SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Conducted by the DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON
Race 3 of the ORCV Sovereign Series
Race 3 of the Launceston to Hobart Series
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1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.1. The Harcourts Hobart King of the Derwent Yacht Race shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2021, the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing, the IRC Measurement Rules and current regulations (where applicable).

1.2. The safety regulations shall be those set out in the AS Special Regulations, Section 2, 2.01.6, Category 5.

2. RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY REGULATIONS

2.1. All those taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organizing 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: “The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

2.2. No member or members of the organizing 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.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The race is open to mono-hull boats which have competed in the 2019 Launceston to Hobart, 2019 Sydney to Hobart or the 2019 Melbourne to Hobart races.

3.1. The Race Committee may accept the entry of any mono-hull boats which hold a current valid IRC or AMS rating certificate. Boats not having a valid IRC or AMS certificate may only be accepted in the PHS division. Boats must meet the race category 5 for the IRC, AMS division and/or PHS division.

3.2. All boats competing shall have valid public liability and third-party property insurance of an amount of not less than $10,000,000.

3.3. The event is also the final race of the Sovereign Series of Races and final race of the Launceston to Hobart Series.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

5. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

5.1. In addition to the overall placing’s in the IRC, AMS and PHS classes, additional divisions may be established within the classes, subject to the number of entries. The purpose of separate divisions is to enable boats of similar class or speed to compete on an equal footing in the same division. The composition of divisions will not be subject to protest.

5.2. The number and composition of divisions (if any) will be posted on the official notice board no later than 1200 hours on the day of the Harcourts Hobart King of the Derwent Yacht Race.

6. STARTING AND CLASS IDENTIFIER

6.1. Class 1 Start 1400 hours Numeral Pennant 1.

7. NOTICE BOARD AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. All notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board window of the Derwent Sailing Squadron, adjacent to the entrance.

7.2. 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 1100 hours on the day of the race.

8. COURSE AND START AREA

8.1. The Harcourts Hobart King of the Derwent Yacht Race will be sailed on the River Derwent.

8.2. Competitors will be advised of the position of the start area on VHF Channel 14 no earlier than (30) minutes before the start of the Race.

9. STARTING/FINISHING LINE

9.1. The Starting/Finishing Line will be between the orange mast on the port side off the flybridge of the Race Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy with a red band.
9.2. A Starting Buoy carrying a green flag may be moored near the Race Committee Boat approximately on the Starting Line and the competing boats must leave the green flag on the same hand as the Race Committee Boat.

10. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1. The Harcourts Hobart King of the Derwent Yacht Race will be started in accordance with RRS 26 as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

10.2. Attention Signal: Ten (10) minutes before the start of the Race the Course Flag shall be displayed and a sound signal may be made. This modifies RRS 26.

10.3. Warning Signal: Five (5) minutes before the start of the Race the Class Flag will be displayed and a sound signal may be made.

10.4. Preparatory Signal: Four (4) minutes before the start of the Race a Code Flag will be displayed (P or I or Black) and a sound signal may be made.

10.5. One (1) minute before the start of the Race the Preparatory Signal will be removed and a sound signal may be made.

10.6. Starting Signal: At start time the Course and Class Flag will be lowered and a sound signal may be made.

11. RECALLS

11.1. Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee may inform boats that infringed Rule 29.1 on VHF Channel 14 after the start signal.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

12.1. A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. This changes RRS 33. The approximate compass bearing and distance to the new mark may be displayed on the Committee Boat and may be broadcast on VHF Channel 14.

13. COURSES

13.1. Boats shall not sail through the Starting/Finishing Line except when required to do so by any of the following courses. A breach of this sailing Instruction may be penalized with a 2 minute time penalty without a hearing.

