

**MORDIALLOC MOTOR YACHT
CLUB INC.
(SAILING)**

YACHT RACING

2021-2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club

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(SAILING)

Yacht Racing Division

2021-2022 Sailing Instructions

Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club Inc. (Sailing) will conduct its annual race program as published, from the October 2021 to October 2022 on the waters of Port Phillip adjacent to the club (unless otherwise notified). The organising authority is Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club Inc. (M.M.Y.C.).

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as described in Racing Rules of Sailing (R.R.S.), the prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA), the Australian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Rule (2019), the rules of each Class Association concerned, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 All races are classified as a Category C in accordance with RRS 79.
- 1.3 These rules remain current for club races until superceded.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, FEES and CREWS

- 2.1 Races are open to all yacht types deemed appropriate by the Sailing Committee.
- 2.2 Sailors wishing to enter programmed races must register their yacht on the Membership Renewal Form, the Membership Application Form or the Yacht Registration Form. Where necessary the appropriate Yachting Victoria (YV) form, plus any applicable fee must be lodged with the club secretary (or deputy) in a timely manner as prescribed.
- 2.3 All registered yachts shall be entered for each race by their skipper or crew, prior to the warning signal of their race accompanied by a fee of \$10.00 for single event or Super Block all 4 series for \$80 and payable to the secretary by the due date advised by the Sailing Director. These entries are required to nominate the crew where applicable.
- 2.4 Visiting yachts, from clubs or associations affiliated with YV may include a fee of \$10.00 per race with their entry. Visiting yachts not affiliated with YV or yachts that are not members of any sailing/yacht club may pay a fee of \$15.00 per race entry.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS ASHORE

- 3.1 Notices will be placed on the official Race Notice Board, located in the clubhouse
- 3.2 Allocation Notice - Posting. The Sailing Committee will post the course allocation notice, each race day, listing the course to be sailed and any variation as permitted by these Sailing Instructions. Posting shall be approximately one (1) hour prior to the first start of the race(s) on the Race Notice Board.

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4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 If temporary or permanent changes are made to these sailing instructions and/or the sailing program CODE FLAG "L" will be displayed from the club signal mast (accompanied by one (1) sound signal) 1 hour before the starting signal for the race concerned. This signal indicates that a change in the sailing instructions has been placed on the official Race Notice Board.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 All signals made ashore shall be displayed on the club signal mast, situated on the Lawn South of the clubrooms. Where races are to be delayed or abandoned as in 5.3 and 5.4 of these instructions, duplicate flags may be flown in addition on the flag pole situated to the West of the Club Rooms
- 5.2 The code flag "P" will indicate a race will be conducted.
- 5.3 Code flag "AP" with two (2) sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed and the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 5.4 Code flag "N" will indicate the race will be abandoned.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races will be as published in the MMYC calendar of events on the MMYC web site or other sites as deemed fit by the sailing committee from time to time.

7.0 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area is on Port Philip adjacent to the Mordialloc Pier and Carrum Bight (AUS Chart 143)

8.0 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in illustration A shows the area races will be conducted, including the approximate latitude and longitude of marks and distances from Mordialloc pier.
- 8.2 Courses to be sailed will be at the discretion of the sailing committee and the course and starting format (see rule 10) will be advised no later than one hour prior to each race.




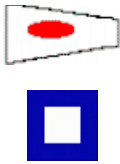




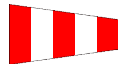
9.0 MARKS OF THE COURSE.

- 9.1 The coordinates for the marks of the course are shown on page 11 below illustration "A"
- 9.2 **The Foul Water Buoy (F) is to be considered as an extension of the pier. Competitors shall not pass between the pier and this mark**

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10.0 THE START.

10.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26

Title	Signals	Timing	Flag Display	Sound
Warning	Code Flag Pennant 1 	Raised 5 min prior to start		1 Sound
Preparatory	Prep Flag 	Raised 4 min prior to start		1 Sound
Preparatory	Prep Flag 	Lowered 1 min prior to start		1 Long Sound
Start	Code Flag Pennant 1 	Lowered @ Start	None	1 Sound
Races not started but postponed	AP Flag 	Raised		2 Sounds
Races not started have been postponed will start soon	AP Flag 	Lowered	None	1 Sound

10.2 Starts for other divisions will be at the discretion of the sailing committee.

10.3 A yacht shall not start later than 15 minutes after her starting signal. Yachts more than 15 minutes late will be scored DNS.

