



QUEENSCLIFF-LONSDALE YACHT CLUB INC

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QUEENSCLIFF MARITIME WEEKEND
SATURDAY MARCH 20 & SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The race will be conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing of the ISAF, the prescriptions of the AYF and the Sailing Instructions issued by the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club Inc ("QLYC"). Yachts will comply with Addendum "A", AYF Special Regulations Section, Category 5, modifying 4.21a & excluding section 3 3.24 for Cousta boats (where this exemption applies a mobile phone must be carried), and the appropriate class rules or as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES

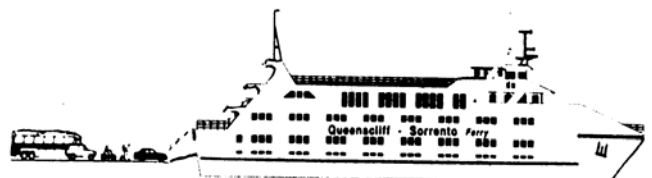
- a. Eligible yachts may be entered by completing and lodging an entry form and paying the relevant fee of \$20.00 per yacht. Lodgement shall be effected only by mailing or faxing a completed entry form to:
Queenscliff Maritime Museum, Wharf Street, Queenscliff 3225, Fax/ph 5258 3440
so as to be received by 7pm on Friday 19 March or otherwise at the discretion of the QLYC Race Committee.
- b. Yachts will declare on the entry form the class and/or club handicap currently applicable to that Yacht and shall sail to that handicap which may be modified for the purposes of any race forming part of this programme in the sole and unfettered discretion of the QLYC Race Committee.
- c. Yachts shall comply with their respective class rules and shall be disqualified for non-compliance upon protest unless alterations were declared on the entry form.
- d. A team shall consist of not less than three yachts subject to the discretion of the QLYC Race Committee with the best three results from yachts in the team to count to the team's placing.
- e. QLYC Inc. reserves the right to reject any entry.
- f. All those taking part in QLYC Inc. races, do so at their own risk and responsibility. The QLYC Inc. is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule Part 1, 4 that states: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing." By participating in a race conducted under these rules, each competitor and yacht owner agrees:
 - (i) To be governed by the rules.
 - (ii) To accept the penalties imposed and other action taken in accordance with rules, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination.
 - (iii) Not to resort to any court or tribunal not provided by the rules.
- g. Each yacht shall be insured with an appropriate insurer against Third Party liability with current cover for such liability of not less than \$5 million for this event.

Borough of Queenscliffe



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ON THE HOUR EVERY DAY - ALL WEATHER

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors and any changes to sailing instructions shall be posted on the official Notice Board not less than 1.5 hour before the advertised start time for any race at **Race Headquarters** located in the courtyard immediately North of the Queenscliff Harbour Office and at the base of the Queenscliff Harbour main flag pole.

4. SIGN ON AND BRIEFING

Skippers shall sign on at Race HQ between for both Saturday races by not less later than midday Saturday and for Sunday races by not later than 09.30 am Sunday. After which a briefing will be held to relay any changes to the sailing instructions or course.

Changes to crew advised at the time of signing on by be effected after signing on by entering the Start Area and contacting the Officer of the Day on **VHF 73**.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

NIL.

6. RACE SCHEDULE & DIVISIONS

a Race One: Saturday 20 March 2010:

Round the marks on a course set by QLYC Race Committee in the vicinity of Queenscliff Harbour, Queenscliff Pier and Queenscliff Bluff. Division 1 will start at 1315 hrs or so soon thereafter as the QLYC Race a Committee may start the race per these sailing instructions; the divisions shall be as follows.

Divisional Flag	Boats in Division*#
Numeral One	Boats less then 7.5m
Numeral Two	Boats between 7.5m and less than 10m
Numeral Three	Boats greater than 10m

* Boat length shall be determined on water line length alone.

Divisional categories may be modified by the QLYC Race committee based on entries and as otherwise advised at briefing.

b. Race Two “Race the Ferry” Saturday 20 March 2010:

i. Commencing at a start line between the fixed wedge mark and a committee boat, boats start individually at a time of start plus x where x is a time determined by QLYC Race committee and advised at briefing;

ii. The start will be not before 1520hrs;

iii The start will be signalled by

a. at 5 mins before the start a radio signal from the ferry “Queenscliff” or “Sorrento”, a sound signal from the committee boat and the flying of class flag one from the committee boat;

b. at 4 mins before the start a sound signal from the committee boat and the flying of preparatory signal flag “P” from the committee boat;

c. at 1 min before the start a sound signal from the committee boat and preparatory signal flag “P” will be taken down from the committee boat;

d. at the start a sound signal from the ferry “Queenscliff” or “Sorrento”, a sound signal from the committee boat and class flag one being taken down on the committee boat.

iv All yachts shall steer a course that keeps them north of a nominal line from the finish boat moored north of the red Queenscliff approach pile and the southern most tip of the Pope’s Eye annulus.

- v. The finish line shall be between a laid buoy to the north of the finish boat in the vicinity of the red Queenscliff approach pile.
- c. Race Three Sunday 21 March 2010:
 - i. Commencing at a start line between a laid mark and a committee boat in the vicinity of the Queenscliff pier, boats start individually at a time of start plus x where x is a time determined by QLYC Race committee and advised at briefing.
 - ii. The start will be not before 1100hrs;
 - iii. The start will be signalled by:
 - a. at 5 mins before the start, a sound signal from the committee boat and/or Queenscliff Pier and the flying of class flag one from the committee boat and/or Queenscliff Pier;
 - b. at 4 mins before the start a sound signal from the committee boat and/or Queenscliff Pier and the flying of preparatory signal flag "P" from the committee boat and/or Queenscliff Pier;
 - c. at 1 min before the start a sound signal from the committee boat and/or Queenscliff Pier and preparatory signal flag "P" will be taken down from the committee boat;
 - d. at the start a sound signal from the Queenscliff Maritime Museum starting cannon and class flag one being taken down on the committee boat and/or Queenscliff Pier.
 - iv. All yachts shall steer a course advise at briefing taking them around Queenscliff Bluff and into the Lonsdale Bight as far south and east as the marine park buoys before returning to finish off Queenscliff pier.

