



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021-2022

BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

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The notation '(DP)' in a rule in the NOR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 VALIDITY

- 1.1 These Sailing Instructions (SI's) are valid from 1 October 2021 until 30 September 2022 for club racing conducted by Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.
- 1.2 A boat is only eligible for entry into any individual race (even if that race is part of a series) if the skipper and all crew are current financial members of BYS or, at the time of the race, are in compliance with the BYS Visitor Policy as amended from time to time. It is the responsibility of the skipper to be aware of the BYS Rules, By-Laws and Policies, and that their crew is in compliance.
- 1.3 Reference made in these instructions to Keelboats shall includeailable yachts.
- 1.4 Special Sailing Instructions may be issued for individual races or specific events. These shall be posted by 2000 hours on the day before they shall take effect.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The 2021/2022 season shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*, prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and BYS Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 2.2 All boats shall comply with the Rules and By-Laws of BYS. Where there is an inconsistency between the Rules and By-Laws of BYS and these Sailing Instructions, the Rules and By-Laws of BYS shall prevail.
- 2.3 All boats shall comply with the requirements of the State Legislation and local authorities, particularly with respect to the avoidance of commercial shipping.
- 2.4 The International Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea, 1976, apply between sunset and sunrise replacing the relevant parts of Rules Part 2.
- 2.5.1 Keelboats: The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 6 shall apply.
- 2.5.2 Sportsboats (inc J70's): The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.6 In addition to the requirements of Safety Category 6, the follow additions apply to all keelboats:
 - a) While racing, no anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bow or with any part protruding outboard.

- b) All keelboats shall carry a VHF radio, and maintain a listening watch on Ch 71 (or Ch 82 for long races), unless otherwise advised, and on standby for distress on VHF 16. The radio may be permanently installed or a waterproof handheld.
- 2.7 All crew on deck competing under the following conditions shall wear a lifejacket:
- i) Keelboats entered as Two-Handed – lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01
 - ii) Keelboats competing as Cat 6 on a boat without lifelines complying with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 (e.g. Adams 10's) - lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01
 - iii) Off the Beach Boats - The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 2 shall apply.
- 2.8 Boats competing in Two Handed Races shall have only two persons on board.
- 2.9 Boats aground. Permission as per RRS 42.3(i) applies
- 2.10 RRS 52 is amended to permit powered winches

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board(s) located adjacent to the Junior Lounge.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0900 on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it shall take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flagpole adjacent to the main rigging lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore with one sound signal (RRS 40.2b), RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 5.4 Failure of a crew member to comply with RRS 40 shall be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 40.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races is as published on the BYS website from time to time.

7 CLASS FLAGS AND SIGNALS

Division / Class	Class Flag	Group	Club Start Light Flashes
Keelboats	Code Flag K	1	1
J70's	J70 Logo Blue on White	1	1
Sabre	Sabre Logo on White	2	2
Laser, Aero, Impulse	Laser Logo on White	3	3
Contender	Code Flag C	4	4
Mixed Other	Code Flag F	4	4
Minnow/ Optimist / Open Bic	Minnow Logo on Blue	5	5

Minnow/Optimist Green	Minnow Logo on Green	5	5
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7.1 Other Flag Signals

Keelboat:

<u>Code Flag K (Kilo)</u>	Refers to all Keelboats
<u>Numeral Pennants</u>	Course number

Off the Beach:

<u>Code Flag Q (Quebec)</u>	Refers to all Off the Beach Classes.
<u>Code Flag O (Oscar)</u>	On the Wind Start
<u>Numeral Pennants</u>	Indicates course number

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area shall be on the waters off Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses are included in the following:

Appendix A	Keelboat Courses
Appendix B	Off the Beach Courses
Appendix C	Sportsboats (inc J70's) Courses

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee shall display the course number for the forthcoming start by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant. This may be flown from the Start Vessel for an 'on the wind' start or from the official flagpole for a club start.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks are described in Appendix A, B and C.

11 RESTRICTED AREA

- 11.1 On the Wind Start – After starting, boats shall not sail through the start and finish line except when starting and/or finishing (DP).
- 11.2 Club Starts – After starting, boats shall not cross the start/finish line north of the Port Navigation Pile adjacent to the east of the Blairgowrie Safe Harbour except when finishing. (DP)
- 11.3 While racing boats shall pass north of the Port Navigation Pile adjacent to the east of the Blairgowrie Safe Harbour (DP).

12 THE START – ON THE WIND STARTS

- 12.1 Off the Beach Races shall be started using a 3 minute starting sequence. This changes RRS rule 26.
- 12.2 Keelboat and Sportsboat (inc J70's) races shall be started by using RRS 26.
- 12.3 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races (DP).
- 12.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing (This changes RRS 35).