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10.4 Timed or Pursuit Starts

In the event of timed or pursuit starts, yachts shall proceed to the starting area and start at their nominated starting time, as displayed on the course allocation board. Later starting boats to keep clear of early starts. RRS Rule 30.1 applies to all timed or pursuit starts.

10.5 Starting Line

“Pier Start”

The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the pole with a red light at the extreme end of Mordialloc Pier and a yellow or red/orange flag buoy laid (Mark “R”) approximately 100 metres off the end of the Mordialloc Pier. Boats shall pass between these marks in the direction of the next rounding mark. Boats shall not pass between the foul water buoy and the pier. If “R” buoy is not laid, start line is as per 13.1 PIER FINISH

Or

“Boat Start”

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark. (Known as a “Boat start”)

The sailing committee will advise the form of the start with the posting of the course prior to each race.

11.0 MARK BOATS (if used)

11.1 Mark boats may be stationed beyond each mark. When on station each mark boat shall display the MMYC club Burgee from its signal mast. Failure of a mark boat to be on station or to display her signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START.

12.1 Notification of changes to the course will be made verbally (if within hailing distance) or **27.88 MHz** radio (initial calling only with change to **27.94 MHz** for instructions) or via VHF channel **73**. This changes RRS Rule 33.

12.2 SHORTENED COURSE

At 1230hr (or such other time as deemed appropriate by the sailing committee) if the Race office or the Duty Officer considers that the last yacht will not finish the course in time he/she may shorten the course. He/she shall advise the fleet on **VHF 73 & 27.94 MHz** that the race shall finish at the next mark of the leading yacht. All yachts to acknowledge that they have received this instruction. Other than at the pier finish, a yacht's finish time is to be taken when the helmsperson is abeam of the buoy during the rounding and the yacht is on course for the next mark. This changes Rule 13.2 and RRS Rule 33

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13.0 THE FINISH

13.1 "Pier Finish"

The finish line shall be an imaginary line from the end of Mordialloc Pier along the Southern side of the Pier with the helmsperson positioned in his/her normal sailing position. This imaginary Line extends seawards for **no more** than a maximum length of 100 metres, or a distance no further seaward of the pier than the "R" buoy, if it is laid. Boats shall not pass between the foul water buoy (if laid) and the pier.

13.2 "Boat Finish"

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

13.3 The sailing committee will advise the form of the finish with the posting of the course prior to each race.

13.4 After finishing yachts are to keep clear of all other yachts finishing.

13.5 Mark Missing or out of position ("Pier Finish")

In the event of **Mark R *not being in position or missing*** the helmsperson of a finishing yacht should take his/her finishing time off the pier on the southern transit of the pier and cross in the direction **from the last mark**, as described in 13.1 above.

13.6 Finish time. ("Pier Finish")

The **finishing time** of a yacht, in hours, minutes and seconds must be taken from the **normal helmsperson's position**, when the yacht crosses the finish line as described in 13.1 (above) of these sailing instructions. This time is to be recorded on the race control sheet provided for that race, it is to be handed to the handicapper (or a member of the sailing committee) as soon as the skipper comes ashore or no later than 30 minutes after the last yacht has finished. In the event of the yacht not coming ashore or proceeding to another destination then the skipper is to report their finish time via radio no later than 30 minutes after she has finished.

13.7 Time Pieces

Timepieces may be set onshore using the official clock provided 50 minutes prior to the warning signal. This clock will be set using GPS time, or other UTC /atomic clocks approved by the Race Director, adjusted to Eastern Standard (or Summer) Time. Errors or discrepancies in finishing times may be subject to protest.

14.0 PENALTIES

14.1 RRS rule 44.1 and 44.2 apply. This includes (but is not limited to) two penalty turns for RRS Part 2 (When Boats Meet) infractions and one penalty turn for touching a mark.

