



**2023/24 McCrae Yacht Club**  
**Sailing Season**  
1 August 2023 – 31 July 2024  
McCrae Yacht Club  
Mornington  
Peninsula, Victoria



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – REVISION 1, 2/12/23**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** All races will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for off-the-beach classes applies.
- 1.2** All Green Fleet races will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Introductory Racing Rules* unless altered by these Sailing Instructions.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the upper deck of the McCrae Yacht Club.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1** Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1800hrs the day before the race is scheduled to commence.
- 3.2** Any ongoing changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the McCrae Yacht Club web site.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagstaff.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1** As shown in the Club Program. The scheduled time is the start time of the first division to start.



- 5.2** When another race is to be held in a session, flag L shall be displayed on the finish boat.
- 5.3** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Committee Vessel accompanied by one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal for the first division to start is displayed. The orange flag will be lowered on the expiration of the starting time-limit for the last division.
- 5.4** If a *Bureau of Meteorology* 'Gale Force Wind Warning' for Port Phillip Bay is current within three hours prior to any scheduled on-water event/s, the event/s shall be automatically abandoned for the day.

## **6 DIVISIONS**

### **6.1 Divisional Yardsticks**

Division 0 - Mixed - AS Yardstick up to 68.9, and Windfoil, excluding A-class Classic  
 Division 1 - Multihulls - AS Yardstick from 69.0 to 76.9, and A-class Classic  
 Division 2 - Multihulls - AS Yardstick 77.0 and above.  
 Division 3 - Monohulls - AS Yardstick 69.0 to 100.9  
 Division 4 - Monohulls - AS Yardstick from 101.0 to 108.9  
 Division 5 - Monohulls - AS Yardstick from 109.0 to 119.9 except Windsurfer LT  
 Division 6 - Monohulls - AS Yardstick from 120.0 to 147.9 and Windsurfer LT  
 Division 7 - Monohulls - AS Yardstick 148.0 and above.  
 Green Fleet Division 1 – Adults and children aged 14 and over  
 Green Fleet Division 2 – Children aged under 14

### **6.2 Divisional Flags**

Division 0 - Numeral Pennant 0  
 Division 1 - Numeral Pennant 1  
 Division 2 - Numeral Pennant 2  
 Division 3 - Numeral Pennant 3  
 Division 4 - Numeral Pennant 4  
 Division 5 - Numeral Pennant 5  
 Division 6 - Numeral Pennant 6  
 Division 7 - Numeral Pennant 7  
 Green Fleet Division 1 – Numeral Pennant 1  
 Green Fleet Division 2 – Numeral Pennant 2

## **7 RACING AREAS**

- 7.1** The Racing Area will be the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of McCrae Yacht Club or as illustrated on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.2** McCrae Yacht Club registered boats shall not enter the 'No Boating Zone' as shown in



Attachment **F**. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DSQ for the race or races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

## 8 THE COURSES

### 8.1 General

The diagrams in Attachments A, B, C, **D, and E** show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

### 8.2 Designating the Course

*Alpha Course Triangle* – indicated by displaying flag A on the Club flagstaff prior to boats leaving the beach and along with the orange flag on the Committee Vessel as outlined in Clause 5.3.

*Bravo Course Triangle* – indicated by displaying flag B on the Club flagstaff prior to boats leaving the beach and along with the orange flag on the Committee Vessel as outlined in Clause 5.3.

*Charlie Course Triangle* – indicated by displaying flag C on the Club flagstaff prior to boats leaving the beach and along with the orange flag on the Committee Vessel as outlined in Clause 5.3.

*Green Fleet Triangle* – applies for races comprising the Green Fleet Championship.

The Course shall be determined by the Race Officer based on conditions, availability of rescue craft and fleet size.

### 8.3 MARK ROUNDINGS

#### 8.3.1 Alpha Course Triangle

Division 0 - Start – 7,3sp – 7,3sp – 7,3sp – FINISH

Division 1 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – FINISH

Division 2 - Start – 1,1a,2,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,2,3sp – FINISH

Division 3 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – FINISH

Division 4 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 4,5,6 – 1,1a,3sp – FINISH

Division 5 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 4,5,6 – 4,6 - FINISH

