



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

INTERNATIONAL 420 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

27th Dec 2008 to 3rd Jan 2009

Venue

Royal Perth Yacht Club, Australia II Drive, Perth, WA

Organising Authority

Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc (RPYC) in conjunction with
the Australian International 420 Class Association

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2005 – 2008).
- 1.2 The Special Regulations of Yachting Australia, Part 2, will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Regatta is classified as a category C event in accordance with rule 79.
- 2.2 Competitors shall be required to display bow numbers and / or event sponsor's decals. These items will be supplied and affixed by the Organising Authority.
- 2.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be designated on one of the windows on the northern side of the dinghy club house.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the affected Race Session, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast at the front of the dinghy club house.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The championships will consist of a minimum of four races and a maximum of fifteen races.
- 6.2 The schedule of events will be as shown below:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Saturday 27 th Dec 2008	Registration / measurement	08:00
Sunday 28 th Dec 2008	Late measurement	08:00
Sunday 28 th Dec 2008	Competitor briefing	12:00 hrs
Sunday 28 th Dec 2008	Practice race	14:00 hrs
Monday 29 th Dec 2008	Championship Race Session 1	9:00 hrs
Monday 29 th Dec 2008	Championship Race Session 2	16:00 hrs
Tuesday 30 th Dec 2008	Championship Race Session 3	9:00 hrs
Wednesday 31 st Dec 2008	Championship Race Session 4	9:00 hrs
Thursday 1 st Jan 2009	Lay day or resail as required	As Posted
Friday 2 nd Jan 2009	Championship Race Session 5	9:00 hrs
Saturday 3 rd Jan 2009	Championship Race Session 6	9:00 hrs
Saturday 3 rd Jan 2009	Dinner & Presentation	19:00 hrs

- 6.3 The scheduled time shown in SI 6.2 is the time of the warning signal of the first race of the Race Session.
- 6.4 Following the first race of a Race Session, subsequent races shall be started as soon as reasonably practical. To alert boats finishing that a subsequent race is to follow, flag AP shall be displayed.
- 6.5 Races on each day will be scheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee to a maximum of three races per Race Session.
- 6.6 No races will commence after 15:00 hrs on Saturday 3rd January 2009.

7 CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag shall be the International 420 Class flag:



8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be Melville Water West (MWW) or Melville Water East (MWE) as indicated by Attachment A. Notification of the chosen racing area will be posted on the official notice board no later than 90 minutes before the next Race Session.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat shall display a numeral pennant indicating the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and gate marks will be round orange buoys.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be yellow round buoys.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing marks will be red buoys with a pole and red flag on top at one end and a race committee signal boat at the other end.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will then be started in compliance with rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 11.3 A buoy carrying a white flag may be permanently streamed from the Race Committee Boat from the time of the warning signal until all boats have started. The buoy is deemed part of the Committee Boat and any boat touching the buoy or passing between it and the Race Committee Boat shall be deemed to have touched the Committee Boat.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 11.5 Boats that have started shall not cross a start / finishing line while an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Boat unless they are starting or finishing, or correcting an error to comply with rule 28.1.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.2 The change of course will be signalled by the race committee before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position.
- 12.3 Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.
- 12.4 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark and any subsequent changes will alternate the new mark and the original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix P will apply [as changed by instruction 14.2].
- 14.2 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any protest after the first one.
- 14.3 A boat that has completed a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15 CLASS CHANGES TO RULE 42

- 15.1 In accordance with Class Rules, if the wind exceeds the specified limit of 13 knots consistently, the Race Committee may display flag O before or with the warning signal to indicate that pumping, rocking and ooching is permitted. The flag will be removed at the starting signal.
- 15.2 If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark to signal that the actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, to a boat after she has passed the mark.
- 15.3 If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag O was displayed, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat in each race is sixty (60) minutes.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available at the race office located within the dinghy clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, which will be the Bond Room, located on the second floor of the Royal Perth Yacht Club main club house and accessible by the main stairs near the front door facing the members car park.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalised for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 17.6 Breaches of instructions 2.2, 2.3, 14.3, 19.1, 19.2, 19.3, 20, 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties

for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.

- 17.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 17.9 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2 Fifteen (15) races are scheduled.
- 18.3 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.4 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.5 When 6 to 8 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.6 When 9 to 12 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 18.7 When 13 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 All boats intending to race shall sign the Sign On sheets located in the Dinghy Clubhouse prior to starting in every session.
- 19.2 All boats shall sign the Sign Off sheets located in the Dinghy Clubhouse within 1 hour of the last boat's finish time in the last race for every session.
- 19.3 All boats that retire from a race shall notify the Race Committee or official support boat as soon as possible if possible, and sign the Retirement Sheet located at the Dinghy Clubhouse within 30 minutes of beaching their boat.
- 19.4 Breaches of instructions 19.1, 19.2 or 19.3 will result in a protest by the race committee.
- 19.5 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that comply with Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2. (off the beach boats) or equivalent international standard.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity on forms available at the Race Office.
- 20.3 If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written approval shall be requested before the end of protest time for that session.