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- 14.2 A boat that crosses the start line before it's scheduled start time must go back past the start line (keeping clear of other starters) and restart, whether or not there is a recall by the Race Officer. Relevant penalties are:
- a) Flag start: The boat shall be disqualified if a recall flag was flown
 - b) Non flag start: The boat shall be penalised by the time advantage gained plus the amount of time required to penalise the boat a further 2 places on PBH and/or CBH, dependant on which scoring systems are included in the season aggregates. This changes RRS 30.
- 14.3 Failure to comply with 14.1 or any relevant RRS regulation, ATYSBR regulation or MMYC sailing instruction (except 14.2) will, at the discretion of the Sailing Committee members present on the day, carry a minimum scoring penalty of 5 minutes and a maximum scoring penalty of DNE.
- 14.4 Rules 14.1-14.3 apply whether or not the relevant flags are flown.

15.0 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit will be 4 (four) hours for all yachts. Beyond this time yachts shall be recorded as "DNF".

16.0 PROTESTS

16.1 Short Form

- 16.1.1 If all boats involved agree, a short form hearing will be take place as soon as possible following the end of a race as an alternate to Part 5 of the RRS.
- 16.1.2 Any intention to proceed with this short form hearing must be advised to the other parties and a Sailing Committee member prior to signing off.
- 16.1.3 Boats will verbally present the facts to a hearing before Sailing Committee members on hand.
- 16.1.4 That group will determine the outcome following the hearing and apply any penalties or scoring adjustments it deems applicable.
- 16.1.5 Decisions are final and no appeal is possible if this short form determination is used.

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16.2 Standard Form

- 16.2.1 Protests will be presented on the RRS protest Form (four pages) copied to A4 size.
- 16.2.2 Completed forms are to be delivered to the Sailing Committee officer (or deputy) within two (2) hours of the last boat finishing.
- 16.2.3 Facsimile protest form lodgement is only acceptable when the Sailing Committee officer (or Deputy) is also advised (for example, by radio or telephone) of the intention to transmit the protest facsimile to MMYC.
- 16.2.4 Protests will be heard as soon as practicable after parties to the protest have been advised of the hearing arrangements.

17.0 SCORING.

- 17.1 A Low Point scoring system shall be used, such as described in the relevant chosen system for each series as provided for in the "SailRes" handicapping program.
- 17.2 Transfer of points to a new yacht from the original yacht registered will only be approved at the discretion of the sailing committee.
- 17.3 A minimum of two (2) yachts to start constitutes a race.
- 17.4 RRS A8 shall not be applied to series tied scores. If there is a series score tie between two or more boats for any placing, their scores shall be recalculated using only the races in which they all competed, with no exclusions. If a tie remains, the placing(s) that are still tied shall be decided by either a match race or by the best scores of the first race of the next season.

18.0 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (CBH)

- 18.1 A club Championship Series may be held in conjunction with the Club Aggregate and scoring will be as per 17.0 of these sailing instructions
- 18.2 A yacht contesting in the club championship will compete using its ATYSBR CBH handicap.
- 18.3 In the event of no ATYSBR CBH rating being available for a yacht, skippers should apply to the Sailing committee prior to the commencement of the series for allocation of a rating. Seven- (7) days notice is required for this application to be processed.

19.0 AVERAGE POINTS

- 19.1 Average points are determined at the completion of the series when a yacht misses a race to honour commitments to YV, State or National events, or while representing the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club at any approved away club event.

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Approval in writing is required from the Sailing Committee prior to a yacht competing in any of these events.

- 19.2 Average points may also be granted when skippers are unable to race by reason of being co-opted by the Sailing Committee to assist in the conduct of a scheduled Club race.
- 19.3 Average points may also be granted, at the discretion of the Sailing Committee, when an experienced skipper forgoes sailing their own yacht to mentor a less experienced skipper. The skippers must have otherwise been likely to sail their own yacht.
- 19.4 Average points may also be granted if a boat cannot get out of its berth in time to race due to low tide, or for any other reason deemed reasonable by the Sailing Committee.

