



MYCT / LSC Channel Race

Saturday 27 March 2021 at 1030 Hrs

Sailing Instructions

Please note the following safety requirements:

All competitors must register their intention to race by calling the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 09 at least 10 minutes prior to the starting signal.

All competitors must call the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 09 as they round Pierson's Point and enter the D'entrecasteaux Channel.

In the event that any yacht gets into difficulty and requires external assistance, call the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 09 or Tas Maritime Radio on VHF Channel 16. See also section 15.

1. Rules

Races are governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024" (RRS), the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), the rules of participating classes, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions **and any government imposed COVID 19 restrictions in place on the race day.** All skippers must be familiar with the rules and requirements of the RRS. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

Note: All skippers racing in the MYCT/LSC Channel Race must keep a list of their crew including each person's contact details as part of the COVID-19 Safety Plan. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

2. Responsibility

All those taking part in MYCT / LSC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organisers are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat, whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3, which states *'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'*

The attention of all persons is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the *Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act 2006*.

Attention is also drawn to the requirement for the yachts to keep well clear of vessels under pilotage, which will display Code flag H, especially vessels docking at Hobart Port or proceeding through the Tasman Bridge.

The "MARINE AND SAFETY (PILOTAGE AND NAVIGATION) REGULATIONS 2007 – Reg 42" prohibit the use of the middle three spans of the Tasman Bridge by vessels that are less than 15 metres or being used for recreational purposes. These spans cannot be used by race competitors. Failure to comply with this regulation shall result in disqualification without a hearing.

When passing through the Tasman Bridge, vessels may use their motor to clear the bridge if there is a risk of collision.

In addition to compliance with all the rules and instructions, competitors shall at all times use discretion in preserving their own safety and that of their crew when afloat. In particular, no skipper/helmsman shall race their yacht when the Race Officer (RO) considers that conditions are hazardous due to weather or other factors. Competitors shall obey all directions given by the RO.

3. Eligibility

Entry is open to all yachts who complete an entry form. Refer to section 5 for details. Entries will be accepted at the absolute discretion of the Sailing Committee.

3.1 Eligibility of Helmsman

Yachts must be steered at all times by a Member of Australian Sailing.

3.2 Number of Crew

All boats must carry a sufficient number of crew to ensure safe operation of the vessel. The minimum number of crew is two (2).

4. Insurance

The owner of a boat entering a Club race shall have a Public Liability and Third-Party insurance with respect to the boat of not less than \$10,000,000 when racing.

5. Entries

Entries accompanied by an entry fee of \$10.00 can be lodged at the MYCT Office during business hours. Entries close at 1800hrs Thursday 25 March 2021.

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
Any enquiries to James Andrewartha on mobile 0438 571 881

6. Prizes

Prizes or trophies may be awarded to the winners of the race at the discretion of the MYCT/LSC Sailing Committee and the Sponsors.

All results and prizes will remain provisional until ratified by the MYCT / LSC Sailing Committee.

7. Handicaps

Handicaps will be determined by the Race Committee. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final and shall not be grounds for a request for redress under Rule 62.1.

Competitors not towing dinghies will be given a handicap penalty of 0.05

8. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will in the first instance be communicated by SMS and/or email and subsequently may be placed on the MYCT website but not on the Official Notice Board at the MYCT.

Provisional race results will be posted on the MYCT website.

9. Amendments to Sailing Instructions

Will be posted no later than Thursday 25 March 2021 on the MYCT website. They will also be broadcast on VHF Channel 09 on the day at 1015 Hrs.

10. Clear Area - Starting and Finishing Lines

Boats after starting correctly, shall not pass through a starting or finishing line unless required to do so by the course instructions.

11. Incorrect Course

If a competitor is observed incorrectly rounding a mark, sailing the incorrect course or incorrectly sailing through a start/finish line, the boat may be scored DNF. This changes Appendix A - Scoring A5.

12. Retirements

In the interests of good seamanship and safety, boats retiring for any reason must report the circumstances as soon as possible after retirement. The preferred method of reporting is Committee Boat VHF Channel 09

13. Protests

Protests must be lodged at the MYCT/LSC Office by 1400 hours on the day immediately following posting of the results and be accompanied by a \$20 fee. Protest forms are available on the MYCT website.

13.1 Arbitration

When a Protest arises from a breach of RRS Part 2, with the consent of the parties and at the discretion of the protest committee, an arbitration hearing may be heard prior to a protest hearing (affecting RRS 63). After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat shall meet with the arbitrator, no witnesses shall be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration shall be heard by the Protest Committee.

A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 50% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded up to the next

whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This changes RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.

13.2 Protest Hearings

The protest will be heard at a time and place determined by the MYCT/LSC Protest Committee.

14. Results

All prizes will be provisional until the time limits for lodgement, or hearing of protests and appeals, have expired.

15. Safety

15.1 Crisis Safety Plan

The MYCT/LSC have a planned procedure that will apply should an emergency occur during a race. If the RO, decides that a situation warrants assistance he will direct a previously designated boat, or boats, to the rescue work. A boat acting under RO instructions may fly Code Flag D and must be given complete clearance by all other vessels.

15.2 Emergency Meeting Point

Should a boat require emergency medical assistance the RO will direct boats to a nominated meeting point.

