

# THE ROYAL HOBART REGATTA ASSOCIATION (RHRA)

## “THE GALAPAGOS DUCK 700”



### MYCT / LSC Twilight Race

Sunday 7 February 2021 at 1800 Hrs

### Sailing Instructions

(Note: All Radio Communications on VHF Channel 14)

#### 1 RULES

Races are governed by the “Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024” (RRS) , the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), the rules of participating classes, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions **and any government imposed COVID 19 restrictions in place on the race day.**

**NOTE: All skippers racing at the Royal Hobart Regatta should keep a list of their crew and each person’s contact details as part of the COVID-19 Safety Plan.**

All skippers must be familiar with the rules and requirements of the RRS. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

#### 2 RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in MYCT / LSC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organisers are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat, whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3, which states *'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'*

The attention of all persons is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the *Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act 2006*.

Attention is also drawn to the requirement for the yachts to keep well clear of vessels under pilotage, which will display Code flag H, especially vessels docking at Hobart Port & proceeding through the Tasman Bridge.

In addition to compliance with all the rules and instructions, competitors shall at all times use discretion in preserving their own safety and that of their crew when afloat. In particular, no skipper/helmsman shall race their yacht when the Race Officer (RO) considers that conditions are hazardous due to weather or other factors. Code flag 'N over code flag A' shall be flown to indicate that racing is abandoned for the day. Competitors shall obey all directions given by the RO.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY OF BOATS**

Entry is open to all yachts who complete an entry form. Refer to section 5 for details.

Entries will be accepted at the absolute discretion of the Sailing Committee.

**DIVISIONS:** Races will be conducted in 2 divisions. Divisions 1&2 at the discretion of the sailing committee. If there are insufficient numbers this may be reduced to only one Division. Any changes will be announced prior to the start at 1745 hrs on VHF Channel 14.

Running Sails (e.g. Bloopers, Spinnakers, etc.) are not permitted in either division.

**INSURANCE:** The owner of a boat entering a Club race shall have a Public Liability and Third Party insurance with respect to the boat of not less than \$10,000,000 when racing.

**ELIGIBILITY OF HELMSMAN:** Yachts must be steered at all times by a Member of Australian Sailing.

### **4 ANCHORS**

In all MYCT / LSC Races, including Twilight Races, anchors must not protrude beyond the gunwale of boats.

### **5 ENTRIES**

An entry can be lodged on the Royal Hobart Regatta Association website [www.royalhobartregatta.com](http://www.royalhobartregatta.com)

Entries close – 1800hrs Saturday 6 February 2021

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Any enquiries to 0438 746 409

### **6 PRIZE MONEY**

Prizes will be awarded as follows in both Divisions:

**First** on handicap \$200 plus a gold medallion.

**Second** on handicap \$100 plus a silver medallion.

**Third** on handicap \$50 plus a bronze medallion.

If there are only sufficient entries for one Division the prize money will double.

All results and prizes will remain provisional until ratified by the MYCT / LSC Sailing Committee.

Awards and prize money will be presented at the Combined Clubs Prize Night to be held at the RYCT on Friday 30 April 2021.

### **7 HANDICAPS**

Handicaps for Division boats will be on a TCF moving average basis beginning from a TCF determined by the Race Committee. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final and shall not be grounds for a request for redress under Rule 62.1.

### **8 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will in the first instance be communicated by SMS and/or email and subsequently may be placed on the MYCT website but not on the Official Notice Board at the MYCT.

Provisional race results will be posted on the MYCT website & the RHRA website [www.royalhobartregatta.com](http://www.royalhobartregatta.com)

## **9 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Will be posted no later than two hours before the start of the race on the RHRA website [www.royalhobartregatta.com](http://www.royalhobartregatta.com)

They will also be broadcast on VHF Channel 14 on the day at 1745 Hrs. Code Flag L will be flown on the start boat.

## **10 CLEAR AREA - STARTING AND FINISHING LINES**

Boats shall keep clear of the starting line during the starting of races other than the one in which they are competing.

**Boats after starting correctly, shall not pass through a starting or finishing line unless required to do so by the course instructions.**

## **11 INCORRECT COURSE**

If a competitor is observed incorrectly rounding a mark, sailing the incorrect course or incorrectly sailing through a start/finish line, the boat may be scored DNF. This changes Appendix A - Scoring A5.

## **12 RETIREMENTS**

In the interests of good seamanship and safety, boats retiring for any reason must report the circumstances as soon as possible after retirement.

The preferred method of reporting is Committee Boat VHF Channel 14

## **13 PROTESTS**

Protests must be lodged at the MYCT/LSC Office by 1400 hours on the day immediately following posting of the results and be accompanied by a \$20 fee.

Protest forms are available on the MYCT website.

