



CAPEL SOUND INVITATIONAL - 'The Battle for the Bar' Racing Instructions

Marks of the course:

'Club Mark' is designated as a mark of the course in the vicinity of either the Rosebud or Rye yacht clubs (outer dots)

'Gate' is a common gate that all boats must pass between located approximately in the waters of the Violet St, located halfway between both clubs (see map – middle dot).

Division 1 Catamarans - All Catamarans (class flag - numeral one) - consists of 2 laps of a distance course, sailed between the waters of Rosebud YC and Rye YC. Approx. course length is 24km.

Start – gate, club mark, gate, club mark, gate, club mark, gate, finish.

Division 2 Monohulls - All Monohulls (class flag - numeral one) – consists of 1 lap of a distance course, sailed between the waters of Rosebud YC and Rye YC. Approx. course length is 12km.

Start – gate, club mark, gate, finish.

Division 3 Foilers - All Foilers (class flag - numerical one) – consists of 3 laps of a distance course, sailed between the waters of Rosebud YC and Rye YC. Approx. course length is 36km.

Start – gate, club mark, gate, club mark, gate, club mark, gate, club mark, gate, finish.

Division 4 Paddlers - All Paddlers (class flag - numeral one) – consists of 1 lap of a distance course, sailed between the waters of Rosebud YC and Rye YC. Approx. course length is 12km.

Start – gate, club mark, gate, finish.

Sign on/sign off:

Boats are to sign on/off at the club of their choosing, according to the manor that the relevant club prefers. All rescue craft shall be given a copy of all entrants prior to race start.

The start:

All craft will start with a common start on a 3-minute sequence. They may start from either club on a simultaneous start, with rescue boats in communication for the start sequence.

Paddlers will start 1 min prior to the main Sailing Fleet.

Any yacht over the start line before the starting signal shall round the start line at either end and start again.

Start line etiquette will be required due to the wide variety of sailing classes and therefore wide-ranging speeds.

Slower craft are to start at the most windward end of the line and the fleet is to progressively start on the line to leeward as the fastest craft will start to the most leeward end of the line.

Eg, An Opti would start at the Windward end of the line, a H14 may be near the middle and a Kite Foil would start at the most Leeward end.

This provides the clearest air for the fleet and separation between fast and slow craft.

The course:

Boats will sail either one, two laps or three laps, depending on division. After starting, all boats must pass through the common gate in both directions for the duration of the race. This gate will be manned by a rescue craft. Marks at either end of the course shall be left to port.

The direct path for this course would take boats along the edge of the blue water – no mark shall be placed out to sea.

Any boat that crosses the shipping channel shall be scored DSQ without hearing.

A boat may cross inside the 5 knot markers, however be advised of sandbars and swimmers. Speed limits, enforced by Victoria police, apply.

The finish:

Boats are to finish out the front of their yacht club that they started from.

Shortened course:

In the event of a shortened course, code flag 'S' may be flown from either the common gate in the middle of the course, or the duty boat at each end. Once passing this flag, the boat is then to finish at their respective 'started' club.

The onus remains on the skipper of each yacht to know when the flag applies to them.

In the event that a shortened course flag is flown from a club mark out the front of the respective boats' starting club, that boat shall finish at that mark in accordance with the finishing instructions.

Finish:

To finish correctly boats must pass between the start/finish buoy and the tower of their respective club. At Rosebud this will leave the buoy on the port side, at Rye this will leave the mark on the starboard side. The onus remains on the skipper to ensure that they have passed through a finish line correctly.

Safety:

All duty boats and support craft shall have an appropriate radio tuned to VHF 71

All boats competing shall carry 500ml of fresh, potable water, per person.

All sail craft to give way to paddlers when sailing speed exceeds paddling speed. All paddlers to give way to yachts when paddling speed exceeds sailing speed.

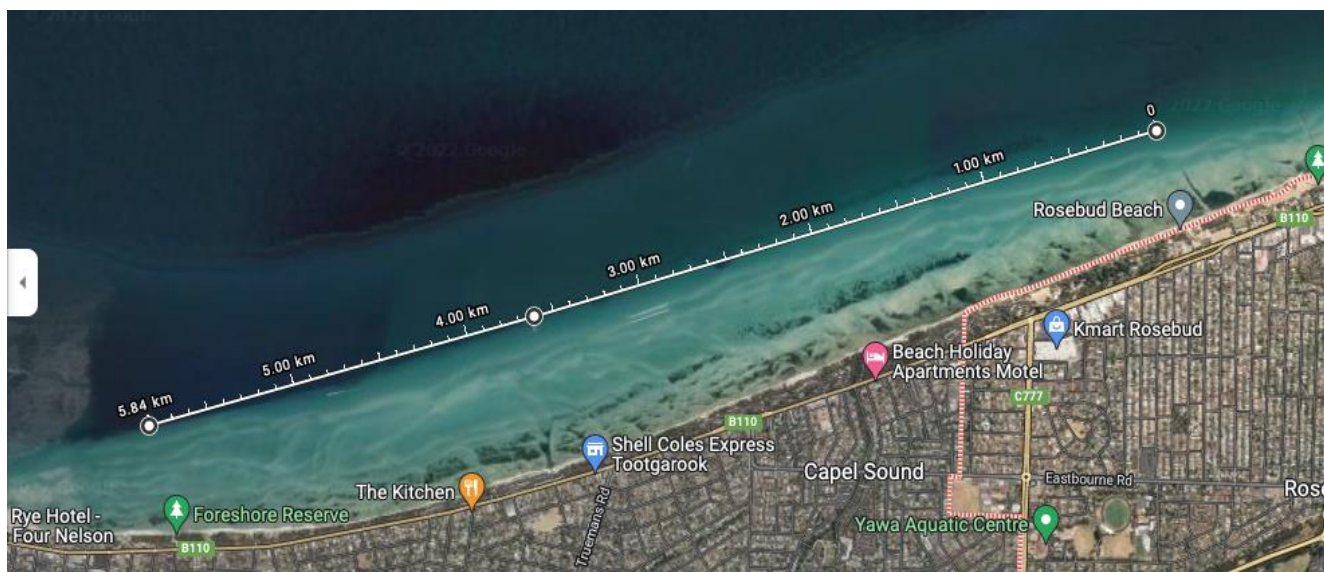
All craft shall avoid collisions at all times.

Prizes:

First, second and third trophies will be awarded for each division.

A perpetual shield will be awarded to the winning club with the lowest overall elapsed time on yardstick.

Map of the course:



Risk Statement

RRS3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.**

All those taking part in this race conducted by Rye and Rosebud Yacht Clubs do so at their own risk and responsibility. Rye and Rosebud Yacht Clubs are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted, or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or its crew. In accordance with Rule 76 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS, Rye or Rosebud Yacht Club reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat, subject to the conditions of Rule 76.

Attention is drawn to RRS 3 "Decision to Race" which states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

No liability is accepted by Rye or Rosebud Yacht Club, its officers, members and volunteers for the loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by participation in or arising out of this race. These sailing instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of the boat they are sailing.