VHF Channel 72.
Call sign	Squadron Tower.
Starting Area	Breakwater Start.
Class flag	R
Course	Selected from any squadron or pursuit course.
Course notification and starting procedure	Refer RRS26. Refer to Supplementary SIs IV RMYS Light Tower.
Safety category	Category 6 for races occurring during daylight hours. Category 5N for any race occurring, or extending to, after sunset.
Starting Line	An imaginary line between the vertical line on the breakwater Race Tower and the centre of Mark A, excluding the area between Mark H and the Tower. Note that Mark H is not necessarily located on the starting line.
Finish Line	An imaginary line between the vertical line on the breakwater race Tower and the centre of Mark A, excluding the area between Mark H and the Tower. Note that Mark H is not necessarily located on the starting line. Yachts passing to the breakwater side of H are not considered finished. Yachts should not pass back through the line after finishing.
Shortening course	The Race Officer may shorten the course by deleting a mark of the course and advising such on VHF channel 72. Should it be required the Race Officer will also advise of a change in finishing direction.
Time limit	Three hours. A boat failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is the later, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

Other	Mark H shall be treated as an inner distance mark. Yachts shall not pass between Mark H and the Tower from the time of the first warning signal until all yachts have finished racing. Unless the course advises otherwise, yachts shall not cross the start/finish line unless starting, finishing or the course advises otherwise.

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SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

III) Laid Courses

Race radio	VHF Channel 72.		
Call sign	William Paterson.		
Starting Area	Port Philip Bay.		
Class flag	R		
Course	Selected from Laid Course list in Supplementary Sailing Instructions V: RMYS Marks and Courses. Code flag Q flown from the RMYS clubhouse flagpole indicates that laid courses will be run as a Squadron course.		
Safety category	Six.		
Starting Line	An imaginary line between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the centre of a yellow cylindrical buoy. A crowding buoy may be laid.		
Signal	**Flag**	**Sound**	**Minutes before starting signal**
Warning	Class flag (R)	1 short	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, U or black flag	1 short	4
One minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 long	1
Starting	Class flag removed	1 short	0
Marks	Marks are orange and cylindrical or conical in shape. A change of course mark will be orange with a black band. A subsequent change in course will use the original mark that was removed.		
Finish Line	The finishing line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and a blue buoy.		
Time limit	Three hours. A boat failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is the later, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.		

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

IV) RMYS Light Tower Starting Procedures

A. Pursuit courses.

Starting procedures for Pursuit Starts are outlined below, changing RRS26
The course number will be displayed in the Tower window

Signal	Lights	Number Display	Sound
Warning		-5	One signal
Preparatory		-4, -3, -2	One signal at 4 minutes only
One minute		-1	One long signal
Start of boats on 0 min handicap		0	One signal
Start of boats on 1 min handicap		1	One signal
Start of boats on 6 min handicap		6	One signal

For clarity:

a) when the light box ***is*** used, the yacht's start is when the relevant number is first displayed, not when the number is replaced.
b) when the light box is ***not*** being used, the yacht's start is when the relevant number is removed from the window, not when first displayed.

Where the time displayed on the Tower does not align with the local time, the displayed number will be used.

B. Squadron Courses

Starting procedures for Squadron courses are outlined below, changing RRS26
The course number will be displayed in the Tower window or before the warning signal on the light Tower

