

Maylands Yacht Club
2009-10 Sailing Season
11th October, 2009 to 18th April, 2010
Perth, WA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 All competitors shall wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) conforming to the applicable Australian or International Standard at all times while afloat.
- 1.3 The rules of the competing classes will apply.
- 1.4 All eligible boat skippers shall be entered by signing on for that race on the correct form before the start of their race. If there is more than one race being sailed for a class without a specified break, the skipper only has to sign on once. Sign on sheets are located on or near the Boat-shed main doors.
- 1.5 All races are designated category “C”.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on or near the boat-shed main doors.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the start of that race.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed above the Starting Tower.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

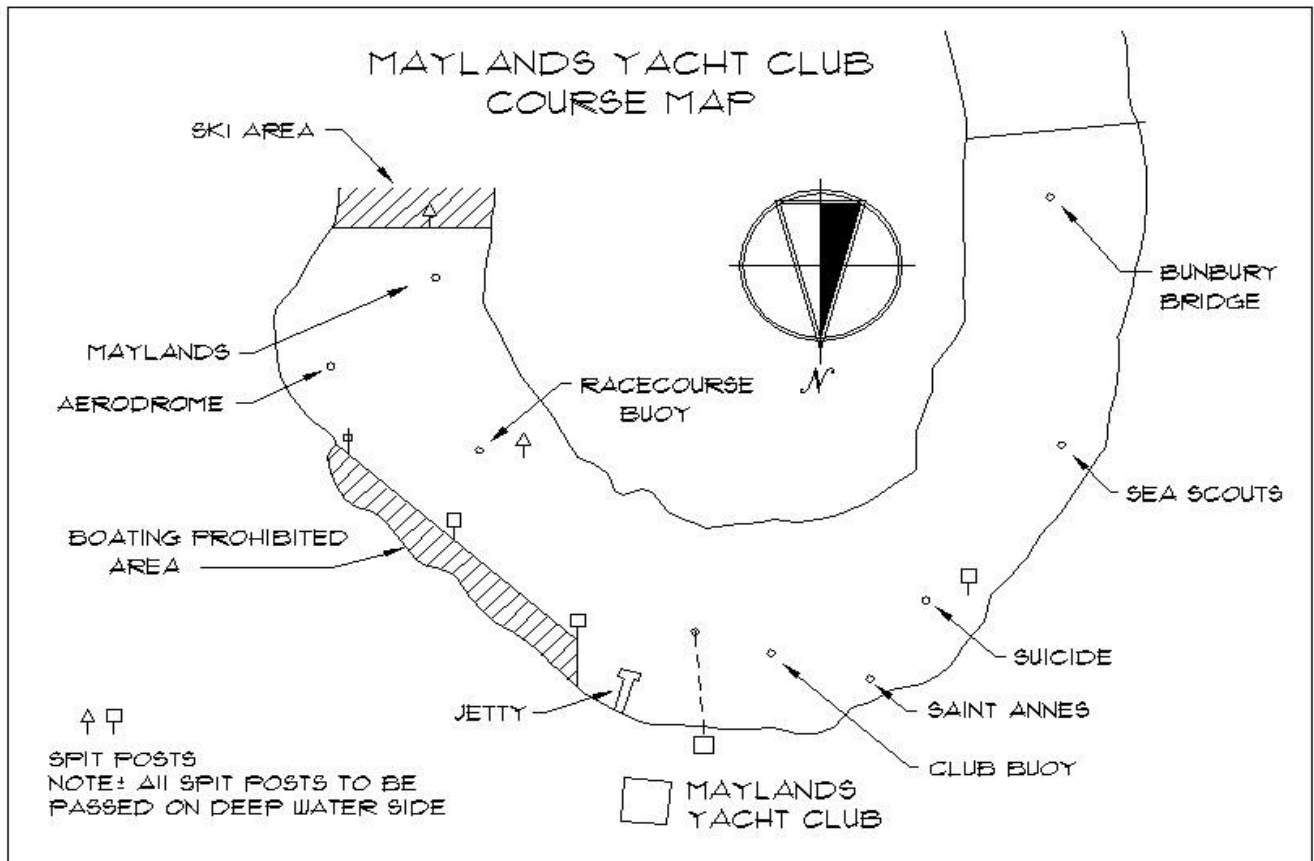
Sunday Date	Cons'cy Heat	Champ'p Heat	Start	Special event
11-Oct-09	No Points		Line	Opening Day
18-Oct-09	1		Line	
25-Oct-09	2		Line	
1-Nov-09	3	1	Line	
8-Nov-09	4,5		Line	Short Course 1 & 2
15-Nov-09	6		Line	
22-Nov-09	7	2	Line	
29-Nov-09	8		Hcp	
6-Dec-09	9,10			Short Course 3 & 4
13-Dec-09	11	3	Line	
20-Dec-09	No points			Novelty Races
27-Dec-09	Xmas break			
3-Jan-10	Xmas break			
10-Jan-10	Xmas break			
17-Jan-10	12		Line	
24-Jan-10	13		Line	
31-Jan-10	14		Line	
7-Feb-10	15	4	Line	
14-Feb-10	16,17		Line	Short Course 5 & 6
21-Feb-10	18	5	Line	
28-Feb-10	Labour Day Long Weekend			
7-Mar-10	19		Hcp	
14-Mar-10	20,21		Line	Short Course 7 & 8
21-Mar-10	22	6	Line	
28-Mar-10	No points		Line	City of Bayswater (All day Racing)
4-Apr-10	Easter			
11-Apr-10	23,24		Line	Short Course 9 & 10
18-Apr-10	25	7	Line	

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags - will be the class flag of the association, or be displayed on the Official Notice Board. The mixed Fleet will use a class flag as designated on the Official Notice Board.