13 THE START – CLUB STARTS

- 13.1 The starting line shall be between the Day-Glo Orange Post located on the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron tower and the course side of BYS 0. When starting, boats shall pass between the Red Navigation Pile adjacent to the east of the Blairgowrie Safe Harbour and BYS 0.
- 13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races (DP).
- 13.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Minutes before the Starting Signal
Start Sequence shall commence shortly	Red / Green lights flashing alternately for 4 minutes	Nil	10 minutes
Warning	Red lights Division Group White Light (See SI.7) (Flashing)	Nil	5 minutes
Preparatory	Green lights	Nil	4 minutes
Three minutes	3 White lights	Nil	3 minutes
Two minutes	2 White lights	Nil	2 minutes
One minute	1 White light	Nil	1 minute
Start	All lights extinguished (Warning signal for next division may be displayed)	Nil	0
Individual Recall	White light chase for 60 seconds*	One	
General Recall	Red light chase for 60 seconds*	Two	
Postponement	Alternating White flashing lights	Two	
Abandonment	Flashing Orange lights (continuous)	Nil	

* A light chase is a sequence of one then two then three then four lights repeated.

Individual Recall One sound signal shall be given and a white light chase of four lights shall be displayed from the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron tower for up to 60 seconds. The next group to start (if any) shall be delayed by 60 seconds. This changes RRS 29.1

General Recall Two sound signals shall be given and a red light chase of four lights shall be displayed from the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron tower for up to 60 seconds. The next group's start (if any) shall be delayed by 1 minute. The restart for a recalled class or group shall be after all other classes or groups have had their normal starts. The starting signal of the last scheduled race shall be the warning signal for the recalled class or group. Should there be two or more classes or groups recalled, their starts shall be in the scheduled order at 5-minute intervals. This changes RRS 29.2.

Postponement of a Club Start Postponement of a 'club start' shall be signaled by alternating white flashing lights from the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron tower before the start. These lights shall be extinguished at least five (5) minutes before the commencement of the start sequence.

14 CHANGE TO NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 Club Starts – Club start courses shall not be altered

On the Wind Starts – To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall move the original mark (or the finishing line) to the new position.

15 SHORTEN COURSE

15.1 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2.

15.2 Club Starts:

Alternatively, the course may be shortened by a Code flag S being flown on or adjacent to a rounding mark. Two sound signals may be given to the leading boat or group of boats. All boats having to round that mark shall, after rounding it, then round or pass BYS 1 to starboard and finish at the finishing line. If a course is shortened at BYS 5 or BYS 6 boats shall pass or round that mark and then pass So.10 to starboard, BYS 1 to starboard and then finish at the finishing line. This changes RRS 32.2.

15.3 Keelboat On-the-Wind Starts:

The course may be shortened by a Code Flag S with Division Flag/s flown on or adjacent to Mark 3. Two sound signals may be given. On rounding Mark 3 boats in the Division effected shall proceed to the Finish. See Course drawing. This changes RRS 32.2.

16 THE FINISH

16.1 Club Starts (CS) – for Off-the-Beach and for Keelboat Courses 1 – 25 (excluding Course 10) The finishing line shall be between the Day-Glo Orange Post located on the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron tower and the course side of BYS 0. When finishing, boats shall pass between the Red Navigation Pile adjacent to the east of the Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour and BYS 0. Once a boat has finished that boat shall not re-cross the finishing line (DP).

16.2 On the Wind Start (OW) – for Off-the-Beach, Keelboat Course 10, Sportsboats (inc J70's)

OTB Course #1: The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the black/white chequered finishing mark which shall be set to the port side of the Committee boat.

OTB Course #2: The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the black/white chequered finishing mark which shall be set to the starboard bow side of the Committee boat.

KB Course #10: The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a black/white chequered finishing mark which shall be set to the starboard side of the Committee boat

Sportsboats (inc J70's): Course #1: The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a green inflatable pin mark which shall be set to the port side of the Committee boat

Sportsboats (inc J70's): Course #2: The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a black/white chequered finishing mark which shall be set to the port side of the Committee boat

- 16.3 At the Race Committee's discretion, for course #2 OTB racing, boats may be allocated a finishing position and be directed to return to the starting area without crossing the finishing line. This changes RRS 28.

17 TIME LIMITS

17.1 Off the Beach

A time limit of two (2) hours applies. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course in that division and finishes, shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

If no boat passes the first mark within 60 minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned.

Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress.

For back-to-back racing, the race committee may assign a finishing position to those boats that have not completed the course to enable the next race to commence. The race committee has sole discretion to allocate positions. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17.2 Keelboats

A time limit of 3 ½ hours applies to all races other than Long Races and the William Buckley Trophy. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes (no limit for long races) after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes, shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

If no boat passes the first mark within 60 minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned.

Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress.

Racing shall end at sunset. Boats not finished shall score DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17.3 Sportsboats (inc J70's)

A time limit of 75 minutes applies. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35

17.4 Twilight Races (Keelboats, Sportsboats & OTB)

A time limit of two (2) hours applies to all races starting after 1630 hours. Racing shall end at sunset. Boats not finished shall score DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the sailing office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.2 For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 18.3 Notice shall be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.4 Breaches of instructions 11.1, 11.2, 12.3, 13.2, 26, 27 and 28 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee decides (DP).
- 18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on a previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.

19 ARBITRATION

- 19.1 RRS Appendix T shall apply.