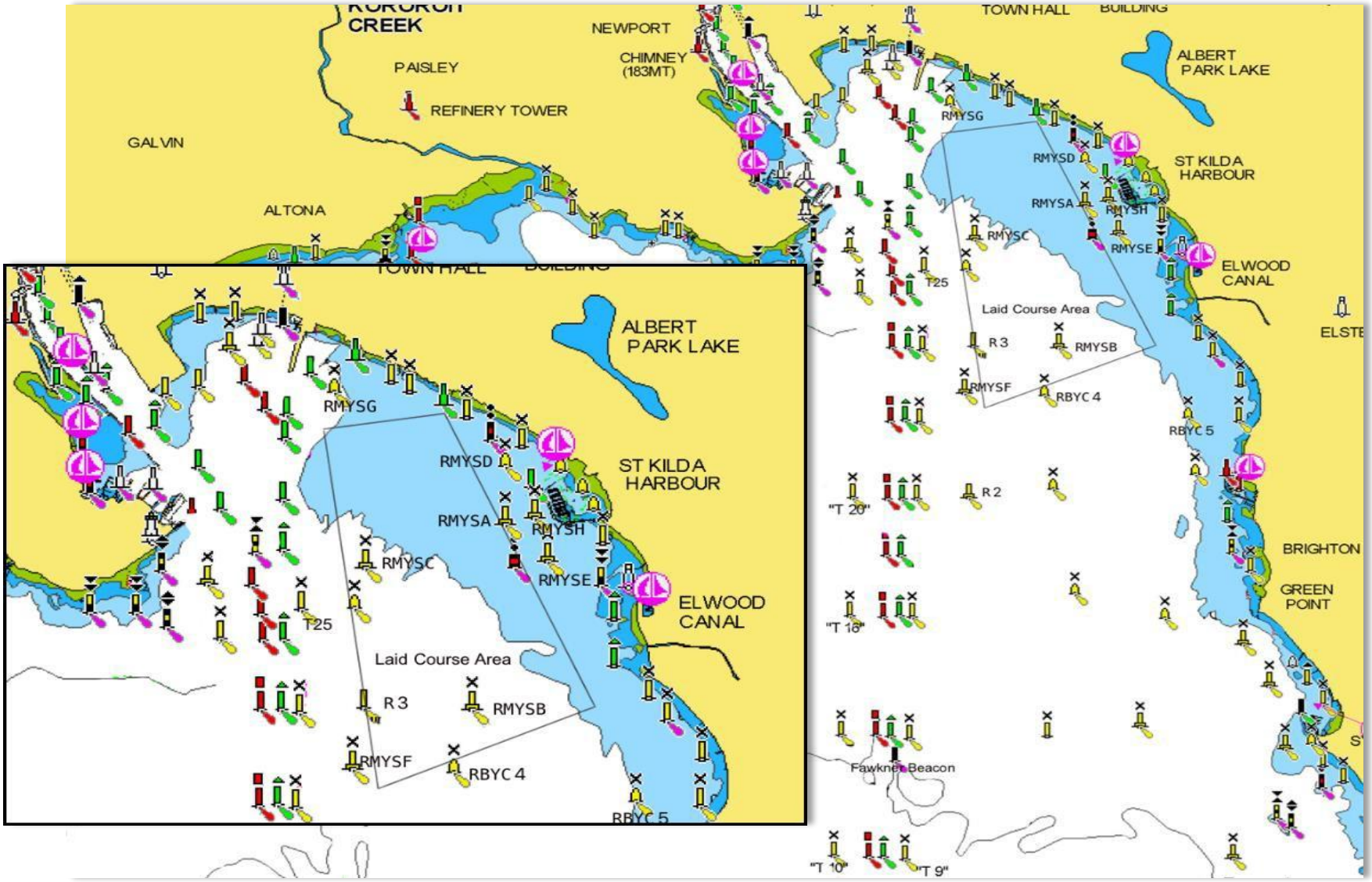
Signal	Lights	Number Display	Sound
Warning		-5	One signal
Preparatory		-4, -3, -2	One signal at 4 minutes only
One minute		60 (seconds countdown)	One long signal
Start		0	One signal

C. Further light signals

Signal	Lights	Number Display	Sound
Individual Recall (pursuit)	Fl.Y illuminated for 45 seconds max		One signal
Individual Recall (combined)	Fl.Y illuminated for 3 minutes max		One signal
General Recall	Fl.Y Fl.R illuminated for 5 minutes	rE	Two signals
Postponement		PO	Two signals
Abandoned		Ab	Three signals
Shorten course		SC	Two signals

