

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021 COCK OF THE BAY YACHT RACE



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AMENDMENTS

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THE 2021 COCK OF THE BAY YACHT RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE WATERS OF PORT PHILLIP. THE RACE IS ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED BY THE OCEAN RACING CLUB OF VICTORIA INC IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON.

1. RULES

1.1. The rules for the race shall be:

- the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS),
- the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
- the Special Regulations of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV),
- as applicable, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS), the Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS) and ORC Rules
- the Notice of Race,

except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. All times in these Sailing Instructions are Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) unless otherwise stated.

2. MEDIA ON YACHTS

2.1. With the prior approval of the Race Committee, a yacht may carry additional persons on board for up to three hours after the starting signal, for media purposes.

2.2. Such additional persons shall not participate in the sailing of the yacht. Such persons leaving the yacht shall not be subject to protest or redress by another yacht (amends RRS 48.2, 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply)

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the club website www.orcv.org.au.

3.2. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be:

- posted on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au) before 0900 on the day of the race, and

- advised to competitors on the Race Channel following the Sign-On Schedule on the day of the race (see *Appendix A Race Communications*).

4. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag for all divisions and classes will be the ORCV Burgee.

5. THE START

The start is as described in *Appendix B Start*.

6. THE COURSE

The course is as described in *Appendix C Course*.

7. THE FINISH

The finish is as described in *Appendix D Finish*.

8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all yachts shall be 1800. Any yacht finishing after this time shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

9. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

9.1. Yachts intending to protest or request redress must inform the Race Director in person or by radio no later than 1900, giving any details as may be known at the time.

9.2. Protests or requests for redress are to be lodged with an official of the ORCV no later than 2100.

9.3. Protests or requests for redress will be heard at a time and place advised.

9.4. All requests for redress involving the official time sheet must be submitted as soon as possible after the posting of the results but no later than 1200 on Monday 27 December 2021.

- 9.5. The protest committee shall not be entitled to abandon the race as a consideration for redress (this amends RRS 64.3).

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. If, after a protest and hearing, a yacht is found to have infringed a rule, the protest committee may disqualify or otherwise penalise the yacht in accordance with the provisions of RRS 64.
- 10.2. The protest committee may apply a time penalty for a breach of a rule or the Sailing Instructions declared by an infringing competitor without a hearing or after a hearing if a protest is contested.
- 10.3. The following penalties will be applied for breaches of these Sailing Instructions or the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) at the discretion of the Protest Committee:
- For a minor infringement – 10 minutes,
 - For a significant infringement – 30 minutes,
 - For a serious infringement – the penalty will rest with the protest committee and may result in a time penalty or disqualification.
- 10.4. All penalties will be noted on the time sheet and shall be applied to finishing times. Yacht positions will be adjusted after penalties are applied. (This complements RRS 64.2).

11. YACHTS RETIRING

Yachts retiring shall inform the race committee as described in *A7 Yachts Retiring*.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1. The Safety Category and regulations are as set out in the Notice of Race.
- 12.2. The ORCV strongly recommends that safety harnesses and suitable lifejackets be worn whenever conditions warrant, particularly in rough weather, at night or when sailing short-handed.
- 12.3. The crew of yachts sailed Double Handed must wear lifejackets at all times when on deck.

- 12.4. Attention is drawn to Victorian regulations which stipulate the mandatory wearing of lifejackets when on deck during times of heightened risk. . For full details, consult the Transport Safety Victoria website (www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au).
- 12.5. Yachts shall keep clear of all commercial shipping (vessels more than 35 metres in length) as required by Port of Melbourne Corporation Harbour Master's Directions.
- 12.6. In the event of avoiding action becoming necessary, a yacht may start its engine and motor to avoid a shipping hazard, on a course perpendicular to the ship's track for as long as necessary.
- 12.7. A yacht that takes such action shall return to the location they started motoring, cease motoring and resume racing as soon as possible. The details of any such action must be reported to the Race Director on finishing.
- 12.8. Yachts deemed to have impeded the progress of a commercial vessel will be disqualified.
- 12.9. A yacht or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the ORCV safety rules and sailing instructions.
- 12.10. The Race Director has an absolute discretion to disqualify a yacht from participating or continuing to participate in the race if the Race Director believes it is unsafe for that yacht to commence or continue to race.

