



GEILSTON BAY BOAT CLUB (INC)

Royal Hobart Regatta/GBBC Twilight Race

Monday 13 February 2017 at 1800 Hrs Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

Races are governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020" (RRS), the prescriptions of Australian Sailing, the rules of participating classes, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. All skippers must be familiar with the rules and requirements of the RRS. Supplementary Sailing Instructions may be issued for special events. 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 GBBC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. GBBC 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 4, 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 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

Boats: Entry is open to registered GBBC yachts and others who register their vessels and their insurance details with the club. Entries may be accepted at the absolute discretion of the Sailing Committee.

DIVISIONS: Races will be open to 2 divisions. Divisions 1&2 at the discretion of the sailing committee.

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 \$5,000,000 when racing.

ELIGIBILITY OF HELMSMAN: Yachts must be steered at all times by a Member of Yachting Australia.

4 ANCHORS

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

5 ENTRIES

Entry shall be lodged, at the GBBC Office on the prescribed form or online via our web site. Entries close – 1800hrs Sunday 12th February 2017
Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6 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.

7 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

"Notices to Competitors" will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the cabinet fitted on the wall near the rear entrance and on our Web Site. Provisional race results will be posted on the Official Notice Board and on the Internet, www.geilstonbayboatclub.com.au and maybe listed in the Mercury in sports results section

8 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be posted no later than two hours before the start of the race. Code Flag L will be flown from the Flagpole & the start boat before the race affected by the change and may be posted on the website
www.geilstonbayboatclub.com.au

9 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.

10 INCORRECT COURSE

If a RO or Race Official observes a boat 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 09

13 Protests

LODGEMENT OF PROTESTS: Protests and requests for redress under Rule 62.1, arising must be lodged by 1400 hours on the Friday following the race. Protests under Rule 60.2 (a) or Rule 60.3 (a) will be lodged by 1800 hours, up to the third working day after the race or hearing is completed. Protests shall be lodged at the Geilston Bay Boat Club on the official protest form which will be available in the club foyer and receipt must be confirmed by the protestor within the time limit.

ARBITRATION: In GBBC 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: Protests arising from GBBC events will be heard at the GBBC Clubhouse on the Thursday following the race at 1930 hours unless otherwise advised.

RESULTS: All prizes will be provisional until the time for lodgement, or hearing of protests and appeals, have expired. Prizes will be awarded at the GBBC prize night.

14 SAFETY

(a) **CRISIS SAFETY PLAN:** The GBBC 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.

Detailed instructions at the end of this section.

(b) **SAFETY REGULATIONS:** YA Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (g) always applies. Yachts shall comply with the appropriate safety regulations as follows:-

RHR Twilight race in addition to Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) requirements the safety category shall be Category 7 in accordance with the RRS YA Special Regulation Part 1. Safety YA Special Regulations. Part 1; Category 7. Special Regulations Category 7 with a VHF radio, which may be handheld. 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. Compliance checks may be undertaken by the Sailing Committee or a representative. Boats failing to comply will be disqualified from their most recent race.

(c) **EMERGENCY MEETING POINT:** Should a boat require emergency medical assistance the RO will direct boats to a nominated meeting point for emergency services at -

(a) The Regatta Grounds Jetty - (b) Watermans Dock. Unless specific alternative arrangements are notified.

(d) INCIDENT DEBRIEF: GBBC 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 is included at the end of this document.

15 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 the GBBC burgee.

16 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 9.

Combined Division 1 & 2 Start.

Division 1 white pennant with red dot - Division 2 blue pennant white dot
Sound signal may be made 10 minutes prior to the start.
The Start Time is 1800Hrs.

17 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".

18 Courses

Courses will be indicated by flags flown from the Committee Boat or by flags displayed on from the start boat & may be advised over the radio.

Course A. Start - D - B1- A - D - Finish all marks to port.

Course B. Start - B1- D - A - B1 - Finish all marks to starboard.

