



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2023 - 2024

1. RULES

All races will be governed by:

- 1.1. The rules as defined in as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RSS) applicable from 1 January 2021.
- 1.2. Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T of the RRS.
- 1.3. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats shall apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the Club and on the TeamApp site.

3. CHANGE TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change in the Sailing Instructions shall be posted not later than sixty minutes prior to the start of the race on the Notice Board.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole on the clubhouse.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The schedule of races is shown in the Sailing Program available on the Club website. The scheduled start time is the time of the first division to start.

6. DIVISIONS & FLAGS

- 6.1. Division flags for boats sailing on IHYC course

Division	Yardstick	Flag
1	YV Yardstick 119 and below	Numeral 1
2	YV Yardstick 120 and above.	Numeral 2
3	All juniors	Numeral 3

- 6.2. Numeral flag Zero signifies that **ALL** Classes that have not started will start at the same time.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. The Racing Area for IHYC course will be the waters of Port Phillip off Indented Head Yacht Club (IHYC).

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. IHYC standard course diagram is shown in Attachment A including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. If the proposed course differs from that of the standard course diagrams, it shall be illustrated on the Notice Board no less than sixty minutes prior to the warning signal and will be communicated at briefing.
- 8.3. Mark roundings are as follows:
Division 1. S-1-2-3 1-3 1-2-3-A-F.

Division 2. S-1-2-3 1-3-A-F.

Division 3. S-1-2-3-A-F.

- 8.4. The Straightening mark (A) may be used to adjust the race course. It may be laid up to 200 metres from the finishing line.
- 8.5. When a Club Finish is designated, a boat must not pass through the finishing line except when finishing.

9. MARKS OF THE COURSE

Mark	Description
S (starting)	Orange spherical ball
1	Large pink conical inflatable buoy
2	Large pink conical inflatable buoy
3S/P	Large pink conical inflatable buoy
A (straightening)	Large yellow conical inflatable buoy
F (finishing)	Blue spherical ball

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the committee boat displaying an Orange flag, and the starting mark.
- 10.3. The committee boat will be moored at the starboard end of the line.
- 10.4. A clearance buoy may be located from the stern of the committee boat and shall be considered an extension of the committee boat.
- 10.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.6. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.
- 10.7. In the event that the committee boat has to leave the starting line during the five-minute period after the start signal a temporary buoy will be laid, this buoy will replace the staff and Orange flag.
- 10.8. Divisions that are recalled will be started after the last division's sequence.
- 10.9. The orange flag will be lowered on the expiration of the starting time-limit for the last division.

11. SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 11.1. Courses may be shortened by displaying code flag 'S' on a mark of the course or on the committee boat.
- 11.2. If a numeral pennant is displayed as well, then only the course for that division is shortened.
- 11.3. When the code flag 'S' is displayed the next, and final, leg of the course is from the code flag 'S' directly to the finish as defined in **Instruction 12**. This changes Rule 32.2.
- 11.4. When a course has been shortened with code flag 'S', the Committee boat may not remain in the vicinity to give sound signals. This amends Rules 32.1 and 32.2.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. CLUB FINISH

- 12.1.1. Notwithstanding that the course is set for either a port or starboard rounding of marks, all boats must pass between the Straightening mark (A) and the shoreline rounding it so as to then proceed directly to the finish line.
- 12.1.2. The finish line will be between the Finishing mark and the southern flagpole on the club house (flagpole nearest to the Boat Club ramp and hall).
- 12.1.3. After finishing, boats must not re-cross the finishing line.

12.1.4. Boats that have finished are asked to keep clear of all boats which are still racing.

12.2. BOAT FINISH

12.2.1. The finishing line will be between the finishing boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. Add to RRS41: (e) help in navigation and trim, or recovering from a capsize, from an authorised race official given to a junior or novice sailor struggling to stay with the fleet.

14. TIME LIMITS AND SHORTENED COURSE

14.1. The race time limit is ninety (90) minutes for each division or twenty (20) minutes after the first boat finishes in each division, whichever occurs first.

14.2. A boat failing to finish within the time limit for its division will be scored DNF.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the IHYC tower. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be lodged there within sixty (60) minutes of the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the session.

15.2. Notices will be posted no later than thirty (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 at a time, date and location specified on the notice.

15.3. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS (Signing On & Off)

16.1. Boats shall signify their intention to race by completion of a Race Entry Form on the day of the race. A section of the form is reserved for signing-on and signing-off.

16.2. For each day of sailing, all boats intending to race shall sign on.

16.3. Boats shall sign off within 45 minutes of completing the final of the day or retiring.

16.4. In the case of "Back to Back" races, the signing off period is within 45 minutes of finishing the last race of the session or retiring.

16.5. In special circumstances the Race Officer may accept a boat signing on by communicating with the committee boat, this must include an acknowledgement from the committee boat.

16.6. A boat racing but failing to sign-on shall rank as a (DNS).

16.7. Failure to sign-off shall rank a boat as having not finished (DNF), unless circumstances known to the Race Officer prevent the boat from complying.

16.8. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.9. COVID-19 safety requirements will be communicated regularly via the club newsletter, club website and club noticeboard. Competitors and support persons shall comply with the communicated requirements and shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct pursuant to RRS69.

16.10. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instruction requirements.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1. Competitors who participate in the Indented Head Yacht Club Inc. races do so entirely at their own risk, See Fundamental Rule 3, Decision to Race. Indented Head Yacht Club Inc. will not

accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

19. INSURANCE

19.1. It is expected that each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per event or the equivalent.

20. ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as instructed on the day if required.

21. RESULTS

Results will be posted on the IHYC website.

Attachment “A”

Division 1. S-1-2-3 1-3 1-2-3-A-F.

Division 2. S-1-2-3 1-3-A-F.

Division 3. S-1-2-3-A-F.