## **ARBITRATION**

In MYCT/LSC races, when a Protest arises from a breach of RRS Part 2, with the consent of the parties and at the discretion of the protest committee, an arbitration hearing may be heard prior to a protest hearing (affecting RRS 63). After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat shall meet with the arbitrator, no witnesses shall be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration shall be heard by the Protest Committee.

A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 50% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded up to the next whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This changes RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.

## **PROTEST HEARINGS**

The protest will be heard at a time and place determined by the MYCT/LSC Protest Committee.

## **14 RESULTS**

All prizes will be provisional until the time for lodgement, or hearing of protests and appeals, have expired.

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## **15 SAFETY**

### **CRISIS SAFETY PLAN**

The MYCT/LSC have a planned procedure that will apply should an emergency occur during a race. If the RO, decides that a situation warrants assistance he will direct a previously designated boat, or boats, to the rescue work. A boat acting under RO instructions may fly Code Flag D and must be given complete clearance by all other vessels.

**EMERGENCY MEETING POINT:** Should a boat require emergency medical assistance the RO will direct boats to a nominated meeting point.

**LIFE THREATENING SITUATIONS:** In the event of a life-threatening situation occurring, the RO will immediately dial 000 and, after being transferred by the Telstra operator, provide succinct information to the Police Radio Room Operator, sufficient to enable an assessment of the response required to be made and the provision of that response in a timely manner. The RO will keep a log of all calls made by phone or radio during the period of the life-threatening situation.

The relevant phone numbers are:

Emergency	000
Police Radio Room	131 444
Hobart Port Control	6380 3018
Tas Maritime Radio	6231 2276
MYCT	6243 9021

**SAFETY REGULATIONS:** Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5.01.1 (g) always applies. Yachts shall comply with the appropriate safety regulations as follows:-

1. In addition to Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) requirements, the safety category shall be in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7.
2. In addition to the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7, all boats to include a VHF radio, which may be handheld.
3. It is recommended that all boats carry a lifebuoy as per Section 4.21.1, except that a self igniting light is not compulsory.
4. Compliance checks may be undertaken by the Sailing Committee or a representative. Boats failing to comply will be disqualified.

**INCIDENT DEBRIEF:** MYCT/LSC Race Committee is endeavouring to minimise risks in events it conducts. To this end the Race Committee may seek cooperation from competitors involved in race safety incidents to assist in the debrief. Competitors will be under no obligation to participate in the debrief. An Incident Form can be obtained on the RHRA website.  
[www.royalhobartregatta.com.au](http://www.royalhobartregatta.com.au)

## **16 START / FINISH LINE**

The start/finish line will be between the Committee Boat and an orange inflatable buoy approximately abeam of the Committee Boat. The Boat will be anchored in the vicinity of a line between the Regatta Pavilion and Rosny Point flying a large white LSC flag.

## **17 STARTING SIGNALS**

The Start shall be in accordance with RRS 26 excepting as noted below.  
The RO may advise course and count down start signals on VHF Channel 14.

<b>Division 1</b>	white pennant with red dot	Start at 1800hrs
<b>Division 2</b>	blue pennant with white dot	Start at 1805hrs

A sound signal will be made 10 minutes prior to the start of Division 1.  
If a combined start, an announcement will be made on VHF Channel 14 at 1745 hrs.

## **18 RECALLS**

Individual Recall. Code Flag "X" will be hoisted and a sound signal may be made.

General Recall. Code Flag "First Substitute" will be hoisted and two (2) sound signals may be made. The Preparatory Signal will then be made one (1) minute after lowering the "First Substitute".

## **19 COURSES**

Courses will be indicated by flags flown from the committee boat and may be advised on VHF Channel 14.

### Down river start

**Course A.** Start - D - B1- J – thru start/finish Line – B1 – J – Finish  
(All marks to Port.)

**Course B.** Start - B1- D - J - thru start/finish Line – D – J – Finish  
(All marks to Starboard.)

### Up river start

**Course C.** Start - J – D – B1 – thru start/finish Line – J – D – Finish  
(All marks to Port)

**Course D.** Start – J - B1 - D - thru start/finish Line – J – B1 – Finish  
(All marks to starboard)

## **20 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS**

**Mark A.** Orange inflatable buoy at outer end of the start/ finish Line

**Mark B1.** BYC1 Orange Conical Mark Approximately 0.5 n miles SE of Kangaroo Bluff.

**Mark D.** Orange Mark 0.5nm ENE of Wrest Point (DSS permanent mark).

**Mark J.** Yellow pyramid (permanent mark) directly off Government House approx. 150 Metres off shore, as shown on the course card.

