



2017/18 McCrae Yacht Club Sailing Season

1 August 2017 – 31 July 2018

McCrae Yacht Club

Mornington

Peninsula, Victoria

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 All Green Fleet races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Introductory Racing Rules* unless altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Any inconsistencies between different versions of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* on or after 1 January 2018 will be resolved by applying provisions of the newest version to the extent of any inconsistency.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the upper deck of the McCrae Yacht Club.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 hrs and at least one week before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any ongoing changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the McCrae Yacht Club web site.

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 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 As shown in the Club Program. The scheduled time is the start time of the first division.
- 5.2 When more than one race is to be held in a session, flag "L" shall be displayed on the finish boat.

5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before the warning signal of the first division to start is displayed. The orange flag will be lowered on the expiration of the starting time- limit for the last division.

5.4 If a *Bureau of Meteorology* ‘Gale Force Wind Warning’ for Port Phillip Bay is current three hours prior to any scheduled on-water event/s, the event/s shall be automatically abandoned for the day.

6 Divisions

- 6.1** Division 1 - Multihulls - YV Yardstick under 79
Division 2 - Multihulls - YV Yardstick 79 and above.
Division 3 - Monohulls - YV Yardstick under 97
Division 4 - Monohulls - YV Yardstick 97 to 110
Division 5 - Monohulls - YV Yardstick over 110 to 120
Division 6 - Monohulls - YV Yardstick over 120 to 148 except Laser 4.7
Division 7 - Monohulls - YV Yardstick over 148
Division 8 – All boats receiving sanctioned coaching from a ‘McCrae Club Coach’
Division 9 – All Laser 4.7
Green Fleet - All yachts sailing as a novice

6.2 Divisional Flags

- Division 1 – Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2 – Numeral Pennant 2
Division 3 – Numeral Pennant 3
Division 4 – Numeral Pennant 4
Division 5 – Numeral Pennant 5
Division 6 – Numeral Pennant 6
Division 7 – Numeral Pennant 7
Division 8 – Numeral Pennant 8
Division 9 – Numeral Pennant 9
Green Fleet – Green Flag

7 Racing Areas

7.1 The Racing Area will be the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of McCrae Yacht Club or as illustrated on the Official Notice Board.

7.2 McCrae Yacht Club registered boats shall not enter the new ‘No Boating Zone’ as shown in Appendix C. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DSQ for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.

8 The Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A and B show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Mark Roundings

8.2.1 Short Course Triangle

- Division 1 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – FINISH
Division 2 – Start – 1,1a,2,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,2,3sp - FINISH
Division 3 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp - FINISH

Division 4 - Start – 1,1a,3sp -1,1a,2,3sp – 4,3sp - FINISH

Division 5 - Start – 1,1a,3sp -1,1a,3sp – 4,3sp - FINISH

Division 6 - Start – 4,5,3sp – 4,3sp – 4,5,3sp - FINISH

Division 7 - Start – 4,3sp – 4,5,3sp – FINISH

Division 8 - Start – 4,5,3sp – FINISH

Division 9 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 4,3sp – 4,3sp - FINISH

8.2.2 Green Fleet Triangle

Green Fleet Division 1 - Start – 7,8,9 – 7,8,9 – 7,8,9 – 7,8,9 – FINISH

Green Fleet Division 2 – Start – 7,8,9 – 7,8,9 – FINISH

9 Marks

Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p	Large pink inflatable buoys.
Mark 1a	Skinny blue inflatable buoy.
Marks 4 and 5	Large orange inflatable buoys.
Mark A	Red plastic buoy with orange flag.
Mark B	Red plastic buoy with blue flag.
Crowding Buoy	Red plastic buoy with plain yellow flag.
Marks 7 and 8	Large pink inflatable buoys.
Mark 9	Orange inflatable buoy.

10 The Start

10.1 Races will be started as follows:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes</i>
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
Starting	Division Flag removed; 1 sound	0

This changes rule 26.

10.2 The Starting Line for Divisions 1-9 shall be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and mark A at the port end.

10.3 The Starting Line for Green Fleet shall be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and mark 9 at the port end.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.5 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10.6 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 resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

11 Recalls

Rule 29.2 is amended to state that the warning signal for the first recalled Division will be displayed at the start of the last Division, except when there are no other Divisions to start. The warning signal of subsequently recalled Divisions may be displayed at the start of the preceding recalled Division.

