

MORDIALLOC SAILING CLUB INC.

COMBINED NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2009 - 2010 SEASON

Note that these documents are published in a combined form with Notice of Race abridged where information would otherwise be duplicated.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INVITATION - Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc invites entries from members to compete for the following events as per the published Club Racing Program for adopted classes.
2. RACES
 - 2.1 Perpetual series – scratch
 - 10 or more races, all count except 2 races
 - 8 or 9 races, all count except one race
 - Up to 7 races, all to count
 - 2.2 Championship series - scratch
 - 10 or more races, all count except 2 races
 - 8 or 9 races, all count except one race
 - Up to 7 races, all to count
 - 2.2 Aggregate series – handicap
 - 21 or more races, all count except 6 races
 - 19 or 20 races - 15 to count,
 - 17 or 18 races - 14 to count,
 - 15 or 16 races - 13 to count,
 - 13 or 14 races - 12 to count,
 - Up to 12 races - All to count,
 - 2.4 Commodore's (scratch) & Vice Commodore's Trophies (handicap)
 - 2.5 Rear Commodore's Christmas series 6 heats - scratch
 - 2.6 Trophy, Marathon & Invitation races - scratch
 - 2.7 M. J. Petterson Trophy Race (all classes, common start – yardstick result)
 - 2.8 M Trophy Race (all classes, common start – yardstick result)
3. CLASS RULES have not been modified. Boats shall comply with their class rules. Class rule compliance checks may be carried out at anytime at the discretion of the Race Committee. Boats found not complying may be liable to protest. (Penalty - DSQ for all races in which they do not comply).
4. ALTERATION to RULES - Some rules have been modified as stated in the Sailing Instructions in accordance with R.R.S. 86 & J2
5. PROGRAM is listed as per the attachment “Sailing Program – 2009-2010”, start times as per Sailing Instruction 11.1. The program shall also be posted on the Race Notice Board.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc. will conduct its annual summer race program as published, from October 2009 to May 2010 on the waters of Port Phillip adjacent to the Club (unless otherwise notified) and under the authority of the Yachting Victoria Inc.

1. RULES

All races will be governed by the I.S.A.F. Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012 (R.R.S), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), Part 2, Off The Beach Boats and the appropriate class rules, all as modified in this Sailing Instruction. The summer series will be conducted in accordance with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20.

2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY and FEES

- 2.1 Sailors wishing to enter programmed races must register their yacht on the Membership Renewal Form, the Membership Application Form or the Yacht Registration Form. The appropriate form plus any applicable fee must be lodged with the Club Secretary (or deputy) at least 7 days before the first race for which that sailor will be scored. From this time onwards points will be accrued for the Club Championship, Club Aggregate and Perpetual Series. No race entry fee is payable.
- 2.2 List of Entrants shall be as per the M.S.C. Yacht Racing Register and where boats have a crew of more than one then that crewmember shall be registered as the permanent crew of that yacht. Skippers wishing to change crews may do so in accordance with S.I Rule 18.9. It is not permissible to change crews to suit weather conditions where it is deemed a yacht may be advantaged by such change of crew.
- 2.3 Using the Sign On sheets provided, all registered yachts shall be entered for each race by their skippers or crew, prior to the warning signal of their race. These entries are required to nominate the crew for that race, where applicable. All crews must be financial members of M.S.C. or have a Nomination Form in their name in the hands of the Secretary or Membership Secretary.
- 2.4 Financial members with non registered yachts or un-financial members or visitors shall include a fee of \$10 per session with each entry. This shall only apply for a maximum of three (3) times, after which further race entries will not be accepted for the particular unregistered yacht or un-financial member or visitor, as the case may be.
- 2.5 Visiting yachts, from clubs affiliated with YV shall include a fee of \$10 per session with their entry. Visiting yachts from clubs NOT affiliated with YV or yachts who are not members of any sailing/yacht clubs shall pay a fee of \$20 per session with each entry. Juniors (under 18 years) in each category shall pay half this sum. Visiting sailors subsequently joining M.S.C. will be allocated any points from races previously sailed.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS ASHORE

- 3.1 Special notices will be placed on the official Race Notice Board, located on the lower deck of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 Allocation Board - Posting. The Race Committee will post the course / allocation / start / finish notice, herein after called the Allocation Board, each race day, listing the class(es) in each start and the course to be sailed and any variations as permitted by these Sailing Instructions. Posting shall be not later than one (1) hour prior to the first start of the race(s).

4. 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 first race affected by the change.

