

Supplementary Sailing Instructions

E – Fixed Mark Series



E1 Format

The 2026 - 27 HBYC Fixed Mark Series shall consist of the following events.

Race 1	RMYS Bert Watts Trophy	Refer host RMYS
Race 2	HBYC Henry Press Trophy	see below
Race 3	RMYS Dick Lean Trophy	Refer host RMYS
Race 4	RMYS Cactus Cup	Refer host RMYS
Race 5	RMYS Moomba Cup	Refer host RMYS
Race 6	RMYS Services Shield	Refer host RMYS

E2 Class Flags

Race 2 – Henry Press Trophy Flag R

All other races refer to host club

E3 Crew Declaration link

As nominated in the Standard Sailing Instructions

E4 Eligibility

As per Notice of Race

E5 The Start

Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal five minutes before the starting signal.

The starting line may be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the 'port-end' starting mark, an orange cylindrical buoy or fixed mark.

A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

In addition to the mandatory TopYacht Crew Declaration, all boats shall 'sign on' by sailing on a starboard tack past the stern of its Race Committee Vessel prior to the first warning signal, hail her sail number and receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee Vessel.

E6 The Courses

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 Appendix A (Commercial Shipping) of the Standard Sailing Instructions and 'out of bounds areas' outlined in the PPNYC Standard Sailing Instruction Attachment 1 – Courses and Marks

Marks Refer to PPNYC Standard Sailing Instruction - Attachment 1 – Courses and Marks

Course **Course 1 – approx. distance 25.2 nm**

Start - Vicinity of RMYS C

Cross Main Shipping Channel - Outer Anchorage (P) - Centre mark (P) - P2 (S) - Gellibrand Shoal Mark (P) - Fin

Course 2 – approx. distance 28nm

Start - Vicinity of RMYS C

SYC 5 (P) - Carrum #2 (P) - SYC 5 (S) - RMYS C (P) - Finish

E7 The Finish

Course 1 - The finish shall be a line projected from the Williamstown 'Timeball Tower' to Transit Mark T28, passing T28 to starboard.

Boats shall finish in a north-easterly direction.

Course 2 - The finish line will be between Xray Mk and the Committee Boat.

Boats shall finish in a northerly direction.

E8 Radio Position Reporting Schedule

The primary radio channel for race communications shall be **VHF Channel 69**.

Radio Schedules for the race shall be as follows.

All boats shall radio HBYC Race Control on the appropriate radio channel at the following marks, dependent upon Course being raced.

Course 1 - Centre Mark Gellibrand Shoal Mark.

Course 2 - Carrum #2 RMYS C

Radio Channel shall be 69 for all reports.

At each radio schedule boats shall call HBYC Race Control advising their sail number, boat name, position, number of boats in the vicinity and identity if known.

If a boat is not able to make contact for a position report on Channel 69 at the times indicated on the radio schedule above, she shall SMS her sail number and position to HBYC Race Control (0474 079 202) at the scheduled times.

All boats which retire shall report to Race Control by radio Ch 69 or SMS Race Mobile (0474 079 202) upon making the decision to retire, and within one (1) hour of reaching its home club

E9 Time Limit

The time limit for the first boat to sail her course and finish shall be 17:00. If no boat finishes within the time limit the race shall be abandoned. Boats still racing after 20:00 shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

E10 Prizes

The first placed HBYC boat in each Division (PHS, AMS, ORC Club) of the Series shall be given a Fixed Mark Series Trophy in each Division.

The first HBYC placed boat shall be given the relevant Trophy as follows.

- Henry Press Trophy Race
 - o Henry Press Trophy (PHS)
 - o Stan Gibson Trophy (AMS)

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