Division 6 - Start – 4,5,6 – 4,6 – 4,5,6 – FINISH

Division 7 - Start – 4,6 – 4,5,6 – FINISH



### 8.3.2 Bravo and Delta Course Triangle

Division 0 - Start – 7,3sp – 7,3sp – 7,3sp – FINISH  
 Division 1 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3sp – FINISH  
 Division 2 - Start – 1,1a,2,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,2,3sp – FINISH  
 Division 3 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – FINISH  
 Division 4 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 4,5,3sp – 1,1a,3sp – FINISH  
 Division 5 - Start – 1,1a,3sp – 4,5,3sp – 4,3sp – FINISH  
 Division 6 - Start – 4,5,3sp – 4,3sp – 4,5,3sp – FINISH  
 Division 7 - Start – 4,3sp – 4,5,3sp – FINISH

### 8.3.3 Charlie Course Triangle

Division 0 - Start – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3 – FINISH  
 Division 1 - Start – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3 – FINISH  
 Division 2 - Start – 1,1a,2,3 – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,2,3 – FINISH  
 Division 3 - Start – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,3 – FINISH  
 Division 4 - Start – 1,1a,3 – 1,1a,2,3 – 1,1a,3 – FINISH  
 Division 5 - Start – 1,1a,2,3 – 1,1a,3 – FINISH  
 Division 6 - Start – 1,1a,2,3 – 1,1a,3 – FINISH  
 Division 7 - Start – 1,1a,2,3 – FINISH

### 8.3.4 Green Fleet Triangle

Green Fleet Division 1 - Start – 8, 9, 10 – 8, 10 – 8, 9, 10 – FINISH  
 Green Fleet Division 2 - Start – 8, 9, 10 – 8, 10 – FINISH

## 9 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3, 3s and 3p	Large pink inflatable buoys
Mark 1a	Small blue conical inflatable buoy
Marks 4, 5, 6	Large orange inflatable buoys
Mark 7	Large yellow inflatable buoy
Mark A	Red plastic buoy with orange flag
Mark B	Red plastic buoy with blue flag
Crowding Buoy	Red plastic buoy with plain yellow flag
Marks 8, 9 and 10	Orange plastic buoys with an orange stick, or orange inflatable cylindrical buoys
Mark X	Red plastic buoy with Code Flag X



## 10 THE START

### 10.1 Races will be started as follows:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes</i>
Warning	Division Flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, U or Black Flag, 1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory Flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Division Flag removed; 1 sound	0

This changes RRS 26.

- 10.2** The Alpha Course, Bravo Course and Charlie Course starting line shall be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and Mark A at the port end.
- 10.3** The starting line for Green Fleet shall be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and Mark A at the port end.
- 10.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5** A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 11 GENERAL RECALLS

RRS 29.2 is amended to state that the warning signal for the first recalled Division will be displayed at the start of the last Division, except when there are no other Divisions to start. The warning signal of subsequently recalled Divisions may be displayed at the start of the preceding recalled Division.

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The Alpha Course, Bravo Course and Charlie Course finishing line shall be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and Mark B.
- 12.2** The finishing line for Green Fleet shall be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and Mark A.



## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

For Divisions 0, 1, 2 and 3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## 14 TIME LIMIT

### 14.1 Alpha Course Triangle, Bravo Course Triangle and Charlie Course Triangle

The time limit will be 1 hour and 30 minutes for each Division. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in that division sails the course and finishes will, subject to Clause 14.3, be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### 14.2 Green Fleet Triangle

The time limit for the Green Fleet Triangle will be at the discretion of the Race Officer. Boats failing to finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5.

**14.3** The Race Officer may allocate a finish place and time for a boat(s) at his or her discretion to enable fair racing for the entire fleet.

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

**15.1** Protest forms are available at the Race Office, located in the club control tower. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the appropriate time limit.

**15.2** For each Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that Division has finished the last race of the day.

**15.3** 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 at McCrae Yacht Club as soon as practicable following the posting of the notice.

**15.4** Breaches of instructions 10.5, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.



- 15.5** Protest mediation may be used as a preliminary step prior to a full protest hearing for protests under the RRS of Part 2 and 4. If a boat accepts a penalty during a mediation hearing, the penalty shall be half the points the boat would have lost had the boat been disqualified in a full protest hearing.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1** The Low Point Scoring System amended as per A5.3 shall apply, subject to the following modification:

A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

- 16.2** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 16.3** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, the worst score will be excluded.

When from 7 to 10 races have been completed, the two worst scores will be excluded.

When from 11 to 14 races have been completed, the three worst scores will be excluded.

When from 15 to 18 races have been completed, the four worst scores will be excluded.

When from 19 to 22 races have been completed, the five worst scores will be excluded.

When twenty-three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her six worst scores.