This signal indicates that a change in the sailing instruction and/or the sailing program has 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 yachts' skippers to consult the Race Notice Board.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 All signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Club signal mast, situated on the Tower balcony.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 Code Flag "Q" with one sound signal means no yachts are to launch and if already at sea shall return to shore without delay.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

The schedule of races is as published and the posted list on the Race Notice Board.

7. CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS.

Class/division flags will be displayed on the allocation board at least one hour prior to the first race start.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area is on Port Phillip adjacent to the Club usually to the south east of the seaward end of Mordialloc Pier.

9. COURSES

9.1 All triangular courses shall include a common leeward rounding mark. All races will be sailed on one of the alternative course layouts below. All courses will be laid with first leg to windward may be laid as either Port or Starboard hand courses.

9.1.a. A triangular course of internal angles of 60 degrees. Unless otherwise specified on the allocation board the standard courses will be:

- T1: Start,1-2-3,1-3,1-2-3,1-3,1-2-3,Finish.
- T2: Start,1-2-3,1-3,1-2-3,1-3,Finish.
- T3: Start,1-2-3,1-3,1-2-3,Finish.
- T4: Start,1-2-3,1-3,Finish.
- T5: Start,1-2-3,Finish.

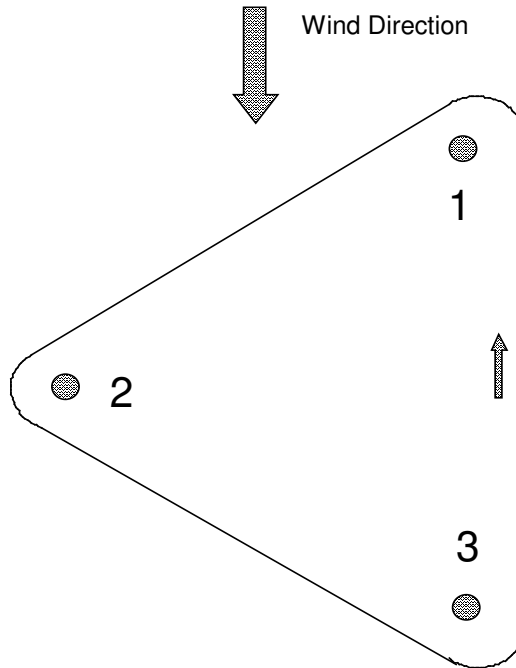


Figure 1 - Triangular Course Layout

Mark legend: "1" = Windward, "2" = Gybe, "3" = Leeward.

9.1.b. An "M" shaped course of internal angles of 60 degrees. Unless otherwise specified on the allocation board the standard courses will be:

- M1: Start,1-2-3-4-5,1-5,1-2-3-4-5,1-5,1-2-3-4-5,Finish.
- M2: Start,1-2-3-4-5,1-5,1-5,1-2-3-4-5,Finish.
- M3: Start,1-2-3-4-5,1-5,1-2-3-4-5,Finish.
- M4: Start,1-2-3-4-5,1-5,Finish.
- M5: Start,1-2-3-4-5,Finish.

