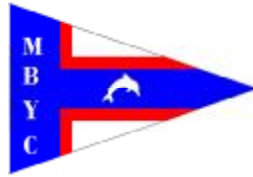


# NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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## Championship Series 1, 2 & 3 2010-2011

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## 1. RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing as published by Yachting Australia, the prescriptions of Yachting Australia, all as modified by the notice of race, the sailing instructions and the MBYC handbook.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be given via VHF 77 and/or via flags flown on the committee boat(s).

2.2 Notices to competitors may be given during the event particularly on matters relating to safety and course modification.

2.3 All boats are required to acknowledge any such notification.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be advised in accordance with item 2: NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals will not be made ashore. All signals will be sounds made and flags flown from the committee boat.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The race schedule is:-

### **Series 1:** *Boat Harbour Marine*

Race 1	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2010
Race 2	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2010
Race 3	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2010
Race 4	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2010

### **Series 2:** *Europcar*

Race 1	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2010
Race 2	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2010
Race 3	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
Race 4	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2011

### **Series 3:** *Boomers Realty*

Race 1	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2011
Race 2	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2011
Race 3	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2011
Race 4	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2011

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### 6. DIVISIONS and DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1 NON-SPINNAKER DIVISION - Boats may elect at the beginning of each series to sail without the use of spinnakers or other sails deemed by the Race Committee to be classified as “extras”. A series commencement handicap adjustment of negative 3% will be awarded to boats during each series they elect to sail as a non -spinnaker entrant. Once a boat elects to sail a series as either a spinnaker or non spinnaker entrant, there can be no change during that series.
- 6.2 Notification of the division being sailed for each series shall be vis VHF 77 during the ‘log on’ prior to the first race of each series.
- 6.3 The division (class) flag for both divisions will be code flag ‘Q’ (simultaneous start). The division flag will only be flown if a committee boat is in attendance at the start.

### 7. RACE AREA

The race area for all events is as described in the Club Handbook (Courses)

### 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course for each race will be announced on VHF 77 prior to the warning signal.
- 8.2 Any change to the standard courses will be notified in accordance with instruction 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

### 9. AUTO STEERING

- 9.1 Use of auto steering devices is prohibited where a yacht has a crew of 2 or more.
- 9.2 Single handed yachts are encouraged to use auto steering devices

### 10. MARKS

- 10.1 Fixed marks are selected navigation beacons and buoys within the race area.
- 10.2 Laid marks will be yellow cone shaped inflatable buoys.

### 11. THE START

- 11.1 If a committee boat is not in attendance, the start will be at precisely 11:00 am GPS time. The start line will be between the yellow special mark at the entrance to Scarborough Harbour and a laid yellow conical buoy to the North or East.
- 11.2 If a committee boat is in attendance, the start will be in accordance with RRS 26. The start line will be between a staff on the start boat displaying an orange flag and the yellow special mark at the entrance to the Scarborough Harbour. The committee boat may be at either the port or starboard end of the start line as determined by the course set

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on the day. If an inner distance mark (barging buoy) is set, it will be a small red teardrop buoy.

- 11.3 Any boat motoring after 10:55 am (the warning signal) must complete a 720 degree penalty turn **after** the starting signal and **prior to** crossing the start line.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after the starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS). Application of this rule is at the discretion of the race committee.
- 11.5 Premature starters – Boats starting early must round either the start buoy or yellow X mark to restart. (also see 15.6). All starts are deemed to be to RRS 30.1 (I Flag Rule).
- 11.6 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, call for a Gate Start (see Club Handbook).

### 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 If a committee boat is in attendance, the finish will be between the yellow special mark at the entrance to the Scarborough Harbour (or the 'Y' course gate buoy) and the committee boat.
- 12.2 If there is no committee boat in attendance and the finish is at the Scarborough Harbour entrance, the finish line will be the yellow special mark in transit with the starboard lateral marks when the approach is from an easterly or westerly direction; or the yellow special mark in transit with the adjacent port lateral mark when the approach is from a northerly direction. In both cases, boats finishing must be to the North or West and within 50m of the yellow special mark. Yachts must take their own finish time (via GPS).
- 12.3 If there is no committee boat in attendance and the finish is at the 'Y' course gate buoy, the finish line will be a 50m long imaginary line from the gate buoy centre at right angles to the direction of approach. The gate buoy must be kept to port. Yachts must take their own finish time (via GPS).
- 12.4 Yachts taking their own finish time under instructions 12.2 and 12.3 must advise the race committee of their finish time via VHF 77 as soon as practical after finishing. The last boat must advise its time within thirty (30) minutes of finishing.
- 12.4 Yachts not reporting their finish time within the time limit as describes above will be scored DNF

### 13. PENALTY DECLARATION

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS rule 44.1 may be requested to complete and submit an acknowledgement form prior to the end of the protest time limit.

### 14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit will be official civil sunset on the day of the race or as otherwise notified by the race committee on the day.

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14.2 The time limit may not necessarily be applied absolutely to yachts in close proximity to the finish line at the time limit. This will be at the discretion of the race committee. Any yacht close to the finish line at sunset must contact the race committee on VHF 77 for a directive on such an extension of the time limit.

### 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protests must be in a written format. (A standard protest form can be found in AYF rule book).

15.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.