   COURSE all marks to be rounded and left to port

   A. Start to 1 to 2 to 3 through line to 1 to 3 through line to 1 to 3 to Finish
   B. Start to 1 to 3 through line to 1 to 3 through line to 1 to 3 to Finish
   C. Start to 1 to 3 through line to 1 to 3 to Finish
   D. Start to 1 to 2 to 3 through line to 1 to 3 through line to 1 to 2 to 3 to Finish

14. MARKS (MARKS MAY HAVE SPONSOR LOGOS FITTED)

   1) Yellow inflatable buoy laid to windward of the starting line
   2) Yellow inflatable buoy laid approximately 45 degrees to a line between marks 1 & 3
   3) Yellow inflatable buoy laid to leeward of the starting line

   CHANGE OF COURSE   Orange Inflatable buoy

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1. The time limit for the Harcourts Hobart King of the Derwent Yacht Race will be 1700hrs all boats that have not then finished will be scored “Did Not Finish” (DNF) without a hearing.

15.2. The time limit for boats competing in race 3 of the Sovereign Series and the L2H Series will be 1800hrs all boats that have not then finished will be scored “Did Not Finish” (DNF) without a hearing.

16. HANDICAPS

16.1. The results of the IRC class will be obtained by use of the handicaps from the current IRC rating certificates.
16.2. The results of the AMS class will be obtained by use of the handicaps from the current AMS rating certificates.

16.3. The results of the Performance Handicap System (PHS) will be obtained by handicaps using Time Correction Factors (TCFs) as determined by the Race Committee or its nominee based on the best available information. The allocated TCFs shall not be subject to Protest.

16.4. Information contained in a boat's current valid IRC and AMS rating certificates (where applicable) will be used with other relevant information to determine the boat's PHS TCF.

17. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

17.1. A copy of the results of the Harcourts Hobart King of the Derwent and Launceston to Hobart Race Series will be posted on the Official Notice Board of the Derwent Sailing Squadron

17.2. Results of the Sovereign Series will be calculated by officials of the ORCV and may be posted on the DSS Official Notice Board.

18. PROTESTS

18.1. Protests will be heard as soon as practical at the Derwent Sailing Squadron after the Harcourts Hobart King of the Derwent Race and lodging of a $50 Protest Fee.

18.2. Protest Form must be lodged at the Derwent Sailing Squadron office within 45 minutes after the last boat has finished.

18.3. The time of hearing will be advised.

19. COMMITTEE BOAT

19.1. The Race Committee boat will be standing by on VHF Channel 14 if competitors require directions to the starting line. The name of the Committee Boat for the day will be posted on the handicap sheet.

20. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

20.1. Overall, class and divisional prizes and trophies will be won by the boat with the lowest corrected times.

20.2. The overall IRC winner of the Harcourts Hobart King of the Derwent Yacht Race will be recorded on the perpetual Premier's trophy and will receive a major prize but will not be eligible for an additional divisional prize.

20.3. The first boat across the Finishing Line will receive the Hobart City Cup Perpetual Trophy.

20.4. Divisional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Derwent Sailing Squadron.

21. RACE COMMUNICATIONS

21.1. The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 14 for all race announcements. The Race Committee may announce the course and class at the ten minute attention signal in addition any recall may be announced as may the sail numbers of any boats OCS at the start. Postponements and cancellations may also be announced as well as shortening or change of course. Any boat retiring should advise the Committee Boat when leaving the Race area. It is essential that all boats maintain radio silence during the period from the attention signal up to the start, except in genuine emergency.

22. TROPHY PRESENTATION

22.1. The official presentation of trophies and prizes, including the Sovereign Series and Launceston to Hobart Race Series will be at the Derwent Sailing Squadron on 2 January 2020 at the conclusion of racing.
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The bearing and approximate distance (in nautical miles) to the first mark may be indicated at or before the warning signal.

**COURSE all marks to be rounded and left to port**

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D  Start to 1 to 2 to 3 through line to 1 to 3 through line to 1 to 2 to 3 to Finish

**MARKS (Marks may have sponsor logos fitted)**

1  Yellow inflatable buoy laid to windward of the starting line
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**CHANGE OF COURSE**  Orange Inflatable buoy