21 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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with a green and white flag.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 Coach and support boats shall fly an identifying flag which will be supplied by the race committee, and this must be clearly displayed at all times while afloat.
- 23.2 All coach and team support boats are requested to carry a VHF radio whilst afloat and keep a listening watch on channel 72 or any other channel nominated by the race committee. If deemed to be in the interests of safety of sailors or equipment, coaches may be asked to provide assistance and shall follow directions of the race committee.
- 23.3 Except when in boats provided by the organising authority or directed by the race committee, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel whilst afloat shall not enter the course area or go closer than 100 metres to any boat racing between the Preparatory signal for a race and when a boat finishes or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25 PRIZES

Visitors Trophy (Overseas Competitors Only)	1st
Australian 420 Champion	Sardine Trophy
Australian 420 Champion Female	Trophy
Open Championship Competitors	1st to 6th
Female Championship Competitors	1st to 6th
Australian Youth Champion Male	Huck Scott Perpetual Trophy
Australian Youth Champion Female	Trophy
Invitation Race	1st
Overall Handicap	1st to 6th
Consistency Award	Don Woolman Trophy
Champion State	Peter Loft Trophy
Winner Race 5	Roger Adrian Brown Memorial Trophy

Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

All trophies will be awarded to helm and crew in accordance with Class By-Laws.

Any competitor who wins a prize in the open fleet or female fleet will be ineligible to receive a handicap prize.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

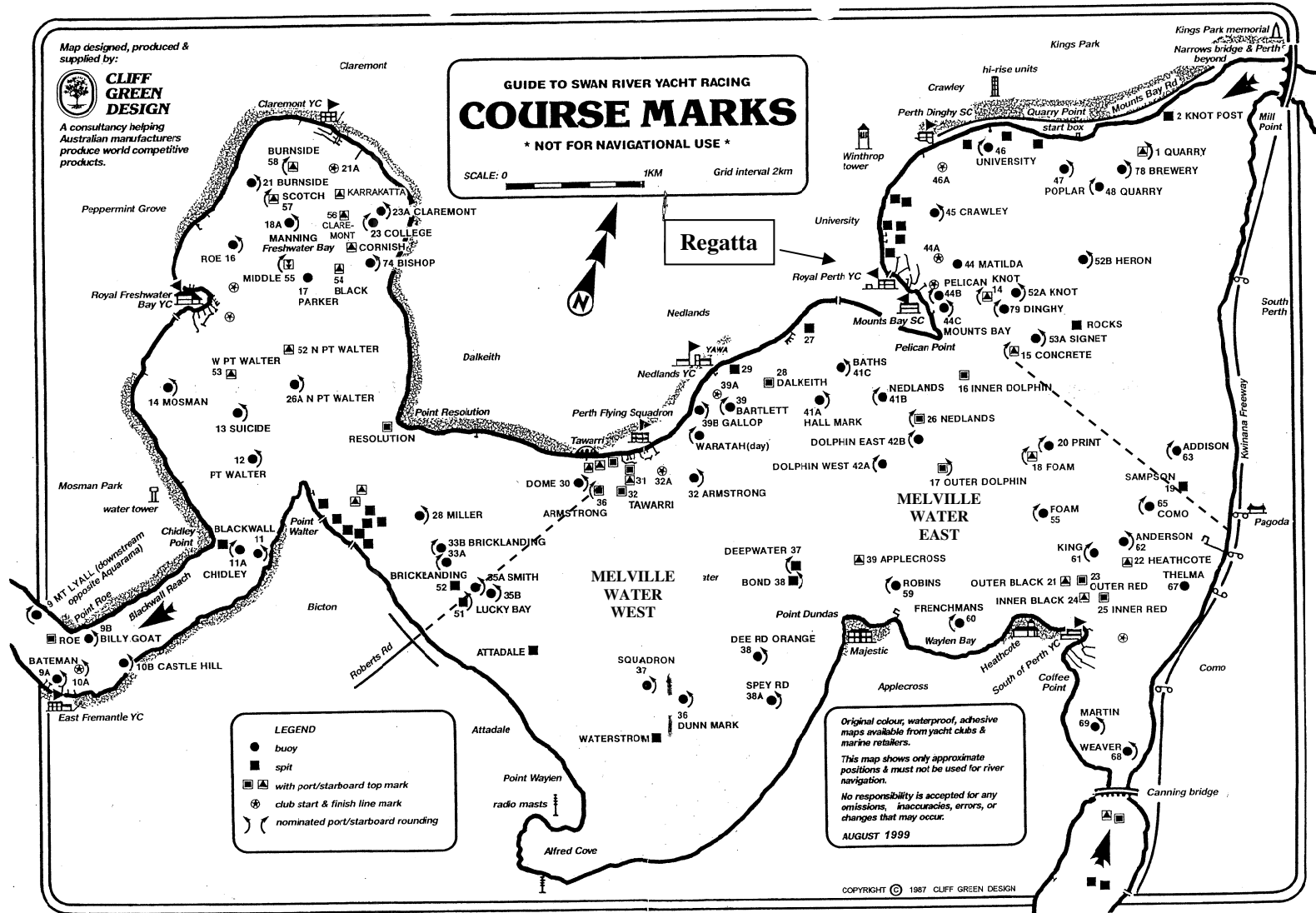
The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect.

The Organising Authority and the Royal Perth Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the Regatta.

27 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 per incident. By completing and signing the Entry Form, all owners and / or competitors are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

Attachment A

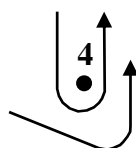
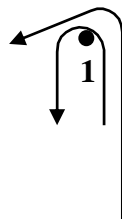
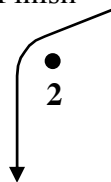


Attachment B

TRAPEZOID

Course 1 – Numeral Pennant 1

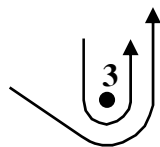
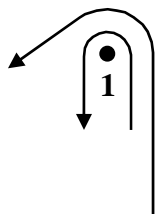
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TRIANGLE

Course 2 – Numeral Pennant 2

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish



Course 3 – Numeral Pennant 3

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

WINDWARD LEEWARD

Course 4 – Numeral Pennant 4

Start - 1 - G - 1 - G - 1 - G - Finish

