



# ST LEONARDS YACHT CLUB & MOTOR SQUADRON Inc

## 2023/24 OFF THE BEACH (OTB) SERIES -SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the ST LEONARDS YACHT CLUB & MOTOR SQUADRON Inc.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. All series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Addendum A Part 2, and the current class rules for the competing classes and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All persons on board shall be either a member of SLCYMS or comply with SLCYMS's Day Membership requirements through the Sail Pass Scheme or by approval of the Race Committee or representative.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the SLYCMS clubrooms and may also be posted on the club website.
- 2.2. Briefings or Information Sessions may be held approximately 60 minutes prior to the start of scheduled races for the day.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not later than one hour prior to the start time of the race it will affect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 2000 on the day before it is to take effect.
- 3.2. Any change to the sailing instructions may also be posted on the NEWS section of the club website [www.stleonardsycms.com.au](http://www.stleonardsycms.com.au).

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal masts located at SLYCMS clubrooms.
- 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. The schedule of races is as per the Sailing Calendar.

## 6. DIVISIONS & FLAGS (Refer Appendix 1 for further details)

6.1. The divisional flags will be as follows:

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'

6.2. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## 7. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on Port Phillip off St Leonards Yacht Club & Motor Squadron.

## 8. COURSES

All marks shall be left to Port. Refer Appendix 2 for configuration details.

## 9. CHANGE OF COURSE

The course will not be changed after the start.

## 10. MARKS

Refer to Appendix 2 for each course type.

## 11. THE START

11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a Yellow Pencil buoy at the port end.

11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 metres extending from the starting line and marks in all directions.

11.3. A clearance mark may be positioned close to the race committee boat. If laid, it will be considered as an extension of the race committee boat.

11.4. Boats shall not pass between the clearance mark and the committee boat.

## 12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the race committee boat and a Black inflatable truncated buoy.

12.2. Boats must stay clear of the finish line unless finishing a race or in a starting sequence.

## 13. TIME LIMIT

13.1. The race time limit is 60 minutes for each division or 10 minutes after the first boat finishes in each division, whichever occurs first.

- 13.2. A boat failing to finish within the time limit for its division will be scored DNF without a hearing, this changes RRS63, A4 and A5. This shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer and is not subject to redress.

## 14. SIGN-ON / SIGN-OFF

- 14.1. Boats shall sign-on before leaving the beach at the designated sign on area in the SLYCMS clubrooms. Boats failing to sign-on will have three (3) points added to the first race of the day, but will not be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 14.2. Boats shall sign-off upon returning to shore at the designated sign on area in the SLYCMS clubrooms before the close of the protest time limit. Boats failing to sign-off will have three (3) points added to the last race of the day, but will not be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 15. RETIREMENT

A boat that wishes to leave the racecourse prior to the end of the racing session shall endeavour to advise the race committee, of their intention to leave the vicinity of the course. If this is not possible, the boat shall immediately make its way to shore and notify the SLYCMS clubrooms duty officer and sign-off.

## 16. PROTESTS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the SLYCMS Clubrooms. Protests shall be lodged there within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the session. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, and as soon as practical.
- 16.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for all series.

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 17.2. There will be a maximum of three (3) races per day to count to the series scores. Six races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4. When from 7 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.5. When 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

## 18. SAFETY

- 18.1. When the race committee considers a boat, its equipment, skipper, or crew not adequate for the likely conditions or otherwise at risk, it may require the boat to accept assistance or return to shore. Such action shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 18.2. Competitors who require assistance should wave an arm. The race committee reserves the right to assist competitors who, in its opinion, require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a). The penalty for receiving outside help in these circumstances will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.

## 19. LIABILITY

- 19.1. All those taking part do so at their own risk and responsibility. St Leonards Yacht Club & Motor Squadron, its servants and volunteers are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or for the adequacy or sufficiency of its equipment.
- 19.2. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 (2021-2024) which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

19.3. Each boat participating shall have valid Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of \$5 Million. Boats without the required insurance are ineligible to compete.

Additional information may be obtained from SLYCMS as follows:

E-mail [info@stleonardsycms.com.au](mailto:info@stleonardsycms.com.au)

Website [www.stleonardsycms.com.au](http://www.stleonardsycms.com.au)

## Appendix 1

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### ST LEONARDS YACHT CLUB & MOTOR SQUADRON – DIVISIONAL SPLITS

<b>Division 1 (Yardstick =&lt; 99)</b>	
A Class (Flying)	61.5
A Class (Classic)	67.5
A Class (Vintage)	70
29er	96.5
49er	77.3
B14	94.0
Int 14	84.0
Musto Skiff	91.0
<b>Division 2 (Yardstick 100 - 120)</b>	
Laser	114.0
Laser Radial	118.5
RS Aero 5	116.8
RS Aero 7	112.5
RS Aero 9	109.3
RS100 8.4	106
RS100 10.2	103
470	101
420	115
Impulse	118.5
125	123
<b>Division 3 (Yardstick 120 - 150)</b>	
Heron	145
Mirror	143
Pacer	127.5
Sabre	127.0
Laser 4.7	125.0
<b>Division 4 (Yardstick &gt; 150)</b>	
Int. Cadet	153.0
Open Bic	153.3
Optimist	170

Australian Sailing Reference;

[Dinghy Yardsticks 2022-23](#)

[OTB Cat Yardsticks 2022-23](#)

## APPENDIX 2 - COURSES

### TRIANGULAR, WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES



<b>LONG COURSES</b> L1=START-C-3-C-3-C-3-FINISH L2=START-C-3-C-3-FINISH L3=START-C-3-FINISH
<b>OUTER COURSES</b> O1=START-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-FINISH O2=START-1-2-3-1-3-FINISH O3=START-1-2-3-FINISH O4=START-1-3-FINISH
<b>INNER COURSES</b> I1=START-A-B-3-A-3-A-B-3-FINISH I2=START-A-B-3-A-3-FINISH I3=START-A-B-3-FINISH I4=START-A-3-FINISH
<b>GREEN FLEET INNER COURSES</b> G1=START-G-3-G-3-FINISH G2=START-G-3-FINISH

Mark 1,2 and 3 are Yellow Cylindrical Marks

Marks A and B are Orange Cylindrical Marks

Mark C is a Red Cylindrical Mark

Mark G is a Black Truncated Conel Mark

Start Mark is a Yellow Pencil Mark and Finish Mark is a Red Pencil Mark