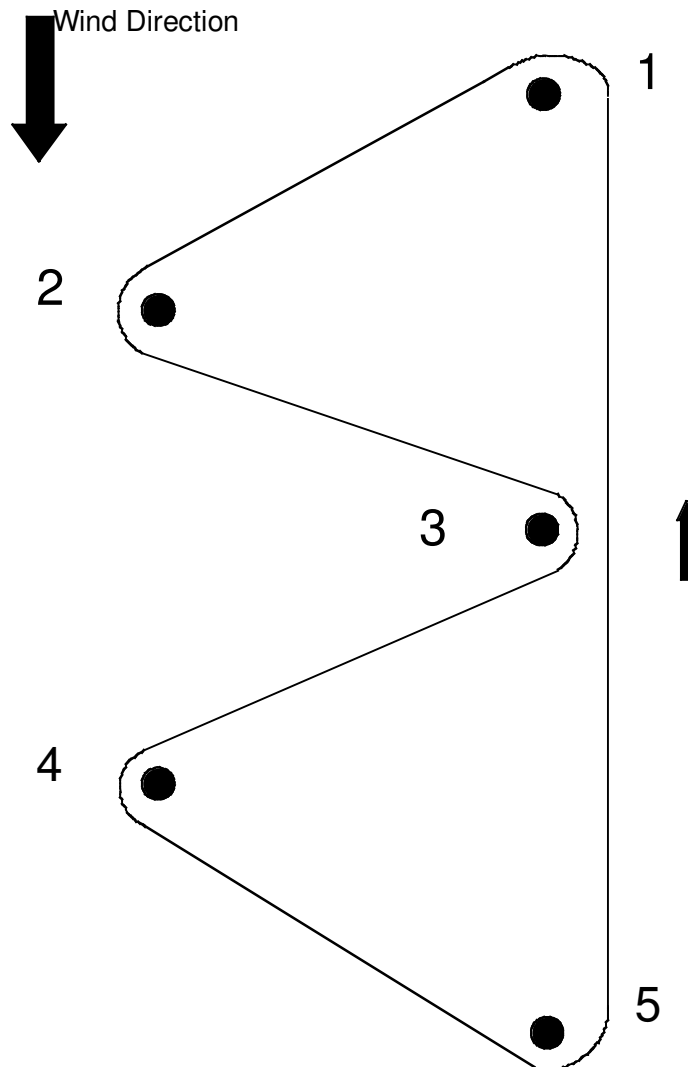


Figure 2 - "M" Course Layout

Mark legend: "1" = Windward, "2" = Windward Gybe, "3" = Middle Gybe, "4" = Leeward Gybe, "5" = Leeward

9.1.c. A "Trap"ezoid shaped course of internal angles of 50, 130, 120 & 60 degrees.
 Unless otherwise specified on the allocation board the standard courses will be:

- Trap 1 : Start,1-2-3-4,Finish.
- Trap 2 O : Start,1-2-3-2-3-4,Finish.
- Trap 2 I : Start,1-5-1-2-3-4,Finish.
- Trap 3 O : Start,1-2-3-2-3-2-3-4,Finish.
- Trap 3 I : Start,1-5-1-5-1-2-3-4,Finish.
- Trap 4 O : Start,1-2-3-2-3-2-3-2-3-4,Finish.
- Trap 4 I : Start,1-5-1-5-1-5-1-2-3-4,Finish.

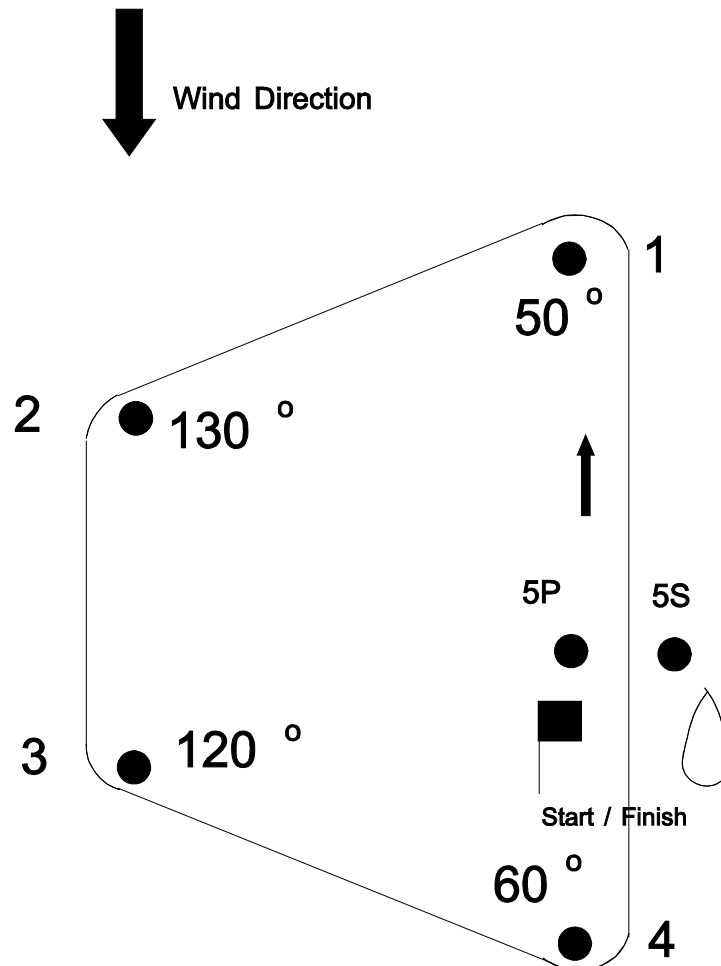


Figure 3 - "Trap" Course Layout

Mark legend: "1" = Windward, "2" = Run Top, "3" = Gybe, "4" = Leeward "5P & 5S" = Leeward Gate

9.1.d A Windward/Leeward course. Unless otherwise specified on the allocation board the standard courses will be:

- W1 : Start,1-2 Finish.
- W2 : Start,1-2-1-2,Finish.
- W3 : Start,1-2-1-2-1-2,Finish.
- W4 : Start,1-2-1-2-1-2-1-2,Finish.

