



2017 McCrae Catamaran Championships

Incorporating the
2017 Yachting Victoria Catamaran Championships

25 & 26 November 2017
McCrae Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the upper deck opposite the race control tower.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes before the scheduled start time for the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	Saturday 25 November	Registration Information Session	0900hrs-1200hrs
		Racing	1200hrs
	Sunday 26 November	Racing	1330hrs
		Presentation	1000hrs
			To Follow

5.2 Code flag "L" be flown on the finish boat will indicate that another race will be started following completion of the current race.

5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

6 DIVISIONS & DIVISIONAL FLAGS

6.1 Boats shall start and race in the Divisions as posted on the official notice board no later than 1200hrs on 25 November 2017.

6.2 Division flags will be posted on the official notice board no later than 1200hrs on 25 November 2017.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be on Port Phillip in the vicinity of the McCrae Yacht Club.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.4 The sequence of mark roundings for each Division will be as posted on the official notice board no later than 1200hrs on 25 November 2017.

9 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3s & 3p will be large pink inflatable buoys.

Mark 1a will be a cylindrical blue inflatable buoy.

Mark A will be a red plastic buoy with an orange flag.

Mark B will be a red plastic buoy with a blue flag.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes
Warning	Division flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, U, I, Z or black flag; 1 sound	2
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Start	Division flag removed; 1 sound	0

This changes rule 26

- 10.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and Mark A at the port end.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and Mark B.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to complete the course in each Division is 60 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located on the upper deck. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 For each Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

- 14.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the rear of the race control tower, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5** Breaches of instructions 10.3, 16, 20 and 21 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.6** On the last day scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; and/or
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 14.7** On the last day scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2** (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- (b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.3** All youth prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Division.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must "sign on" before leaving the shore and "sign off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing.

The Sign On period for each Division will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Regatta Office.

The Sign Off period for each Division will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

To Sign On and Sign Off each skipper shall complete and sign the declaration sheet located on the lower deck.

- 16.2** A boat's regatta entry will constitute the Sign On for the first session.
- 16.3** Failure to Sign On or Sign Off in accordance with Sailing Instruction 16.1 may result in that boat being scored DSQ in the first race on the day of the omission without a hearing. This changes A4 and A5.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked by the McCrae Yacht Club burgee or name.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first Division to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the winner and 2nd and 3rd place-getters in each Division depending on the number of entries.

22.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

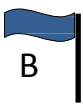
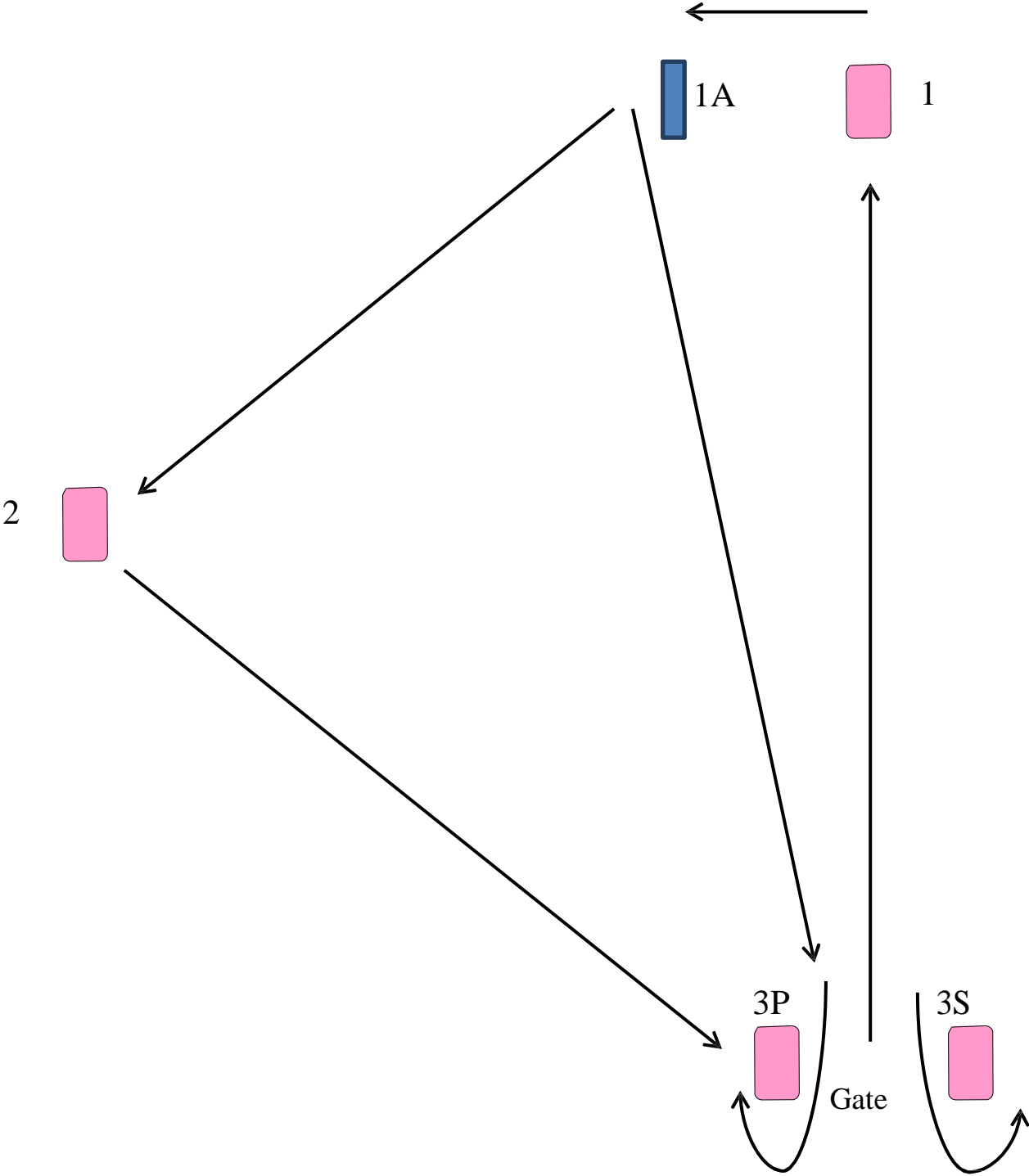
23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

ATTACHMENT A



Finish



Start