7. THE START

Refer Para 6.

8. RECALL

- a. For Saturday race One:
 - i. Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.
 - ii. General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 29.3.
- b. For all other races no recall will be signalled but a time penalty of 10 times the time between the yacht crossing the start line and the start time for that yacht will apply unless the yacht returns and re crosses the start line within 15 minutes of its designated start time.

9. THE COURSE.

Refer Para 6 as modified at briefing.

10. THE FINISH.

Refer Para 6 as modified at briefing.

Yachts are requested not to re-cross the finish line following their finish.

11. RETIRING AND SIGNING OFF

Yachts which cross the finish line will be deemed to have signed off.

Yachts retiring **MUST** notify a race official prior to leaving the racecourse. Advice can be radioed to the race control vessels or other official Boats on course on **VHF Channel 73**.

12. HAZARDS

- a. Hazards in the form of sandbars, reefs, etc. occur over the course with extensive sandbars and tidal flats in the vicinity of Swan Island, Shoaling in some areas including in shore of the westerly most point of Queenscliff Pier may mean the location and depth of sandbars may not be as exactly indicated on the chart.
- b. The course is in an area, which experiences strong tidal currents. This can be a particular hazard in the vicinity of fixed structures and piles.
- c. Drapers Reef lays approximately 100m inshore of Drapers Pile.
- d. **The Sorrento-Queenscliff car ferry** approaches Queenscliff at approximately 1040; 1140; 1240 hrs etc. and is scheduled to depart on the hour at 1100; 1200; 1300 hrs etc.
- e. Moored fishing vessels must be avoided in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing of the ISAF, the prescriptions of the AYPF.
- f. A number of Dive Charter boats operate in the area with snorkel groups common around the Caisson and the Annulus (the rocks SW of the Wedge.)

13. TIME LIMIT

Yachts that have not crossed the finish line within 1 hour after the first yacht to do so will be regarded as **“Did Not Finish”**.

14. SHORTENED COURSE

Will be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 32 and Race Signals at a mark of the course.

15. PROTESTS

Will be accepted in accordance with Part 5 of the RRS.

- a. Protests shall be written on forms available at Race Headquarters, after the race, and lodged there within one hour after the finish time of the last yacht, together with a deposit of \$100.00.
- b. Protest notices will be posted at Race headquarters within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors that there is a hearing to which they are a party or named as witnesses. This shall constitute official notice to all parties.
- c. Protests shall be heard in approximately the order of receipt commencing as soon as possible after the race.

16. SCORING

- a. At the absolute discretion of the QLYC Race Committee the class and/or club handicap currently applicable to any particular Yacht or such modified handicap as the QLYC Race Committee in its sole and unfettered discretion may determine shall apply.
- b. Provisional results will be displayed at Race Headquarters as early as possible.

17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, COUTA BOATS

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply to any on water penalty however Couta Boats shall be deemed to have complied with such rules if the yacht completes a 360° turn to include one tack and Gybe.

18. CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT

Will be signalled in accordance with RRS Part 3.32. In the case of adverse weather, the Abandonment and Re-sail signal shall be flown at Race HQ and a notice posted on the Notice Board.

19. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Presentation of trophies based on provisional results will be made at Race HQ, or such other location as is designated at 1715 hrs on Saturday and 1500 hrs on Sunday, or such later time as may be convenient.

BBQ facilities will be available for all crews and their families/friends on a BYO everything basis at Queenscliff Maritime Museum following Saturday's presentation. BBQs provided.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. Competing yachts may be inspected for compliance with the safety regulations.
- b. Crew shall be at least one adult and one person over 14 years of age.
- c. Crews of yachts without lifelines shall wear buoyancy vests or life jackets.
- d. Coutu Boats are exempted the need to carry heaving lines.
- e. Weather reports will be available from Queenscliff Coast Guard **VMR 369**.
- f. Skippers are reminded of ISAF Fundamental Rule 1, Rendering Assistance. Time so lost may be claimed in writing using a protest format.

21. RADIO

The Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club rescue boat "**Swan**" and other rescue craft will maintain radio watch on channel **73 VHF**.

22. LAUNCHING and MOORING

- a. There is an excellent launching ramp at the North end of Hesse St., the main street of Queenscliff. A 24 hour launch/park fee applies; competitors who wish to park for more than one day should leave their vehicle and boat trailer in the **Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club car park located on Swan Bay, near the corner of Nankervis Pde and King St (Melways Map 236, E5)**.
- b. The Sorrento boat ramp is the closest launching facility on the Mornington Peninsula.
- c. Yachts pre-entered as a team and whose entry is approved will qualify for complimentary Friday and Saturday night berths at Queenscliff Harbour; bookings must be made by telephoning 03 5258 5459. Other boats requiring mooring should contact Queenscliff Harbour.
- d. All yachts are invited to raft up at the direction of Queenscliff harbour staff from 10.30 am on Saturday March 20, 2010 in Queenscliff Harbour for the purposes of participating in the Blessing of the Fleet and briefing

23. CONTACT NUMBERS

POSITION	NAME	NUMBER
OFFICER OF THE DAY	Ian Lee	0407524865
Commodore	John Barry	0408955299
Race Co-ordinator	Peter Crofts	0418388703
QLYC Club Captain	Ilton Stimson	