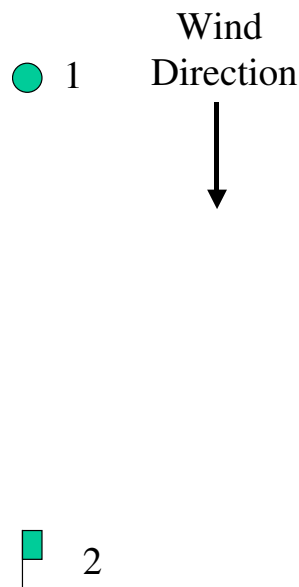


Figure 4 - "Windward/Leeward" Course Layout

Mark legend: "1" = Windward, "2" = Leeward. Note: Mark "2" may be replaced by a Gate.

Changes to the course specifications may be made if posted on the allocation board at least 60 minutes before the first start.

- 9.2 The approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to the windward mark may be displayed by the committee boat whilst stationed at the start line.
- 9.3 Courses may be shortened in accordance with R.R.S. 32
- 9.4 Course Signal shall be made by the committee boat not later than the first start warning signal and shall be:

Triangular Courses & Trapezoid (T1 - T5 & Trap1 – Trap4): red signal - keep all marks to Port: green signal keep all marks to Starboard.

"M" Courses (M1 - M5): red signal - keep marks 1,2,4 and 5 to port and mark 3 to starboard: green signal keep marks 1,2,4, and 5 to starboard and mark 3 to port.

Windward/Leeward courses (W1 - W4): red signal - keep all marks to Port: green signal keep all marks to Starboard. If a gate mark replaces mark "2", at the leeward mark boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

- 9.5 A Lead Boat flying code flag "L" may be used to indicate a course's 1st lap.

10. MARKS OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 Course marks are indicated on the course allocation board, and will be either yellow inflatable buoys or staffs with red/orange, yellow, or black & green flags. For marks using red/orange, yellow, or black & green flags, the flag is deemed to be part of the mark.
- 10.2 A crowding mark may be laid at the start, positioned off the stern of the committee boat. This mark is a Red flag on a low staff and is deemed to be an extension of the committee boat.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with rules 26 and 30. Times shall be taken from visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. Starting order and code flags will be posted on the allocation board.

For Saturday afternoon racing the start sequence will commence at approximately 1400 hrs.

Where two or more races are scheduled for the same day, the start times for the second and subsequent races will be at the discretion of the Officer of the Day.

- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark displaying an orange flag. The line will be placed on the windward leg of the course, or its extension.
- 11.3 A yacht whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts racing.
- 11.4 A yacht shall not start later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal.
- 11.5 In the event of adverse weather conditions, race cancellations will not be made before 1400 hours.

12. RECALLS

- 12.1 Individual Recalls are signalled in accordance with R.R.S. 29.1 and the committee boat may endeavour to notify the infringing yachts.
- 12.2 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with R.R.S. 29.2.

All yachts in the division recalled, shall return to the pre-race side of the starting line and shall keep clear of all yachts racing.

13. BLACK FLAG RULE

- 13.1 When a Black Flag has been displayed in accordance with R.R.S. 25, R.R.S. 30.3 will be in effect for that start.
- 13.2 R.R.S. 62 is varied by adding “a boat may seek redress from disqualification under Sailing Instruction 13.1, however, should she subsequently not be granted redress, she shall be scored “DND””.

13.3(a) When a boat has infringed Sailing Instruction 13.1, the sail number of the disqualified boat may be displayed on a Race Committee vessel at Mark 1, accompanied by one

long sound signal as the boat approaches the mark. The Race Committee vessel may hail the disqualified boat.

13.3(b) When there is a General Recall, the sail numbers of the disqualified boats may be displayed on the Race Committee starters vessel for three (3) minutes.

13.4 A boat whose sail number has been displayed in accordance with Sailing Instruction 13.3(a) shall leave the race course immediately unless she notifies and is acknowledged by the Race Committee vessel, that she intends to seek redress in accordance with Sailing Instruction 13.2, in which case she will be permitted to continue in the race.

A boat whose sail number has been displayed in accordance with Sailing Instruction 13.3(b) shall leave the race course immediately unless she notifies and is acknowledged by the Race Committee starters vessel prior to the Warning Signal of the race to be restarted, that she intends to seek redress in accordance with Sailing Instruction 13.2, in which case she will be permitted to start in the restart of that race.

