



BLUES POINT YACHT CLUB

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BPYC 2010-2011 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

Races/events shall be governed by the current versions of:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation;
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia (Special regulations);
except as any of these are amended by or are inconsistent with these Sailing Instructions, and by these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3 These SIs have effect for the 2010-2011 Series and thereafter until amended or revoked.
- 1.4 Changes to these SIs, if any, may be made in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

2.0 RACE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Sailing Committee of the BPYC shall be the Race Committee (RC) for the purposes of and with the powers and discretions contained in RRS 90.1

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 All boats must give priority of passage to a vessel displaying an orange diamond signal.
- 3.2 All boats must avoid the cause of interference to an ocean going vessel or other vessels having the right of way under the government right of way legislation.
- 3.3 Attention is drawn to the New South Wales Legislation as to reporting requirements in the case of collision, The Marine Safety (General) Regulations 2009, (The Regulations) which came into force on the 30 March 2009, and The Marine Safety Act 1998 (The Act) which came into operation on the 30 March 2009.

Under section 99 (1) of The Act a master and owner have an obligation to report a marine accident.

Regulation 96 sets out the conditions where a report is not required. BPYC recommends all owners or charterers participating in the Club's events check their responsibilities at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

The following table is a summary of conditions for reporting.

TYPE OF VESSEL	CONDITION FOR REPORTING
Vessels two or more ALL of which are NOT racing	Fatality or personal injury or damage exceeds \$5,000
Vessels two or more of which ALL are racing	Fatality or personal injury or damage exceeds \$5,000
Vessels one of which IS racing and one of which is NOT racing	Fatality or personal injury or damage exceeds \$5,000

- 3.4 All those taking part in Blues Point Yacht Club (BPYC) races and/or events do so at their own risk and responsibility.

- 3.5** The BPYC and its respective officers, volunteers and members accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor, and any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that the BPYC 2009-2010 Series and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded. **Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is her's alone".**
- 3.6** It is recommended that the owner or charterer of a boat entered in a BPYC race/event hold a maritime legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when participating in a BPYC race/event, with a sum insured of not less than AUD\$5,000,000.
- 3.7** The owner or charterer of a boat shall be responsible for ensuring that all crewmembers comply with RRS 55. (BPYC members wishing to avail themselves of AYF membership utilising the BPYC as their club must notify and pay the club secretary the sum of \$55.00).
- 3.8** No litter shall be disposed of overboard.

4.0 SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- 4.1** Attention is drawn to **Special Regulation 1.02** that in part states, "**the safety of the boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or the owner's representative**".
- 4.2** A boat shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 7, except when a particular race/event is subject to separate Instruction which over rides this rule.
- 4.3** The RC may inspect a boat under Special Regulation 2.02.
- 4.4** Every boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1.

5.0 ENTRIES

- 5.1** A boat entering a series shall complete the BPYC entry form and lodge the completed form not less than 48 hours prior to the first event entered with the appropriate fee, subject to SI 5.3.
- 5.2** A casual entry must complete the entry form displayed on the Club Notice Board and lodge the appropriate fee the day prior to the race or event entered or as notified on any special instructions for the race or event.
- 5.3** Subject to SI 12.5, a boat that has entered as a casual entry in a series may subsequently become an entrant in that series on payment of the full series entry fee less any casual entry fee(s) paid, provided that no more than two races in the series have been completed.
- 5.4** Subject to SI 12.6, late series entrants will be accepted provided no more than two races in the series have been completed, and that payment of the full series entry fee has been paid.
- 5.4** The Club may post a final list of entries including handicaps and places on the Club Notice Board at the completion of each race or event prize giving.

5.5 The Club may post Time Correction Factors against each entry prior to the commencement of a race or event.

6.0 STARTING PROCEDURE

6.1 The approximate time of the start will be in accordance with the race calendar. The start boat may choose to alter the start time at its discretion. Boats should watch carefully for the signal flags from the start boat.

6.2 At any time before the starting signal (drop of IC Flag P), the RC may for any reason **postpone** the start by displaying the IC Flag AP, with two sound signals. (amends RRS 27.3)

6.3 At any time the RC may for any reason **abandon** the race by displaying the IC Flag N, with three sound signals. (amends RRS 27.3)

6.4 Races/events in which there is a start boat present will start using the following procedure:

- 10 minutes prior to the start: hoist of IC Flag **I**.
- 5 minutes prior to the start: hoist of IC Flag **P**/drop of IC Flag **I**.
- At the start: drop of IC Flag **P**.

Sound signals may be given during the above procedures.

7.0 FINISHING PROCEDURE

7.1 Where the finish line is between an inflatable buoy and fixed buoys, boats will finish between the two buoys.

7.2 Where the finish line is between an inflatable buoy and an RC boat, boats will finish between the buoy and the boat.

7.3 The inflatable buoy will be removed at 1630 hours and the finish boat will return to dock.

8.0 TIME LIMIT

8.1 All races/events shall have a time limit set at 1630 hours unless special sailing instructions have been issued which prescribe a different time.

8.2 A boat, which does not finish within the time limit, shall be scored Did Not Finish (amends RRS 35).

9.0 SHORTENED COURSES

9.1 A course may be shortened at any time before the first boat crosses the finish line. A shortened course will be indicated by the RC boat standing to port of any mark on the course and displaying IC Flag S and two sound signals. Boats will finish between the mark and the RC boat (amends RRS 32).

