

AUSTRALIAN MUSTO PERFORMANCE SKIFF ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

20-22 NOVEMBER 2015
PORT MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: PORT MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB INC

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Championships will be governed by The Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located to the ground level of the clubhouse facing the lawn.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 The regatta schedule has been structured to maximise flexibility and support a diversity of conditions, based around:
 - 2 sessions per day
 - Maximum 3 races per session
 - Maximum 4 races per day
 - The maximum number of races for the Championships will be nine.
 - On the last day of the Championships no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs
 - Race Officer discretion on when to sail the fleet, supported by input from an AMPSA representative

Friday	20 th November 2015	<i>Information session for competitors 09.30 Morning session: 10:30 first warning signal Afternoon session: 13:30 first warning signal</i>
Saturday	21 st November 2015	<i>Morning session: 10:30 first warning signal Afternoon session: 13:30 first warning signal</i>
Sunday	22 nd November 2015	<i>Morning session: 10:30 first warning signal Afternoon session: 13:30 first warning signal</i>

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be the Musto Performance Skiff class flag.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Port Melbourne Yacht Club.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks colors will be confirmed at the information session for competitors.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Port Melbourne Yacht Club will outline local obstructions at the information session.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be confirmed at the information session for competitors.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.2 When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast of a Race Committee vessel flying a blue flag at the port end and the pin end Finishing Mark (to be defined at the information session for competitors).

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The target time for each race shall be forty (40) minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.2 The Mark 1 time limit is 20 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The time limit for a race is 60 minutes.
- 15.4 After the first boat has finished, the Race Committee shall keep the finish line open for 15 minutes. After this time, boats that have not crossed the finish line shall be scored a position as allocated by the Race Committee. This changes rule 28. The decisions of the Race Committee in relation to this instruction shall be final and shall not be grounds for redress by a boat under rule 62.1(a).

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of each race session. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.
- 16.3 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 at a venue specified in the Notice.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and class rule breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.6 First breach of Rule 18.3 shall be a \$25 donation to the Australian Musto Performance Skiff Association. Subsequent breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

17 SCORING

17.1 A minimum of **4** races are required to be completed to constitute a series. In addition

- (a) When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;
- (b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score;
- (b) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17.2 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 16.5 will be DPI.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS
18.1 Buoyancy: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specification issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government. This changes RRS 40. Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2

18.2 Sign-On and Sign-Off: All boats must personally "sign-on" before leaving the shore and "sign-off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the race session.

The Sign-On period will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign-on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Race Officer on the start boat prior to the warning signal.

The Sign-Off period will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.

These actions may not be undertaken by a boat representative. The "sign on/ off sheet" shall be located in the Regatta Office.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and sign the retirement sheet in the Regatta Office.

19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Jury. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Jury in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will fly the Port Melbourne yacht club burgee.

22 COACH BOATS, SUPPORT BOATS, PRESS BOATS & SPECTATOR BOATS

22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22.2 Support boats will be required to be registered with the Organising Authority prior to the regatta commencing and must be equipped with a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 71, 72 and 73.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 PRIZES

The prizes may be given as follows, subject always to entry numbers in each category:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall

1st Masters

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the class association.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death or loss sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

26 INSURANCE

Each boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. All boats entering in either championship shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that such cover is in place.

27 BOW NUMBERS

If required, boats shall display bow numbers during the event. These, and instructions as to their positioning will be supplied by the Organising Authority. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

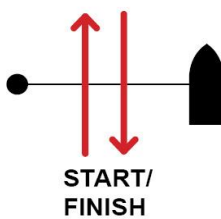
28 CAMERAS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

29 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Any rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

Attachment 1



Mark rounding order:

Signal:

Course 1 Start, 1, 2S/P, 1, Finish

Course 2 Start, 1, 2S/P, 1, 2S/P, 1, Finish

Notes:

- Courses will be indicated by displaying Int' Numeral 1 or 2 on the Race Committee vessel
- Mark 1 will be rounded to port.
- On the last leg to the finish the gate 2 is not a mark.