15.3 Life Threatening Situations

In the event of a life-threatening situation occurring, the RO will immediately dial 000 and, after being transferred by the Telstra operator, provide succinct information to the Police Radio Room Operator, sufficient to enable an assessment of the response required to be made and the provision of that response in a timely manner. The RO will keep a log of all calls made by phone or radio during the period of the life-threatening situation.

Alternatively, the Race Officer may contact Tas Maritime Radio on VHF Channel 16 and request any assistance needed to manage the situation.

The relevant phone numbers are:

Emergency	000
Police Radio Room	131 444
Hobart Port Control	6380 3018
Tas Maritime Radio	6231 2276
MYCT	6243 9021

15.4 Safety Regulations

Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5.01.1 (g) always applies. Yachts shall comply with the appropriate safety regulations as follows:

1. In addition to Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) requirements, the safety category shall be in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7.
2. In addition to the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7, all boats to include a fitted, fully operational VHF radio.

3. It is recommended that all boats carry a lifebuoy as per Section 4.21.1, except that a self igniting light is not compulsory.

4. Compliance checks may be undertaken by the Sailing Committee or a representative. Boats failing to comply will be disqualified.

It is recommended that life jackets be worn by all crew outside an enclosed cabin when wind speeds exceed 20 knots.

15.5 Incident Debrief

MYCT/LSC Race Committee is endeavouring to minimise risks in events it conducts. To this end the Race Committee may seek cooperation from competitors involved in race safety incidents to assist in the debrief. Competitors will be under no obligation to participate in the debrief.

16. Anchors

In all MYCT/LSC races, anchors must not protrude beyond the gunwales of boats.

17. Race Officer

A Race Officer and Committee Boat (who may also be a competitor) will be appointed for the duration of the race prior to the start. The name of the Race Officer and Committee Boat will be announced on VHF Channel 09 at least 10 minutes prior to the starting signal. ***The Committee Boat may be different to the Start Boat and Finish Boat.***

18. Starting Line

The starting line will be either:

- between the Start Boat and the yellow permanent MYCT mark approximately 0.3 nm north of Rose Bay, or
- between the Start Boat and a yellow flag approximately abeam of the Start Boat. In this case, the Start Boat will be positioned on the river in an area between the Botanical Gardens and the mouth of Lindisfarne Bay.

The choice of starting line will be advised on the day on VHF Channel 09

18.1 Divisions

The race may be conducted in 2 divisions with separate starts. The final decision including allocation of divisions for each competitor will be broadcast on VHF Channel 09 just prior to the start.

Running Sails (e.g., Bloopers, Spinnakers, etc.) are permitted.

19. Starting Signals

	Warning Signal	Start
Division1	1025	1030
Division 2	1030	1035

Sound signal will be made at 5 minutes, 4 minutes, and 1 minute before the start and at the start for each division. The starting signal for Division 1 will be the warning signal for Division 2.

The countdown to these signals will be broadcast on VHF channel 09.

No flag signals will be used.

Delayed Start: A start may be delayed, for example, to facilitate the safe passage of a large commercial vessel. A delayed start will be notified on VHF Channel 09.

20. Recalls

There will be no individual recalls. Boats that start before the scheduled time will be penalised by a minimum of one (1) minute or twice the amount of time they were early, whichever is the greater. This changes RRS29.1.

21. Course

From Start to Green Island (leaving the island to Port) to Finish.

22. Finishing Line

The finishing line will be either:

- an imaginary line between the navigation light on Kinghorne Point on the eastern side of the D'entrecasteaux channel and Birchs Point on the western side of the channel. Please refer to Chart AUS173. This imaginary line is on Latitude 43⁰10' south, or
- an imaginary line between the finish boat and the navigation light on Kinghorne Point.

Every endeavour will be made to have a finishing boat on station. However, if a finish boat is not present, all competitors are requested to record their own finishing times to the nearest second using either an accurate timepiece, or a phone app showing seconds. We are relying on honesty and integrity of all competitors to record these times as accurately as possible. All finish times are to be reported by SMS to 0409 979 490 (Keith) by 1800hr on the day of the race. Failure to advise will result in the competitor being scored DNF.

The choice of finishing lines will be advised on the day on VHF Channel 09.

23. Shortened Course/Time Limit

Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, this will be announced on VHF channel 09.

The position of the new finishing line and any other changes to the course will be advised by an announcement by the Race Officer on VHF channel 09.

The time limit for all boats to finish is 1600 Hrs

24. Radio Communication

The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of 'over the start line' boats and/or other information of interest to competitors on VHF Channel 09. Requests for repeat of broadcasts will not be acknowledged.

Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 09 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

All competitors must register their intention to race by calling the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 09 at least 10 minutes prior to the first starting signal.

All competitors must call the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 09 on rounding Pierson's Point and entering the D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

25. Acknowledgements

The Race Committee acknowledges the sponsorship of North Sails and the MYCT. The support provided by the Lindisfarne Sailing Club in providing the official Committee Boat and crew for the start is also acknowledged.

26. Post-Race Activities

We propose to anchor overnight in Barnes Bay at a location to be announced on VHF Channel 09 on the day, and have a BYO barbeque ashore, returning home on Sunday at your leisure. Every attempt will be made to provide transport ashore for those boats that do not have dinghies.