

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Melges East Coast Championship, Regatta & Spring O/D Regatta 2018

1. RULES

1.1 Melges East Coast Championship & Spring One Design Regatta 2018 – refer NoR 2.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the main flag mast on the sun dial lawn.

2.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".

2.3 The Official Notice Board is adjacent to reception.

2.4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions ashore will be posted two (2) hours prior to the first scheduled warning signal.

2.5 The Race Committee intends to broadcast race information on VHF 72 before and during each race.

2.6 Changes made on-water shall be indicated by Code Flag "3rd Substitute" displayed from the Race Committee Vessel. The Race Committee may give temporary oral amendments communicated on race frequency VHF channel 72.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3.1 Further to NoR, below is a summary of the scheduled racing and events:

Friday 2 November

1000hrs -1800hrs

Halyards Bar open

1800 hrs

First Warning Signal for all Classes

Post Racing

Halyards Bar & Bistro open

Saturday 3 November

0800 - 1100 hrs

Breakfast available - Halyards Bistro

1100 hrs

First Warning Signal for all Classes (subsequent races scheduled back to back)

Post Racing

Presentation in Halyards

4. CLASSES / DIVISIONS

Class	Division	Code Flag
Etchells	1	Code Flag 'E'
5.5m	2	Code Flag 'T'
11m	3	Code Flag 'J'
Mixed Sports Boat Classes – Melges; Vipers; E7s; etc.	4	Code Flag 'R'

5. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

5.1. While racing, boats shall not sail within the area of water between the registered moorings, including Police or NSW Maritime moorings. These areas rank as obstructions.

6. THE START, THE FINISH AND MARK DESCRIPTIONS

6.1. The starting line will be between the staff on the Race Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and a chequered black and white mark on the port end of the line.

6.2. Divisions may be started together. In addition to division flags being displayed together, the Race Committee may make announcements on VHF 72.

6.3. General Recall – When a class in the starting sequence is subject to a general recall and 1st Substitute is displayed when 1st Substitute is removed shall signal 1 minute until the Warning Signal for the next class in the sequence. Changes RRS29.2.

6.4. Mark 1 and Gate Marks will be yellow inflatable cylindrical marks. If only one Gate Mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to Port.

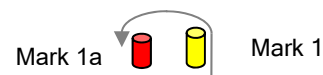
6.5. Mark 1a (offset mark) if laid, will be a red inflatable cylindrical mark and shall be rounded to Port after rounding Mark 1 to Port.

6.6. The finishing line will be between the staff on the Race Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and a chequered black and white mark nearby.

7. COURSES

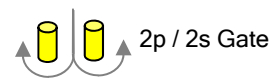
7.1. The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal the Course Number and the approx. bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee Signal Boat to the first mark.

Course	Description
Course 1	Start - 1 - 1a - Finish
Course 2	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a -Finish
Course 3	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish



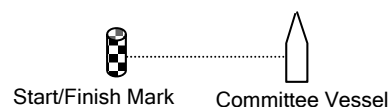
8. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 8.1. To change the next leg of the course the race committee replace the original mark with a pink 'change mark' in the new position and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.



9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes in their class shall be scored Did Not Finish 'DNF'. This amends RRS 35, A4 & A5.



10. SCORING & HANDICAPS

- 10.1. Boats competing under mixed classes (Division 4) shall be scored on the application of a Performance Handicap System (PHS). A boat's handicap will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The PHS will not be subject to protest of dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1 (a)). See NoR 12.
- 10.2. Melges East Coast Championship – the results of the Melges classes will be extracted from Division 4.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Melges East Coast Championship & Spring One Design Regatta 2018 – refer NoR 17.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. All those taking part in the regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*.
- 12.2. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race.
- 12.3. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authority, and the Host Club, their Officers, Members, Staff and Agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 12.4. The Organising Authority, and its Officers, Members, Staff and Agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

13. PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION

- 13.1. Submission of Protests: Protests in accordance with RRS 61 will be delivered to the RPAYC Sailing Office within 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat (in the last race of the day when multiple races are conducted).
- 13.2. Hearing of Protests: Protests may be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible and notified at the time of lodgment of the protest in the Boardroom on RPAYC.
- 13.3. Reopening a Hearing: RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than half an hour after being informed of the decision."
- 13.4. Submission of Arbitration: Should all parties agree an arbitration hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 that allege an infringement of RRS Part 2 or Part 4. Such hearings shall be held as soon as possible and subsequent to a protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.
- 13.5. The arbitrator shall decide the time and place of arbitration and such advice may be given orally. One representative of each boat shall attend the hearing and no witnesses shall attend. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 13.6. After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing, the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- 13.7. The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- 13.8. The protest shall proceed to a hearing. (This may be because RRS other than Part 2 or Part 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator) there was no infringement and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- 13.9. There has been an infringement by one or more boats involved and, if all parties to the protest agree, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to the finishing place midway between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification. If so accepted, the protestor must withdraw the protest. (Half points will be disregarded and the points of other boats will not be adjusted).
- 13.10. An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusions of an arbitrator will be subject to appeal or be grounds for requests for redress.