12 The Finish

12.1 The Finishing Line for Divisions 1-9 shall be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and mark B.

12.2 The Finishing Line for Green Fleet shall be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and mark 7.

13 Penalty System

13.1 For Divisions 1, 2 and 3 rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 Time Limit

14.1 Short Course Triangle

The time limit will be 1 hour and 30 minutes for each Division. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.2 Green Fleet Triangle

The time limit for the Green Fleet Triangle will be at the discretion of the Race Officer. Boats failing to finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 & A5.

14.3 The Race Committee may allocate a finish place and time for a boat(s) at their discretion to enable fair sailing for the entire fleet.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located in the club control tower. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 For each Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that Division has finished the last race of the day.

15.3 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 at McCrae Y.C. as soon as possible following the posting of the notice.

15.4 Breaches of instructions 10.5, 17, 19, 21 and 22 will 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. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

15.5 Protest mediation may be used as a preliminary step prior to a full protest hearing for protests under the rules of Part 2 and 4. If a boat accepts a penalty during a mediation hearing the penalty shall be half the points the boat would have lost had the boat been disqualified in a full protest hearing.

16 Scoring

16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, the worst score will be excluded.

When from 7 to 10 races have been completed, the two worst scores will be excluded.

When from 11 to 14 races have been completed, the three worst scores will be excluded.

When from 15 to 18 races have been completed, the four worst scores will be excluded.

When from 19 to 22 races have been completed, the five worst scores will be excluded.

When twenty-three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her six worst scores.

16.3 Handicaps will be established on the combined performance of a boat and her helmsperson.

16.4 All boats entering a series after a race or races have been sailed shall have their series score altered to equal the accumulated DNC score for each prior race in the series plus their race score for the entered race.

16.5 The Sailing Committee may approve average points for participation in Australian Sailing, State, National or International events as well as for Race Officer or other race management duties as requested by the Race Officer. The approval will normally only be given for Aggregate, Skipper of Skippers and Class Championship events. A boat's score for each race where average points are awarded shall be points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward) of her points in all the races in the series except the race in question, in accordance with rule A10(a). The maximum number of races where average points will be allocated shall not exceed the number of drops for that series.

16.6 All boats shall obtain a compliance check prior to the first Aggregate. Any boat which has not obtained a compliance check by the first Aggregate, shall be scored DNC for all subsequent races until a compliance check has been completed. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

16.7 All boats shall submit a valid insurance policy number on that boat's 'Boat Registration Form'. Any boat which has not submitted a valid insurance policy number shall be scored DNC for all subsequent races until a valid insurance policy number has been submitted. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

16.8 Each series shall be scored using the following corrected time method:

Class Championship
Skipper of Skippers
Aggregate

Finish Place
YV Yardstick
Club Handicap

Lightning Championship	YV Yardstick
Opening Day Trophy	YV Yardstick
Lighthouse Trophy	YV Yardstick
South Channel Challenge	Club Handicap
December Trophy	Club Handicap
Old Buffers	Modified YV Handicap (Deed)
Ladies Race	YV Handicap
Club Captain's Mystery Race	Club Handicap
Marathon/Mini Marathon	Deed
Australia Day	YV Yardstick
Hike Harder Regatta	YV Yardstick
Commodore's Trophy	Club Handicap
February Trophy	Club Handicap
March Trophy	Club Handicap
Easter Racing	Club Handicap
Green Fleet	YV Yardstick

17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1** For each race session, yachts intending to race shall 'Sign-on' by signing the race sign-on form located on the upper deck no later than 15 minutes prior to the 1st warning signal. Failure to comply will result in a boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 17.2** All boats shall sign the race 'Sign-off' sheet upon returning to shore, no later than the end of protest time for their Division on that day. This sheet will be available on the lower deck. Failure to comply will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

18 Replacement of Equipment

- 18.1** A boat may change her sail number from the one supplied on the 'Boat Registration Form' provided the change be in writing and submitted to the Race Control Tower at least one hour before the scheduled start time of the first division in that race. Failure to do so will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 18.2** A sailor may request to change their hull from the one supplied on the 'Boat Registration Form' provided the change be in writing and submitted to the Race Committee at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the first division in that race. Failure to do so will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5. There will be a limit of one change per season. Should the request be approved, the sailor's Club Handicap (CHC) will revert to the relevant class Yardstick from the date of approval.

19 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 the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 Official Boats

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

21 Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches (with the exception of an official McCYC 'Club Coach') and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the orange signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. This does not apply for Green Fleet.

22 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.

