



RBYC—The Future of Racing

SUNDAY TROPHY RACE

Sailing Instructions Ver 1

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1	1/04/2026	Initial release

The Organising Authority is the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc (RBYC)

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, shall apply for Keelboats.
- 1.3. The Australian Sailing Keelboat Handicap Rule (PHS).
- 1.4. Appendix T Arbitration shall apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than two hours before they take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted online on the Official Notice Board located at [Competitor notices](#)

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast situated on the western perimeter of the RBYC property. Repeats of these signals may be displayed on flag masts located at the Race Control Tower or the Hard Stand Area on the Middle Brighton Pier.
- 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 and start times will be published in the RBYC Sailing Calendar <https://rbyc.org.au/rbyc-calendar/>.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Division	Class Flag
Comb (No Extras)	G

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be on the waters of Port Phillip. See [Appendix B Racing Area](#)

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Courses designated Course "Tower/Tower" in the RBYC Sailing Calendar will be as described in [Appendix A - Tower Courses](#) with a Tower Start and Finish.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. RBYC Fixed Marks are described as follows:

Mark	Colour	Approximate Position
1	Yellow *	37° 55'.63 S 144° 58'.24 E
2	Yellow *	37° 55'.40 S 144° 57'.37 E
3	Yellow *	37° 54'.46 S 144° 57'.16 E
4	Yellow *	37° 53'.61 S 144° 57'.08 E
5	Yellow *	37° 53'.81 S 144° 58'.46 E
6	Yellow *	37° 54.348S 144° 58.543E

*Marks have lights for night navigation.

- 9.2. Other Fixed Marks are described as follows:

Mark	Type	Approximate Position
R2	Recreation Mark	37° 54' 54S 144° 56' .30E
R3	Recreation Mark	37° 53' .26S 144° 56' .30E
R4	Recreation Mark	37° 50.70'S 144° 55.36 E
SG	Spoil Ground Mark	37° 59'.05S 144° 53'.00E
OA	Outer Anchorage	37° 56' .54S 144° 51' .30E
P2	Pipeline 2	37° 55' .25S 144° 53' .10E
P3	Pipeline 3	37° 53' .38S 144° 52' .80E

Note the above positions are shown on the current Australian Charts AUS 143, 154 and 155 or as modified in the Notices to Mariners issued by the Port of Melbourne.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated as an obstruction:

DANGER - BONNET ROCK
Bonnet Rock is marked by an unlit starboard beacon located at 37° 54' .82 S 144°58' .81 E and is surrounded by VERY SHALLOW WATER. This pile shall be passed on the seaward side

11. THE START

11.1. The starting line is described as either of the following:

a) **Tower Start**

The starting line will be between the black vertical line displayed on the western side of the Race Control Tower and the starting mark (RBYC 6). A crowding mark may be laid off the breakwater. When laid, this mark shall be considered an extension of the Race Control Tower.

12. RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 except for Pursuit Races, where Flag 'X' will remain displayed for 1 minute only. This changes RRS 29.1.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. **Tower Finish**

The finishing line will be between the black vertical line displayed on the western side of the Race Control Tower and the finishing mark (RBYC Mark 6). A crowding mark may be laid off the breakwater. When laid, this mark shall be considered an extension of the Race Control Tower.

14. TIME LIMITS - Keelboats

14.1. The time limits for keelboats sailing Appendix A courses are as follows:

First boat time limit <i>minutes</i>	Finishing Window <i>minutes</i>
90	30

14.2. Any keelboat that has not finished within the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (**TLE**) without a hearing.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protests can be made online at following [Link to Online Protest Board](#) or via [Protest forms](#) available at the RBYC Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be posted online &/or delivered to the RBYC Sailing Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes (1 hour) after the last boat has finished.
- 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 and where the hearings will be held.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16. 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 race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

17. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 17.1. Marine regulations require that boats shall avoid commercial shipping. Boats which find themselves in danger of interfering with commercial shipping may use their engine to avoid interference and will not be penalised under RRS 42 provided that:
 - a) it is used only as necessary to avoid the commercial shipping in question,
 - b) no advantage is gained through its use, and
 - c) a declaration containing a complete description of the circumstances is submitted to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.

This alters RRS 42.