Supplementary Sailing Instructions

V) RMYS Marks and Courses6



RMYS Tower Pursuit Courses

No.	Passing Marks								nm
60	Start	D (p)	G (p)	F (p)	E (p)	Finish			6.6
60 s	Start	D (p)	G (p)	R2 (p)	E (p)	Finish			8.2
61	Start	G (p)	C (p)	E (p)	Finish				4.1
61 s	Start	G (p)	R3 (p)	E (p)	Finish				5.4
62	Start	D (p)	B (p)	E (p)	Finish				3.8
62 s	Start	D (p)	F (p)	E (p)	Finish				5.2
63	Start	D (p)	C (p)	F (p)	E (p)	Finish			5.4
63 s	Start	D (p)	C (p)	R2 (p)	E (p)	Finish			6.9
64	Start	G (p)	R3 (p)	E (p)	Finish				5.4
64 s	Start	G (p)	F (p)	E (p)	Finish				6.4
65	Start	E (s)	F (s)	G (s)	D (s)	Finish			6.6
65 s	Start	E (s)	R2 (s)	G (s)	D (s)	Finish			8.2
66	Start	E (s)	C (s)	G (s)	D (s)	Finish			4.3
66 s	Start	E (s)	B (s)	G (s)	D (s)	Finish			6.9
67	Start	E (s)	F (s)	D (s)	Finish				5.2
67 s	Start	E (s)	R2 (s)	D (s)	Finish				6.6
68	Start	E (s)	F (s)	C (s)	D (s)	Finish			5.4
68 s	Start	E (s)	R2 (s)	C (s)	D (s)	Finish			6.9
69	Start	B (s)	F (s)	C (s)	D (s)	Finish			5.3
69 s	Start	B (s)	F (s)	G (s)	D (s)	Finish			6.5
70	Start	E (s)	C (s)	D (s)	Finish				3.0
70 s	Start	E (s)	R3 (s)	D (s)	Finish				4.1
71	Start	E (s)	C (s)	E (s)	C (s)	D (s)	Finish		5.2
71 s	Start	E (s)	C (s)	E (s)	C (s)	G (s)	D (s)	Finish	6.5
72	Start	D (p)	C (s)	G (s)	D (s)	Finish			4.3
72 s	Start	D (p)	R3 (s)	G (s)	D (s)	Finish			6.0
73	Start	E (s)	C (p)	F (p)	E (p)	Finish			5.0
73 s	Start	E (s)	C (p)	R2 (p)	E (p)	Finish			6.8
74	Start	E (s)	F (s)	C (s)	E (p)	Finish			5.3
74 s	Start	E (s)	R2 (s)	C (s)	E (p)	Finish			6.8
75	Start	D (p)	F (s)	C (s)	B (p)	E (p)	Finish		7.1
75 s	Start	D (p)	R2 (s)	C (s)	B (p)	E (p)	Finish		8.8
76	Start	E (s)	B (s)	C (p)	F (p)	D (s)	Finish		7.1
76 s	Start	E (s)	B (s)	C (p)	R2 (p)	D (s)	Finish		8.8
77	Start	E (s)	G (p)	C (p)	E (p)	Finish			5.3
77 s	Start	B (s)	G (p)	C (p)	E (p)	Finish			6.5
78	Start	B (s)	G (p)	C (p)	E (p)	Finish			6.5
78 s	Start	B (s)	G (p)	R3 (p)	E (p)	Finish			7.9

