



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

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— 2023/24 —
**SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS**

ORGANISING AUTHORITY Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron 2900 Nepean Road, Blairgowrie 3942, VIC

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron invites entries for the BYS Season 2023-24 held from 1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024.

BYS uses the ***BYS Sailing Hub***, powered by Sailing Results, as our boat register, for race and series entry, signing on and signing off, results and for our race day volunteer roster. Instructions for setting up a BYS Sailing Hub account and its use can be found on the BYS website under Sailing.

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RACE COMMITTEE	Head of Sailing Sailing Coordinator OOD / PRO (Principal Race Officer) CRO (Course Race Officer) Club Captain

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. VALIDITY

- 1.1. These Sailing Instructions (SIs) are valid from 1 October 2023 until 30 September 2024 for club racing conducted by Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.
- 1.2. 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 racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the BYS Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 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 theses Sailing Instructions, the Rules and By-Laws of BYS shall prevail.
- 2.3. All crew on deck competing under the following conditions shall wear a lifejacket complying with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5.01:
 - (a) Keelboats entered as Two Handed
 - (b) Keelboats competing as Cat 6 without lifelines complying with AS Special Regulations Part 1, 3.12
- 2.4. RRS 42.3(i) applies, propulsion is permitted when a boat is aground.
- 2.5. RRS 52 is amended to permit powered winches.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing instructions shall be posted before 1000 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.

4. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board via the BYS Sailing Hub here: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/default.aspx?ID=2033>

- 4.2. The race office is located on the second floor of the BYS clubhouse.
- 4.3. [DP] [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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.
- 5.2.1. When flag Y is displayed ashore with one sound signal (RRS 40.2b), RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 5.2.2. Failure of a crew member to comply with RRS 40 shall result in a finishing score of DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 40.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The schedule of races is published on the website www.bys.asn.au.
- 6.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal is for the first division to start.

7. CLASS FLAGS AND SIGNALS

- 7.1. Class flags and signals.

Division / Class	On the Wind Start Class Flag	Group	Club Start Light Flashes	Back Stay Flag
Keelboat A	Code Flag E	1	1	Blue
Keelboat B	Code Flag K	2	2	Yellow
Keelboat Combined	Code Flag K	1	1	
J/70s	J/70 logo, blue on white	1	1	
Sabre	Sabre logo, red on white	3	3	
Aero, ILCA	Aero logo, on white	4	4	
Contender	Code Flag C	5	5	
Mixed other	Code Flag F	5	5	
Minnow / Open Skiff	Minnow logo, on blue	6	6	
Minnow green fleet	Minnow logo, on green	6	6	

- 7.2. Other flag signals.

Keelboat	
Code Flag K	Refers to all keelboats
Numeral Pennants	Refers to the course number
Off the beach	
Code Flag Q	Refers to all Off the beach classes
Code Flag O	On the wind start
Numeral Pennants	Refers to the course number

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. All races will be held on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses are described in the following:
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| Appendix A | Keelboat Courses |
| Appendix B | Off the Beach Courses |
| Appendix C | J/70 Courses |

10. MARKS

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

11. DESIGNATED NO EXTRAS RACES

- 11.1. The Niras Twilight Sternchaser series, the Wooden Boatshop Sunset series and the Coast & Country Lady Skippers race are designated 'No Extras' races. Boats shall use only a mainsail and one headsail at a time. The headsail shall be fully hanked or attached by means of a luff groove device, to the forestay. Headsails may be poled out. This changes RRS 55.

12. RESTRICTED AREA

- 12.1. [DP] [NP] On the Wind Start: After starting, boats shall not sail through the start and finish line except when starting and finishing.
- 12.2. [DP] [NP] Club Start: 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.
- 12.3. [DP] [NP] While racing boats shall pass north of the Port Navigation Pile adjacent to the east of the Blairgowrie Safe Harbour.

13. THE START – ON THE WIND STARTS

- 13.1. Off the beach races shall be started using a 3 minute starting sequence. This changes RRS 26.
- 13.2. Keelboat (including J/70s) races shall be started using RRS 26.
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.5. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

14. THE START – CLUB STARTS

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 14.3. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

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 flashing (see SI 7.1)	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	
<i>*A light chase is a sequence of one then two then three then four lights repeated.</i>			

- 14.4. 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
- 14.5. 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 to 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
- 14.6. Postponement: Postponement of a Club Start shall be signalled by alternating white flashing lights from the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron tower before the start. These lights shall be extinguished at least five minutes before the commencement of the start sequence.

15. CHANGE TO NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 15.1. Club Starts: Club Start courses shall not be altered.
- 15.2. On the Wind Starts may be altered as follows:
- 15.2.1. Off the beach courses: to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position and a change of direction will be signalled by the course boat at the previous mark.
- 15.2.2. Keelboat courses: In the event of a change of course direction signalled by the race committee at the leeward mark, a replacement mark (mark 1b: inflatable pink conical mark) will be laid which will replace the original marks 1 and 1a. The original marks will be removed as soon as practicable. After rounding the new mark 1b, proceed directly to

mark 3. When in a subsequent change, the new mark 1b is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark (mark 1).