RACING AREAS

The diagram shows the location of racing areas.



8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Course cards for all fleets are located on the official notice board. They are also available from the canteen.
- 8.2 The Course to be sailed shall be indicated by the flying of a numeral pennant under or with each Class flag from the start box or boat. The numeral pennant will indicate which course number on the course sheet is to be sailed.
- 8.3 **Shortening Course.** Code Flag "S", when displayed alone attached to a mark or on a MYC support boat near a MARK shall signify, "All classes sailing around that mark shall pass the mark on the side dictated by the course, and then round St Annes Mark to Starboard before sailing directly to the finish line". When displayed with one or more Class Flags attached to a mark or on a MYC support boat near a MARK shall signify, "Only those Classes shall be subject to the shortened course procedure". If a race is shortened at St Annes mark, then that class, or classes, shall round St Annes to Starboard and sail directly to the finish line. This changes rule 32.2.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 All marks, except the Start and Finish marks, will be either white, yellow, orange or red PVC cylinders approximately 1 metre in height above the water line, or buoys with flags (with or without numbers). PVC marks may have a coloured band to indicate port (red) or starboard (green) rounding. St Anne's buoy may be coloured differently to distinguish it as a special marker.
- 9.2 When using course 6 on the club course sheets, buoys may be white round buoys with a white flag. A number or letter may be printed on the flag & buoys as an identifying mark.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be orange buoys with orange flags.
- 9.4 **All yachts are required to pass on the deep-water side of ALL channel markers.**

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

All start and finish lines.

All navigational spit posts or markers.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with racing rule 26, with classes starting at 5 minute intervals in the order displayed on the notice board. Rule 30.1 (flag "I" / "round-an-end rule") or Rule 30.3 (black flag rule) may apply. Failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

11.2 Start times indicated as AM or PM in the Sailing Program means the start sequence for the first fleet shall be at or after 10:00 AM or 2:00 PM respectively.

11.3 WHEN STARTING FROM START TOWER. The start line will be between the centre of the starting position and a buoy placed in a southerly direction from that position. An inner pimple buoy may denote the length but not the position of the start line.

11.4 WHEN STARTING FROM A BOAT. The starting line will be between a buoy and a mast or staff on the committee boat that is flying the "on station" flag. A buoy may be streamed from the stern of the committee boat, in which case the buoy and its line shall be considered part of the boat.

11.5 **A boat whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.**

11.6 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11.7 HANDICAP STARTS. All classes will start as one fleet on the same set of numbers. The starting signal for a yacht shall be the **lowering of its Handicap Number**.

11.8 FLYING STARTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH HANDICAP STARTS. When both Flying and Handicap Starts are to be carried out the Flying Start classes will be allotted one of the handicap numbers on which to start. This number will be clearly displayed on the notice board prior to the start.

11.9 When a general recall has been signalled, the start(s) for the succeeding class(es) will be postponed accordingly.

11.10 **Having started no boat shall sail through a start or finish line except when finishing the race.**

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 WHEN FINISHING FROM START BOX. The finishing line will be between the centre of the finishing position and a buoy placed in a southerly direction from that position. An inner pimple buoy may denote the length but not the position of the finish line.

13.2 WHEN FINISHING FROM A BOAT. The finishing line will be between a "mark" and a mast or staff on the committee boat that is flying the "on station" flag.

13.3 RETIREMENT. A yacht which has retired during the course of a race shall not sail through the finishing line. The skipper of a yacht which has retired shall notify the timekeepers. Failure to comply with this ruling may incur a penalty on future race results at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit will be **2.5** hours for the first boat in each fleet. When no yacht in a class finishes within 2.5 hours the race will be abandoned and resailed at the discretion of the race committee.