RMYS Tower Club Courses

Rounding Red shaded marks to Port, Green Shaded marks to Starboard

No.	Passing Marks												nm
79	Start	D (p)	C (p)	B (p)	A (p)	B (p)	Finish						6.9
80	Start	E (s)	C (s)	G (s)	C (p)	E (p)	Finish						5.2
81	Start	B (s)	F (s)	C (s)	E (p)	Finish							4.9
82	Start	D (p)	C (s)	G (s)	C (p)	E (p)	Finish						5.3
83	Start	E (s)	F (s)	G (s)	C (p)	B (p)	Finish						7.4
84	Start	B (s)	C (s)	D (s)	A (s)	B (s)	A (s)	D (s)	Finish				7.7
85	Start	B (s)	C (s)	D (s)	A (s)	B (s)	C (s)	D (s)	Finish				8.3
86	Start	D (p)	C (p)	B (p)	A (p)	D (p)	C (p)	B (p)	Finish				8.3
87	Start	G (p)	C (p)	E (p)	A (p)	G (p)	A (p)	E (p)	Finish				7.6
88	Start	R2 (s)	C (s)	D (s)	A (s)	B (s)	A (s)	D (s)	Finish				10.3
89	Start	D (p)	C (p)	R2 (p)	A (p)	D (p)	A (p)	B (p)	Finish				10.3
90	Start	D (p)	GB (s)	P3 (p)	R2 (p)	Finish							10.3
91	Start	B (s)	C (s)	D (s)	A (s)	B (s)	A (s)	D (s)	A (s)	B (s)	A (s)	D (s)	Finish	11.4
92	Start	D (p)	C (p)	B (p)	A (p)	D (p)	A (p)	B (p)	A (p)	D (p)	A (p)	B (p)	Finish	11.4
93	Start	G (p)	R2 (p)	A (p)	R3 (p)	E (p)	Finish							10.8
94	Start	G (p)	C (p)	E (p)	A (p)	G (p)	A (p)	E (p)	A (p)	G (p)	C (p)	E (p)	Finish	11.6
95	Start	R3 (s)	P3 (s)	GB (p)	D (s)	A (s)	B (s)	C (s)	D (s)	Finish				13.0
96	Start	R2 (s)	G (s)	A (s)	R3 (s)	G (s)	Finish							12.8
97	Start	G (p)	R2 (p)	A (p)	G (p)	R3 (p)	Finish							12.8
98	Start	G (p)	GB (s)	P3 (p)	R2 (p)	A (p)	G (s)	Finish						13.7
99	Start	R2 (s)	A (s)	R2 (p)	G (s)	Finish								13.3

RMYS Laid Courses

General

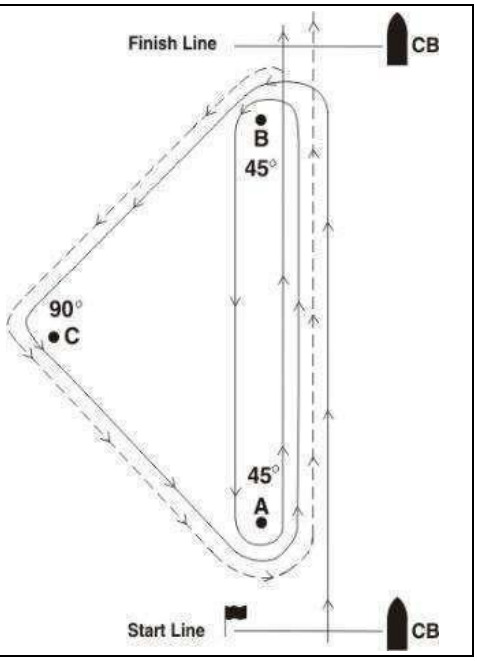
1. Laid courses to be sailed will be indicated by numeral pennants.
2. Courses shall be sailed leaving all marks to port, unless a green flag is flown below the numeral pennant(s) indicating that all marks shall be left to starboard.
3. A compass bearing to the first mark may be displayed from the Committee Boat.
4. In the course diagrams and descriptions, CB' indicates the Committee Boat.
5. Course diagrams are indicative of each individual leg only. Refer to course descriptions for the number of legs to be sailed and mark rounding order.
6. Where a hitch mark is included in the course description, it is designated H.
7. The Race Officer will, at their discretion, set the length of each leg and reserves the right to lengthen, shorten or swing the course.

Triangle - Windward & Return Courses

- The start line may be laid approximately 0.1 nm downwind of mark A.
- The finish line may be laid approximately 0.1 nm upwind of mark B.

TRIANGLE WINDWARD & RETURN COURSES

No.	Course	Legs
1	Start, B, C, A, B, A, finish	6
2	Start, B, C, A, B, A, B, A, finish	8
3	Start, B, C, A, B, A, B, C, A, finish	9



Windward & Return Courses

- The start line may be laid approximately 0.1 nm downwind of mark A.
- The finish line may be laid approximately 0.1 nm upwind of mark B.