- 17.2. Skippers are reminded of the requirement for competing boats to 'keep clear of commercial shipping at all times'. Boats should not cross commercial shipping channels where such crossing would interfere with the passage of commercial shipping or be so close as to cause concern for commercial shipping.
- 17.3. In accordance with section 2.19 of the *Port of Melbourne Regulations*, participants in the series are advised of the requirement to report any incident, hazard or obstruction, as soon as reasonably practical, to Port of Melbourne Vessel Traffic Services (VTS).

18. No Extras Racing

Any series designated 'No Extras' or 'No spinnaker' races in the calendar. Boats must use only a mainsail and one headsail at a time. The headsail shall be fully hacked, or attached by means of a luff groove device, to the forestay. Headsails may be poled out. This changes RRS 55.

Definition of Extras

Spinnakers (Asymmetric or Symmetrical), Code Zero or any sail whose usual attachment is forward of the pulpit .

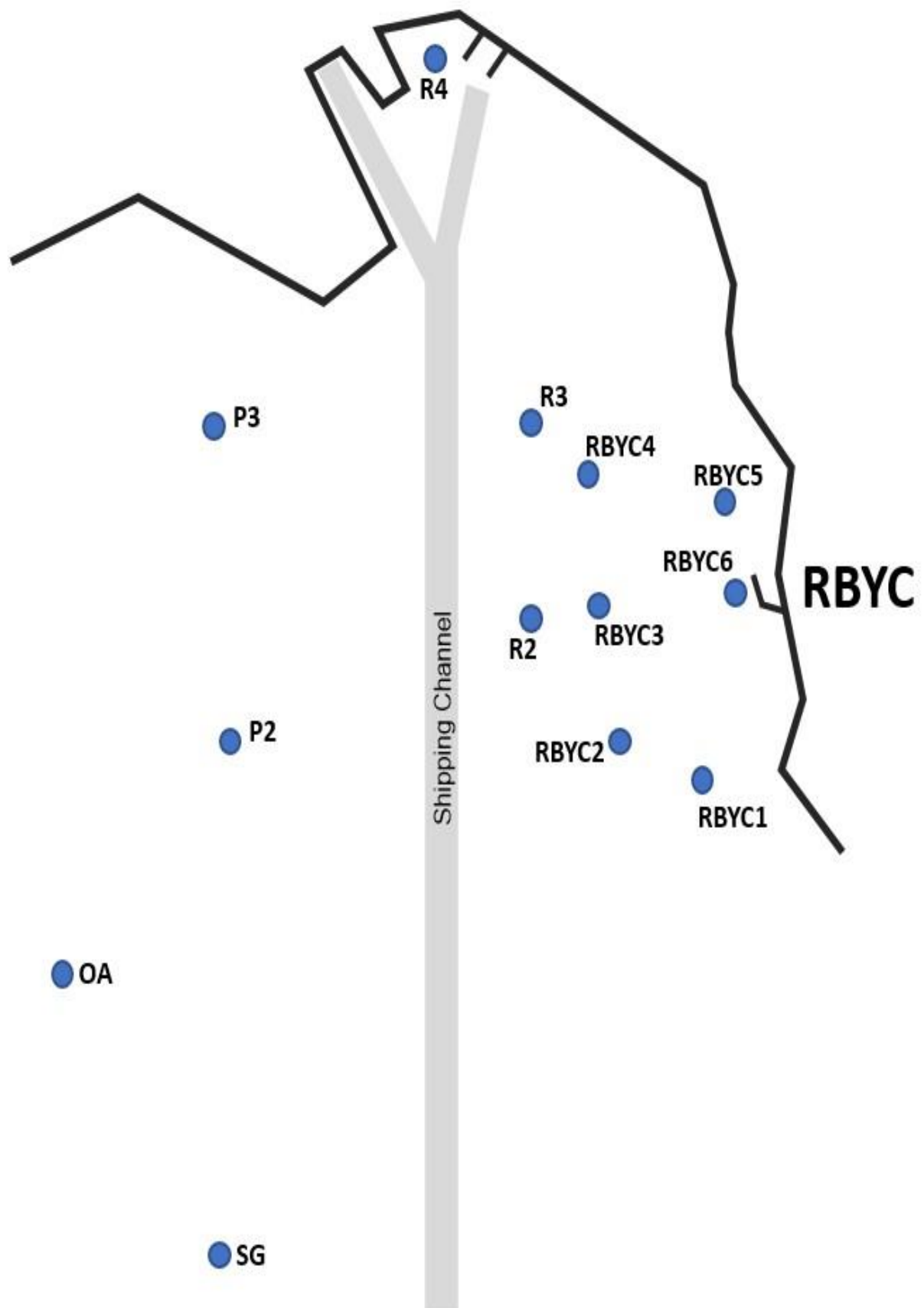
APPENDIX A Tower Courses

Tower Start and Tower Finish. All courses use Fixed Marks.

