



***LSC/MYCT Brierley Marine
Friday Twilight Series
2016-2017***



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RACING RULES

The LSC/MYCT Brierley Marine twilight series of yacht races will be governed by "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), the prescription of Australian Sailing and the rules of the participating classes, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Registration and Payment: Eligible boats may be entered by lodgment of a completed registration form with the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania (MYCT) bar not later than 1600 hours on the day of the race and payment of the entry fee of \$7.50 per race. A yacht crew wishing to participate in the whole series may pay \$60.00 as payment in full before the first race of the series.

Precedent: Races will be open to yachts with not less than \$5M Legal Liability insurance and which comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations for Category 7 safety as well as MAST requirements. Acceptance of an entry from any yacht shall not create a precedent for consideration of an entry by any other yacht.

Sails: Running sails, for example, spinnakers, bloopers and the like are not permitted. Only one sail may be carried forward of the mast unless the yacht obviously has a cutter rig. The forward sail must be tacked on its normal deck fitting and be fully attached to the stay on which it is normally set.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the MYCT.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and communicated by SMS and/or email no later than 1600 hours on the day of an affected race. On the water, attention will be drawn to any change by a sound signal, the hoisting of CODE FLAG "L" and by an announcement on VHF Channel 9.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at the MYCT clubhouse. Advice that sailing is abandoned for the day may be notified by SMS and/or email but the authoritative form of notification will be by hoisting CODE FLAG "N" on the MYCT flag pole and a notice on the MYCT Notice Board.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

14/10/16	Pennant A – Race 1	13/1/17	Pennant B – Race 1
28/10/16	Pennant A – Race 2	27/1/17	Pennant B – Race 2
11/11/16	Pennant A – Race 3	10/2/17	Pennant B – Race 3
9/12/16	Pennant A – Race 4	3/3/17	Pennant B – Race 4
16/12/16	Pennant A – Race 5	17/3/17	Pennant B – Race 5
		31/3/17	Trophy Race or Resail

Races will be scheduled to start at 1800 local time.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be CODE FLAG "G" denoting a combined start for all classes.

Consideration may be given to splitting the fleet into two divisions with two separate starting times when there are sufficient entries. A decision to split the fleet will be notified on VHF Channel 9 and by hoisting CODE FLAG "K" for Division 1 and CODE FLAG "Q" for Division 2.

8. RACING AREA

The racing will be conducted on the Derwent River within an area bounded by the Tasman Bridge to the South, Lindisfarne Bay to the East, Cornelian Bay to the West and an imaginary line between Limekiln Point and the southern end of the Self's Point fuel wharf to the North.

9. COURSES

Course A (CODE FLAG A) from start to 1-2-3-1-2-3 to finish all marks left to Starboard.

Course B (CODE FLAG B) from start to 3-2-1-3-2-1 to finish all marks left to Port.

Course C (CODE FLAG C) from start to 2-1-3-2-1-3 to finish all marks left to Port.

Course D (CODE FLAG D) from start to 3-1-2-3-1-2 to finish all marks left to Starboard.

Course E (CODE FLAG E) from start to 1-3-2-1-3-2 to finish all marks left to Port.

Course F (CODE FLAG F) from start to 2-3-1-2-3-1 to finish all marks left to Starboard.

Course H (CODE FLAG H) from start to 2-4-3-2-4-3-2-4-3 to finish all marks left to Starboard.

Course J (CODE FLAG J) from start to 3-4-2-3-4-2-3-4-2 to finish all marks left to Port.

Note: All yachts must sail through the start/finish line on each lap. Courses H and J are designed to avoid commercial shipping.

10. MARKS

MARK 1 - Rose Bay - marked by the yellow MYCT temporary mooring buoy off the imaginary extension of Ronnie Street into Rose Bay.

MARK 2 - old Bridge Western Abutment - marked by the Geilston Bay Boat Club's (GBBC) orange buoy approximately 150 metres East of the abutment.

MARK 3 - Self's Point - marked by an orange GBBC mark called TB to the East of Cornelian Bay Point (NOT to be confused with the shallow water mark South of Cornelian Bay Point).

MARK 4 – The western end of the start/finish line, which may be the Official Committee Boat or the yellow flag.