20.0 TROPHIES AND PRESENTATION

- 20.1 Presentation of Trophies for Club Aggregate PHS and Club Championship CBH will be awarded at the club presentation EVENT held at the completion of the sailing year. Other trophies may be presented at the day of the race.
- 20.2 The SAILING COMMITTEE is specified in the Club's directory and a list of members will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

21.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1 YA Special Regulations, Part 1 Section 2 applies. All events are deemed Category 5
- 21.2 For all boats all crew are required to wear PFD 1 or PFD2 personal floatation devices (also known as life jackets).
- 21.3 Boats shall lodge an Owners Declaration covering all races entered.
- 21.4 Declarations shall be lodged not less than 24 hours prior to the start of the race.
- 21.5 Boats without a current declaration may be refused entry.
- 21.6 Boats found to have inappropriate declarations shall be disqualified.
- 21.7 Owners of boats or Owner's Representatives with seasonally lodged Declarations shall take note that those Declarations will not remain valid unless Boat & Equipment is managed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Category of the YA Special Regulations, Part 1 requirements for each specific race.
- 21.8 If the Bureau of Meteorology forecast wind strength for the proposed sailing time (and location) exceeds 25 knots, the race should be postponed or abandoned. If other dangerous conditions are deemed to exist, even in the absence of a Strong Wind Warning two hours prior to the sailing time, the race may be postponed at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day. Dangerous conditions include (but

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are not limited to) possible thunderstorms, extreme heat, wave conditions and observed local conditions irrespective of weather forecasts. At wind strengths of 25 knots for 15 seconds or any gusts over 30 knots, the race shall not be started.

- 21.9 All yachts shall monitor 27.88 MHz or Channel 73 VHF during the race. (Refer to section 23.1)
- 21.10 Skippers and crew are recommended to read and absorb the safety detail in the MMYC Safety Manual 2014. It is also recommended that skippers retain a copy of this manual onboard their vessels. A copy of the manual can be downloaded from the MMYC web site – www.mmyc.com.au
- 21.11 The number of crew on board any yacht is not restricted. However, at the discretion of the sailing committee minimum crew numbers may be defined depending on weather and wave conditions. This alters ATYSBR 13.02.
- 21.12 Skippers are recommended not to sail solo in adverse weather conditions - defined here as wind/wave conditions exceeding 18 knots and 1.2 metre wave height for more than 10 minutes.

22.0 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND NON-STARTING

- 22.1 Failure to comply with sections 22.3 or 22.5 will result in a yacht being scored "DSQ" without protest.

22.2 Declaration

All skippers of yachts that have finished must sign the declaration sheet within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore. Yachts, which proceed onto another port of call at the completion of their race, must lodge their result by radio and receive acknowledgement of their call from a member of the Sailing Committee.

Failure to do so may result in the yacht being recorded as "DNF". This changes RRS Rule 63.1.

22.3 Retiring Yachts

The skipper or crew of yachts that do not finish, or which have finished and wish to indicate retirement shall sign the declaration sheet provided within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore, indicating "DNF", and pass this declaration to the race committee. Yachts that proceed onto another port of call at the completion of their race must lodge their result by radio and receive acknowledgement of their call from a member of the sailing committee.

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22.4 Non starters

Yachts that enter but do not start shall adopt the same procedure as in 22.3 above and indicate "DNS" on their declaration sheet.

- 22.5 Yachts that retire, do not start and are unable to return to the club or make radio contact should telephone the club on a land line at the first available opportunity on Tel No. 9580 1203

23.0 ON WATER COMMUNICATIONS

- 23.1 Other than communications made verbally when a yacht is within hailing distance. Each yacht shall be prepared to receive and transmit Radio communications from time to time during the course of a race, skippers are to monitor **27.88 MHz** or **VHF channel 73** at all times and respond to any calls made to their yacht. It shall be the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that the radio is in working conditions at all times. YA Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.25 applies.

The Sailing Committee shall not be responsible for yachts not responding to calls made nor for any claims for redress should a skipper claim no radio call or contact was made.

24.0 INDEMNITY

- 24.1 All those taking part in races conducted by the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club Inc. do so at their own risk and responsibility. Neither Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club Inc. or any of its officers are responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 24.2 No liability is accepted by Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club Inc nor any of its officers for yachts or equipment afloat or ashore or stored at the club.

25.0 INFORMATION SESSION & TIME

- 25.1 A member of the Sailing Committee (or Deputy) may give a briefing commencing not later than 50 minutes before the start, except in the case of twilight races when the briefing shall normally be at 1730 or as otherwise notified.

Summer Information Session 0915 hrs.