13.5 When a boat that has infringed Sailing Instruction 13.1 and has been notified under Sailing Instruction 13.3 and does not comply with Sailing Instruction 13.4, R.R.S. Appendix A is varied to permit the Race Committee to disqualify that boat from the series without a hearing.

14. COMMITTEE BOAT

The Committee Boat will display the Mordialloc Sailing Club Burgee.

15. THE FINISH

Two (2) types of finish line are available and the one to be used by each class/division will be indicated on the allocation board.

15.1 Windward finishing line (W) is a line between a buoy carrying a Blue\White flag and an orange flag on a staff on the committee boat. This line will be placed on the course's windward leg or its extension. Any boat sailing through this line in either direction without having completed the required course will be disqualified without protest.

15.2 Club finish line (C) is a line between a buoy carrying a Blue and White flag and a time keepers position in the club tower. A clearance buoy carrying a Yellow and Red flag may be laid between the time keepers position and the seaward end of the line, but not accurately on the line. The finish line shall be crossed on the correct hand from the direction of the last mark passed and to seaward of the clearance mark. After finishing the race, yachts are requested to return to the beach by passing around the seaward end of the finishing mark, if port course.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The time limit will be 3 hours for the first yacht of each class/division. If the first yacht of the class or division finishes within this limit all yachts of that class or division finishing within 30 minutes thereafter shall be timed, all other yachts of that class or division will be scored "DNF".

16.2 When more than one (1) race is scheduled for the same day, the time limit will be 1.5 hours for the first yacht of each class/division. If the first yacht of the class or division finishes within this limit all yachts of that class or division finishing within 15 minutes thereafter shall be timed, all other yachts of that class or division will be scored "DNF". This changes R.R.S 35.

17. PROTESTS, REQUEST FOR REDRESS.

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

- 17.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in writing (YA protest form available from tower controller) with Officer of the Day, or Tower Controller, within one hour of the protesting yacht's finishing time.
- 17.2 Mediation may be used to resolve a protest in accordance with clause 27.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 Protest committee will consist of a chairman and at least two (2) members, convened by the Officer of the Day in consultation with the Race Committee.
- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 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;

18. SCORING

- 18.1 In any race in which aggregate points are awarded, the first lap of the course as indicated shall be completed for the race to count
- 18.2 Club Championship and Perpetual Series will be scored in accordance with R.R.S. Appendix A - the "Low Points System", modified to read, there shall be twelve (12) races and a minimum of five (5) races shall be completed to constitute a series. If more than five (5) races are completed, a yacht's worse score(s) is/are excluded in accordance with R.R.S. 90.3(b) and Notice of Race, section 2.

Rule A9 is modified to append “on the day the race is sailed”.
- 18.3 Rear Commodore's Series will be scored in accordance with R.R.S. Appendix A - the "Low Points System", modified to read, there shall be six (6) races and a minimum of three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series. If more than four races (4) are completed, a yacht's worse score is excluded in accordance with R.R.S. 90.3(b)
- 18.4 Club Aggregate Series will be scored and any ties resolved in accordance with R.R.S. Appendix A - the "Low Points System" modified to read:
There shall be twenty-six (26) Aggregate races and a minimum of twelve (12) races shall be completed to constitute a series. If more than twelve (12) races are completed, a yacht's worse score(s) is/are excluded in accordance with R.R.S. 90.3(b) and Notice of Race, section 2.

Rule A9 is modified to append “on the day the race is sailed”.
- 18.5 Handicapping systems for Club events will be as determined by the Race Committee from time to time prior to the start of each event or series concerned.
- 18.6 Automatic cancellation of race occurs when less than three (3) yachts of a class/division start.

18.7 Changes to crews, and equipment.

Yachts sailing in Club races and wishing to be eligible to accrue points for either the Club Championship, Club Aggregate or Perpetual Series may use a non-financial member of the club as a substitute crew, up to a maximum of three (3) race days per season per substitute crew.

Points will only be awarded if any change of crew, or sail number is approved in accordance with 18.9.

18.8 Transfer of points to a new yacht from the original yacht registered will only be approved at the discretion of the Race Committee.

18.9 Applications under 18.7 and 18.8 shall be lodged on the prescribed form by 1230 hours with the Rear Commodore or his deputy. Such approval is at the discretion of the Race Committee. A representative of the Race Committee shall endorse and sign the application with the approval (or otherwise) and file it with the master race result sheets. A copy shall also be displayed on the Race Notice Board. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification without protest.