- 16.4** Handicaps will be established on the combined performance of a boat and her helmsperson and will be reset to the Australian Sailing Yardstick at the commencement of the season.

- 16.5** All boats entering a series after a race or races have been sailed shall have their series score altered to equal the accumulated DNC score for each prior race in the series plus their race score for the entered race.

- 16.6** The Sailing Committee may approve average points for participation in Australian Sailing, State, National or International events as well as for Race Officer, Swimmer, Rib Crew or other race duties as requested by the Race Officer. Such approval will generally only be given for Aggregate, Skipper of Skippers and Class Championship events. A boat's score for each race where average points are awarded shall be points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward) of her points in all the races in the series except the race in question, in accordance with RRS A10(a). The maximum



number of races where average points will be allocated shall not exceed the number of drops for that series. Requests for average points shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the Sailing Committee within 48-hours of the last scheduled race start time for the season.

- 16.7** All boats shall obtain a compliance check prior to the first Aggregate. Any boat which has not obtained a compliance check by the first Aggregate, shall be scored DNC for all subsequent races until a compliance check has been completed. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 16.8** All boats shall submit a valid insurance policy number on that boat's Boat Registration Form. Any boat which has not submitted a valid insurance policy number shall be scored DNC for all subsequent races until a valid insurance policy number has been submitted. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 16.9** Each series shall be scored using the following corrected time method:

<u>Series</u>	<u>Corrected Time Method</u>
Class Championship	Finish Place
Skipper of Skippers	Australian Sailing Yardstick
Aggregate	Club Handicap
Lightning Championship	Australian Sailing Yardstick
Mothball Trophy	Australian Sailing Yardstick
Opening Day Trophy	Australian Sailing Yardstick
Eastern Light Trophy	Australian Sailing Yardstick
South Channel Challenge	Club Handicap
Commodore's Trophy	Club Handicap
December Trophy	Club Handicap
February Trophy	Club Handicap
March Trophy	Club Handicap
April Trophy	Club Handicap
Easter Racing	Club Handicap
Green Fleet	Australian Sailing Yardstick

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** For each race session, yachts intending to race shall 'Sign-on' using the Sailor app or by notifying the race office no later than 15 minutes prior to the first warning signal. Failure to comply will result in a boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 17.2** All boats shall 'Sign-off' using the Sailor app or by notifying the race office upon returning





to shore, no later than the end of protest time for their Division on that day. Failure to comply will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 18 SWIMMER & RIB CREW

- 18.1 The Race Officer may, acting in his or her absolute discretion, abandon or postpone racing until there is at least one appropriately qualified Swimmer and at least one appropriately qualified Rib Crew on the water.
- 18.2 The Sailing Committee may roster McCrae Yacht Club sailing members to be a Swimmer or a Rib Crew from time to time. Members so nominated will be named in the Club Program available on the club website and as updated from time to time.
- 18.3 If a Swimmer or Rib Crew is not available as rostered, they must arrange to swap with another rostered Swimmer or Rib Crew or otherwise arrange for a suitably qualified nominee to perform their duty. **The onus is on rostered Swimmers and Rib Crews to ensure that their duty is covered.**
- 18.4 The Swimmer and Rib Crew must report to the Race Officer for duty no later than 2 hours before the scheduled first race start for the day, either in person or by telephone. In the event that either the rostered Swimmer or Rib Crew or their appropriately qualified nominee does not report for duty, the Race Officer will request that the Division and/or Class usually entered by the rostered Swimmer or Rib Crew, to be determined at the Race Officer's absolute discretion, provide a suitable replacement or replacements. Failure to comply with this request will result in no start and no points awarded for the respective Division and/or Class on that day.
- 18.5 Swimmers and Rib Crews may apply for average points to be awarded for races completed whilst performing their duty pursuant to Clause 16.5.

## 19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 A boat may change her sail number from the one supplied on the Boat Registration Form provided the change be in writing and submitted to the Race Committee at least one hour before the scheduled start time of the first division in that race. Failure to do so will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 19.2 A sailor may request to change their hull from the one supplied on the Boat Registration Form provided the change be in writing and submitted to the Race Committee at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the first division in that race. Failure to do



so will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5. There will be a limit of one change per season.

## **20 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 the Race Officer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked by the McCrae Yacht Club burgee.

## **22 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches (with the exception of an official McCrae YC 'Club Coach') and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the orange signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. This does not apply for Green Fleet.

