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The Organising Authority is the Martha Cove Yacht Squadron Inc. (MCYS)

The notation '(DP)' in a rule in the NOR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation AS refers to Australian Sailing

1 RULES

- 1.1 These Sailing Instructions (SI) are valid from 1 July 2023 until 30 June 2024 for racing conducted by Martha Cove Yacht Squadron Inc. (MCYS)
- 1.2 A boat is only eligible for entry into any MCYS race or event if:
 - 1.2.1 the boat is Registered with MCYS or is currently on the register of any other AS Affiliated club; and
 - 1.2.2 the boat has lodged a current Safety Declaration in accordance with the AS - Special Regulations 2021/2024 for the Category of Race in the sailing instructions, and complies with that safety category found on this link [INSURANCE AND SAFETY DECLARATION](#); and
 - 1.2.3 If the skipper and all crew are current financial members of MCYS;
 - 1.2.4 at the time of the race, any non-member is a member of an Affiliated Club with Australian Sailing and holds a current AS Number and complies with the MCYS Visitor Policy or is the valid holder of an AS SAILPASS (Temporary membership) found here [SAIL PASS](#).
 - 1.2.5 provided at all times It is the responsibility of the skipper to be aware of the MCYS Rules, By-Laws and Policies, and these SI's, and Safety requirements and to ensure that all persons aboard are in compliance.
- 1.3 Reference made in these instructions to Keelboats shall include Trailable Yachts, and multihull vessels.
- 1.4 Special Sailing Instructions may be issued for individual races or series. These will be notified to skippers via Text message and/or email and/or posted on the MCYS Website - mcys.com.au
- 1.5 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, prescriptions and regulations of AS and these SI's.
- 1.6 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 - 6, shall apply for Keelboats.
- 1.7 The IRC Rule shall apply where applicable.
- 1.8 The Australian Measurement System (AMS) shall apply where applicable.



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- 1.9 The Australian Sailing Keelboat Handicap Rule (PHS) shall apply where applicable.
- 1.10 The Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS) shall apply where applicable.
- 1.11 The ORC - Club measurement system and Certificate system shall apply where applicable
- 1.12 All boats shall comply with the Rules and By-Laws of MCYS. Where there is an inconsistency between the Rules and By-Laws of MCYS and these Sailing Instructions, the Rules and By-Laws of MCYS shall prevail except for any safety requirement or prescription in AS - Special Regulations 2021-2024 for the Category of Race.
- 1.13 All boats shall comply with the requirements of:
 - 1.13.1 AS - Special Regulations 2021-2024 for the Category of Race; and
 - 1.13.2 All applicable requirements of State Legislation and local Authorities,
 - 1.13.3 The rules and laws applicable to Avoidance of commercial shipping, transit lanes and no-go zones to be found at [Transport Safety](#).
- 1.14 The International Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea, 1972, which apply between sunset and sunrise replacing the relevant parts of RRS found here [COLREGS](#)
- 1.15 Permission is granted as per "RRS 42.3(g) - propulsion" to assist any person or another vessel in danger, (h) to get clear after a grounding or collision, and (i) - applicable to 42(3)(g) and (h) as long as the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted online at www.mcys.com.au and may be notified by VHF radio on channel 72 or by SMS or Text message. Call Sign "Martha Cove Race Control".

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted or notified via text or SMS not less than One hour before such change will take effect;
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect except where inclement or unsuitable weather is applicable when as much notice as is reasonably practicable shall be given.