WINDWARD AND RETURN COURSES				
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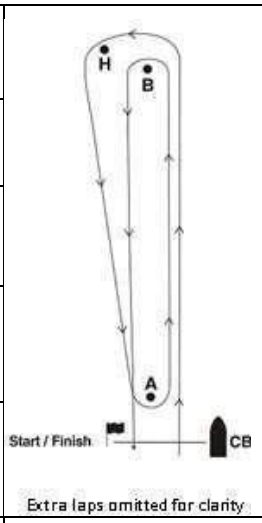
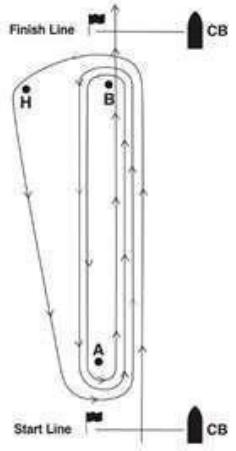
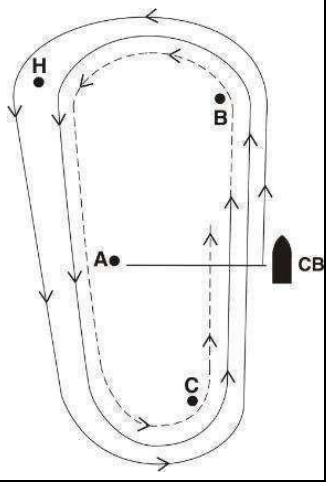
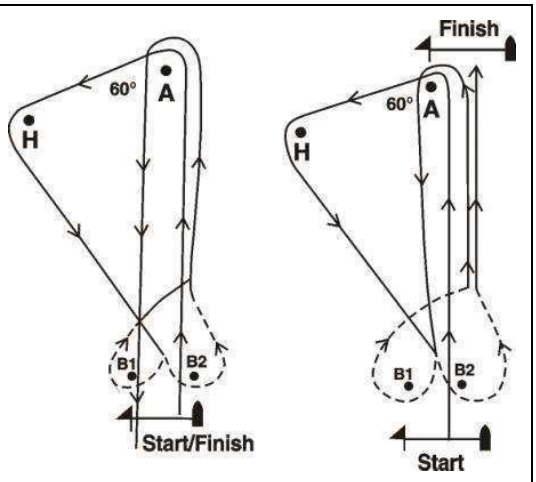
4	Start, B, H, A, B, finish	4		
5	Start, B, H, A, B, A, finish	5		
6	Start, B, H, A, B, A, B, finish	6		
7	Start, B, H, A, B, A, B, A, finish	7	Courses 4 and 6	Courses 5 and 7

WINDWARD AND RETURN COURSES WITH WINDWARD GATE			*Course 8 shown.* *Course 9 omits 2 legs* 
No	**Course**	**Legs**	
8	Start, B, H, C, B, C, B, C, finish • On legs B-C pass A(P) or CB(S) • On legs C-B pass A(P) and CB(S)	7	
9	Start, B, H, C, B, C, finish • On legs B-C pass A(P) or CB(S) • On legs C-B pass A(P) and CB(S)	5	

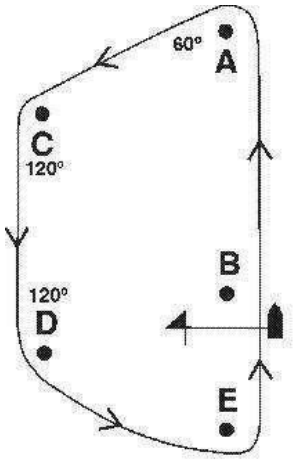
WINDWARD AND RETURN COURSES WITH LEEWARD GATE		
No.	**Course**	**Legs**
10	Start, A, H, B1/B2, A, finish	4
11	Start, A, H, B1/B2, A, B1/B2, finish	5
12	Start, A, H, B1/B2, A, B1/B2, A, finish	6
13	Start, A, H, B1/B2, A, B1/B2, A, B1/B2, finish	7