16. SHORTEN COURSE

- 16.1. Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2.
- 16.2. Club Starts: Alternatively, the course may be shortened by 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.
- 16.3. Keelboat On the Wind starts: The course may be shortened by 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 drawings. This changes RRS 32.2

17. THE FINISH

- 17.1. Club Starts for Off the Beach and for Keelboat Course 1 – 25 (excluding Course 10):
 - 17.1.1. The finishing line shall be between the Day-Glo Orange Post located on the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron tower and the course side of BYS O. When finishing, boats shall pass between the red navigational pile adjacent to the east of the Blairgowrie Safe Harbour and BYS O.
 - 17.1.2. [DP] A boat that has finished shall not re-cross the finishing line.
- 17.2. On the Wind Starts for Off the Beach, keelboats and J/70s:
 - 17.2.1. Off the Beach Course 1: The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a black and white chequered finishing mark which shall be set to the port side of the committee boat.
 - 17.2.2. Off the Beach Course 2: The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the black and white chequered finishing mark which shall be set to the **starboard** bow side of the committee boat.
 - 17.2.3. Keelboat Course 10: The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a black and white chequered finishing mark which shall be set to the **starboard** side of the committee boat.
 - 17.2.4. J/70 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.
 - 17.2.5. J/70 Course 2: The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a black and white chequered finishing mark which shall be set to the port side of the committee boat.
- 17.3. At the Race Officer's discretion, for Off the Beach Course 2, 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.

18. TIME LIMITS

- 18.1. Off the Beach races: A time limit of 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. At the Race Committee's discretion, boats may be directed to return to the starting area and allocated a finishing position.
- 18.2. Keelboat races: A time limit of 3.5 hours applies to all races other than Long Races and the William Buckley Trophy. Boats failing to finish within 90 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.

- 18.3. J/70 races: 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.
- 18.4. Twilight races (Keelboats, Off the Beach and J/70s): A time limit of two 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.

19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1. 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.
- 19.2. Hearing request forms are available from the Sailing Office.
- 19.3. Notices will 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room described in the notice.
- 19.4. 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.

20. ARBITRATION

- 20.1. RRS Appendix T shall apply.

21. SAFETY REGULATION

- 21.1. If a gale warning for Port Phillip issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is current 4 hours before the scheduled start signal, the race session shall be cancelled.
- 21.2. Off the Beach: All boats shall SIGN ON and include all crew member details before the warning signal each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing, but not later than the end of the protest time limit. The sign on and sign off facility shall be via the BYS Sailing Hub. A boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to sign off immediately on return to the shore. Boats failing to sign on shall be scored DNC for the first race of a session without a hearing. Boats failing to sign off within the protest time limit shall be scored DNC for the last race of a session without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 21.3. Keelboat and J/70: All boats shall SIGN ON and include all crew member details before the warning signal each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing, but not later than the end of the protest time limit. The sign on facility shall be via the BYS Sailing Hub. A boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to sign off immediately on return to the shore. Boats failing to sign on shall be scored DNC for the first race of a session without a hearing. Boats failing to sign off within the protest time limit shall result in a penalty of the boat's score being increased by 5 points, but not worse than the score for DSQ. All other boat's score shall remain the same. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5. A boat that fails to meet SI 20.3 more than three times in a series is subject to a protest by the Race Committee.
- 21.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 21.5. [DP] While racing, no anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bow or with any part protruding outboard.

- 21.6. Keelboats shall have submitted to the Sailing Office their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration and Special Regulations Equipment Audit (EA) (Cat 6) as required by the Notice of Race. The MOB and EA documents are valid for up to 12 months. Submission of the EA document 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.
- 21.7. [DP] [NP] Keelboats without current MOB compliance declaration and current EA document submitted to the Sailing Office shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 21.8. [DP] [NP] A boat may be inspected by an accredited Club Equipment Auditor appointed by the Race Committee to confirm compliance with Special Regulation requirements. Boats not complying with a reasonable request of the Race Committee to carry out an audit, or a boat failing an equipment audit shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 22.1. Requests for the substitution of damaged or lost equipment and changes to sail number shall be made at least an hour before the scheduled start of the race for which the substitution or change applies. The request must be made on the appropriate form available from the Sailing Office and the request must be approved by the Race Committee before the substitution or change is made.
- 22.2. Failure to notify of a change of sail number shall result in DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

23. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 23.1. 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.

24. SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1. Support person vessels 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.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

26. RESULTS

- 26.1. Results shall be published online at www.bys.asn.au and on the BYS Sailing Hub.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers along.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**