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48th International
Flying Fifteen
Australian Championships
2010

31st December 2009 – 7th January 2010
Conducted by
Sandgate Yacht Club Inc.

Sailing Instructions



1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 The Prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) will apply together with the Special Regulations Part 2.

1.3 The class rules of Flying Fifteen International (FFI) will apply.

1.4 Bow numbers shall be affixed as prescribed in Attachment A.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Regatta Office of Sandgate Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the Warning Signal of the first race on the day on which it will take effect; except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 A change to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water in accordance with Rule 90.2(c). Such change will be accompanied by display of Code Flag "L" and will be delivered from a Race Committee boat.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagmast located on the eastern end of the verandah of Sandgate Yacht Club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 The series will consist of seven Championship Races, scheduled as follows:

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME OF FIRST</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
	WARNING SIGNAL	
Saturday 2 nd January 2010	1125 hrs	Invitation Race
Sunday 3 rd January 2010	1025 hrs	Race 1 & Race 2
Monday 4 th January 2010	1055 hrs	Race 3 & Race 4
Tuesday 5 th January 2010		Provision for re-sail
Wed 6 th January 2010	1155 hrs	Race 5 & Race 6
Thursday 7 th January 2010	1225 hrs	Race 7

5.2 On those days when more than one race is scheduled to be held, the Warning Signal for the succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the conclusion of racing for the preceding one.

5.3 To alert competitors that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.

5.4 On the last day of the Regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1325 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be Code Flag "F".

7. RACING AREA

The Regatta will be conducted on the waters of Bramble Bay (a part of Moreton Bay situated between the mouth of the Brisbane River and Redcliffe Peninsula), in an area east of the leads to the mouth of Cabbage Tree Creek at Shorncliffe.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the course configurations, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and a numeral pennant corresponding to the course to be sailed.

8.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1c, 2, 3s and 3p shall be orange cylindrically-shaped inflatable buoys.

9.2 New marks, as provided for in Instruction 11, will be black cylindrically-shaped buoys.

9.3 The starting/finishing mark will be a round orange buoy.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using Racing Rule 26, with the Warning Signal made 5 minutes before the Starting Signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a round orange buoy at the port end.

10.3 A boat failing to start within 10 minutes of the Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 The Race Committee boat signalling a course-direction change may also indicate the new course magnetic bearing.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a round orange buoy at the port end.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for each race will be 120 minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is shorter, will be scored DNF. This changes Rules 35 and A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office located at Sandgate Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes Rule 61.3.

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.

14.4 Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located at Sandgate Yacht Club beginning at the time posted.

14.5 For the purpose of Rule 64.3 (b) the “authority responsible” shall be the measurer appointed by Flying Fifteen International (Australia).

14.6 On the last 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;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.

14.7 Breaches of Instructions 16 and 20 will not be grounds for 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. SCORING

15.1 Seven races are scheduled, of which four races are required to be completed to constitute a series. The Low Point System of Appendix A of RRS will apply.

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

15.3 When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.4 Series scores for the 48th International Flying Fifteen Australian Championships shall be based on a fleet inclusive of all boats nominated for the Open, Silver, and Classic Divisions. The Silver and Classic Divisions will also be scored as if separate fleets.

15.5 Handicaps for the Allen Brooke Trophy will be determined by back calculation based on the finishing times in the first three races. A boat's handicap may be adjusted according to its results in subsequent races in accordance with 15.2 and 15.3 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in either the Open, Silver, or Classic Divisions will be ineligible to win the Handicap Trophy.

15.6 To request correction of an alleged error or omission in posted race or series results, a boat's crew or their representative shall make written application to the Regatta Office.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Boats intending to participate in a series racing session shall sign-on each day at the Regatta Office prior to sailing, and sign-off as soon as practicable after retrieval of their boat. Penalties other than Disqualification may be given at the discretion of the Protest Committee for the breach of this Instruction.

16.2 A boat that either Does Not Start or Retires from a race shall notify a member of the Race Committee of their decision as soon as possible and sign-off at the Regatta Office.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

17.1 Substitution of registered crew will not take place without prior written approval by the Race Committee. Substitute crew shall not helm the boat.

17.2 Written requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee and lodged at the Regatta Office. The application for substitution and the decision of the Race Committee will be displayed on the Notice Board.

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 member of the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified by a yellow burgee.

20. SUPPORT VESSELS

Support vessels shall clearly display code flag "U". Coaches and other support personnel shall not encroach within 50 metres of any competing boat in the race area between the Warning Signal of any race and the finishing time of the last boat of that race; unless the Race Committee has signalled a postponement or abandonment.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all other boats. This requirement also applies to the use of mobile telephones.

22. PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

The Uffa Fox Trophy	1 st Invitation Race
The Coweslip Trophy	1 st Championship
The Canberra Plate	2 nd Championship
The Tempest Trophy	3 rd Championship
The Gippsland Lakes YC Trophy	4 th Championship
The Walbourn Trophy	1 st boat numbered 400 or more below the highest numbered boat entered
The JAT (Tally) Hobbs Trophy	1 st Silver Division
The Anniversary Trophy	1 st Classic Division
The Allen Brooke Trophy	1 st Handicap
The Masters Trophy	1 st Helm aged over 50 years
The Bill Shand Trophy	1 st boat with combined crew aged over 110 years
The Rising Stars Trophy	1 st boat with combined crew aged under 50 years

(In addition to perpetual trophies, winning crews will be awarded commemorative trophies to retain.)

22.2 Sponsors Daily Prizes will be presented at the conclusion of racing each day at an informal barbeque held at the Club for the benefit of competitors and their guests. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee on these occasions.

22.3 Major Championship Prizes will be presented at the Presentation Dinner on Thursday, 7th January, 2010, to be held at Sandgate Yacht Club from 1930 hrs.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

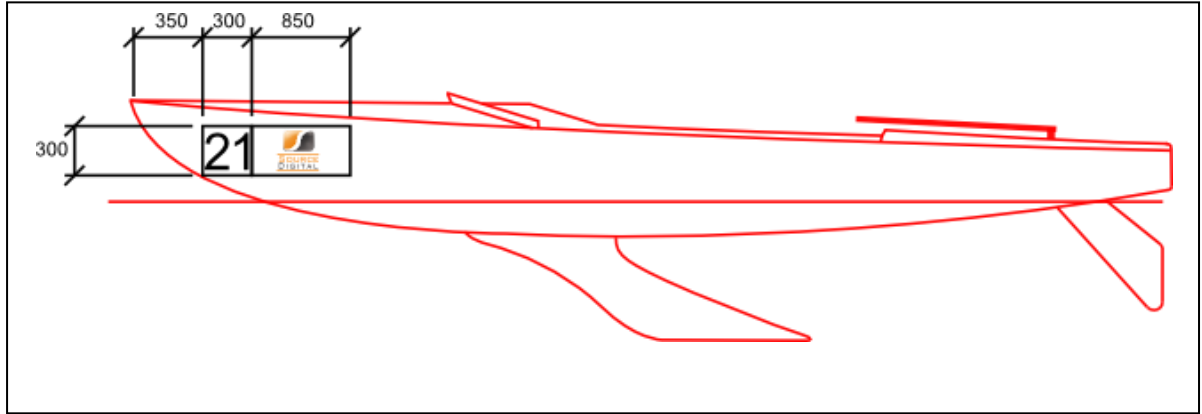
Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk – see Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

24. INSURANCE

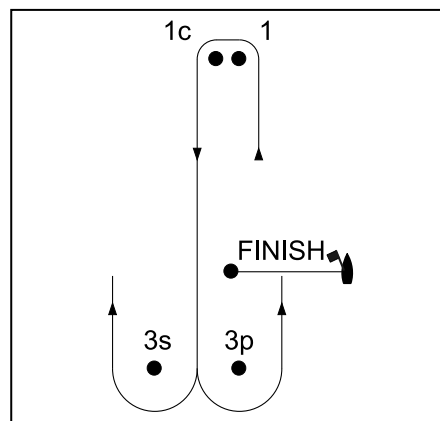
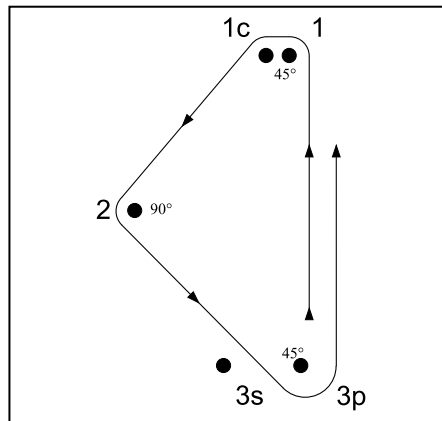
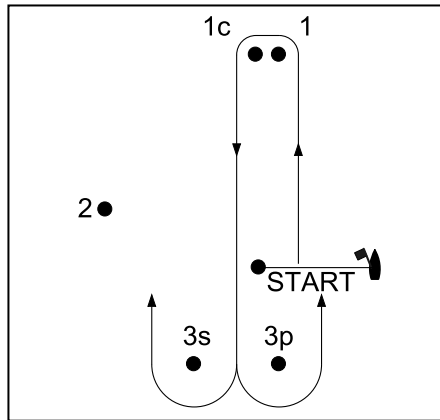
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of a minimum cover of \$A5,000,000 (or the equivalent) per event.