18.10 AVERAGE POINTS

18.10.1 Average points are determined at the completion of the series when a yacht misses a race to honour commitments to YV, State or National events, or while representing Mordialloc Sailing Club at an away club, with the approval of the Race Committee or any other circumstances as determined by the Race Committee.

Skippers wishing to use this proviso must apply in writing in advance to the Race Committee justifying the award of average points. If the Race Committee approves, points will be awarded equal to the average of the yacht's points in all other races within the series, calculated prior to discarding any race result.

18.10.2 Where members are unable to race by reason of being coopted by the Race Committee to assist in the conduct of club activities, they will be awarded points equal to the average of their best three (3) places for that series in which they were coopted.

19. TROPHIES AND PRESENTATION

19.1 Trophies for each adopted class in the Championship, Perpetual and Aggregate Series shall be awarded for first, second and third places. Second and third or additional trophies are awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee depending on the number of each adopted class participating in the series.

19.1(a) A boat that wins either the Championship or Perpetual Series will be ineligible to win, or score a place, in the Aggregate Series. Such a boat's score in the Aggregate Series shall be discarded and all other boats scores adjusted in accordance with R.R.S. Appendix A6.1. This alters R.R.S. Appendix A4 & A9.

19.2 First Prize shall be awarded for each adopted Class in the Commodore's, Vice Commodore's Races and overall first in the M. J. Petterson Race & M Trophy.

19.3 Junior Endeavour Trophies may be awarded, if recommended by the Race Committee, one to each Class/Division of Juniors sailing in a Senior Class. The winners of such trophies may not have won an open trophy for Club Perpetual, Championship or Aggregate Trophy for the season.

19.4 Invitation, Marathon, and Trophy Race Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

- 19.5 Presentation of trophies shall be at a special Presentation Night to be held each year. Invitation and trophy race prizes may be presented on the day of the race.
20. RACE COMMITTEE
The Race Committee is as specified in the Club's ByLaws and a list of members will be posted on the Race Notice Board.
21. SAFETY
- 21.1 The safety regulations prescribed in R.R.S., the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), Part 2, Off The Beach Boats shall apply to off the beach yachts.
- 21.2 All yachts entering or sailing are subject to the direction and control of the Race Committee and all yacht owners shall make a declaration of safety compliance when registering their yacht. In the case of personal buoyancy, Juniors 12 years or under shall wear PFD 1 life jackets NOT buoyancy aids, at all times. Juniors may apply to the Race Committee in writing on a year by year basis, for permission to wear a buoyancy aid in lieu of a life-jacket. Such permission, applies only for that year and for a particular boat and skipper. Failure to comply with this instruction shall result in disqualification, subject to protest.
22. DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND NON-STARTING
- Failure to comply with sections 22.1, 22.2, 22.3 or 22.4 of these Sailing Instructions will result in that yacht being scored "DSQ" without protest.
- 22.1 Declaration. All skippers of yachts that have finished must sign the declaration sheet provided within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore.
- 22.2 Retiring yachts. The skipper or crew of yachts that do not finish, or which have finished and wish to indicate retirement shall sign the declaration sheet provided within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore, indicating DNF.
- 22.3 The skipper or crew of yachts that enter but do not start shall sign the declaration sheet provided within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore, indicating DNS.
- 22.4 Yachts entered for a race and retiring or not starting and unable to return to the Club should telephone the Club on number **9580-8816** or make contact with the club **as soon as possible**.
23. INDEMNITY
- 23.1 All those taking part in races conducted by the Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc do so at their own risk and responsibility. Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 23.2 No liability is accepted by Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc for yachts or equipment afloat or ashore or stored at the Club.
- 23.3 Attention is drawn R.R.S. 4 "Decision to Race" which states "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start, or continue racing".

24. INFORMATION SESSION

An Information Session may be given not later than 45 minutes before the first race start by the OOD (or Deputy).

25. COACHING

The first three (3) yachts in a class or division may not receive coaching or outside assistance. At the OOD's discretion, coaching may be given to all other yachts in that class or division.

26. INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum value of AUD \$5,000,000. Signing of the entry declaration is deemed to constitute a declaration by the owner that such insurance cover is carried.

27. MEDIATION

27.1 A mediation hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61

which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

27.2 The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

27.3 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

(a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

(b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing.
(This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)

(c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

(d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.)

27.4 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

27.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.