

**MORDIALLOC SAILING CLUB Inc.**  
**OPEN WINTER RACING**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ABBREVIATED (VISITORS)**

**1 INVITATION**

**1.1 Starting times.**

The approximate start times/code flags for class/divisions will be:

1300 hrs	1st start	code flag int Numeral 1
1305hrs	2nd start	code flag int 2
1310 hrs	3rd start	code flag int 3
1315 hrs	4th start	code flag int 4 and so on....

The Sailing Committee will post the course /allocation /start /finish notice, herein after called the Allocation board, each day, listing the class(es) (or YV Yardstick groups) in each start and the course to be sailed. This shall be posted at approximately 1200 hrs for the afternoon race.

**2 RULES**

The races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (R.R.S.), and the prescriptions of the YA.

YA Special Regulations Addendum "A", Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats), will apply to all entrants.

**3 ENTRIES**

**3.1 Entry Method.**

All yachts shall be entered by their skippers or crew on the entry form provided, prior to the warning signal of the race. These entries shall nominate the crew for that race where applicable.

Non registered (M.S.C.) yachts shall include a fee of \$10.00 with each entry (\$65 for the series). Visiting yachts from Clubs affiliated with the YV shall include a fee of \$10.00. Visiting yachts from clubs NOT affiliated with the YV or yachts who are not members of any sailing/yacht clubs shall pay a fee of \$20.00 with each entry. Juniors in each category shall pay half that sum.

**4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors shall be placed on the official race notice board, located on the lower deck of the Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc.

**5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**

If temporary or permanent changes are made to these sailing instructions and/or the sailing program code flag "L" will be displayed from the Club signal mast accompanied by one (1) sound signal 1 hour before the starting signal for the race concerned. This signal shall denote that a change in the sailing instructions and/or the sailing program have been placed on the official race notice board. Such posting will constitute official notice to each yacht in accordance with R.R.S. 90.2 (c). It shall then be the responsibility of all yacht skippers to consult the race notice board.

**6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.**

All signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Club signal mast, situated on the Tower balcony.

Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed and the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

Code Flag "Q" with one sound signal means no yachts are to leave the beach and if already at sea shall return to shore without delay.

## **7 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

As published and the posted list on the Notice Board.

## **8 RACING AREA**

Is on Port Phillip adjacent to the Club usually to the south east of the axis of Mordialloc Pier.

## **9 COURSES**

9.1 All races are sailed on a trapezoid course of internal angles of approximately 60 degrees with the first leg to windward, or windward/returns. The courses will be displayed on the course allocation board at the clubhouse and will be posted at least 60 minutes before the first start.

9.2 Course Signals -

Course signals shall be made by the Committee boat not later than first start warning signal and shall be: Red signal - keep marks 1,2,5 & 6 to Port: Green Signal keep marks 1,2,5 & 6 to starboard. Where there is a gate used, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.

9.3 Bearing To Windward Mark:

The approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to mark 1 may be displayed by the committee boat whilst stationed at the start line.

## **10 MARKS OF THE COURSE**

10.1 Course marks are indicated on the course allocation board.

10.2 The starting mark on the Port end of the starting line will be a Red and White flag.

10.3 A crowding mark may be laid at the start. If laid, it will be a Red flag on a low staff and will be positioned off the stern of the committee vessel, this mark will be deemed to be an extension of the committee vessel.

10.4 The finishing mark will be a mark displaying a Red and White flag.

## **11 STARTING PROCEDURE.**

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

Where a subsequent race is to be started for a nominated division, that start will be as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race for that division.

11.2 Starting line.

The starting line will be an imaginary line between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the committee vessel, and a mark with a Red and White flag at the Port end of the line. The line will be placed on the windward leg of the course.

11.3 Keeping Clear.

Yachts whose preparatory signal has not given shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been given.

11.4 Duration of Start.

A yacht shall be deemed not to have started if it crosses the starting line in the direction of its first mark more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal.

**12 COMMITTEE BOAT**

Will display the Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc Burgee.

**13 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be an imaginary line between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the committee vessel, and a mark with a Red and White flag at the Port end of the line. The line will be placed on the windward leg of the course. Any boat sailing through this line in either direction without having completed the required course will be disqualified without protest.

**14 TIME LIMITS.**

14.1 The time limit for racing shall be 2.5 hours and if the first yacht of a class/division finishes within this time, then all yachts finishing within 30 minutes thereafter shall be timed, all others being scored DNF.

**15 PROTESTS, REQUEST FOR REDRESS.**

I.S.A.F. Racing Rules of Sailing Part 5 applies with the following modifications.

15.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in writing (YV protest form available from tower controller) with Officer of the Day, or Tower Controller, within one hour of the protesting yacht's finishing time.

15.2 Time and place of protest hearing(s) will be posted on the Race Notice Board by 1800hrs. Protests should be heard not later than the following club day.

15.3 Protest committee will consist of a chairman and at least two (2) members, convened by the Officer of the Day in consultation with the Sailing Committee.

15.4 Requests for redress against the Race Committee may be heard by a protest committee of club members who are not interested parties, subject to approval by the protester and Race Committee, otherwise a Protest Committee from outside of the Club will be appointed.