## **23 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, 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.

## **24 PRIZES AND PRESENTATION.**

**24.1** Trophies will be awarded on a Divisional basis, unless inconsistent with the relevant Deed of Gift.

**24.2** The publication of Class Championship results does not of itself indicate that Class Championship trophies will be awarded. Class Championship trophies will be awarded to classes averaging four or more starters over the first eight Aggregates, subject to a reasonable average being maintained throughout the series, or, at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. Class Championship awards may be awarded to classes that constitute their own division.



**24.3** Trophies will be presented on the following basis:

<i>No. of starters in a Class/Division</i>	<i>Trophies for places</i>
Ten or more	1st, 2nd and 3rd
From six to nine	1st and 2nd
From three to five	1st
Two or less	No trophies awarded, or at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

**25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

It is the Competitor's decision to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the race is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect.

By way of entry to the race competitors shall indemnify the McCrae Yacht Club Inc., their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or who so ever arising from their participation or intended participation in the race.

The competitor's attention is drawn to World Sailing Fundamental Rule 3.

**26 INSURANCE**

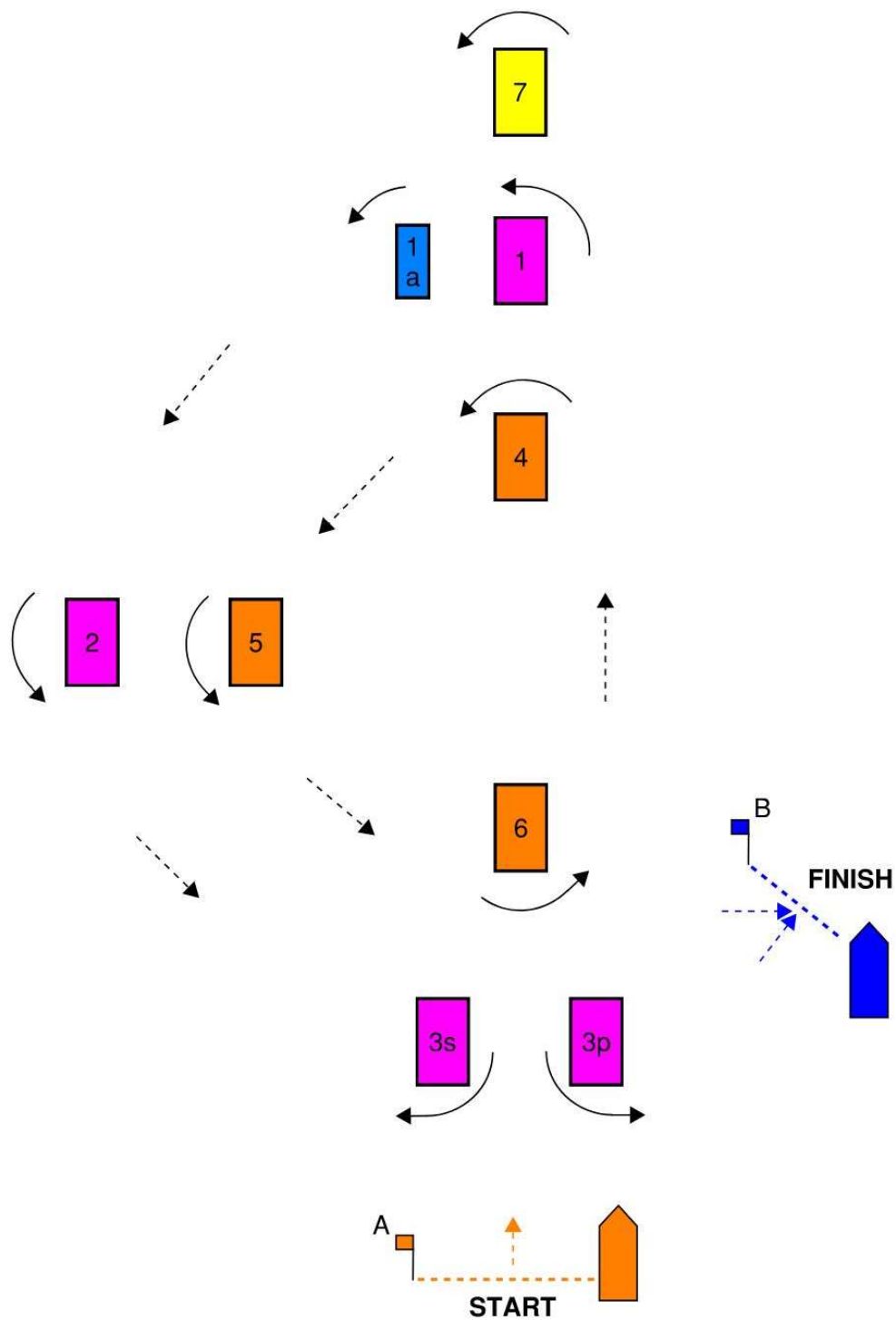
**26.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who sign a Yacht Registration Form or Visitors Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

**26.2** Club Members shall produce evidence of such insurance when they submit their 'Boat Registration Form'. Visiting boats shall complete the insurance compliance on the McCrae Yacht Club visitor's entry form.