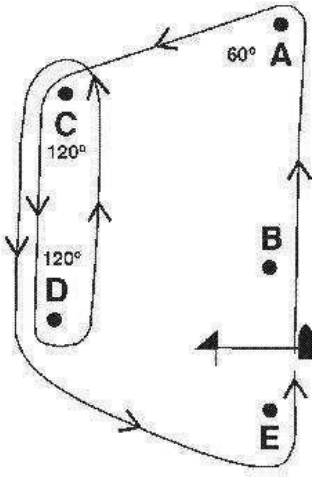
Courses 10 & 12 | **Courses 11 & 13**

Extra lap omitted for clarity (course 12)

TRAPEZOID COURSES		
No.	**Course**	**Legs**
14	Start, A, C, D, E, Finish	5
15	Start, A, C, D, C, D, E, Finish	7
16	Start, A, C, D, C, D, C, D, E, Finish	9
17	Start, A, B, A, C, D, E, Finish	7
18	Start, A, B, A, B, A, C, D, E Finish	9



Course 14



Courses 15 & 16
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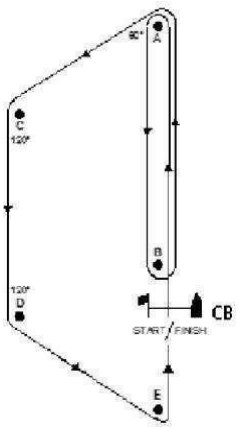

Courses 17 & 18
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Mark location

Latitude and longitude are approximate and no guarantee of accuracy may be presumed.
The positions of fixed navigation marks listed below are as shown on the current Australian charts AUS 143, 154 and 155 as modified by Notices to Mariners.

RMYS Club Marks

RMYS fixed marks are a yellow cylinder with a light sequence of Fl (4) Y. 10s.

RMYS Marks			
Mark	**Colour**	**Lat °S**	**Long °E**
RMYS A	Yellow	37° 51.901’	144° 57.479’
RMYS B	Yellow	37° 53.207’	144° 57.224’
RMYS C	Yellow	37° 52.183’	144° 56.425’
RMYS D	Yellow	37° 51.507’	144° 57.469’
RMYS E	Yellow	37° 52.157’	144° 57.807’
RMYS F	Yellow	37° 53.581’	144° 56.299’
RMYS G	Yellow	37° 50 945’	144° 56.104’
RMYS H	Yellow	37° 51.868’	144° 57.676’
RMYS S	Yellow	Used to replace a missing mark	

Fixed Marks

FIXED NAVIGATION MARKS			
Mark	**Description**	**Lat °S**	**Long °E**
BLA	Blairgowrie Finish Line	38° 21.29’	144° 46.53’
CAR2	Carrum No. 2	38° 03.03’	145° 04.65’
FWK	Fawkner Beacon	37° 56.93’	144° 56.61’
GB	Gellibrand pile	37° 52.62’	144° 54.88’
MORN	Finish line at Mornington	38° 12.64’	145° 02.20’
OA	Outer Anchorage	37° 56.91’	144° 51.52’
PARL	Finish line at Portarlington	38° 06.61’	144° 39.14’
PGB	Prince George Bank Beacon	38° 06.50’	144° 44.12’
PHEN	Channel mark off Point Henry	38° 07.30’	144° 26.70’
PWIL	End of Point Wilson pier	38° 05.80’	144° 32.30’
PR1	Point Richards No. 1 Beacon	38° 05.16’	144° 38.48’
P2	Pipeline No. 2 Buoy	37° 55.44’	144° 53.20’
P3	Pipeline No. 3 Buoy	37° 53.40’	144° 52.87’
R1	Recreational Buoy No. 1	38° 16.35’	144° 58.44’
R2	Recreational Buoy No. 2	37° 54.56’	144° 56.34’
R3	Recreational Buoy No. 3	37° 53.16’	144° 56.39’
R4	Recreational Buoy No. 4	37° 50.70’	144° 55.36’
SC19	South Channel Mark 19	38° 20.20’	144° 54.40’
SPG	Spoil ground Buoy	37° 59.10’	144° 53.00’
WCH	West Channel Pile	38° 11.66’	144° 45.32’