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4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed on the flag mast at the shore end of the Start Line or may be notified by VHF radio on channel 72 or may be notified by Text or SMS.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 1 hour' in the race signal AP for Keelboats.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Schedule of Races will be published in the MCYS Sailing Program and is available at www.mcys.com.au under EVENTS.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags (if applicable) will be designated in the MCYS Sailing Program.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing will be on the waters of Port Phillip and Bass Strait.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The Race Officer (RO) in conjunction with the Sailing Committee shall designate the course to be sailed before the start of Twilight races or at the warning signal. (See Appendix A for Courses except where the race is to be conducted in conjunction with another AS Affiliated club, in which case the Courses as designated by that club for that race shall apply.)
- 8.2 The Course will be communicated by VHF Channel 72, and or via Text or SMS during the sign on time in the hour before the commencement of the race.
- 8.3 If the RO signals a shortened course either by radio announcement on VHF Ch. 72 or by displaying a flag S with 2 sounds, and/or by text or SMS message to competitors the finishing line shall be:
 - (a) At a rounding mark, between the mark and the RO position or a staff displaying flag S. Where there is no finish boat on water, the finishing line shall be at the rounding mark designated by the RO and a yacht shall have finished when the rounding mark has been rounded (ie. when the stern of the boat clears the rounding mark and an imaginary line at 90 degrees to the course from the previous mark); or
 - (b) Where boats are required to cross a line at the end of each lap, that line; or
 - (c) At a gate between the gate marks

The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line. Competitors may be instructed by the RO to take their GPS time on rounding the shortened course mark.



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9 MARKS

9.1 Due to the requirement that Channel Marks are no longer to be used for any aquatic events, MCYS has created **VIRTUAL MARKS** that are near Channel Marks - generally in a direction at 90 degrees to the channel so that the virtual marks are outside of the Channel. These are designated by "**VCM**" preceding the channel mark number that the virtual channel mark is close to. This allows the Channel marks to be used a visual point to head to.

9.2 Yachts when racing **MUST NOT ROUND CHANNEL MARKS OR ENTER THE SOUTH CHANNEL** unless the COURSE requires the channel to be crossed, in which case the following will apply:

- (a) Yachts shall, prior to crossing, contact Lonsdale VTS on VHF Ch. 12 to receive a Traffic Report and advise that they intend to cross prior to entering the channel. This is to ensure that yachts crossing the channel are aware of any expected traffic in the channel and receive any advice from Lonsdale VTS; and
- (b) Yachts shall use the most direct route to cross the channel as close as possible at a right angle (90 degrees) to the channel to ensure that the channel is crossed in the shortest time regardless of the position of the next mark of the course; and
- (c) Yachts shall **KEEP CLEAR OF COMMERCIAL SHIPPING AT ALL TIMES**, noting the content of paragraph 28 hereof; and
- (d) Yachts shall at all times obey **ANY LAWFUL DIRECTION** of Lonsdale VTS; and
- (e) in the event that any yacht seeks redress in regard to any channel crossing (for being disadvantaged by not being able to cross at any particular time), the yacht may lodge a protest within the protest time limit with MCYS and seek redress; and
- (f) Any boat which fails to follow the procedure for crossing a channel, or any boat which enters any channel otherwise during a race or event shall be scored DSQ, and there shall be no redress.

9.3 MCYS Marks are described as follows:

YELLOW 2	(YELLOW POLE - Start/Finish)	S38 18.798'	E144 59.055'
YELLOW MP	(YELLOW POLE - MARTHA POINT)	S38 17.899'	E144 58.901'
VCM19	(Near Sth CHANNEL MARK 19)	S38 20.134'	E144 54.550'
VCM21	(Near Sth CHANNEL MARK 21)	S38 19.487'	E144 55.550'
VCM23	(Sth CHANNEL MARK)	S38 18.807'	E144 56.004'
VCM25	(Sth CHANNEL MARK)	S38 17.922'	E144 56.000'
R1	(Recreational MARK)	S38 16.474'	E144 58.359'
MYC SM	(MYC START MARK)	S38 12.520'	E145 01.920'
MYC A	(MYC Course Mark)	S 38 11.300	E145 03.600
MYC C	(MYC Course Mark)	S 38 11.000	E145 00.280
MYC E	(MYC Course Mark)	S 38 13.820	E145 00.440



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PM	(YELLOW POLE STH DROMANA PIER)	S38 19.841'	E144 57.329'
Lighthouse.	(YELLOW POLE McCrae LIGHTHOUSE).	S38 20.542'	E144 55.676'
BYS 5	(Yellow Pyramid Mark)	S38 21.633	E144 49.145
BYS 6	(Yellow Pyramid Mark)	S38 20.630'	E144 49.384'
Rosebud Jetty (Yellow Pole off Rosebud Jetty)		S 38 20.916	E 144 54.402
MMF-SE	(Mornington Mussel Farm MARK)	S 38 14.422	E145 01.050
MMF-NE	(Mornington Mussel Farm MARK)	S 38 13.928	E145 01.069
MMF-NW	(Mornington Mussel Farm MARK)	S 38 13.917	E144 59.900
MMF-SW	(Mornington Mussel Farm MARK)	S 38 14.385	E144 59.896