Num	Wind	Nm	Start Dir'n	Leave Marks to	Course
50	E	6	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - R2 - 1 - Finish
51	E	8	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 3 - 5 - 3 - 1 - Finish
52	E	10	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 3 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 1 - Finish
53	E	9	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 1 - Finish
54	NE	7	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - R3 - 2 - Finish
55	NE	9	Sth	Port	Start - 2 - 6 - 3 - 2 - 6 - 2 - Finish
56	NE	11	Sth	Port	Start - 2 - 6 - 2 - 6 - 2 - 6 - 2 - Finish
57	N	4	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 6 - 1 - Finish
58	N	5	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 3 - 1 - Finish
59	N	6	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 1 - Finish
60	N	7	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - R2 - 1 - Finish
61	N	7	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - R3 - R2 - 2 - 1 - Finish
62	N	8	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 1 - Finish
63	N	9	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 3 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 1 - Finish
64	N	10	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 2 - 4 - 3 - 1 - Finish
65	N	10	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 2 - 4 - 2 - 1 - Finish
66	N	10	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 6 - 1 - Finish
67	N	10	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 4 - 1 - Finish
68	N	10	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 1 - Finish
69	N	10	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 3 - 1 - 6 - 4 - 1 - Finish
70	N	11	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - R2 - 1 - 4 - 1 - Finish
71	N	12	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 4 - 1 - Finish
72	N	14	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 3 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 3 - 1 - Finish
73	NW	5	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 2 - Finish
74	NW	6	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 3 - 1 - Finish
75	NW	7	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - R3 - 1 - Finish
76	NW	9	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 3 - 6 - 4 - 1 - Finish
77	NW	13	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 2 - 6 - 4 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 1 - Finish

Num	Wind	Nm	Start Dir'n	Leave Marks to	Course
78	SE	6	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - R2 - 1 - Finish
79	SE	10	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 6 - 4 - 3 - Finish (northerly direction)
80	SE	11	Nth	Port	Start - 5 - 4 - 1 - 6 - 4 - 1 - Finish
81	S	4	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - 6 - 5 - Finish
82	S	5	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - 2 - 5 - Finish
83	S	5	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - 3 - 5 - Finish
84	S	6	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - R3 - 5 - Finish
85	S	7	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - R2 - 4 - 5 - Finish
86	S	9	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - 3 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 5 - Finish
87	S	9	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - 3 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 6 - 5 - Finish
88	S	10	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 5 - Finish
89	S	11	Sth	Stbd	Start - 2 - R3 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 6 - 5 - Finish
90	S	13	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 6 - 5 - Finish
91	S	14	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - 3 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 3 - 5 - Finish
92	SW	4	Sth	Stbd	Start - 2 - 3 - 5 - Finish
93	SW	7	Sth	Stbd	Start - 2 - R3 - 5 - Finish
94	SW	8	Sth	Stbd	Start - 2 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 5 - Finish
95	SW	8	Sth	Stbd	Start - 2 - 3 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 5 - Finish
96	SW	9	Sth	Stbd	Start - 2 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 5 - Finish
97	SW	13	Sth	Stbd	Start - 2 - 3 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 3 - 5 - Finish
98	W/NW	7	Nth	Port	Start - R3 - R2 - 2 - Finish
99	SW	3	Sth	Stbd	Start - 1 - Finish

APPENDIX B Racing Area (not for navigation)



APPENDIX C - Useful phone numbers

"Brighton Tower", "Brighton Base", "Harry T"	VHF 77
Water Police	VHF 16
Harbour Master	VHF 12
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	03 9592 3092
Water Police Williamstown	03 9399 7500
Melbourne Harbour Master	03 8347 8300
Phil Hall - GM	0437 454 998
Colin Burgess – Boating Manager	0418 240 313
Murray Cowdell – RO	0419 361 546
Paul Pascoe - RO	0417 277 264
Peter Austin - RO	0467 560 502
Rod McKenna – RO	0416 190 944
Patrick Purcell - RO	0413 224 333
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Sandringham	03 9598 7003
Bayside Police	03 8530 5100
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Brighton Medical Clinic 26 Carpenter St, Brighton	03 9592 0222
Sandringham Hospital - 24 hours	03 9076 1000