ATTACHMENT A

The following diagram shows the size and placement of the bow numbers including the sponsor's logo.



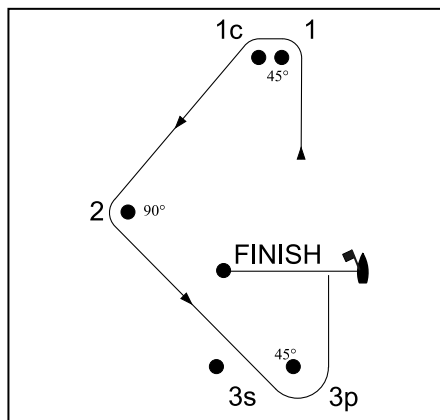
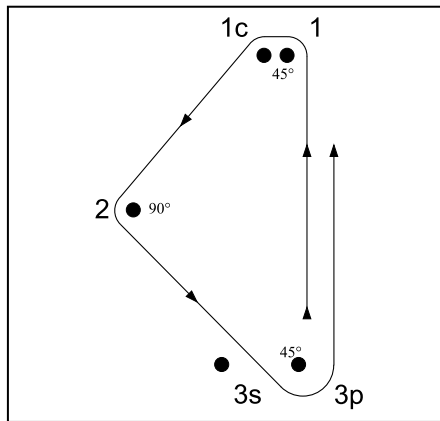
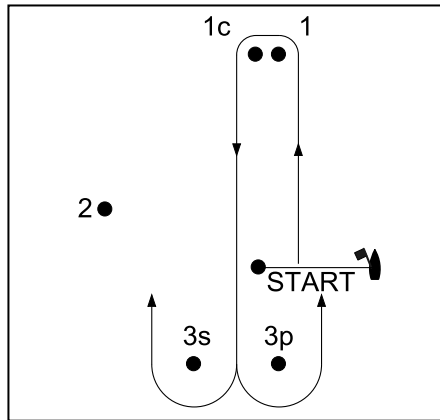
ATTACHMENT B – COURSE 1 DIAGRAM



START-1-1c-3 (GATE)-1-1c-2-3p-1-1c-3 (GATE)-FINISH

All marks to be rounded to port with the exception of the gate which shall be passed through from the direction of the previous mark.

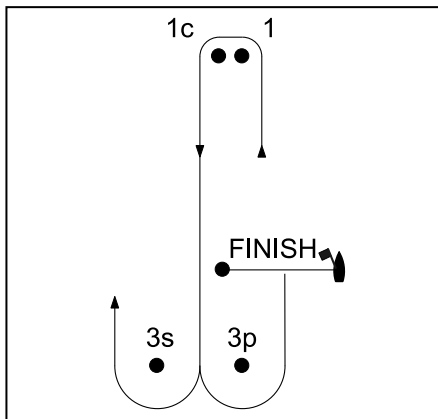
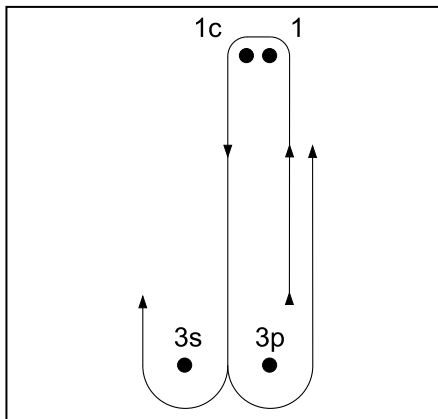
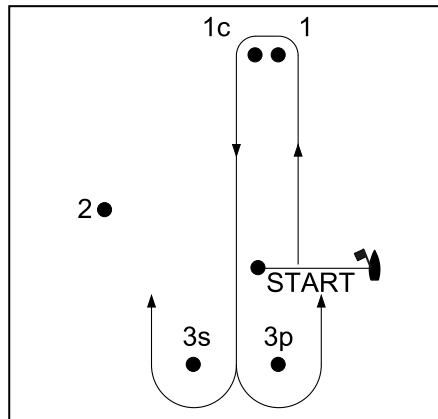
ATTACHMENT B – COURSE 2 DIAGRAM



START-1-1c-3 (GATE)-1-1c-2-3p-1-1c-2-3p-FINISH

All marks to be rounded to port with the exception of the gate which shall be passed through from the direction of the previous mark.

ATTACHMENT B – COURSE 3 DIAGRAM



START-1-1c-3 (GATE)-1-1c-3 (GATE)-1-1c-3 (GATE)-FINISH

All marks to be rounded to port with the exception of the gate which shall be passed through from the direction of the previous mark.

No later than the Warning Signal, the course to be sailed (as detailed above) will be indicated by Numeral Pennant (One, Two, or Three).