19 Descriptions 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 Illuminated Mark 0.5nm ENE of Wrest Point (DSS permanent)

20 Shortened Course/Time Limit

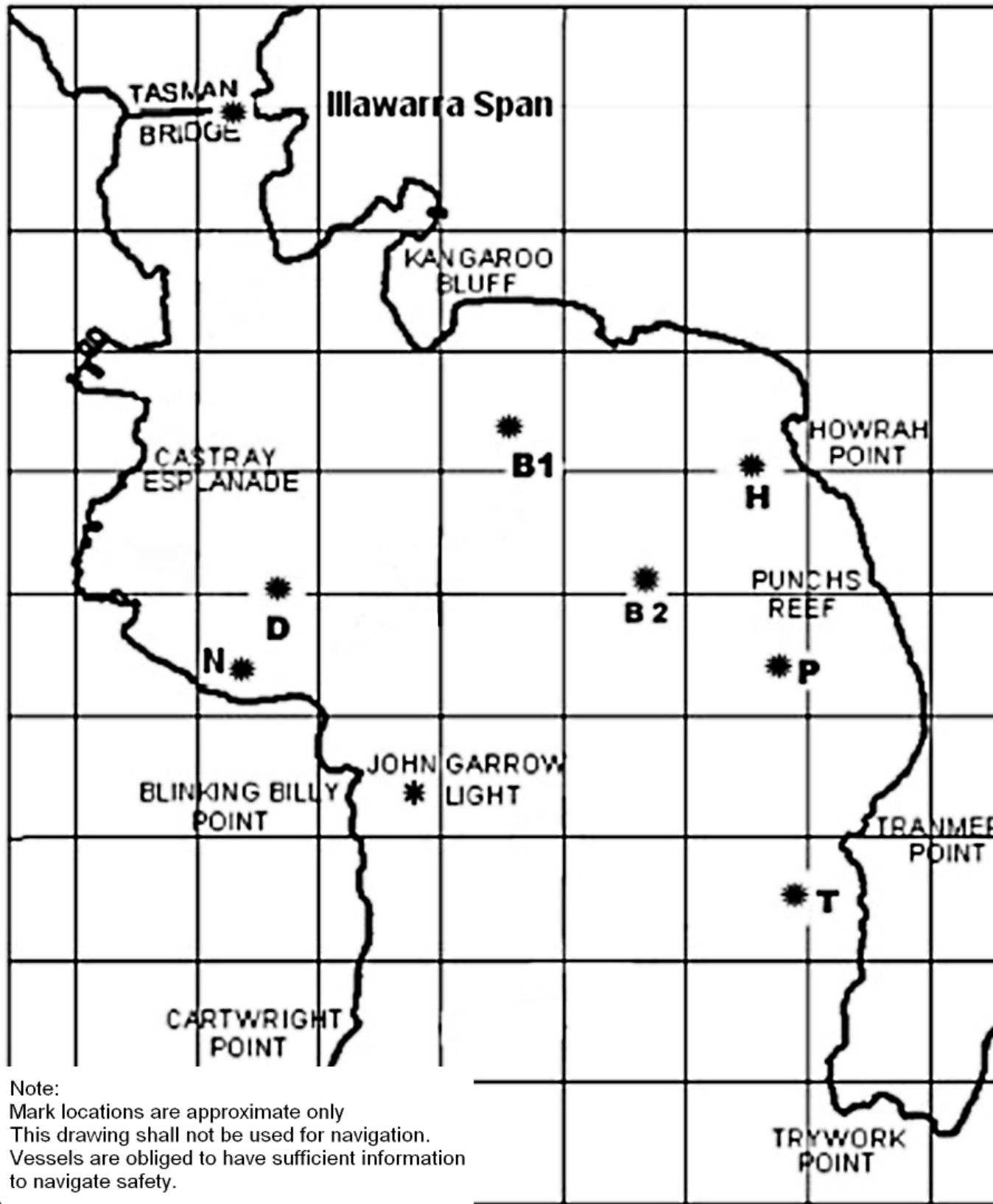
Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, flag S will be displayed on the Committee Boat. This will be accompanied by sound signals and shall apply to all groups unless group numeral signals are displayed, in which case

it shall apply only to those groups whose signal is displayed. Display of the Shorten Course will mean that boats should finish straight across the line at the completion of a lap (ie if A course is sailed and shortened course is signalled as you approach Mark A, you will round mark A it leaving it to port and pass through the start/finish which will be the finish of your race. If course B is sailed and shortened course is signalled as you approach Mark A sail through the start/finish line and your race will be finished). Rule 35 is changed as follows: All boats will be timed until 1930 If the first yacht finishes by the Time Limit yachts will be timed for a further 15 minutes. Boats failing to finish by 15 minutes after the Time Limit will be scored a “DNF” .

21 Radio Communications

The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors on VHF Channel 9. Requests for repeat of broadcasts will not be acknowledged.

Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 9 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency. Requests for repeat of broadcasts will not be acknowledged.



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