

ROYAL HOBART REGATTA ASSOCIATION (RHRA)



Elevate Wealth 3000 Lipton Cup

Monday 14 February 2022 at 1330 Hrs
Sailing Instructions

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.** 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 RHRA races do so at their own risk and responsibility. RHRA is 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.*

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

4 DIVISIONS

Races for both spinnaker and non-spinnaker races will be conducted as either Division 1 or Division 2 and all entries will be allocated to a Division at the sole discretion of the Sailing Committee and not subject to change. If there are insufficient numbers this may be reduced to only one Division. Any changes will be announced prior to the start at 1315 hrs on VHF Channel 14.

5 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.

6 ELIGIBILITY OF HELMSMAN

Yachts must be steered at all times by a member of Australian Sailing.

7 ANCHORS

In all RHRA Races, anchors must not protrude beyond the gunwale of boats.

8 ENTRIES

An entry can be lodged on the RHRA web site www.royalhobartregatta.com

Entries close – 1800 hrs, Sunday 13 February 2022

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

Any enquiries to Mick Hawkins 0438 746409

9 PRIZE MONEY

Spinnaker races

Prizes will be awarded as follows in both Divisions:

First on handicap \$500 plus a gold medallion.
(plus the Elevate Wealth Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy for Division 1)

Second on handicap \$350 plus a silver medallion.

Third on handicap \$150 plus a bronze medallion.

Non-spinnaker races

Prizes will be awarded as follows in both Divisions:

First on handicap \$250, plus a gold medallion.

Second on handicap \$150, plus a silver medallion.

Third on handicap \$100, plus a bronze medallion.

If there are only sufficient entries for one Division, prize money will be awarded as above.

All results will remain provisional until ratified by the RYCT Sailing Committee. When the results have been confirmed the skipper of each winning boat will be contacted and prize money and medallions will be presented individually soon after.

10 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.

11 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Provisional race results will be posted on the RHRA web site www.royalhobartregatta.com and may be listed in the Mercury in the sports results section.

12 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any amendments will be broadcast on VHF Channel 14 on the day at 1315 hrs. Code Flag L will be flown on the start boat.

13 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.

14 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.

15 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.

16 PROTESTS

Lodgement of Protests: Protests and requests for redress under Rule 62.1, arising must be lodged by 1400 hours on the Tuesday following the race. Protests under Rule 60.2 (a) or Rule 60.3 (a) will be lodged by 1800 hours, up to the second working day after the race or hearing is completed. Protests shall be lodged on the official protest form which will be available on the RHRA web site www.royalhobartregatta.com and receipt must be confirmed by the protestor within the time limit.

17 ARBITRATION

In RHRA 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.

18 PROTEST HEARINGS

Protests arising will be heard at the RYCT rooms on the Thursday following the race at 1930 hours unless otherwise advised.

19 RESULTS

All results will be provisional until the time for lodgement, or hearing of, protests and appeals have expired and prize money and medallions will be presented to the skipper of each winning boat individually soon after. The Elevate Wealth Lipton Cup will be presented at the Combined Clubs Prize night at the DSS on Friday 6 May 2022.

20 SAFETY

CRISIS SAFETY PLAN: The RHRA have a planned procedure that will apply should an emergency occur during a race. If the Race Officer, (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 will 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 for emergency services at -

(i) The Regatta Grounds Jetty - (ii) Waterman's Dock. Unless specific alternative arrangements are notified.

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

SAFETY REGULATIONS Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 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 safety requirements, all boats to include a VHF radio, which may be handheld.
3. It is recommended that all boats shall 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 The RHRA 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 Report Form can be obtained on the RHRA website www.royalhobartregatta.com.au

21 START / FINISH LINE

The start/finish line will be between the Committee boat and a yellow inflatable buoy approximately abeam of the Committee boat.

The Committee boat will be anchored in the vicinity of a line between the Regatta Pavilion and Rosny Point flying the RYCT burgee.

22 STARTING SIGNALS

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

Division 1 white pennant with red dot
Division 2 blue pennant with white dot

If a combined start, an announcement will be made on VHS Channel 14 at 1315 hrs.

Sound signal will be made 10 minutes prior to the start.

Spinnaker races The Start Time for Division 1 is 1330 hrs and for Division 2 is 1335 hrs.

Non-spinnaker races The Start Time for Division 1 is 1340 hrs and for Division 2 is 1345 hrs.

All other classes to start at 5 min. intervals thereafter on instruction from RO.

23 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".

24 COURSES

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

Down river starts

Course 01. Start - D - B1- J – thru start/finish Line - D – B1 - J - thru start/finish Line – D – J - Finish (All marks to Port.)

Course 02. Start - B1 - D - J - thru start/finish Line - B1 - D - J - thru start/finish Line – B1 - J - Finish (All marks to Starboard.)