15.3 Protests shall be handed to a race committee member before the end of the protest time limit.

15.4 Notice to parties involved in protests will be given via direct contact within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time limit. Written notices will not be posted.

15.5 Protests will be heard as soon as is practical and in the order of receipt.

15.6 Protests in regard to premature starters-

If a skipper believes another yacht has started early and wishes to protest, that skipper must hail "*Protest*" "*yacht name*" "*words to the effect of "early starter"*" **via VHF77** and hoist a protest flag.

15.7 Breaches of instructions 17 or 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.8 RRS rule 61.1 is amended to the extent that all boats intending to protest shall fly a protest flag.

15.9 Decisions of the protest committee will be final and absolute. This changes rule 70.1.

### 16. SCORING

16.1 For each race, yachts will be awarded a points score being the numerical value of their Achieved Performance (percentage).

- e.g. AP% of 101.15% = 101.15 points.

This complies with an "*other system*" under RRS 90.3 (a).

16.2 DNS or DSQ will not receive an AP and will therefore receive a points score of zero. This changes RRS A4.2.

16.3 DNF will be awarded a points score equivalent to an AP% of 10% less than that of the last finishing yacht in the race sailed. This changes RRS A4.2.

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- 16.4 A yacht's series points score will be the sum of its race scores excluding the lowest (i.e. 1 discard from 4 races). A DSQ will not be discarded (refer RRS 90.3(b)).
- 16.5 A yacht's championship points score will be the sum of its individual race scores excluding the 2 lowest. (i.e. 2 discards from 12 races). A DSQ will not be discarded (refer RRS 90.3(b)).

### 17. COMMITTEE BOAT DUTY

It is expected that there may not necessarily be a committee boat in attendance at the start or finish. Therefore, yachts may be asked to set or retrieve the start buoy.

*NOTE:- To expedite post race shore activities, the yacht finishing last will not be expected to retrieve the finish buoy.*

### 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Boats competing in the event must, as a minimum, comply with the safety requirements prescribed for **YA SPECIAL REGULATIONS, PART 1, SECTION 2 cl. 2.01.7 Category 6**.
- 18.2 Competitors shall log on via VHF 77 at least 15 minutes prior to the start time and advise the division entered (refer 6.1) and the number of persons on board.
- 18.3 Competitors crossing the finish line must advise their finish time via VHF 77 and log off.
- 18.4 A yacht that retires from a race must notify the race committee via VHF 77, phone or by hail as soon as practicable after retiring.
- 18.5 Competitors shall maintain an effective listening watch on VHF 77 from "log on" until berthed or moored.
- 18.6 Crews of single handed yachts must wear an approved PFD and / or safety harness and lanyard attached to a strong point or jack lines at all times
- 18.7 All persons in charge of any boat participating in or associated with the race must comply with the prescriptions of Maritime Safety Queensland as notified via the Aquatic Event Authority governing the event. Prescriptions relevant while racing are attached as **Appendix A**. These prescriptions override any sailing instruction.

The complete Aquatic Event Permit will be posted on the MBYC website

### 19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 The official radio communication channel will be VHF 77.
- 19.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications relevant to the race that is not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile phones. This instruction does not preclude the provision, by a boat to another boat or the race committee, of information regarding safety

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19.3 The organising authority reserves the right to appropriately penalise any competitor found to have gained sole advantage by radio or other communication.

### 20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on performance handicap.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the management committee.

Where practicable, prizes for individual races will be awarded after each race at the MBBC. Series and Overall Championship prizes will be presented at the annual presentation dinner in June/July 2011. Yachts **must** have a representative present after each race and at this dinner in order to receive prizes.

### 21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Attention is drawn to RRS PART 1 FUNDAMENTAL RULES 1 AND 4.

Competitors sail at their own risk. The MBYC and all parties involved in the organisation and conduct of the championship events accept no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury to any person or property, whether ashore or afloat, as a consequence of a boat's decision to participate. The sailing instructions in no way vitiate the prescribed responsibilities of a boat's skipper or crew in the safe management and care of the boat.

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **Maritime Safety Queensland Prescriptions**

These prescriptions relate to the regulation under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 as in force 24 July 2010. They are imposed by Aquatic Event Authority. Therefore they are associated with statutory requirements and override any sailing instruction and any RRS.

1. All participating and safety vessels and operators of such vessels are to comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and the associated Regulation 2004.
2. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Col. Regs.) shall apply with respect to all vessels.
3. The organising authority (MBYC) has established a relationship with the Redcliffe Coast Guard whereby, coupled with its normal duties, it will log and respond to reported activity and emergency situations, respectively, that may arise during MBYC events. Serious events should be advised directly to Redcliffe Coast Guard on VHF 73 or VHF 21. Other events should first be advised to the race committee (via the PRO) on VHF 77. If the committee boat (or PRO) deems the situation to require Coast Guard assistance, the committee boat (or PRO) will notify the Coast Guard and remain on stand by to assist. The Coast Guard should not be called on trivial matters.
4. The authority to conduct this event does not give competitors rights and privileges greater than those of other mariners (recreational or commercial). The Col. Regs. apply equally to all mariners within or adjacent the race area. This is particularly pertinent to boats at anchor and boats trawling.
5. Race participants are to give way and not to hinder any shipping. Particular attention is drawn to COLREG Rule 9 'Narrow Channels'.

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