13. UNSUITABLE CONDITIONS

- 13.1. After commencement of the race, the race can be terminated at the Race Director's discretion.
- 13.2. The race organising authority may deem the race to be abandoned, rescheduled to another time, or shortened.
- 13.3. Alterations to the race will be advised by radio communications as described in *Appendix A2.2 Race Channels*.

14. RACE COMMUNICATIONS

Race communications procedures are detailed in *Appendix A Race Communications*.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. All those taking part in this race do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 15.2. Acceptance of a yacht as an entrant in the race is not to be taken as express or implied acceptance on the part of the ORCV and/or any of its Flag Officers, committee members, volunteers Equipment Auditors or any other members, of the fitness of any yacht or any equipment on such yacht to safely compete in the race, and/or deal with any and all eventualities of the contemplated passage. It is the responsibility of each skipper of each competing yacht to decide whether his/her yacht is fit and suitably crewed for the intended purpose, and neither the ORCV nor any club, person or company connected with the organisation of the race is responsible for the seaworthiness of any yacht whose entry is accepted.
- 15.3. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 "Decision to Race" of the RRS which states: *The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.*

16. CREW BEHAVIOUR

- 16.1. All participants are reminded that they are expected to comply with the Australian Sailing member protection policies described in <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/clubresources/memberprotection/>.
- 16.2. Skippers are reminded that crew behaviour is their responsibility at all times, including post-race celebrations.
- 16.3. No flares of any type are to be fired while the yacht is moored at Blairgowrie. Civil authorities have severe penalties for any offenders. Skippers are reminded that the best way of ensuring that no flares are fired from their yacht is to place them under lock and key.

17. APPENDICES

The attached Appendices A, B, C and D form part of these Sailing Instructions.

Appendix A RACE COMMUNICATIONS

THIS APPENDIX DESCRIBES THE RADIO AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THIS RACE.

A1 GENERAL

- A1.1 While racing, a yacht shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- A1.2 Failure to sign on before the end of the Sign-On Schedule shall result in the yacht being scored DNS.
- A1.3 Yachts must not give false or misleading position reports.

A2 RACE CHANNELS

- A2.1 Station name: *Ocean Racing*
- A2.2 Race communications will use the following VHF Channels:

Channel	Usage
82	Radio Sign-On Schedule Sailing Instruction Changes PreStart Announcements Post Start: Unscheduled Announcements Shortened Courses Notice of Retirements
71	Pre Start: Starting Sequence Individual Recalls Monitor when finishing Mooring Directions
16	Emergency, Calling (all yachts to monitor)
67	Working, MSI

- A2.3 While racing, yachts should monitor VHF Channels 16 and 82 unless using one of the other channels.
- A2.4 VHF Channel 82 is a repeater located on Arthur's Seat. All yachts should ensure their radios are set to the International frequency

set, standard in Australia, when using this channel.

- A2.5 The following telephone numbers may be used:

Number	Usage
0418 396 605	Race Director's Phone Emergencies – Radio failure Notification of intent to protest Rounding SC 19

- A2.6 The following email addresses may be used:

Email Address	Usage
race.director@orcv.org.au	Race director messages

A3 SIGN ON SCHEDULE

- A3.1 All yachts are required to sign on to indicate their intention to race and the number of persons on board by SMS (preferred) or VHF radio.
- A3.2 Around 0730 an SMS message will be sent to the mobile number registered for each yacht, asking if they intend to race. Yachts intending to race should follow the link in the SMS and respond to the questions presented to indicate whether they will be racing or not and, if so, how many persons will be on board. All responses should have been sent by 0830.
- A3.3 Commencing at 0935, a radio sign on schedule will be conducted by *Ocean Racing* on VHF Channel 82 for all yachts that have not signed on using SMS messages. This schedule will conclude no later than 1015. All yachts must monitor this schedule in case their SMS sign on response has not been received.

