



# BOWEN BRIDGE YACHT RACE



16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

STARTING/FINISHING LINE;	CASTRAY ESPLANADE
START TIME;	1400
RACE FREQUENCY;	VHF CHANNEL 9

## 1 RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The Bridge Yacht Race shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020, the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing and the notice of race all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The safety regulations shall be those set out in the AS Special Regulations, Section 2, 2.01.6, Category 7.

## 2 RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 All those taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organising authority or its agents shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry has been accepted, or of the adequacy or sufficiency of its equipment. Attention is drawn to **Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing"**.
- 2.2 No member or members of the organising authority or its agents, nor any other party involved with this event, shall accept responsibility for, or be liable for, any accident, injury, damage or personal loss (material or otherwise) to any boat, participant, or third party before, during or after race. The safety of any boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the entrant to this event.
- 2.3 All boats racing shall have public liability and third party insurance of an amount not less than \$10,000,000.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Bridge Yacht Race is open to monohull & multihull yachts that meet the requirements of AS Special Regulations Category 7.
- 3.2 The Race Committee may reject the entry of any boat at its discretion (RRS 76.1).
- 3.3 The Sailing Committee will allocate performance handicaps based on the best available information. **Boats not using spinnakers will be handicapped accordingly.**

## 4 STARTING TIME

Group 1	1400hrs
Group 2	1400hrs
Group 3	1400hrs

## 5 NOTICE BOARD AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 All notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board window of the Derwent Sailing Squadron, adjacent to the entrance.
- 5.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to change the Sailing Instructions by written notice displayed on the Race Notice Board at the DSS no later than 1630hrs on the day before the race.

## 6 STARTING & FINISHING LINE

6.1 STARTING/FINISHING LINE- shall be between the flagpole on the starting box at Castray Esplanade and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy set approximately at right angles to the first leg of the course

## 7 STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26 as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

7.1.1 Attention Signal: Ten (10) minutes before the start of the race a sound signal may be made. This modifies RRS 26.

7.1.2 Warning Signal: Five (5) minutes before the start of the race a course board and Group flag(s) will be displayed and a sound signal may be made.

7.1.3 Preparatory Signal: Four (4) minutes before the start of the race a Code Flag P will be displayed and a sound signal may be made.

7.1.4 One (1) minute before the start of the race Code Flag P will be removed and a sound signal may be made.

7.1.5 Starting Signal: At start time the course board will be removed and a sound signal may be made.

## 8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Derwent Sailing Squadron Flag Pole.

## 9 RECALLS

9.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Officer may inform boats that infringed Rule 29.1 on VHF Channel 9 after the start signal.

9.2 In the event of there being a number of unidentified premature starters or for any other valid reason, the Race Officer may make a general recall in accordance with RRS 29.2. The Race Officer may inform boats on the VHF Channel 9 after the start signal.

## 10 SHORTENING COURSE

In order to achieve a result the Race Committee may vary the position of the turning buoys and advise competitors on VHF Channel 9. The race may be shortened to finish at any turning mark. Failure to hear the advice is not grounds for protest.

## 11 COURSES

**Course A** Start to BB through starting/finishing line to D to finish. All marks to Starboard

**Course B** Start to D to BB to finish. All marks to Port

**Boats must not pass through the main span or the span either side when passing under the Tasman Bridge. It is recommended boats use the Illawarra Span.**

## ALTERNATE COURSES

In the event that Tas Ports do not allow course A or B because of shipping or weather constraints, the following courses could be used

**Course C**      Start to R to Finish      All marks to Port

**Course D**      Start to L to Finish      All marks to Port

### 12 MARKS *(All courses – Note: Only marks required will be laid)*

BB              Orange Inflatable Buoy laid approx. 100 metres S of the Bowen Bridge

D                Orange permanent mark 0.5nm ENE of Wrest Point (DSS permanent)

R                Orange inflatable buoy laid in Ralphs Bay.

L                Orange inflatable buoy on a line between White Rock and Boronia Point

### 13 TIME LIMIT

Boats will be timed for 90 minutes after the first boat finishes in each group after which all boats still racing will be scored "Did Not Finish".

### 14 HANDICAPS

The results of the Performance Handicap System (PHS) will be obtained by handicaps using Time Connection Factors (TCFs) as determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The allocated TCFs shall not be subject to protest or dispute.

### 15 PROTEST

15.1 Protests will be heard as soon as practical at the Derwent Sailing Squadron after the Race and lodging of a \$50 Protest Fee.

15.2 The time of hearing will be advised. This changes RRS 61, 62 and 63.

### 16 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the Derwent Sailing Squadron at the conclusion of racing..

### 17 RACE COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 9 for all race announcements. Any boat retiring should advise Castray Box when leaving the Race area.