Winter Information Session 0945 hrs

Twilight Information Session 1730 hrs

Thursday Afternoon Information Session 1230hrs

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26.0 COACHING

- 26.1 Coaching of any yacht other than to advise of an impending danger or change in sailing instructions is not to be given.

27.0 SPORTSMANSHIP & THE RULES

- 27.1 ***“Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire.”***

28.0 “NO EXTRAS “RACES.

- 28.1 Spinnakers are not permitted for races specified as “No Extras”.

Mainsail mizzens and headsails capable of sailing close hauled to windward are the only sails that shall be used

29.0 PROPULSION

- 29.1 Pursuant to RRS 42.3(i) A boat may use a propulsion engine for the following reasons:
- a) To help a person or another boat in danger, as per RRS 42,3(g)
 - b) To comply with or at the direction of a race officer or statutory authority.
 - c) If the skipper perceives an imminent danger to their own boat.
- 29.2 If a boat uses a propulsion engine according to the prescriptions of 29.1 and motors to advantage they must, once clear of any hazard, motor for the same duration and speed away from the next mark before returning to the race and must report the event to the race officer no later than 15 minutes after they have docked.

30.0 MANUAL POWER

- 30.1 Single and double handed crews may use auto tillers or wind vane steering.

This changes RRS 52

31.0 SAILING COMMITTEE

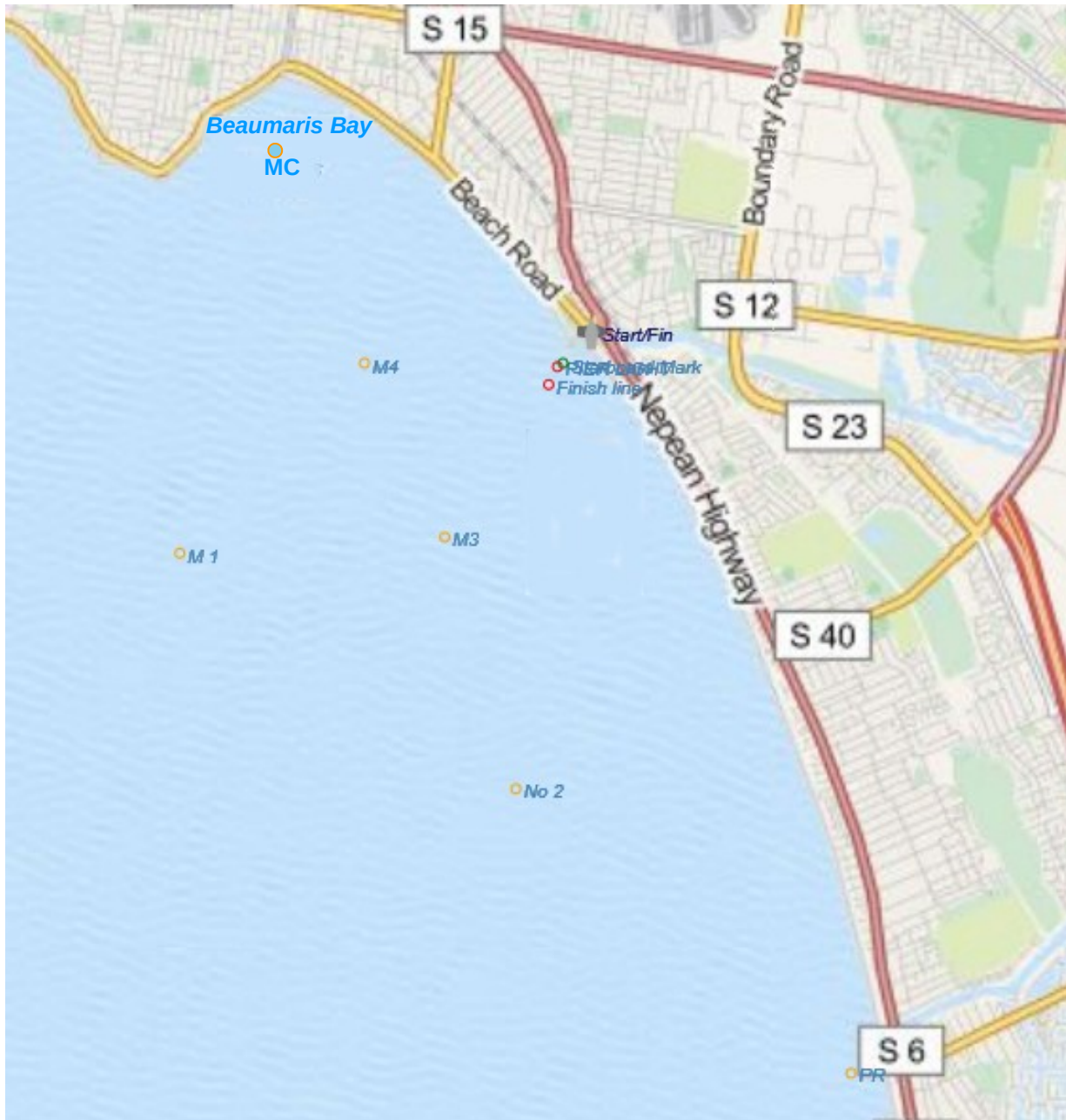
- 31.1 For the purposes of these instructions the Sailing Committee shall also mean the Racing Committee

