



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

TOP OF THE BAY INTERCLUB CHALLENGE 2020

ELWOOD SAILING CLUB, PORT MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB
WILLIAMSTOWN SAILING CLUB, ALTONA YACHT CLUB
ALBERT PARK YACHT CLUB, ALBERT SAILING CLUB
ROYAL MELBOURNE YACHT SQUADRON, ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA
HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB

The Top of the Bay Challenge for 2020 is conducted by the Albert Sailing Club and Albert Park Yacht Club as the organising authorities on behalf of the Participating Clubs on the waters of Port Philip adjacent to Altona Yacht Club (AYC) on Saturday 8 February 2020.

1. RULES

1.1 The Top of the Bay race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and by the Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2

1.2 The rules are modified as follows:

Rule 26	The Start	Refer to 11.1
Rule 29.2	General recall	Refer to 11.7
Rule 35	Time limit	Refer to 16
Rule 44	Penalties	Refer to 13
Rule 49.1	Is amended where class rules permit the use of additional devices	
Rule A2	Scoring System	Refer to 18
Rule A4	Late Starter	Refer to 11.4
The AP race signal		Refer to 6.2

2. RACE OFFICE

The race office is in the tower of AYC: ph 9398 5859, radio channel 71 UHF.

3. SIGNING ON/OFF AND DECLARATION

3.1 Each boat shall **sign on** by completing an entry form, which shall be lodged at the club of launching or at the race office. Entry forms lodged at the club of launching shall be scanned and emailed to tower@albertsc.org.au or delivered to the race office by 1330 hours on the day of racing.

3.2 All yachts that have entered for the race shall be **signed off** by the crew or skipper on the Race Declaration sheet at AYC no later than 30 minutes after finishing. Alternately, rescue boats returning to clubs with competing boats may radio the race office with their declarations.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board located in the lobby downstairs in AYC.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted and may be notified by radio before 1230 hours on Saturday 8 February 2020.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the balcony of the AYC tower. Clubs from which entries have been received may be advised of the signal.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. DIVISIONS AND DIVISION FLAGS

The challenge will be run in six divisions defined with flags as follows:-

Division 1 Multihulls	yardstick 87 and lower	Numeral pennant 1
Division 2 Multihulls	yardstick 88 and over	Numeral pennant 2
Division 3 Monohulls	yardstick 113.5 and lower	Numeral pennant 3
Division 4 All trailables including Hartley		Numeral pennant 4
Division 5 Monohulls	yardstick 114 to 122	Numeral pennant 5
Division 6 Monohulls	yardstick 123 to 152	Numeral pennant 6
Division 7 Monohulls	yardstick 153 and over	Numeral pennant 7

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 The race shall be held on Saturday 8 February 2020.

8.2 Information Session will be at AYC at 1230 hours.

8.3 The warning signal for Division 1 will be no earlier than 1400 hours.

9. MARKS AND THE COURSE

A schematic diagram of the course with mark designations and descriptions is in the Appendix.

10. COMMITTEE BOATS

Powerboats flying a burgee of one of the Participating Clubs are committee boats.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Division flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Division flag; 1 sound	3 minutes
Preparatory	Flag P, I or U; 1 sound	2 minutes
One minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 sound	1 minute
Start	Division flag removed; 1 sound	start

This changes rule 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between the staff carrying an orange flag on the start boat displaying the burgee of AYC and a red flag on pin end.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not be made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.

11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11.5 A clearance mark may be streamed behind the committee boat and if laid, it will be considered an extension of the committee boat and shall be left to starboard by boats when starting.

11.6 If a General Recall is called for a specific division then the start sequence will continue, and the recalled division will start at the end of the sequence of the other divisions. The General Recall flag will be lowered at the lowering of the preparatory flag of the subsequent division. This changes rule 29.2

12. LEAD BOAT

A committee boat displaying Flag L, may operate as a lead boat to indicate the location of marks, or may stand by in the vicinity of any mark for a like purpose.