23 Prizes and Presentation.

23.1 Trophies will be awarded on a Divisional basis, unless inconsistent with the Deed of Gift.

23.2 Class Championship trophies will be awarded to classes averaging four or more starters over the first eight aggregates (subject to a reasonable average being maintained), or at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. Class Championship awards may be awarded to classes that constitute their own division.

23.3 Trophies will be presented on the following basis:-

<i>No. of starters in a Class/Division</i>	<i>Trophies for places</i>
Ten or more	1st, 2nd and 3rd
From six to nine	1st and 2nd
From three to five	1st
Two or less	No trophies awarded

or at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

24 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.

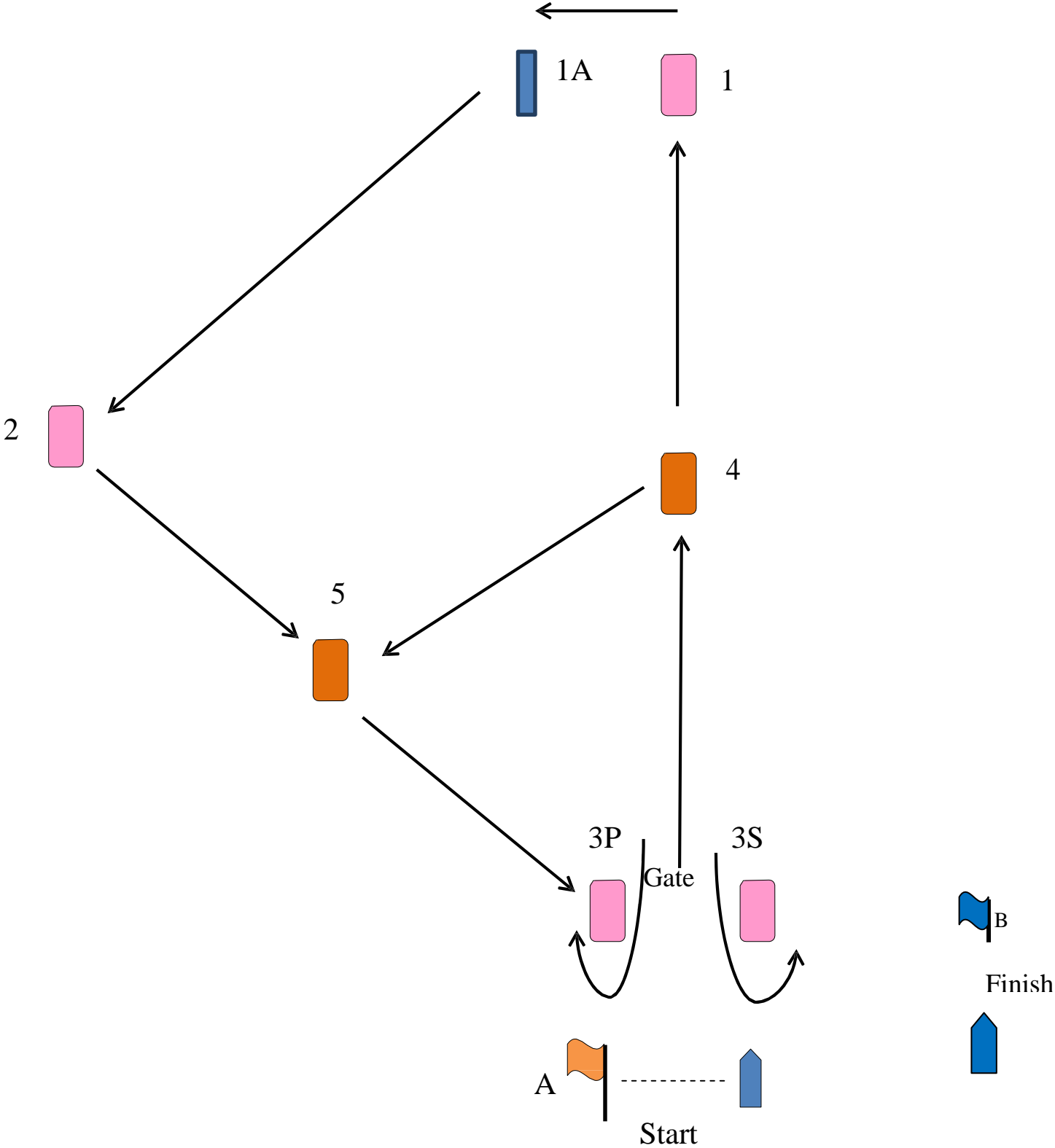
25 Insurance

25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who sign a Yacht Registration Form or Visitors Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

