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SAIL MELBOURNE PACER AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP METUNG 2007

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority:

Pacer Australia Inc. in conjunction with Metung Yacht Racing Club Inc & Sail Melbourne

Pacer Australia as the organising authority has contracted the Metung Yacht Racing Club to conduct the Sail Melbourne Pacer Australia National Championships Metung 2007 on the waters of the Gippsland Lakes at Metung in Victoria from Friday 29th December 2006 to Thursday 4th January 2007.

1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2** The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia, Addendum A, Part 2 will apply.
- 1.3** Fundamental Rule 1.2 and Special Regulations Addendum 'A' Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats), R1 Personal Buoyancy are amended to require that children under 12 years of age shall wear a PFD Type 1 that complies with R1.2 (a).
- 1.4** All boats shall sign on and sign off ashore as specified in the sailing instruction 19 before and after each on water session. There will be no exceptions to this requirement for safety reasons
- 1.5** The Pacer Class Rules and Sailing Rules will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITOR

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the first floor

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast located on the yacht club flagpole.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals, Postponement Signal AP.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1** Registration will be on Friday 29 December 2006 from 0900 hours to 1200 hours.
- 5.2** A Competitors Information session will be held on Friday 29 December 2006 from 1230 hours. on the first floor

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1.** Registration:
Friday, 29th December 2006 from 0900 to 1200 hours

Dates of racing:

Event / Activity	Day	Date	Course	Warning Signal
Invitation Race	Friday	29th December 2006	TBA	13:25 hours
Race 1	Saturday	30th December 2005	Long	10:25 hours
Race 2	Saturday	30th December 2005	Long	13:25 hours
Race 3	Sunday	31st December 2005	Short	10:25 hours
Race 4	Sunday	31st December 2005	Short	Refer to 5.3
Resail if required	Sunday	31st December 2005	As Required	13:25 hours
Lay Day	Monday	1st January 2006	-	No racing
Race 5	Tuesday	2nd January 2006	Long	10:25 hours
Race 6	Tuesday	2nd January 2006	Long	13:25 hours
Race 7	Wednesday	3rd January 2006	Long	10:25 hours
Resail if required	Wednesday	3rd January 2006	As Required	13:25 hours
Race 8	Thursday	4th January 2006	Short	10:25 hours
Race 9	Thursday	4th January 2006	Short	Refer to 5.3
Resail if required	Thursday	4th January 2006	As Required	13:25 hours

- 6.2.** Provision for catch up races is provided for in the schedule of racing.

- 6.3. When more than one race will be held in one on water section, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made not less than 10 minutes after the official finishing time of the last boat in the preceding race. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.4. No warning signal will be made before 0930 or later than 1130 hours for morning races and 1630 hours for afternoon races on any day, however on the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.
7. **CLASS FLAG**
Class flags will be the Pacer Class Flag, which is the Pacer symbol in blue on a white pennant.
8. **RACING AREAS**
Attachment 1 of the Notice of Race shows the approximate location of racing area.
9. **THE COURSES**
- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the course signals, 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 Course designations and course signals will be displayed prior to the Warning Signal.
Refer to Attachment 12.
10. **MARKS**
- 10.1 Marks A, B and C will be cylindrical orange buoys, labelled according to the course diagram.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13, will be a orange inflatable buoy.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag, and an orange pencil buoy. A small red barging buoy may be laid near to or attached to the race committee boat but not necessarily on the start line. When laid, this mark shall be considered an extension of and a part of the race committee boat.
11. **AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**
There are no areas on the course designated as obstructions.
12. **THE START**
- 12.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the flag mast of the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.
13. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
14. **THE FINISH**
The finishing line will be between the finishing mark at the port end and the flag mast of the race committee boat displaying an orange flag.
15. **PENALTY SYSTEM**
Rules 44.1 and 44.2 (720°) shall apply
16. **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
- 16.1 The target time for the first boat to finish will be 90 minutes for the long course and 45 minutes for the short course.
- 16.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 120 minutes for the long course and 75 minutes for the short course. Otherwise Rule 35 regarding abandonment shall apply.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes for the long course and 30 minutes for the short course after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
17. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race control office on the ground floor of the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the session
- 17.3 The same time limit applies to requests for redress and to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.4 Notices, including protests by the race committee or protest committee under rule 61.1(b).will be posted within 75 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the race control office on the ground floor of the clubhouse.
- 17.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 17.3, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee under rule 67 will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 17.6 Breaches of instructions 15.3, 19, 20.2, 23 and 26 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 protest committee so decides.
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 60 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
18. **SCORING**
- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
19. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 19.1 Competitors' attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rules 1 and 4.
- 19.2 Sign-On:
Before each race or race session each competitor intending to race shall personally "sign-on", by signing the race sign-on sheet located in

the ground floor area prior to the warning signal of the race or race session. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction will result in a boat being scored equal to "DNC" for the race or races without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1