Channel Marks

Mark	Lat °S	Long °E
T1	38° 00.01’	144° 55.66’
T25	37° 52.48’	144° 55.97’
Ch 01	37° 55.60’	144° 55.62’
Ch 03	37° 55.08’	144° 56.50’
Ch 06	37° 54.56’	144° 55.53’
Ch 07	37° 53.85’	144° 55.70’
Ch 08	37° 53.85’	144° 55.59’
Ch 10	37° 53.18’	144° 55.59’
Ch 11	37° 52.68’	144° 55.76’
Ch 12	37° 52.68’	144° 55.62’
Ch 15	37° 52.09’	144° 55.55’
Ch 17	37° 51.80’	144° 55.28’
Ch 17A	37° 51.55’	144° 55.18’
Ch 19	37° 51.48’	144° 55.00’
Ch 19A	37° 51.50’	144° 55.12’
Ch 21	37° 51.23’	144° 54.78’
Ch 70	37° 52.07’	144° 55.65’
Ch 71	37° 52.20’	144° 55.70’
Ch 72	37° 51.723’	144° 55.669’
Ch 74	37° 51.30’	144° 55.68’
Ch 75	37° 51.304’	144° 55.786’
Ch 76	37° 51.10’	144° 55.63’
Ch 77	37° 51.14’	144° 55.79’
Ch 79	37° 50.86’	144° 55.98’
Ch 80	37° 50.743’	144° 55.530’
Ch 81	37° 51.03’	144° 54.75’

VI Keeping Clear of Commercial Shipping

1.1 **[DP] [NP]** A boat shall:

- keep out of the way of Commercial Shipping;
- not impede a vessel navigating in a shipping channel or fairway;
- not cross the projected course of Commercial Shipping less than 500 metres ahead of its bow; and
- comply promptly with a safety instruction from the Race Committee, Melbourne VTS, the Harbour Master, or the master or pilot of Commercial Shipping.

1.2 A breach is serious when:

- Commercial Shipping alters course or speed because of a boat's actions;
- five or more short blasts, or a VHF warning, are directed at the boat;
- the boat fails to comply promptly with a safety instruction; or
- the boat creates an immediate or material risk of collision.

1.3 **[SP] [NP]** A boat that the Race Committee determines has committed a serious breach shall be scored **DSQ** without a hearing.

1.4 The Race Committee may base its decision on its own observations, information from Ports Victoria, Melbourne VTS, a report from the master or pilot involved, or objective electronic evidence.

1.5 The Race Committee shall notify the boat as soon as reasonably practicable.

2. [DP] Using Engines to Avoid Shipping

- You may use your engine to avoid commercial shipping. RRS42.3(i)provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.
- Report the details to the Race Committee within one hour of finishing.
- You must not gain an advantage from using your engine.
- After using the engine, bring your boat to a complete stop before continuing to race.

3. Observe International Collision Regulations (COLREGS 1972) , Marine Safety Regulations, rules made by port managers and the Harbour Master Directions.

4. Bow Flare and Blind Spots

- Large ships can’t see you directly in front of their bow. Always stay visible to the ship’s bridge.
- Inside 500 metres, your boat may disappear from view because of bow flare or overhanging structures.

5. VHF Radio

- You must carry a working VHF radio (Special Regulations Category 6).
- Keep it switched on and monitor the race channel and VHF Channel 12. (VTS)
- The Race Committee may use it to provide race updates or navigational warnings.
- If a boat is fitted with an Automated Identifying System (AIS) it will be switched on to allow monitoring by the race committee and commercial vessels.

6. Shipping Sound Signals 5+ short blasts – danger signal; the ship is unsure of your intentions. Large vessels cannot see a small boat close ahead because of bow flare or other structures. Competitors should never assume that they have been seen.