15.5 R.R.S. 61.1 (a) (2) is amended to read – If the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 7 metres, she need not display a red flag.

**16 AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION OF RACE.**

A scheduled race shall be deemed to be cancelled when less than three (3) yachts of a class/division start.

**17 TROPHIES AND PRESENTATION**

All Invitation and trophy race prizes are at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

**18 SAILING COMMITTEE**

The Sailing Committee will be as specified in the by laws of the Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc.

**19 SAFETY DECLARATION AND RETIREMENTS.**

19.1 Safety.

Competitors' attention is drawn to the fundamental RRS 1 and 4.

Buoyancy Aids:

All competitors shall wear while racing, personal flotation devices that are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued by or approved by a national authority affiliated to the ISAF, or standards organisation, or certification authority recognised for the purpose by its respective government. In addition, government regulations require that competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.

19.2 Sign-On:

For each race, each boat intending to sail shall personally “sign-on”, by signing the Entry Form at the time the entry is submitted, or, when an entry has been submitted for the series, sign the race sign-on sheet located at the registration desk prior to the warning signal of the race, on days other than when the series entry was submitted. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction will result in a boat being scored equal to “DNC” for the race without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

19.3 Declaration.

All skippers of yachts that have finished must sign the declaration sheet provided at the base of the tower stairs within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore. Failure to comply will result in that yacht being scored DSQ without protest.

19.4 Retiring yachts.

The skipper or crew of yachts that do not finish, or which have finished and wish to indicate retirement, shall as soon as possible, sign the retirement sheet provided, indicating DNF. Similarly, yachts that enter but do not start shall sign the retirement sheet indicating DNS, as soon as possible. Yachts should telephone the Club on Telephone Number 9580-8816 as soon as possible if unable to return to the Club. Failure to comply will result in that yacht being scored DSQ without protest.

**20 INDEMNITY.**

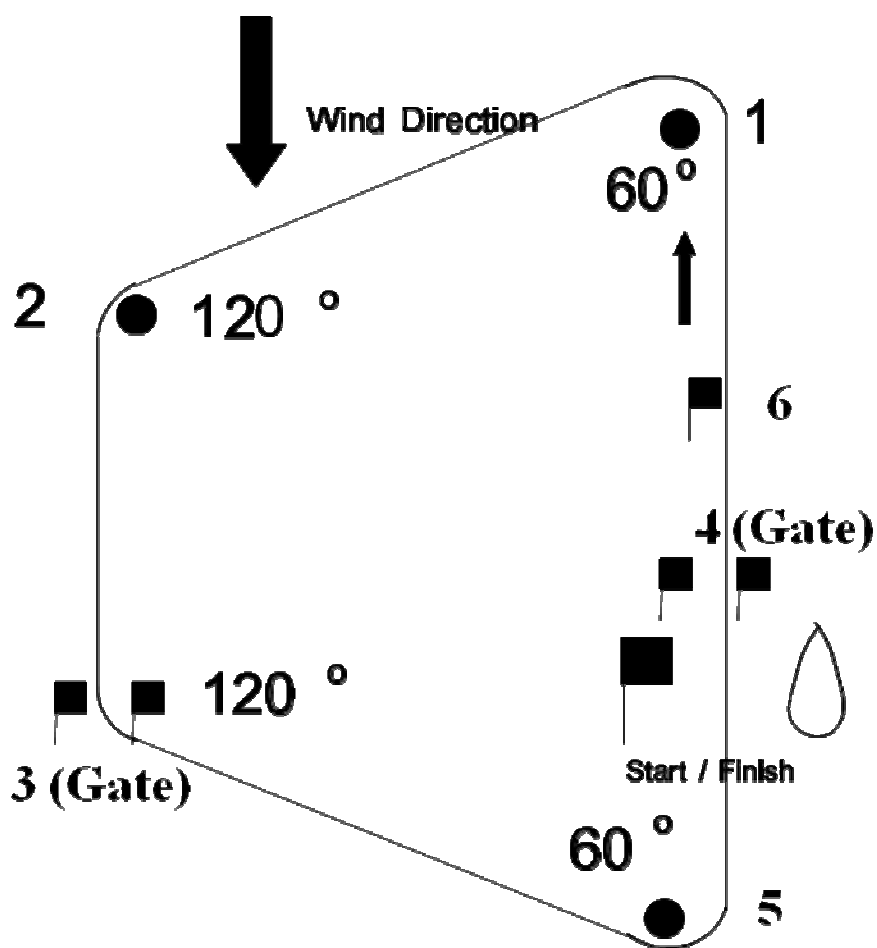
All those taking part in races conducted by Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc. do so at their own risk and responsibility. Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc. is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted, or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. In accordance with R.R.S. 76 Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc. reserves the right to refuse any entry.

No liability is accepted by Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc., its officers members and volunteers for the loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused or arising out of these races. These sailing instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.

**21 INFORMATION SESSION.**

Information session may be given by the OOD or his deputy. This will be done no later than 45 minutes before the first class/division start.

## Course



## MARKS:

1, 2, 5 - Large Orange Buoys  
3, 4 - Red Flags  
6 - Yellow Flag  
Start/Finish - Red & White  
Stripe