13. TWO-TURNS PENALTY

For multihull classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

14. SHORTENING COURSE

Shortened Course will be signalled near the leeward mark.

15. FINISHING LINE

The finishing line will be between the start boat flying a blue flag and a mark with a red flag.

16. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 120 minutes from their respective starting times for the first boat to finish in each division. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of their division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rule 35.

17. PROTESTS

17.1 Protest shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 30 minutes of the protesting boat finishing.

17.2 Protests shall be heard as soon as possible after the race.

17.3 Protests will be heard and decided by a Protest Committee, a quorum of which shall be three people from different Participating Clubs.

18. SCORING

18.1 Each boat's elapsed time will be corrected by YV Yardstick

18.2 Each boat's corrected time will be reduced to one standard leg giving its Average Corrected Time per leg (ACT).

18.3 A Multihull Correction Factor (MCF) will be calculated by dividing the sum of the 6 lowest ACTs for Monohulls by the sum of the 6 lowest ACTs for Multihulls.

18.4 The ACT for each Multihull will then be corrected by multiplying it by the calculated MCF.

18.5 A boat which has submitted an entry for the race, but does not start (DNS), will not be counted as an entrant when determining its Club's score.

18.6 A boat which starts, but does not finish (DNF), or a boat which finishes but retired after finishing, will be allocated an ACT equal to the highest ACT of any boat classed as a finisher, and will be counted as an entrant when determining its Club's score.

18.7 Any boat which is disqualified, will be allocated an ACT ten percent greater than that of the highest ACT of any boat classed as a finisher, and will be counted as an entrant when determining its Club's score. A boat disqualified under rule 2 or rule 42 shall have its result counted as part of its Club's score under 18.8 and 18.9.

18.8 The results to be counted in each Club's score will comprise the greater of 10 results or 75% of that Club's results to the nearest whole number upward. A minimum of 10 results are necessary to be eligible for the trophy.

18.9 Each Club's score will be calculated as the average of the lowest corrected ACT's for those results to be counted

9. WIND RANGE

The race will not start in under 4 knots of wind speed the upper range will be 21 knots measured as average over 1 minute.

19.1 ABOUT ALTONA YACHT CLUB

Launching boats from Altona is safe under all conditions the club being protected by Altona reef running from the shore to a red danger mark denoted by a post approximately 500 meters to the right of the club. This post is a mark of the course and all boats will sail to the seaward side penalty disqualification.

There is also another reef (Wises reef) approximately 2 km. out to sea denoted by a south cardinal mark the water depth is about 4 ft. at maximum low tide the reef has an area of about 50 meters south of the cardinal mark. The race committee will endeavour to set the course so as the rhum line does not cross this reef.

20. INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY

20.1 All those taking part in this race do so at their own risk and responsibility.

20.2 Albert Park Yacht Club Inc., Albert Sailing Club Inc., Altona Yacht Club Inc., Elwood Sailing Club Inc., Port Melbourne Yacht Club Inc. and Williamstown Sailing Club Inc. are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.

20.3 The organising authority and its representatives reserve the right to refuse any entry. Incorrect or incomplete entries may not be accepted.

20.4 Attention is drawn to rule 4, which states "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue to *racing* is hers alone".