Note the above positions (in paragraph 9) are shown on the current Australian Charts AUS 143, 154 and 155 or as modified in the Notices to Mariners issued by the Port of Melbourne

- 9.3 In the event that there is a protest in relation to whether a boat has rounded a **VIRTUAL MARK** or not, the boat may be asked to provide a copy of its plotter or other navigational instrument TRACK to verify its rounding.
- 9.4 If a boat refuses or fails to produce a copy of its TRACK, it may be scored DSQ. **ALL YACHTS MUST THEREFORE ENSURE THAT WHILST RACING THEIR TRACK IS BEING RECORDED BY THEIR PLOTTER OR OTHER NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUMENT, AND ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A COPY WHEN REQUESTED BY THE RO.** (Navionics has a Navigational chart App for Android and Apple which costs less than \$50).

10 TWILIGHT RACES ARE DESIGNATED NO EXTRAS (UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVERTISED)

- 10.1 Twilight Pursuit Races are designated 'No Extras' races unless otherwise advertised in the calendar or designated by the Sailing Committee. In "No Extras" races, yachts shall use only a mainsail and one headsail at a time. The headsail shall be fully hanked, or attached by means of a luff groove device, to the forestay. Headsails may be poled out. This changes RRS 50.
- 10.2 In designated Twilight Pursuit Races for 'Extras Allowed', spinnakers, genakers, screechers and any other Code sails may be used.
- 10.3 In designated 'Extras Allowed' races, yachts may declare that they intend to use 'extras' in which case they will incur 10% of their elapsed time (or such other amount as the handicapper may determine from time to time) to be added to their elapsed time, which shall then be their finish time, and scores will be adjusted accordingly.

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The following areas are designated as an obstruction:



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All no boating zones and zones classified for Aquaculture on the current Australian Charts AUS 143, 154 and 155 or as modified in the Notices to Mariners issued by the Port of Melbourne. **This includes the Mussel Farms near Mornington and near the entrance of Martha Cove.**

- 11.2 Waters within the South Channel (waters between Port and Starboard Channel Marks) are designated **"NO GO ZONES"** and yachts shall not enter the South Channel during any MCYS Twilight or other race except where the designated course requires the South Channel to be crossed, in which case particular attention is drawn to paragraphs 9.2 and 28 hereof, in particular skippers are reminded of the requirement to **KEEP CLEAR OF COMMERCIAL SHIPPING AT ALL TIMES.**

12 THE START

- 12.1 When a race is designated "Pursuit" in the MCYS Sailing Program, boats will be allocated a start time. Start times are found at this link [START TIMES](#).

- 12.2 The starting line is designated as follows:

(a) **On Water Start**

Will be described in the course descriptions and could be between two fixed marks. Generally, the start shall be at or in the vicinity of YELLOW 2.

(b) **Pursuit**

The start/finish line shall be at YELLOW 2 (see 9.1 above) and be an imaginary line extending from YELLOW 2 due East (towards the shore) at 090 degrees (True). Boats crossing the start line before their start time may be scored OCS or DNS.

NOTE that the start is either in a generally Northerly direction, leaving YELLOW 2 to Port, designated by Start (P) in the course directions, or in a generally Southerly direction leaving the YELLOW 2 to Starboard, designated by Start (S) in the course directions.

(c) **Start Sequence**

For all races unless designated otherwise, all yachts shall start at their assigned time, or in an "all-in" start, at the designated start time.

