



**Explorer 16 & Hartley TS16
2024 Victorian Championship
17-18 February 2024**

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 (Explorer 16) and Special Regulations Part 2 (Hartley TS16).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board by 09:30 except for a schedule change, which will be posted by 17:00 on the day prior to the change taking effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at the Saint Leonards Yacht Club and Motor Squadron.
- 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 EVENTS

As per the Notice of Race

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be:

- Explorer 16 - Class flag.
- Hartley TS16 - Class flag.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the waters of Port Phillip in front of the Club House.

8. THE COURSES

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

9. MARKS

The mark descriptions are included in Attachment "A".

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 10.3. Flag 'AP' displayed at the finish signifies that the Race Committee will start an additional race over and above the racing schedule at the completion of the current one.
- 10.4. Such additional races will only be conducted if the Race Committee deems the need to accelerate the race schedule due to inclement weather predictions for the following day.
- 10.5. Rule 26 is changed as follows:

Min before Start	Signal	
3	Class Flag displayed	
2	Preparatory Flag Displayed	P, U, Black
1	Preparatory Flag Removed	
0	Class Flag Removed	

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

With a subsequent change the new mark will be replaced by the original mark.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be ninety (90) minutes.
- 13.2. The Finishing Window is 20 minutes.
- 13.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the Club bar. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be delivered to the Race Officer or his delegate within the appropriate time limit.

- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 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 Club House
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Scoring System is described in the Notice of Race.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Competitors must Sign On before each race session on the form provided beside the Official Notice Board.
- 16.2. Competitors must Sign Off on prior to the Protest Time Limit.
- 16.3. Boats failing to sign on/off may be scored a penalty of 4 places in their first resulted race of the session. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

17. REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITOR OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors or boats will not be permitted.
- 17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution must be made in writing at Race Headquarters prior to racing.
- 17.3. Batten changes are permitted.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official Boats may display the SLYCMS burgee.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. The Prizes are described in the Notice of Race.

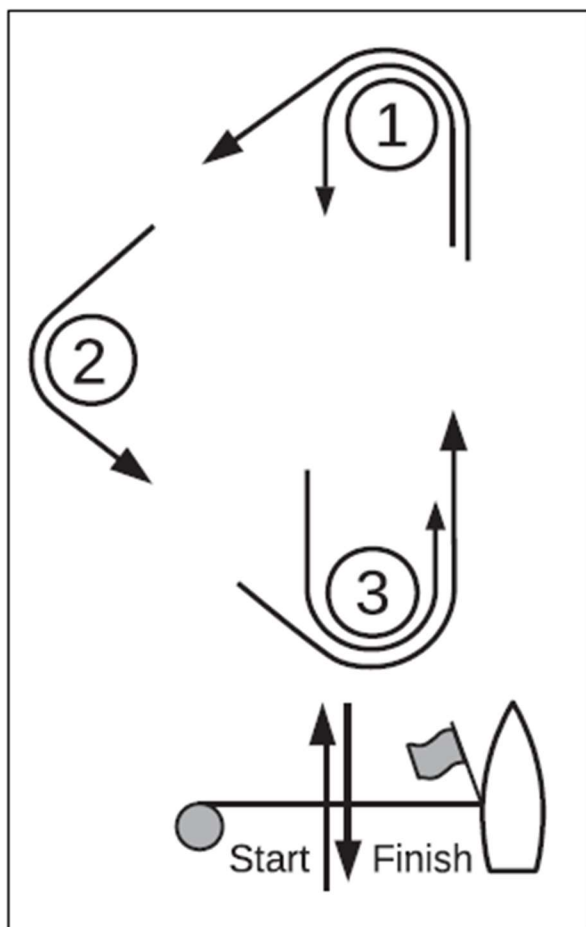
20. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

21. INSURANCE

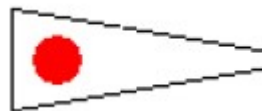
As per the Notice of Race

Attachment 'A': Courses



Course 1:

Signified by Numeral; Pennant 1



Mark Rounding Order:

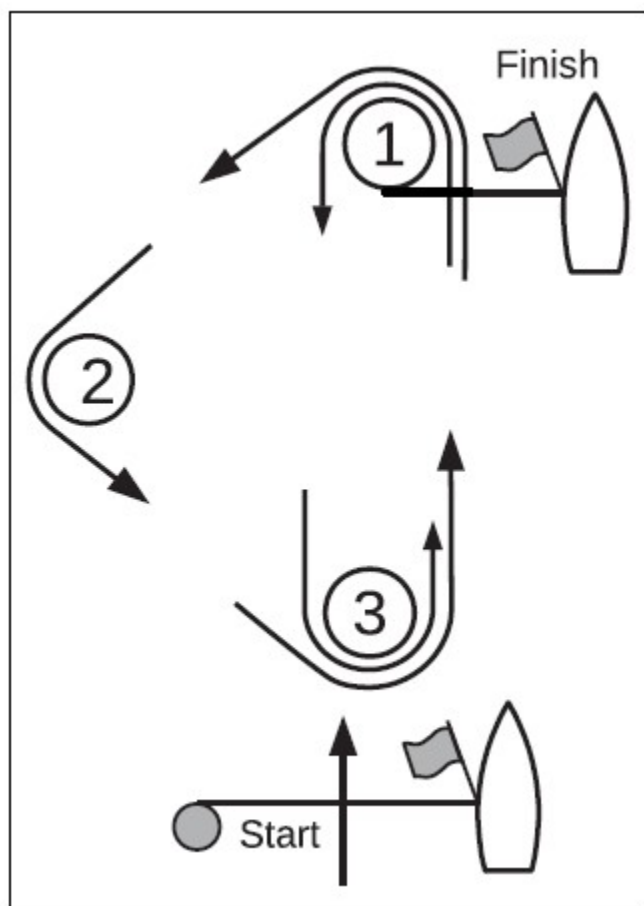
Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish

Marks 1, 2 & 3 shall be rounded on the PORT hand,

Marks 1, 2 & 3 shall be yellow inflatable cylinders

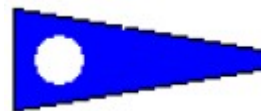
The Start/Finish mark will be a black truncated cone

The change-of-course mark will be a red cylinder



Course 2:

Signified by Numeral; Pennant 2



Mark Rounding Order:

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Marks 1, 2 & 3 shall be rounded on the PORT hand.

Marks 1, 2 & 3 shall be yellow inflatable cylinders

The Start mark will be a black truncated cone

The change-of-course mark will be a red cylinder