Course 03. Start – D – B1 – J – thru start/finish Line – D – J – Finish (All marks to Port)

Course 04. Start – B1 - D – J – thru start/finish Line – B1 – J – Finish (All marks to Starboard)

Up river starts

Course 05. Start – J – D – B1 – thru start/finish Line – J – D – B1 - thru start/finish Line – J – D - Finish (All marks to Port)

Course 06. Start – J – B1 - D – thru start/finish Line – J - B1 –D - thru start/finish Line – J – B1 – Finish (All marks to Starboard)

Course 07. Start – J – D – B1 – thru start/finish Line – J – D – Finish (All marks to Port)

Course 08. Start – J – B1 – D – thru start/finish Line – J – B1 – Finish (All marks to Starboard)

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

25 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

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

Mark B1. (BYC1 Permanent mark) - Orange Conical Mark approx. 0.5 n miles SE of Kangaroo Bluff.

Mark D. (DSS Permanent mark) - Orange Mark 0.5 n miles ENE of Wrest Point

Mark J. (Permanent mark) Yellow Pyramid Mark directly off Government House, approx. 150 Metres offshore, as shown on the course diagram.

26 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).

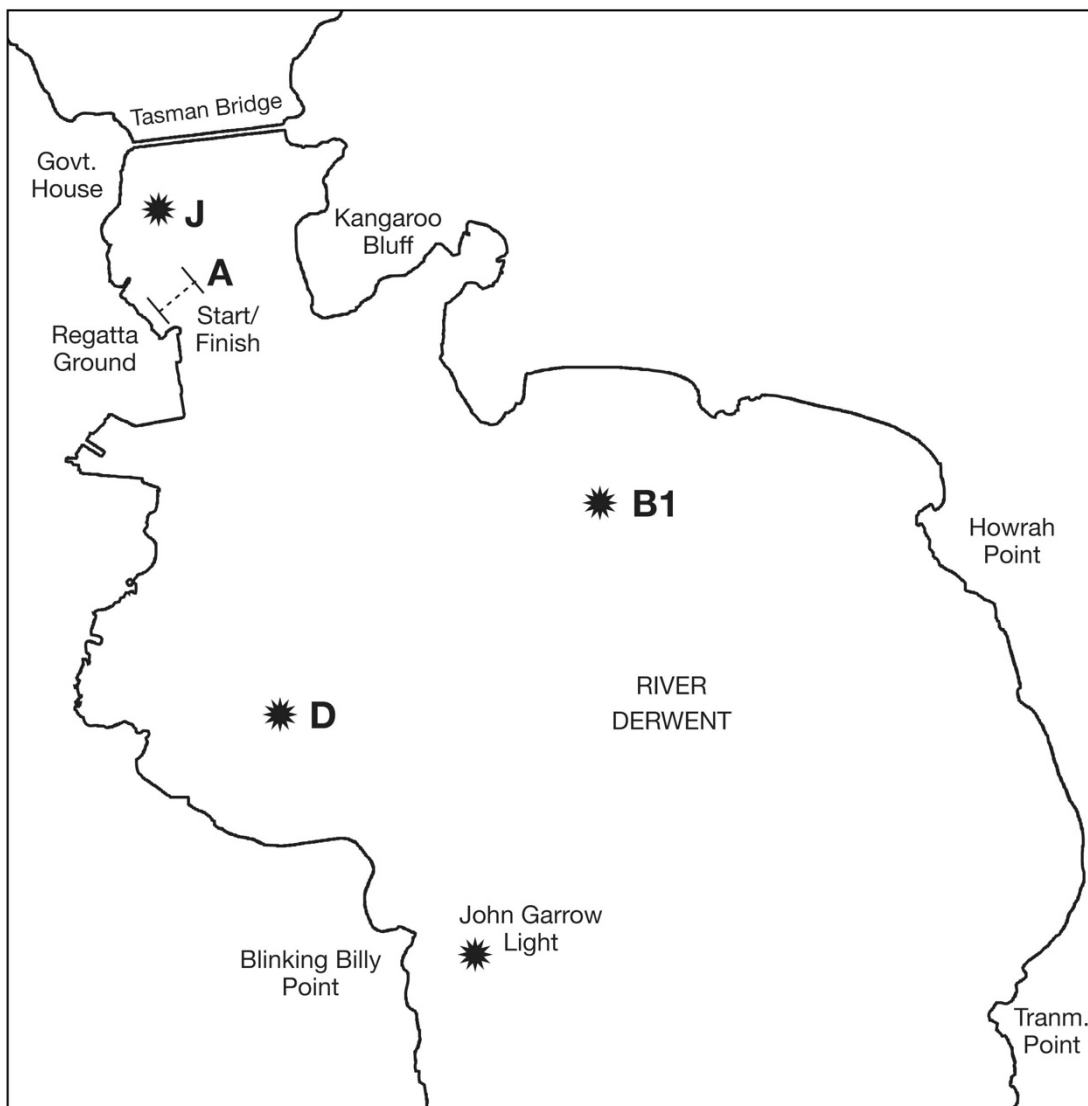
Note: Rule 35 is changed as follows: *The time limit for the first yacht to finish in each Division will be 1630 hours. When the first yacht finishes before 1630 hours, following yachts will be timed to 1645 hours unless a finish is imminent. Yachts that do not finish by 1645 hours will be scored DNF.*

27 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.

28 COURSE DIAGRAM



Note: Mark locations are approximate only.
This drawing shall not be used for navigation.
Vessels are obliged to have sufficient information to navigate safely.

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 Sailing COVID-19 Safety Plan.