10.0 HANDICAPS

10.1 The BPYC will establish a Time Correction Factor (TCF) for each boat. The TCF will be adjusted after each race in the following manner:

1st place:	plus 5.0%
2nd place:	plus 2.5%
3rd place:	plus 1.0%
3rd last plc:	minus 1.0%
2nd last plc:	minus 2.5%
Last place:	minus 5.0%

10.2 Should there be less than 6 boats in a race the TCF will be adjusted as follows:

5 boat race:

1st place:	plus 5.0%
2nd place:	plus 2.5%
3rd place:	plus 1.0%
4th place:	minus 1.0%
5th place:	minus 2.5%

4 boat race:

1st place:	plus 5.0%
2nd place:	plus 2.5%
3rd place:	plus 1.0%
4th place:	minus 1.0%

3 boat race:

1st place:	plus 5.0%
2nd place:	plus 2.5%
3rd place:	plus 1.0%

2 boat race:

1st place:	plus 5.0%
2nd place:	minus 1.0%

1 boat race:

1 st place:	no adjustment
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10.3 A casual entry shall nominate if it will sail with or without spinnaker and its TCF will be set accordingly. A casual entrant's finish position or adjusted TCF will not impact the TCF or finish position of any series or block entrant.

10.4 A series entry shall nominate if it will sail with or without spinnaker and its TCF will be set accordingly.

10.5 In races or divisions designated non spinnaker, only a mainsail and headsails as defined in RRS 50.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying

10.6 A boat which block enters the Overall series may change its entry to or from a spinnaker entry only at the end of the Spring Series. The yacht's TCF will be re-set accordingly.

10.7 A boat, which enters as a non-spinnaker entrant and sets a headsail flying, will be disqualified for that particular point score event.

10.8 BPYC may amend any handicap as and when it sees fit and at its own discretion.

11.0 ONE BOAT CONSTITUTES A RACE

11.1 When only one boat starts and sails the course and finishes within the time limit it shall be declared the winner and the race shall not be abandoned (amends RRS 32). If no boat finishes within the time limit, the RC shall abandon the race.

12.0 POINTSCORE

12.1 BPYC will run 3 point score series during 2010/2011. They will consist of the Spring Point score, the Autumn Point score and an Overall Point score.

12.2 The Spring and Autumn Point scores will each consist of 8 races. The Overall Point score will consist of all races in the Spring and Autumn Series

12.3 Points will be allocated in the following manner:

1st place: 0 points

2nd place: 2 points

3rd place: 3 points

4th place: 4 points

and increasing by one point for each following boat.

Did Not Finish (DNF): A boat recording a DNF will be allocated a point score equal to the total number of point score starters plus 2. Where two or more boats record DNFs they will be allocated equal points based on the above.

Did Not Start (DNS): A boat recording a DNS will be allocated a point score equal to the total number of series entrants at the start of the third race plus 4 points. Where two or more boats record a DNS they will be allocated equal points based on the above. If a boat scores a DNS prior to additional boats joining the series (SI 5.3; 5.4), its pointscore will be amended to reflect the revised number of series entrants.

Disqualified (DSQ): A boat recording a DSQ will be allocated a point score equal to the total number of series entrants at the start of the third race plus 4 points. Where two or more boats record DSQ they will be allocated equal points based on the above. If a boat scores a DSQ prior to additional boats joining the series (SI 5.3), its pointscore will be amended to reflect the revised number of series entrants.

12.4 Only those boats that have entered a series shall be awarded points. In allocating points, places of casual entrants shall be disregarded, but casual entrants will receive prizes in accordance with their place.

12.5 A boat that has entered as a casual entrant and subsequently changed to a block or series entrant shall, from the date of the change, be eligible to participate in the pointscore, and any previous races entered as a casual entrant will be scored equal to the final number of entrants before the change plus 1. When two or more casual entrants change to block entries the RC shall determine the precedence of entry based on the date and time of the entry.

12.6 A boat that has entered as a late entrant shall, from the date of the entry, be eligible to participate in the pointscore, and for any races held prior to the date of entry, shall be awarded points equal to the final number of series entrants plus 1. When two or more late entrants join the pointscore the RC shall determine the precedence of entry based on the date and time of the entry.

12.7 At the end of each of the Spring and Autumn Point Scores, each boat will discard its worst result. DNS will be allowed as a discard

12.8 At the end of the Overall Point score series, each boat that entered will discard its 2 worst results. Two DNS will be allowed as discards.

12.9 The name of the winner of the Overall Point score series will be engraved on the shield kept at the BPYC.

12.10 Series Ties. If there is a series score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used.

If a tie remains between two or more boats they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next to last race and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores (RRS A.8)

13.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

13.1 Alternative penalties for infringing part IV of the RRS shall apply unless otherwise notified.

13.2 Alternative penalties shall not apply where serious damage has occurred.

13.3 The BPYC committee will be the sole arbiter of SI rule 10.2

14.0 PROTESTS

14.1 All protests will be conducted as per the RRS.

14.2 The time limit for a protest form to be lodged at the BPYC is two (2) hours after the boat's recorded finishing time, but no later than 18:00 hours on the day of the incident. Cost \$150

14.3 All penalties imposed are at the discretion of the protest committee.

15.0 PROHIBITED AREAS/OBSTRUCTIONS

15.1 For the purposes of RRS 19 the following are continuing obstructions and prohibited areas, namely

1. The area of Sow and Pigs Reef enclosed by an imaginary line joining all four of the Cardinal Marks surrounding the Reef in sequence N,E,S and W.
2. The non safe water side of a Cardinal Mark.
3. The area between the Shark Island YA Mark and Shark Island.

16.0 COMMUNICATION

16.1 The BPYC RC Boat will monitor VHF Channel 77 during all races/events.