20 SCORING

- 20.1 (a) To constitute a series at least four boats must have been racing in the series.
- (b) To constitute an Aggregate series, at least four races need to have been completed and at least four boats must have been racing in the series.
- 20.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four races have been completed in the Aggregate series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (d) When eight to eleven races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- (e) When twelve or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 20.3 DNC shall be scored as the place equal to the number of boats at the start plus 3. This changes RRS Appendix A Scoring.
- 20.4 If a boat changes division during the season, points earned in one division cannot be transferred to another division.

21 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1 Off the Beach
All skippers (and any crew) shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). The Sign On/Off facility shall be via the BYS Racing App. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore.
Boats failing to sign on shall be scored DNC without a hearing. Boats failing to sign off 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or when the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 21.2 Keelboat
The helmsman or their representative of each competing boat shall SIGN ON and include all crew member details before racing each day. All boats are required to sign on all their crew via the BYS Racing App
- 21.3 Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in a penalty with the boat's race score being increased by 5 points, but not worse than the score for DSQ. All other boats' scores shall remain the same. This changes RRS 63.1 and appendix A.
- 21.4 Any boat that fails to meet this requirement more than three times in a series is subject to a protest by the Race Committee.
- 21.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 21.6 Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring (DP)
- 21.7 (a) Boats shall have submitted to the Sailing Office the Man Overboard (MOB) safety declaration and Special Regulations equipment audit (EA) form as required by the Notice of Race.
(b) The MOB safety declaration and the EA form are valid for up to 12 months and expire on 31 November each year. Submission of the EA form certifies that the boat meets the required safety

category, that it shall be maintained in that condition for the duration of the EA validity period and that any change to the level of compliance shall be notified to the Race Committee.

(c) Boats that have not submitted their MOB declaration and EA forms within the times stated in the NOR shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee (DP)

(d) The Race Committee shall appoint an accredited Equipment Auditor to carry out equipment audits to confirm compliance with Special Regulations requirements. Boats not complying with a reasonable request of the Race Committee to carry out an audit shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee (DP)

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 22.1 The crew list of all keelboats racing shall be updated for their crew on board prior to the first warning signal via the BYS Racing App. Failure to update the crew list may result in the boat being scored DNC for all races on that day. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 22.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment and changes to sail number shall be authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Sailing Office at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 22.3 Failure to notify the PRO or Sailing Office of a change of sail number shall result in a DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

23 ROSTERED DUTY AND AVERAGE POINTS

- 23.1 Crew rostered for duty on the BYS Roster shall be ineligible to enter for a race unless appropriate volunteer substitutions have been made prior to that race. Penalty of DNC shall be applied to any boat on which rostered crew have sailed who have not had appropriate volunteer substitution authorized by the PRO.
- 23.2 A boat that does not race because the majority of its crew are rostered for duty on a race day AND also signs on stating 'DUTY' shall be awarded points equal to the average of all of the points awarded in the series.
- 23.3 In any one season average points may be awarded for a maximum of two (2) race days.
- 23.4 A boat competing in a major event for that class (such as a state, national championships or a major event) may be awarded average points equal to the average of the best three of the points awarded in the series. Prior to the event skippers must apply in writing to the BYS Sailing Committee.

24 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 24.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, AS Special Regulations and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

25 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 25.1 Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organising authority as required.

26 SUPPORT BOATS

- 26.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

27 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 27.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

28 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 28.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats (DP).

29 PRIZES

- 29.1 Prizes may be awarded as follows:

Line Honours *Keelboat*

1st place at least 3 boats racing

2nd place at least 4 boats racing

3rd place at least 6 boats racing

Trophies shall be awarded either on the day of the race or at the BYS annual presentation event.

30 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 30.1 Competitors participate in BYS Club Races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Competitors are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. Neither BYS, their servants and volunteers shall accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material injury or damage sustained by a participant before, during or after a race or series of races.

31 GALE WARNING

- 31.1 If a gale warning for Port Phillip issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is still current at 9am on any race day all sailing shall be abandoned. A Notice to Competitors shall be published via the BYS Racing App
- 31.2 If a morning race is scheduled and the weather looks threatening, you may wish to check the Bureau of Meteorology forecast early in the day. If the BoM early morning forecast contains a Gale Warning, racing shall be abandoned. The BYS Race Office may advise competitors by the BYS Racing App if racing is to be abandoned. The BoM issues local and coastal forecasts early each day with warnings updated at least every 6 hours.
- 31.3 The BoM marine forecast and warnings can be located at:
- www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye (go to VIC>Marine Services>Port Phillip)
 - 'BOM' mobile phone APP – click on '!' at top right for warnings.
 - 'MelbWinds' phone APP – click on 'wind forecast' and scroll down to see time issued.
 - Phone 1900 926 110 for forecast, OR, 1300 659 210 for warnings.
 - Radio: VHF Ch 67
 - From links on the BYS Racing App

32 INSURANCE

- 32.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

33 RESULTS

- 33.1 Results shall be published online on the club's website at www.bys.asn.au and via the BYS Racing App