The first mark of any course will be as close as possible to directly upwind of the start/finish line at the time of laying that line.

Missing Marks will be replaced by a flagged marker buoy.

The start/finish line will be between the orange mast or flag of the Official Committee Boat and the yellow flag at the port end. A green distance mark may be used to mark the position of a stern anchor line attached to the Official Committee Boat.

Yachts must not attempt to pass inside the red pile at the Northern entrance to Lindisfarne Bay or the green pile situated 20 meters offshore from Limekiln Point or the mark 50 metres to the South of Cornelian Bay Point. These markers indicate shallow and non-navigable waters.

11. STARTING PROCEDURE

11.1 There may be a countdown on VHF Channel 9 of the last 10 seconds leading up to 6 minutes before the first start. This is to give an opportunity for all yachts to be on the same time as the Official Committee Boat.

11.2 Races will be started using Rule 26, System 1. The first race will start at 1800 hours and, if there are two divisions, the second race will start at 1805 hours.

11.3 The start line will be between the orange mast or flag of the Official Committee Boat and the yellow flag at the Port end. The start line will be situated near the centre of the course. The object will be to give a reasonable beat to windward before the first turning mark.

11.4 Delayed start. A start may be delayed, for example, to facilitate the safe passage of a large commercial vessel. A delayed start will be notified on VHF Channel 9 and by hoisting CODE FLAG "AP" on the Official Committee Boat.

12. FINISH PROCEDURE

The finish line will be between the orange mast or flag on the Official Committee Boat and the yellow flag mark at the Port end of the line.

13. SHORTENED COUSE

A shortened course may be indicated by hoisting CODE FLAG "S" on the mast of the Official Committee Boat, by a series of short sharp sound signals and by an announcement on VHF Channel 9.

Where a course is shortened at a mark of the course, all yachts shall pass between the Official Committee Boat and that mark from the direction of the preceding mark.

14. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first yacht to finish will be 1930 hours.

When the first yacht finishes before 1930 hours, following yachts will be timed to 1945 hours. Yachts that do not finish by 1945 hours will be scored “did not finish (DNF)”.

15. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged by 2030 hours on the day of the race and accompanied by a fee of \$20-00. Protests will be heard at a time that will be advised to the parties.

16. SCORING

Races shall be scored using the Low Point Scoring System in accordance with RRS Appendix A4.2, A8 and A9.

17. NUMBER OF RACES

Each series will comprise five races. Completion of three races will constitute a series.

18. PRIZES

A prize or prizes may be awarded for a race. Such prizes will be awarded at the discretion of MYCT and any sponsor(s) on the completion of each race and given at the MYCT bar.

19. SAFETY

All participating yachts shall comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations for Category 7 as a minimum and also relevant requirements of MAST and Notices to Mariners. 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 helmsperson shall continue to sail when the Principal Race Officer considers the conditions to be hazardous due to weather or other factors. CODE FLAG “N” shall be flown to indicate that sailing is abandoned.

20. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

Commercial shipping shall, at all times, have absolute right of way.

Owners and helmspersons participating in the races described herein must be aware of the requirements of the “Marine and Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act 2006” and its implications as far as personal liability for the safe operation of their vessel.

21. RACE RADIO FREQUENCY

The Official Committee Boat afloat will maintain a watch on VHF Channel 9 and may issue additional instructions via this channel.

22. RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITY

All persons taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The MYCT, associated Clubs and sponsors are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to Rule 4 that states “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”. Owners must provide their own Legal Liability insurance and have a minimum of \$5M Legal Liability insurance cover.

23. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Race Committee acknowledges the sponsorship of Brierley Marine and the MYCT. The support provided by the Lindisfarne Sailing Club by providing the official Committee Boat and crew and by the GBBC in maintaining its marks and allowing their use also is acknowledged.

24. POST RACE ACTIVITIES

The MYCT facilities are open to participating crews. Competitors who are not members of the MYCT are invited to use the outer sides of the Clubs floating fuel berth whilst attending post race activities at the MYCT. The internal berth must be left clear.

25. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Suggestions and requests for further information may be made by contacting the General Manager of the MYCT by phone on 6243 9021 or the MYCT Sailing Organizer, Nigel Grey, on 0429 059 692.