## **21 SHORTENED COURSE / TIME LIMIT**

Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, flag S will be displayed on the Committee Boat. This will be accompanied by sound signals and shall apply to all groups unless group numeral signals are displayed, in which case

it shall apply only to those groups whose signal is displayed, the intention to shorten the course will also be announced on VHF Channel 14.

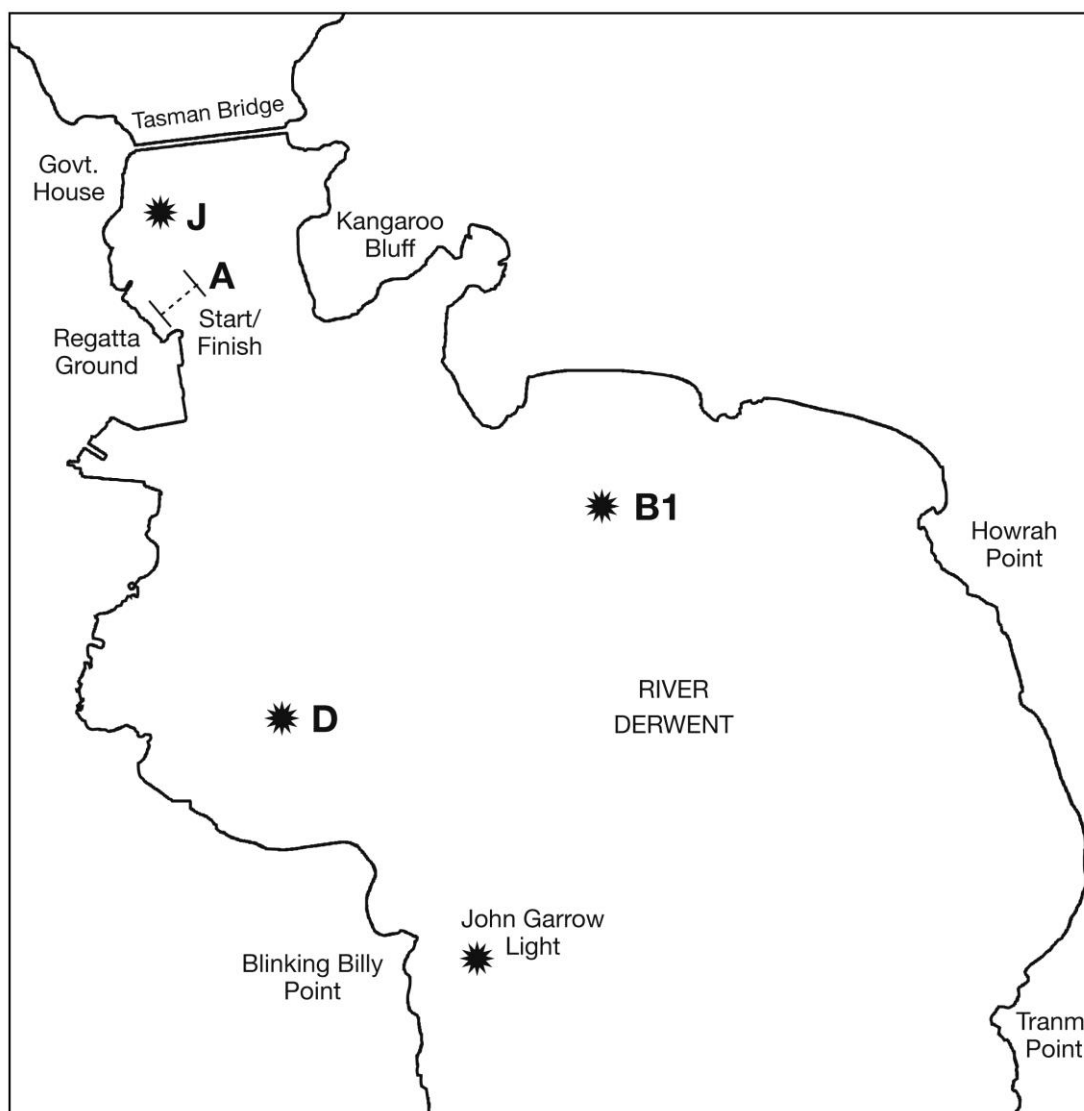
Display of the Shorten Course flag will mean that boats should finish through the start / finish line at the completion of a lap (i.e. if the course is shortened you will pass through the start / finish line, according to the Courses above, which will be the finish of your race).

**Note:** Rule 35 is changed as follows: *The Time Limit is 1945 hrs. Boats failing to finish by 15 minutes after the Time Limit will be scored a "DNF".*

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of 'over the start line' boats and/or other information of interest to competitors on VHF Channel 14. Requests for repeat of broadcasts will not be acknowledged.

Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 14 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.



Note: Mark locations are approximate only.

This drawing shall not be used for navigation.

Vessels are obliged to have sufficient information to navigate safely.