

## Appendix E:

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### The Steam Packet Hotel Thursday Twilight Female Helm Pursuit Series

#### D1. Class Flags

Combined Fleet                      Flag R

#### D2. Eligibility

Crews for the nominated female helm events (refer to Sailing Calendar), may consist of males and/or females, provided a female is on the helm for the duration of the race.

#### D3. Starting Area

The start line is course dependent, but generally to the east of the main Shipping Channel.

#### D4. The Course

Courses shall be selected from Sailing Instruction Attachment 1 – Courses and Marks

Competitors should be aware of the shipping movements that can occur at any time and are reminded to keep clear of shipping within Hobsons Bay and the Williamstown and Port Melbourne Channels.

#### **All boats are referred to Clause 9 (Safety Regulations) of the Primary Sailing Instructions**

While Channel 71, 11, 9 and Transit Marks T20 to T26 are not marks of the course in terms of RRS 28.1, these are **passing** marks under RRS 28.2 and therefore have a required side as indicated in the course descriptions below. These are intended to reduce the potential for competitors to interfere with shipping using the channels.

#### D5. The Start

The start line is course dependent, but generally to the east of the main Shipping Channel

The start time for each group is an expression of time in minutes after the primary starting signal and shall be displayed at two-minute intervals. The start for the group indicated by the numeral is signaled by the removing of the numeral.

When 'Pursuit Race' starts apply a boat's preparatory signal is **deemed made** four minutes before the boat's starting time. **Note: Flag "P" will not be displayed.**

The starting procedure is as follows and continues through each group:

Signal	Flag/Numeral Displayed	Sound	Minutes
Warning	Numeral Zero Displayed	1 Sound	-5
Primary Start	Numeral Zero Removed Numeral Two Displayed	1 Sound	0
	Numeral Two Removed Numeral Four Displayed		
	Numeral Four Removed Numeral Six Displayed	1 Sound	4

Boats not starting shall keep clear of boats in their start sequence.

**D6. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the 'port end' finishing mark an orange buoy or nearby fixed mark.

**D7. Time Limit**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be Nautical Twilight. If no boat finishes within the time limit the race shall be abandoned. Boats still racing after Nautical Twilight shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**D8. Prizes**

The Steam Packet Hotel Thursday Twilight Female Helm Trophy shall be given to the first placed boat in the series.

Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of Hobsons Bay Yacht Club.