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 3 hours or within 45 minutes of the first boat in the class, whichever is the earlier, will be scored “DNF”. In handicap races these times will be calculated from the start time of the scratch boat in the race. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 MEDIATION

- 15.1 A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 15.2 The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 15.3 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- (a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
 - (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.)
- 15.4 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 15.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the race committee signal boat immediately after finishing, or when no finish boat is used, the finishing team immediately upon returning to the beach.
- 16.3 For each boat, the protest time limit is 60 minutes of finishing. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee, start team or finish team about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the committee room, located on the upper deck. This shall constitute official notice to all posted parties, and changes rules 61.1(b) and 63.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2
- a) ALL races except those shown as **No Points** in the **SCHEDULE OF RACES** will count for Consistency, and most number of fastest times. This is to include Club Championship and Short Course races, which shall be deemed to be points races held in conjunction unless otherwise stated.
 - b) The number of boats required to constitute a fleet series shall be 5 or greater, this can however be varied at the discretion of the Management Committee.
 - c) **AVERAGE POINTS (1)**. Any yacht that competes in an Association event outside of the club on any MYC race day will receive average points for that MYC race. MYC must be informed prior

to the MYC start time for this to be applied. The average points will be the average for the last three (3) races finished by that boat in that series in the season. If three races have not been completed for that boat in the season, then the average will be the points earned in up to the first three races finished in that season if and when that occurs. The finishing code will be entered as "AVG".

d) AVERAGE POINTS (2). A yacht whose skipper is required for club duties and so cannot sail in a race, will be scored average points. The method of calculation will be the same as for 17.2.c.

e) AVERAGE POINTS (3). Average points for any masters series will be equal to one half, of the number of finishers in that race, rounded up to the nearest tenth of a point.

f) Trophies to be issued at presentation night include:

- Club Championship for each fleet in accordance with matrix below.
- Club Consistency for each fleet in accordance with matrix below.
- Short Course Series for each fleet in accordance with matrix below.
- Most number of fastest times for each fleet
- Winner of Laser master categories
- Special awards for club participation. ie Piglet Trophy (Junior of Year)

Average fleet size	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
2-4	yes					
5	yes	yes	yes			
6	yes	yes	yes			
7	yes	yes	yes			
8	yes	yes	yes	yes		
9	yes	yes	yes	yes		
10	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
11	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
12	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
13	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
14	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
15	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
16	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

17.3 SERIES RACES TO COUNT. All series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the racing rules using the LOW POINT SYSTEM. Except that:

i) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

ii) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

iii) When from 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

iv) When from 15 to 19 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

v) When 20 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.

17.4 MIXED FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP

The Mixed Fleet Championship will be conducted using VYC yardstick handicaps.

17.5 LASER MASTERS

The Laser Masters results will be yardstick based over all Laser fleets. The races will be all Club Championship races, and *drops will be as for 17.3.*

18 HANDICAPS

18.1 Handicaps will be allotted at the start of the season consistent with the finishing handicap from the

previous season.

- 18.2 New boats will start with a handicap equal to the scratch boat in their class. After they have correctly finished in three (3) club consistency races, their handicap will be reviewed by the handicapper or sailing committee. The average of the best two (2) results of these three (3) races will determine the boat's new handicap.
- 18.3 A boat which comes first on handicap will be penalised 3%; second will be penalised 2%; and third will be penalised 1%. The rest of the boats in the first third of the finishers will have no change to their handicap. The second third of the finishers will receive a 0.5% bonus to their handicap, and the last third of the finishers will receive a 1% bonus to their handicap.
- 18.4 The fastest boat in each Class will have approx. 1.000 as their Handicap, and this will decrease for all of the slower boats.
- 18.5 The Limit (slowest) boat handicap may be as low as 0.8000, which is approximately 25 minutes per 100 minutes less than the Scratch Boat. This does not apply to any mixed fleet.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the finishing team as soon as possible. Failure to comply with this ruling may incur a penalty on future race results at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 A yacht which has retired during the course of a race shall not sail through the finishing line.
- 19.3 Rudders and centreboards shall be secured to the hull at all times. Lasers must have a retaining clip through the pintle.
- 19.4 Hollow masts which are not completely sealed shall have holes in the lower end to assist when righting. Laser mast bottom sections must be secured to the hull at all times.
- 19.5 All craft shall have a towing eye, or fitting, attached direct to the hull itself for quick attachment of a towline.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 CHANGE OF SKIPPER OR BOAT. For all Championship races and races for which Consistency Points are awarded, change of skipper or boat will only be allowed under emergency circumstances, or where a skipper has upgraded his boat. Application shall be made to the Officer of the Day, Rear Commodore of Sail or Sailing Captain prior to the start and if approved, any points awarded will go to the SKIPPER or BOAT at the discretion of the Officer of the Day.

21 ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATE

- 21.1 Skipper and crew must be financial members of M.Y.C. (Inc).
- 21.2 Each yacht shall have an identifying number on its sail.
- 21.3 Non club members may have three starts providing the Sailing Committee is notified. After the third start the skipper shall either join the Club or apply in writing to the Sailing Committee asking permission to start. Granting of permission to be at the sole discretion of the Sailing Committee.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Support boats shall be marked with a green over white Diagonal Flag, and have Right-of-Way at all times. No requests for redress concerning Support Craft will be considered.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 The Maylands Yacht Club (Inc) and the Sailing Committee accept no responsibility for loss or damage to persons or property either afloat or ashore.
- 23.2 All those taking part in any Club races, do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 23.3 The Club recommends sailors have adequate 3rd Party Insurance cover whilst sailing and racing.
- 23.4 The Club strongly recommends all members, both sailing and non-sailing, are holders of a current AYP Silver Card, which gives the member some personal insurance cover.
- 23.5 The Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 23.6 The Club reserves the right to refuse an entry.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, "Decision to Race".

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