- A3.4 Yachts who have not completed an SMS sign on will be called in alphabetical order to confirm that they are starters in the race. Yachts should respond: *{Yacht Name} is a starter, {xx} persons on board, Over.*
- A3.5 Yachts that do not respond on the first call must wait until they are called again at the end of the schedule.
- A3.6 Failure to sign on by the end of the Sign-On Schedule shall result in the yacht being scored DNS.
- A3.7 Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be announced on VHF Channel 82 following the Sign-On Schedule.

A4 PREMATURE STARTERS

Premature starters may be identified on VHF Channel 71.

A5 FINISHING REPORT

- A5.1 Yachts are required to send an SMS to the Race Director at 0418 396 605 when passing directly South of South Channel Mark **19**, **except if a shortened course has been announced.**

A6 RADIO FAILURE

In the event of radio failure after the start of the race, yachts shall send an SMS to the

Race Director phone (0418 396 605) notifying them of the situation. Any further communications including the Finishing Report or retirement announcements must be made in the same way.

A7 YACHTS RETIRING

- A7.1 Should a yacht retire from the race every effort must be made to advise *Ocean Racing* as soon as possible and to give the following information:
- Time & position at the time of retirement
 - Reason for retirement
 - The state of the crew
 - The port to which the yacht is retiring.
- A7.2 VHF Channel 82 has coverage right down the Bay and should be used for this purpose.
- A7.3 Yachts that retire shall maintain their routine monitoring of the VHF Channels 82 and 16 until such time as they reach a safe harbour.
- A7.4 Upon arrival at a safe harbour, contact must be made with either Ocean Racing on telephone (0418 396 605), VHF Channel 82 or Coast Guard Melbourne to confirm safe arrival. Failure to comply with this requirement may prejudice acceptance of an entry in future races.

A8 SUMMARY

Date	Time	Action	Channel	Station
26 December 2021	0730	SMS Sign-On Requests Sent	0418 396 605	Race Director
	0830	SMS Sign-On Responses Complete		
	0935 -1015	Radio Sign-On Schedule Alterations to Sailing Instructions Postponement if Applicable	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
	1025-1030	Starting Sequence	VHF Channel 71	
	1030	Individual recalls may be notified	VHF Channel 71	
	Monitor	Unscheduled Announcements	VHF Channel 82	
		Shortened course		
	Retirement, if applicable	VHF Channel 82 0418 396 605	Ocean Racing Race Director	

	Abeam of South Channel 19 Mark	Finishing Report	0418 396 605	Race Director
	1800	Time Limit		
	1900	Notification of intent to protest or request for redress	0418 396 605	Race Director
	2100	Lodgement of protest or request for redress		

Appendix B START

THIS APPENDIX CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT THE STARTING LINE AND THE STARTING PROCESS.
NOTE: THE POSITIONS SHOWN IN THESE DIAGRAMS ARE APPROXIMATE AND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. THE DIAGRAMS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR NAVIGATION AND THE POSITIONS SHOWN MAY VARY ON THE DAY.

B1 START TIME

The start time will be 1030 on Sunday, 26 December 2021 in the vicinity of Station Pier, Port Melbourne, always allowing the Race Committee at their discretion to postpone to another time.

B2 STARTING LINE

- B2.1 The Starting Line shall be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and an orange cylindrical buoy at the port end.
- B2.2 A crowding buoy may be laid in the vicinity of the committee vessel.
- B2.3 When the committee vessel is on station, after the preparatory signal, and before correctly starting:
- Any yacht touching the crowding buoy or passing from the pre-start side of the starting line to the course side between the crowding buoy and the committee vessel shall return to the pre-start side of the line by passing to the course side of and around the committee vessel before starting correctly.
 - Any yacht passing from the course side to the pre-start side of the starting line between the crowding buoy and the committee vessel may be disqualified.
- B2.4 For the purpose of premature starters returning to start correctly or late starters arriving in the start area, if the committee vessel is no longer on station at the starting line, the crowding buoy shall be deemed to mark the starboard end of the starting line.

B3 START PROCESS

- B3.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, except that some flares may be used as well as sound signals.
- 1025 Warning signal, one sound, white flare
- 1026 Preparatory signal, one sound
- 1029 One-minute signal, long sound
- 1030 Starting signal, one sound, green flare

This changes RRS 26.