19.3 Sign-Off:

All boats shall sign the race sign-off sheet upon returning to shore, but no later than the end of protest time for that day. This sheet will be available in the ground floor area. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction will result in a boat being scored equal to "DNF" for the race or races without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1

19.4 Buoyancy Aids:

All competitors shall wear while racing, personal flotation devices that are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued by or approved by a national authority affiliated to the ISAF, or standards organisation, or certification authority recognised for the purpose by its respective government. In addition, government regulations require that competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Pacer Event Sailing Committee.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested before the end of protest time on the same day.

20.3 The written application for substitution and the approval of the Pacer Event Sailing Committee will be displayed on the notice board.

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 by displaying the burgee of the Metung Yacht Racing Club

23. SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 200 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23.2 Support boats shall be marked by displaying flag O of a minimum size of 400 by 500mm, conspicuously at all times.

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

Prizes will be given as follows, except that prizes marked with an asterisk (*) will be subject to the number of entries in that division

25.1 Championship

Open Division 1st, (Polycell Prout Trophy) 2nd, 3rd and 4th* placed boats

25.2 Other Divisions

Division B 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boats

Division C 1st, 2nd and 3rd* placed boats

Junior Skipper and Crew 1st, 2nd and 3rd* placed boats

Junior Skipper with Senior Crew 1st * placed boat

Boats without spinnaker 1st * placed boat

Divisions will be allocated at the discretion of the Race Committee after completion of the Invitation Race and 3 races of the Championship.

Allocation to divisions shall be based on a boats results only in those races which they completed.

The age limit for Junior skippers and crews shall be under 18 years on the 29 December 2006

Prizes marked with * are subject to the number of entries

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Aus\$5 Million or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT 1 - ILLUSTRATION OF THE COURSE(S)

Marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:

COURSE 1. Start, A-B-C, A-C, A-B-C, Finish

COURSE 2. Start, A-B-C, A-C, Finish

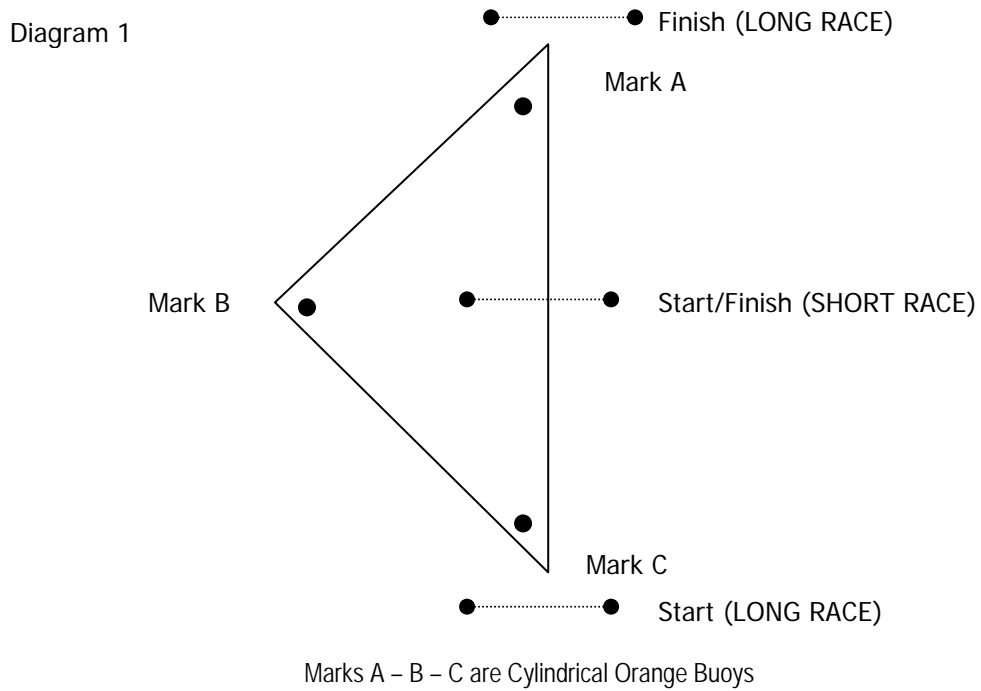
Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be left to port.

The course to be sailed shall be signalled on the Start Boat:

Course 1 will be indicated by displaying Numeral Pennant 1

Course 2 will be indicated by displaying Numeral Pennant 2

Diagram 1 illustrates the approximate shape of the course.



NOTE: The finish line will be positioned to weather of Mark 3, but no further than 0.2 nautical miles beyond Mark 1.