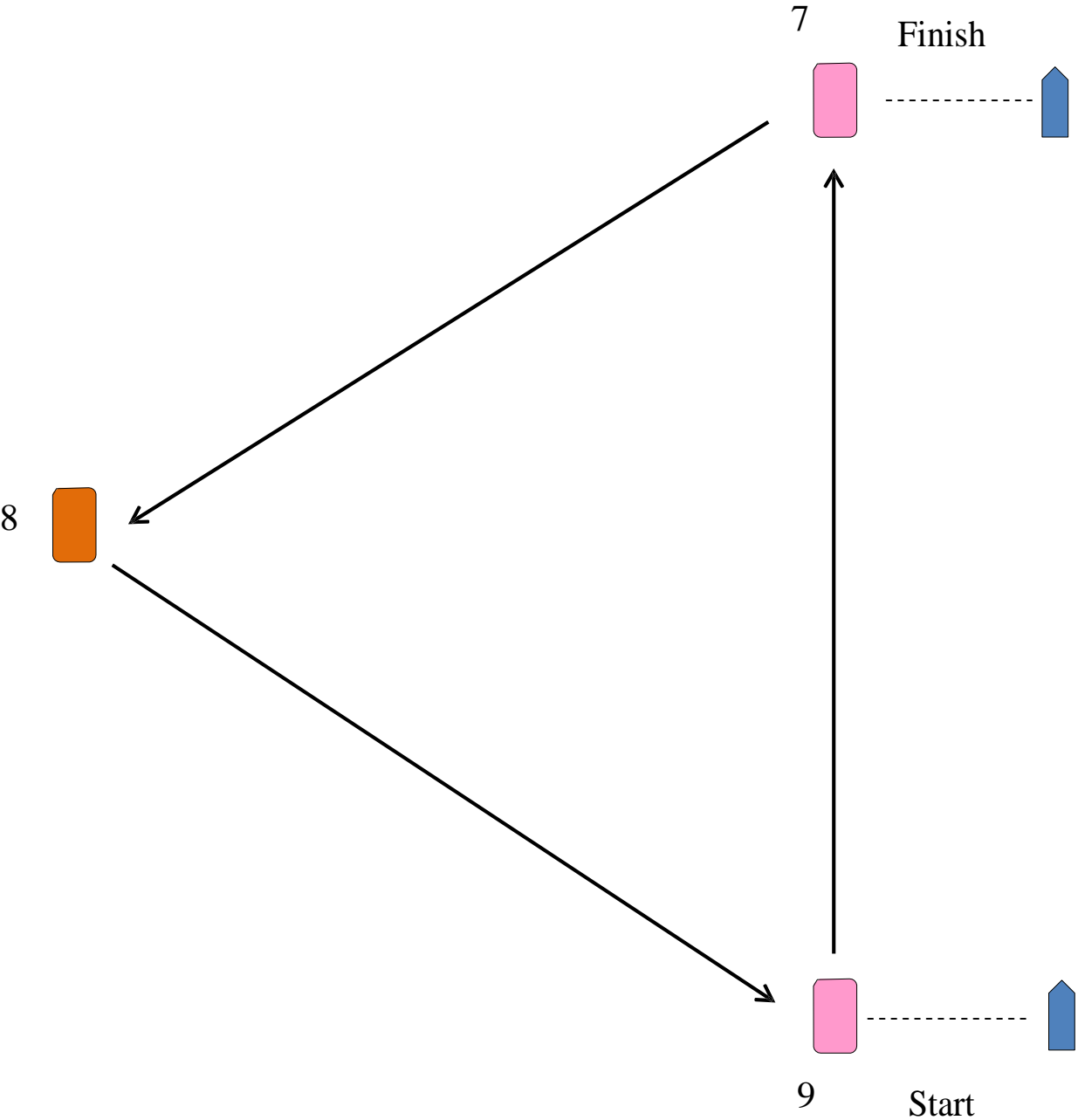
25.2 Club Members shall produce evidence of such insurance when they submit their 'Boat Registration Form'. Visiting boats shall complete the insurance compliance on the McCrae Yacht Club visitors entry form.

ATTACHMENT A

Short Course Triangle



Green Fleet Triangle



ATTACHMENT C

Parks Victoria 'No Boating Zone'



http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/478656/Dromana-to-Blairgowrie-Boating-and-Swimming-Zones.pdf