- B3.2 Times shall be taken from the flag signals; failure of the flare or sound signals shall be disregarded.
- B3.3 Individual recalls will be signalled by displaying the X flag, one sound and one white flare.
- B3.4 Premature starters may be identified on VHF Channel 71 (see *Appendix A Race Communications*). This amends RRS 29.1
- B3.5 There will be no General Recall. This amends RRS 29.2.

B4 POSTPONEMENTS

- B4.1 Postponements shall be signalled by displaying the Answering Pennant with one sound. An announcement may be made on the Race Channel (See *Appendix A Race Communications*). This amends RRS 27.3.
- B4.2 One minute before the postponed starting sequence commences, the Answering Pennant shall be lowered with one sound. This amends RRS 27.3.
- B4.3 A postponement may apply if a Bureau of Meteorology Gale Warning is forecast for any part of the course.

Appendix C COURSE

THIS APPENDIX DESCRIBES THE COURSE AND HOW IT IS TO BE SAILED. **NOTE:** THE POSITIONS SHOWN IN THESE DIAGRAMS ARE APPROXIMATE AND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. THE DIAGRAMS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR NAVIGATION AND THE POSITIONS SHOWN MAY VARY ON THE DAY.

C1 COURSE DETAILS

From the Starting Line to the Finishing Line at Blairgowrie, passing the following marks, described in C2 Marks, in the listed order:

RBYC6, leave to starboard
SYC4, leave to starboard

SC25, leave to starboard
SC19, leave to starboard
SOR12, leave to starboard
SOR10, leave to starboard

Note: Please ensure you are aware of the Mussel Farm Located off Mount Martha

As allowed in the RRS, the course may be shortened at any mark including South Channel Mark 19 (SC19).

C2 MARKS

Name	Location	Description	Photograph
RBYC6	S37° 54.32' E144° 58.53'	RBYC#6, Yellow Conical Buoy, Fl(4) Y 12s	
SYC4	S37° 56.81' E144° 59.40'	SYC#4, Yellow Conical Buoy, Fl(4) Y 10s	
SC25	S38° 17.93' E144° 55.95'	South Channel 25, Starboard Lateral Pile, Fl(4) G 12s 8M	
SC19	S38° 20.13' E144° 54.48'	South Channel 19, Starboard Lateral Pile, Fl(2) G 5s 8M	
SOR12	S38° 21.09' E144° 48.51'	Sorrento Channel 12, Red Pile	
SOR10	S38° 21.34' E144° 47.31'	Sorrento Channel 10, Red Pile	

BYS0	S38° 21.265' E144° 46.565'	BYS#0, Yellow Conical Buoy, Mo(B) Y 15s	
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Appendix D FINISH

THIS APPENDIX DESCRIBES THE FINISHING LINE AND THE POST FINISHING PROCEDURES. NOTE: THE POSITIONS SHOWN IN THESE DIAGRAMS ARE APPROXIMATE AND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. THE DIAGRAMS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR NAVIGATION AND THE POSITIONS SHOWN MAY VARY ON THE DAY.

D1 REPORTING

Unless a shortened course has been announced, Yachts passing SC19 are required to SMS *Ocean Racing* as described in *A5 Finishing Report*.

D2 FINISHING LINE

- D2.1 The Finishing Line will be between the Day-Glo Orange Post located on the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Tower and the cone buoy (BYS #0) located at approximately S38° 21.265' E144° 46.565'.
- D2.2 When finishing, yachts shall pass between the Red Navigation Pile adjacent to the east of the Blairgowrie Marina and BYS #0 (see the diagram below).
- D2.3 Yachts should monitor VHF Channel 71 when finishing.

D3 FINISHING PROCESS

Unless circumstances prevent it, the finishing times of all yachts will be taken by the race committee at the finish but as a back-up, skippers are requested to record their own finishing times, accurate to 1 second, and to inform the race committee of this time if requested.

D4 MOORING FACILITIES

Mooring is available in the Blairgowrie Marina. Follow the directions of BYS personnel and as previously advised by the Race Management Team. (VHF Channel 71)(see diagram below)

D5 PRESENTATION

Results will be announced at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron after the race or as advised by SMS.