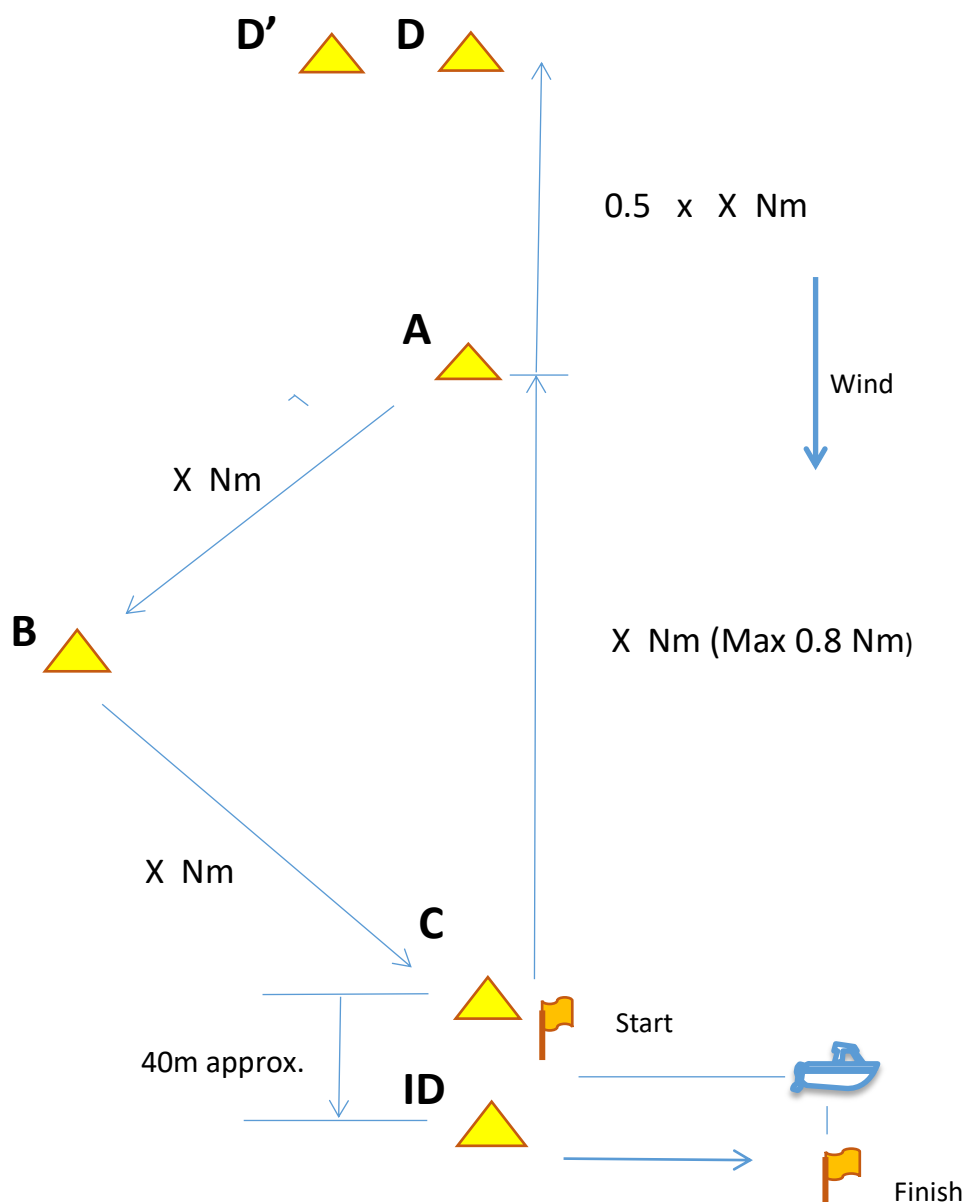
21. RACE COMMITTEE

The names of the Race Committee will be listed on the Race Notice Board.

22. TROPHY PRESENTATION

Will be made as soon as possible after the race. If results can be calculated.

APPENDIX



Courses and laps

Division 1	5 laps	START – DD'C – DD'C – DD'C – DD'C – DD' – ID – FINISH
Division 2	4 laps	START – ABC – ABC – ABC – AB – ID – FINISH
Division 3:	Either	4 laps START – ABC – ABC – ABC – AB – ID – FINISH
	Or	4 laps START – DD'C – DD'C – DD'C – DD' – ID – FINISH
Division 4	3 laps	START – ABC – ABC – AB – ID – FINISH
Division 5	3 laps	START – ABC – ABC – AB – ID – FINISH
Division 6	2 laps	START – ABC – AB – ID – FINISH
Division 7	1 lap	START – AB – ID – FINISH

Marks

A, B, C & D – Pink conical

D' – Red conical

ID – Orange conical

Start and Finish – Red flag set on a buoy