- 12.3. Radio Sign-on:

- 12.3.1 All yachts intending to race shall sign on via VHF [Channel 72](#) call sign **"Martha Cove Race Control"** prior to the designated start time for the race and notify "Martha Cove Race Control" the number of People on Board (POB). Failure to sign on will result in a DSQ;

- 12.3.2 All yachts racing shall comply with the NOR requirements regarding entry. Failure to comply will result in a DSQ being recorded;



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- 12.3.3 The RO may request confirmation of the names of POB of any vessel at any time at his or her discretion.
- 12.4 The RO shall notify competitors of the course number by VHF channel 72 and/or via text or SMS prior to the start sequence and may also provide the course number on request at any time prior to a boat starting.
- 12.5 Boats racing in Pursuit Races shall not cross the start line at any time after the beginning of the start sequence and one (1) minute prior to their start time. Boats that fail to comply may be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, 30 & 35.
- 12.6 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting time will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4, 30 & 35.
- 12.7 The start procedure may be amended by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

13. ENTRIES

- 13.1. Entries shall be made via -
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/122/entry?tab=entry>
- If you experience any difficulty entering, please email
rear.commodore.sail@mcys.com.au or phone 0429 313 211
- 13.1.1 Entries shall be for each series of races.
- 13.1.2 Crew details and Safety and Insurance declarations shall be made via the applicable forms and lodged with rear.commodore.sail@mcys.com.au
- 13.1.3 For each race in a series, each boat must ensure that all persons on board have a valid AS number or must obtain a [SAIL PASS](#).
- 13.1.4 People on board who need a SAILPASS shall obtain it before the race and advise rear.commodore.sail@mcys.com.au at the time of entry or up to 15 minutes prior to the start of any race. SAILPASS may be obtained here [SAIL PASS](#).
- 13.2. Entries from MCYS non-member yachts may be limited to six (6) races per membership year or as otherwise determined by the General Committee except for yachts of a MCYS affiliated club, where the owner or skipper holds Affiliate membership with MCYS.
- 13.3.1 Entries shall be accepted up to sixty minutes (or less at the sole discretion of the RO) before the scheduled start of any race. MCYS reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- 13.3.2 The RO may request the names of POB of any vessel at any time at his or her discretion.
- 13.4. A minimum of 2 boats starting shall be required in a division to constitute a race.



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- 13.5. It is the responsibility of each owner/skipper to ensure all crew/visitors that do not have a current AS number are to be registered with an AS 'Sail Pass' prior to entering or taking part in any race. This may be completed on-line here [SAIL PASS](#).
- 13.6 A sail pass will ensure the insurance coverage afforded by Australian Sailing is in place.
- 13.7 The number of SAILPASSes per visitor or guest is limited to six (6) races per membership year or such other number as the General Committee may determine, after which the person must join MCYS.

14. RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled over the VHF Radio Ch 72 with the onus on the skipper for acknowledgment. This changes RRS 29.1.

15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RO may change the course by designating the finish to be at a particular mark, or by laying a new mark, or by advising all boats to proceed to the finish line after rounding a particular mark. This may be transmitted on VHF Ch. 72.

16. THE FINISH

- 16.1 Any on water finish will be described in the course descriptions, SI's and NOR and could be between two fixed marks, or at a virtual line between two marks or a mark and a virtual mark or an imaginary line running at 90 degrees (east) of the 2nd Yellow.
- 16.2 The finish procedure, position or configuration may be amended by Supplementary sailing instructions.
- 16.3 The start/finish line shall be at YELLOW 2 (see 9.1 above) and be an imaginary line extending from YELLOW 2 due East (towards the shore) at 090 degrees (True). Finish direction may be north to south, or south to north as designated in the course.

NOTE that the finish may be either in a generally Northerly direction, leaving YELLOW 2 to Port, designated by Finish (P) in the course directions, or in a generally Southerly direction leaving the YELLOW 2 to Starboard, designated by Finish (S) in the course directions.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty, except that for infringements "within the zone", as defined in the RRS, where a Two-Turn penalty shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1.