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ILLUSTRATION 'A'

ILLUSTRATION ONLY, not to scale nor to be used for navigation purposes.

Chart to be used indicating the fixed buoys and beacons are in the Mordialloc area:



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Marks of the course.

Bearing and distances are relative to the Mordialloc pier light. Approx. Latitude and longitude 38°00'.777 S 145°04'.982E

Buoy	Name	Distance	Degrees	Approx. Latitude/Longitude
MC	Mussel Culture	2.13 NM	293°M	37° 59.8' S 145° 02.6' E
M1	Perm laid	2.27 NM	229°M	38° 01.8' S 145° 02.4' E
No 2	Perm laid	2.29 NM	174°M	38° 03.2' S 145° 04.6' E
M3	Perm laid	1.00 NM	200°M	38° 01.700' S 145° 04.212' E
M4	Perm laid	1.00 NM	259°M	38° 00.777' S 145° 03.604' E
PR	Patterson River	4.00 NM	144°M	38° 04.6' S 145° 07.0' E
WR	Wooley's Reef	8.27 NM	167°M	38° 09.317' S 145° 05.495' E
SG	Spoil Ground Buoy	9.6NM	268°M	37° 59.2' S 144° 52.9' E
FB	Fawkner Beacon	8.36 NM	286°M	37° 56.96' S 144° 55.48' E
SYC1	Sandringham Yacht Club No.1*			37° 57.8' S 144° 58.9' E
SYC5	Sandringham Yacht Club No.5*			37° 58.8' S 144° 58.385' E
SG to Fawkner Beacon 3.00 NM 032°M				

R Mark Yellow or Red/Orange Flag Buoy (Rounding/ Start)

The R Buoy may be, both, one end of start line and also a rounding mark of the course. It is not part of the finish line.

As part of the start line it shall be passed to port or starboard according to pre-race instructions. It then becomes a standard mark of the course to be rounded/passed on the same side as previous marks of the course (unless otherwise instructed)

F Foul Water Buoy approximately 20 metres off pier

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Note: MC constitutes the 4 yellow Special Marks that mark the extremities of the Mussel Culture.

**The Foul Water Buoy (F) is to be considered as an extension of the pier.
Competitors shall not pass between the pier and this mark**

***A direct bearing to the SYC marks is not relevant as Ricketts Point shields these marks. These marks may be used in special passage races if necessary – e.g. such as a substitute because of conditions to the Wooley's Reef race.**

APPENDIX 1

MMYC SAILING DIVISION

CLUB COURSES

For the purposes of simplicity the follow legend applies to names of marks

Name	Short Name
Buoy / Flag (Rounding Mark)	R Mark
Mussel Culture	MC Mark
MMYC 1 Permanent mark	M 1 Mark
Carrum No 2 Permanent mark	No.2 Mark
MMYC 3 Permanent mark	M 3 Mark
MMYC 4 Permanent mark	M 4 Mark
Patterson River Pole**	PR Mark
Wooley's Reef Pole	WR Mark
Spoil Ground	SG Mark
Fawkner Beacon	FB Mark
Sandringham Yacht Club No.1	SYC 1 Mark
Sandringham Yacht Club No.5	SYC 1 Mark

** Patterson River Pole (approx. 3 metre high) yellow at the Patterson River Entrance.