

BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON



**2023 International Musto Skiff
Victorian State Championship**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

20 - 21 May 2023

**Organising Authority
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron
2900 Point Nepean Rd, Blairgowrie. 3942**

The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

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. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, Off the Beach Boats, shall apply.

1.3. Appendix T, Arbitration, and the Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

1.4. The Racing Rules of Sailing will be altered as follows:

(a) Rule 41, Outside Help, by adding: "A boat may also receive outside help where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance in order to right a capsized vessel and/or return its crew to the vessel in order to continue racing".

(b) Rule 44.2, One-Turn and Two-Turn Penalties, by adding: "Where a penalty applies while the head of the spinnaker is above the main-boom gooseneck, the penalty may be taken immediately after the next time the head of the spinnaker is lowered below the main-boom gooseneck but shall be taken prior to rounding the next mark or crossing the finishing line".

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs in the passage to the changing rooms and on the "2023 International Musto Skiff Victorian Championships" regatta page of the BYS Sailing Hub.

3.2. The race office is located in the tower of the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. **[DP]**

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the eastern halyards on the main flagpole at the front of the club.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Dates of racing:

Date	Event	Time
Sat 20 th May	Registration	1030 – 1130 hrs
	Competitors' Briefing	1130 hrs
	Race Session #1 (3 races) Warning	1330 hrs
Sun 21 st May	Race Session #2 (3 races) Warning	1000 hrs
	Presentation	After racing (unless re-sail required)

6.2. 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 minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.3. Six (6) races are scheduled with no more than four (4) races to be sailed on any one day.

6.4. No Warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs on Sunday 21st May

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The class flag is:

Musto Skiff White background with Musto in Black.

8. RACING AREA AND COURSES

8.1. The racing area shall be on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (Attachment A)

8.2. The diagrams in Attachment B shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.4. Courses shall be identified by flying a numeral pennant from the Race Committee boat.

8.5. In the absence of one of the Gate marks the remaining mark shall be taken on the same hand as mark 1

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks 1, 4P and 4S are Orange conical inflatable buoys.

9.2. The Start/Finish pin is a Green cylindrical inflatable buoy.

9.3. New mark, as provided in SI 11.1, is a Pink inflatable conical buoy.

10. THE START

10.1 The races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a green cylindrical inflatable buoy at the port end of the start line.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If a new mark is replaced in a subsequent change, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel as shown in the course diagram in Attachment B and the finishing mark as described in SI 9.2 above.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The target time for each race is 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.2. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 50 minutes. If no boat has finished within this time frame, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit of 25 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.4. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Hearing request forms are available from the regatta office.
- 14.3. 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 Commodore's Room (located on level 2 next to the Control Tower), beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]

- 15.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 15.2. Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. [DP]
- 15.3. Sign On/Off sheets will be available in the Junior Lounge.
- 15.4. All competitors shall sign-on before leaving the beach for a racing session. Failure to sign-on will result in the boat receiving a 5 point scoring penalty without a hearing for the first race in the session. No boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 15.5. All competitors shall sign-off when they come ashore within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. Failure to sign-off will result in the boat receiving a 5 point scoring penalty without a hearing for the last race in the session. No boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

16. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 16.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. [DP]

16.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Regatta Manager at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

17. OFFICIAL VESSELS

17.1. Official vessels will fly the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron burgee.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability from material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta

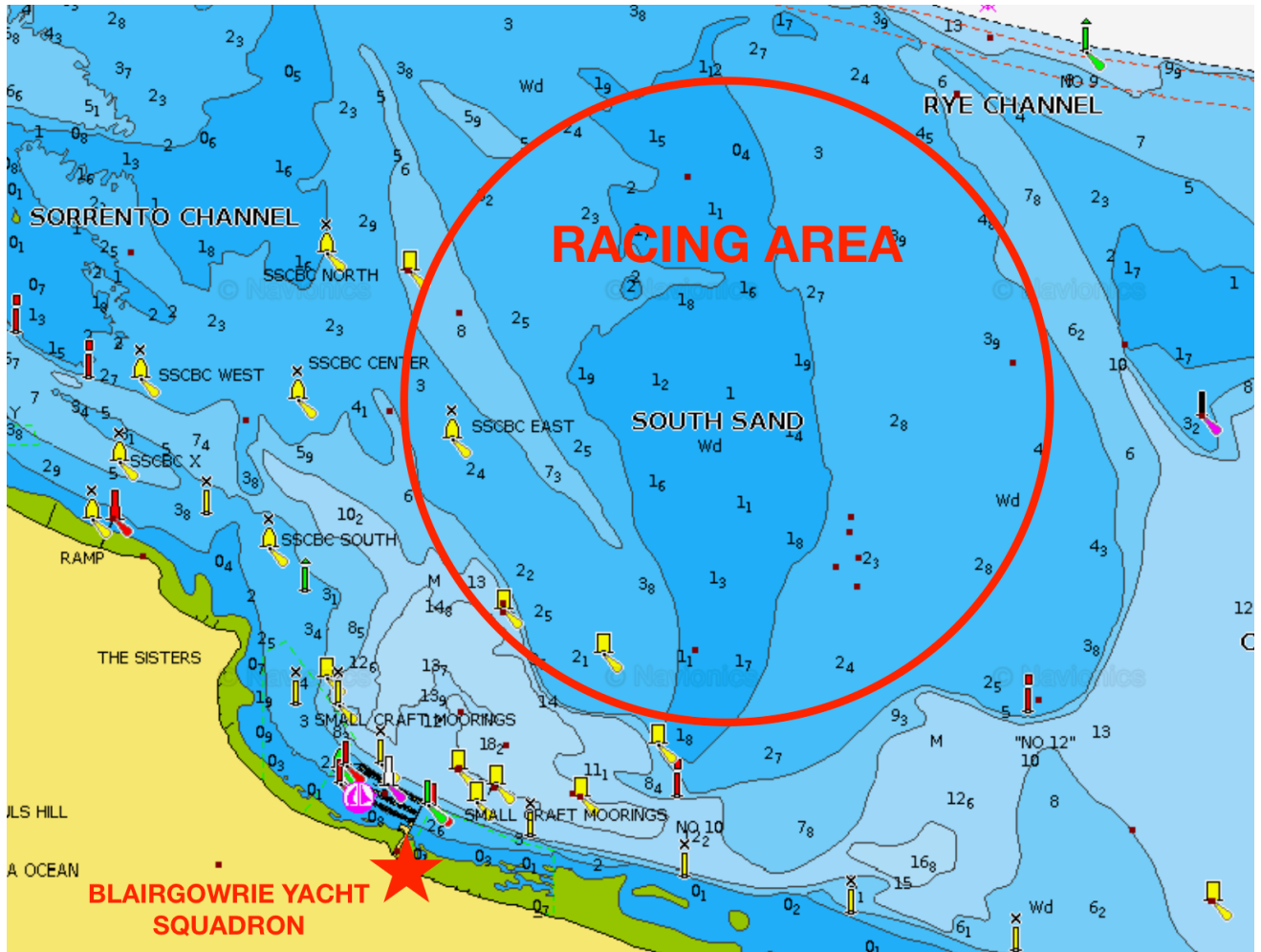
19. TRASH DISPOSAL

19.1. Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. [NP]

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A



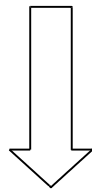
ATTACHMENT B

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- 1 Start – 1 – Finish
- 2 Start – 1 – 4S/4P--1--Finish
- 3 Start – 1 – 4S/4P--1--4S/4P – 1– Finish

Marks 1 and 4P to be left to Port, Mark 4S left to Starboard.

Wind



1



4S



4P



Start/Finish