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18. TIME LIMITS

18.1 The time limits are as following:

18.1.1 Twilight Races

- i) Racing shall end 5 minutes after official sunset unless otherwise stated in the SI for that race or series.
- ii) The RO will endeavor to advise the sunset time when posting the start sheet.
- iii) Boats failing to finish by the end of racing will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

18.1.2 All other races 3 hours and 30 minutes, or in accordance with the SI for that race or series;

18.2 Any boat that has not finished within the time limit for a particular race will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

18.3 Any boat that has not finished before the official time of official sunset plus 5 minutes even if within other time limits will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

18.4 If no boat passes the first mark within 60 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

18.5 Failure to meet the target time in 18.4 will not be grounds for redress.

19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

19.1 Protest forms are available online at this link [Protest Form](#). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit defined herein.

19.2 Protests may be delivered, via email to [the Rear Commodore](#)

19.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes (1 hours) after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RO signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

19.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

19.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1 (b). www.mcys.com.au

20. ARBITRATION

RRS Appendix T shall apply.

21. SCORING



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- 21.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 21.2 The Low Points Scoring System specified in RRS Appendix A will apply as modified below:
- a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When from 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - d) When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
 - e) The SI for any particular race or series may nominate the number of races and drops for that particular race or series and the nomination shall override and apply instead of a) to d) of 21.2 above.
- 21.3 Boats holding an IRC short-handed certificate, AMS two-handed rating and/or PHS two-handed rating entered as Two-Handed will be scored in the overall results of the race.
- 21.4 Keelboats entered in a series will be scored according to either their Fully Crewed or their Two-Handed handicap. Boats wishing to sail with both configurations are required to lodge an additional entry.

22. ROSTERED DUTY AND AVERAGE POINTS

- 22.1 Crew rostered for duty on the MCYS Roster shall be ineligible to enter for a race unless appropriate volunteer substitutions have been made prior to that race. Penalty of DNC shall be applied to any boat on which rostered crew have sailed who have not had appropriate volunteer substitution authorized by the RO.
- 22.2 A boat that does not race because the majority of its crew are rostered for duty on a race day AND also signs on stating 'DUTY' shall be awarded points equal to the average of all of the points awarded in the series.
- 22.3 In any one season average points may be awarded for a maximum of two (2) race days.
- 22.4 A boat competing in a major event for that class (such as a state, national championships or a major event) may be awarded average points equal to the average of the boat's best three of the points awarded in the series. Prior to the event skippers must apply in writing to the MCYS Sailing Committee for such points to be awarded.

23. RE-SAILS



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- 23.1 Any abandoned race shall only be re-sailed if the race is required to constitute a series.

24. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 24.1 The Keelboat Safety Category for each race will be designated in the MCYS Sailing Calendar, NOR or SI's.

24.2 .1 Where a Safety Category has been designated in the MCYS Sailing Calendar, all competing boats shall lodge an Insurance and Safety Compliance Declaration and Checklist covering the appropriate safety category prior to racing via the TES. Boats failing to comply will have their entry refused or be scored DNC.

24.2.2 All boats racing may be Audited by a Club Equipment Auditor (CEA) or National Equipment Auditor (NEA) upon reasonable notice being given to the owner or skipper.

24.2.3 A boat which has been given notice who refuses a Safety Audit shall not be entitled to score in any subsequent races until an audit has been conducted and signed off by the CEA or NEA as appropriate.

24.2.4 A boat may request a safety audit at any time with reasonable notice to the RO, and such audit shall be completed within 7 days of the request or such other time as nominated by the RO.

24.3 **In addition** to the requirements of the designated Safety Category, the following additional safety requirements apply to all keelboats racing in MCYS Races or series:

24.3.1 All keelboats shall carry a **VHF radio** capable of transmitting on **VHF Channel 72**. The radio may be permanently installed or a waterproof handheld.

24.3.2 All crew on deck competing under the following conditions shall wear a lifejacket at all times:

24.3.2.1 Keelboats entered as Two-Handed - lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 (minimum 100).

24.3.2.2 Keelboats competing as Cat 7 on a boat without lifelines complying with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 (e.g. Etchells and Dragons) - lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 (minimum 50S).

24.3.2.3 Where crew are required to wear Lifejackets by State or Federal Law (e.g. transiting through Port Phillip Heads).

25. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Safety requirements, class rules and the sailing instructions. On the water, a



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boat can be instructed by a race committee, NEA or CEA or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection within a given time after the completion of a race.

26. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 26.1 Keelboats – The crew list of all keelboats racing shall be recorded via email to rear.commodore.sail@mcys.com.au prior to the first warning signal. Failure to update the crew list may result in the boat being scored DNC for all races on that day. This changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 26.2 Crew names, AS Number or SAIL PASS number, contact number and emergency contact number shall be advised to rear.commodore.sail@mcys.com.au
- 26.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment and changes to sail number shall be authorised by the race committee or RO. Requests for substitution shall be made to rear.commodore.sail@mcys.com.au or the RO at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 26.3 Failure to notify the RO of a change of sail number will result in a DNC without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1

27. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 27.1 Except in an emergency, 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.
- 27.2 MCYS RO will monitor and use VHF Channel 72 during races. Call Sign "Martha Cove Race Control"
- 27.3 All boats during any race shall monitor/transmit on **VHF Channels 72** and **VHF Channel 16**.

28. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 28.1 Marine regulations require that boats shall avoid commercial shipping. Boats which find themselves in danger of interfering with commercial shipping may use their engine to avoid interference and will not be penalised under RRS 42 provided that:
- a) it is used only as necessary to avoid the commercial shipping in question,
 - b) no advantage is gained through its use, and
 - c) a declaration containing a complete description of the circumstances is submitted to the RO within the protest time limit. This alters RRS 42.
- 28.2 Skippers are reminded of the requirement for competing boats to **KEEP CLEAR OF COMMERCIAL SHIPPING AT ALL TIMES**. Boats shall not cross or enter any commercial shipping channels where such crossing or entry or presence would



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interfere with the passage of commercial shipping or be so close as to cause concern for commercial shipping.

- 28.3 In accordance with section 2.19 of the Port of Melbourne Regulations, participants in the series are advised of the requirement to report any incident, hazard or obstruction, as soon as reasonably practical, to Port of Melbourne Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) on Channel 12 VHF.

29. PRIZES

- 29.1 Prizes may be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third, depending on the number of starters in a race or series as follows:
- a) A minimum of five starters are required for a third prize to be awarded.
 - b) A minimum of four starters are required for a second prize to be awarded.
- 29.2 Only boats on the MCYS Boat Register and entered by an MCYS member, or boats entered by the owner or skipper of an MCYS Affiliated club are eligible to win any MCYS Trophy Race or Series.
- 29.3 Prizes may be amended by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

30. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in MCYS races, events or series take part entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, 'Decision to Race'. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race, event or series.

31. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating participants grant to Martha Cove Yacht Squadron and its sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the races without compensation. By entering the participant grants all media rights to MCYS free of any charge or compensation.

32. INSURANCE

- 32.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 Million per incident or the equivalent and maintain this cover for the period of races, events or series.
- 32.2 If a boat fails to maintain her insurance during any series, she shall be deemed to be ineligible and scored DNC for each race until such time her insurance is restored.



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- 13.3 Each participating boat shall Enter via the TES an Insurance and safety declaration found on this link [INSURANCE AND SAFETY DECLARATION](#) and maintain compliance for the duration of the races or events or series.

33. RESULTS

Results will be posted online at www.mcys.com.au or on SailSys at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/122/entry?tab=results> and may be given at presentation after the race.

34. WEATHER WARNINGS

When a Gale Warning has been issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, racing shall be cancelled.

Racing may be cancelled or postponed otherwise at the discretion of the sailing committee or RO when forecast conditions are deemed unsuitable.

Cancellation shall be signalled by lights, sound signals, radio and flags or SMS/Text as per above.

Yachts may also be advised of the cancellation when they 'sign on' or be notified via email and / or SMS message



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Appendix A Courses

(Maps of courses may be found at mcys.com.au - NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION)

SATURDAY - ALL IN!
CH 1- Rye & Return - YELLOW 2(S), VCM 19 (P), BYS 5 (S), VCM 19 (S), PM (P), YELLOW 2 (P) (16.68 NM)
CH 3-Capel Sound - YELLOW 2 (S), Lighthouse (S), BYS 6 (P), BYS 5 (P), VCM 19 (S), YELLOW 2 (P) (17.4 NM)
CH 6-REVERSE Capel Sound - YELLOW 2 (S), VCM 19(P), BYS 5(S), BYS 6 (S), Lighthouse(P), YELLOW 2 (P) (17.4 NM)
CH 8- COASTAL TOUR - YELLOW 2 (S), PM (S), Rosebud Jetty (S), BYS 5 (S), YELLOW 2 (P) (16.7 NM)
SATURDAY- CRUISE PURSUIT
CP 1- "Dolphin 1" - YELLOW 2(S), VCM 19(S), VCM 21(P), VCM 23(P), VCM 25(S), R1 (S), YELLOW 2 (S) (11.19 NM)
CP 2 - "Dolphin 2" - YELLOW 2 (S), VCM 25(S), R1(S), YELLOW 2 (S), VCM 25 (P), VCM 23 (S), VCM 21(S), VCM 19 (P), YELLOW 2 (P) (16.29 NM)
CP 3 - "R1- 25" - YELLOW 2 (P), R1 (P), VCM 25 (P), R1 (P), VCM 25 (P), YELLOW 2 (P) (11.99 NM)
CP 4 -"25 - R1" - YELLOW 2 (S), VCM 25 (S), R 1 (S), VCM 25 (S), R1 (S), YELLOW 2 (S) (11.99 NM)
CP 5- "Martha Pt Coastal" - YELLOW 2 (S), PM (S), VCM 19(S), VCM 21(P), R1 (S), YELLOW 2 (S) (11.05 NM)
CP 6 - "Figure 8.1" - YELLOW 2 (P), R1 (P), Lighthouse (S), VCM 19 (S), YELLOW 2 (P) (11.72 NM)
CP 7- "Figure 8.2" - YELLOW 2 (S), VCM 19 (P), Lighthouse (P), R1 (S), YELLOW 2 (S) (11.72 NM)
CP 8 - "Mornington Mussel Farm" - YELLOW 2 (P), R1 (S), MMF-SE (P), MMF-NE (P), MMF-NW (P), MMF-SW (P), R1 (P), YELLOW 2 (S) (Around Mornington Mussel Farm anti-clockwise) (12.01 NM)
CP 9 - "Mornington Coastal" - YELLOW 2 (P), YELLOW MP (S), MYC E (P), R1(S) VCM 25 (S), YELLOW 2 (P) (15.06 NM)
CP 10 - "Schnapper Point" - YELLOW 2 (P), YELLOW MP (S), MYC A (S), R1 (P), YELLOW 2 (S) (17.47 NM)
CP 11 - "NOT R1 Again" - YELLOW 2 (P), YELLOW MP (P), R1 (P), PM (P), YELLOW 2 (P), YELLOW MP (P), R1(P), YELLOW MP (S) YELLOW 2 (S) (12.36NM)



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WEDNESDAY - TWILIGHTS	
MCYS T1	YELLOW 2 (S), VCM 25(S), R1 (S), MP YELLOW(S), YELLOW 2(S) (7.30 NM)
MCYS T2	YELLOW 2 (P), MP YELLOW(P), R1 (P), VCM 25(P), YELLOW 2(P) (7.30 NM)
MCYS T3	YELLOW 2 (P), MP YELLOW (P), VCM 23(P), PM(P), YELLOW 2(P) (6.53 NM)
MCYS T4	YELLOW 2 (S), PM(S), VCM 23(S), MP YELLOW (S), YELLOW 2 (S) (6.53 NM)
MCYS T5	YELLOW 2 (S), Lighthouse(S), VCM 23(S), YELLOW 2(S) (8.46 NM)
MCYS T6	YELLOW 2 (P), CM 23 (P), Lighthouse (P), YELLOW 2 (P) (7.32 NM)
MCYS T7	YELLOW 2(P), MP YELLOW (P), R1 (P), VCM 23 (P), YELLOW 2 (P) (7.77 NM)
MCYS T8	YELLOW 2(P), MP YELLOW (P), R1 (P), VCM 23 (P), YELLOW 2 (P) (7.77 NM)
NB: - CHECK THE COURSES as they may be CHANGED from time to time!	
(*NB - ALL Courses may be shortened in accordance with 8.3 hereof)	