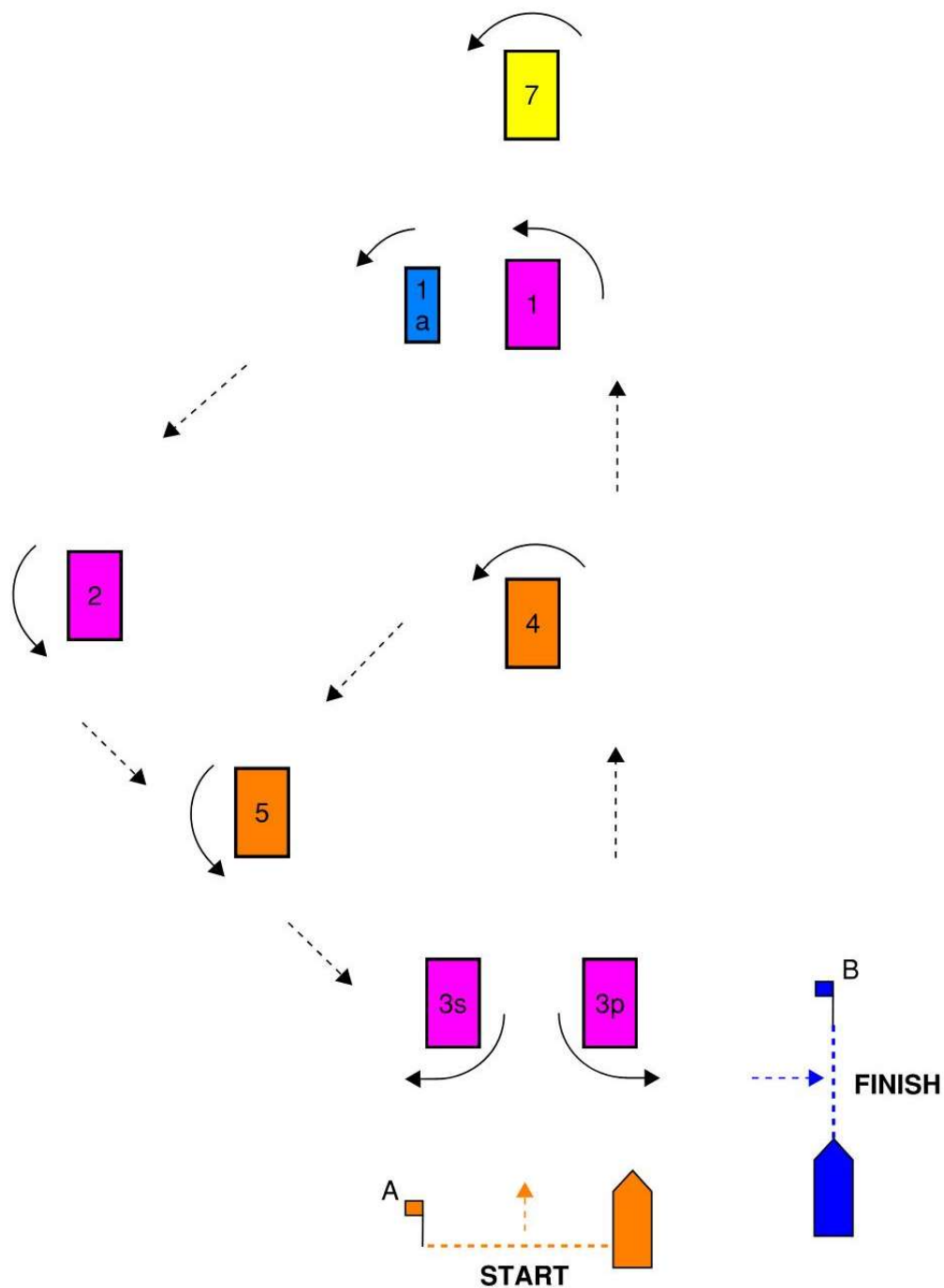
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## Alpha Course Triangle



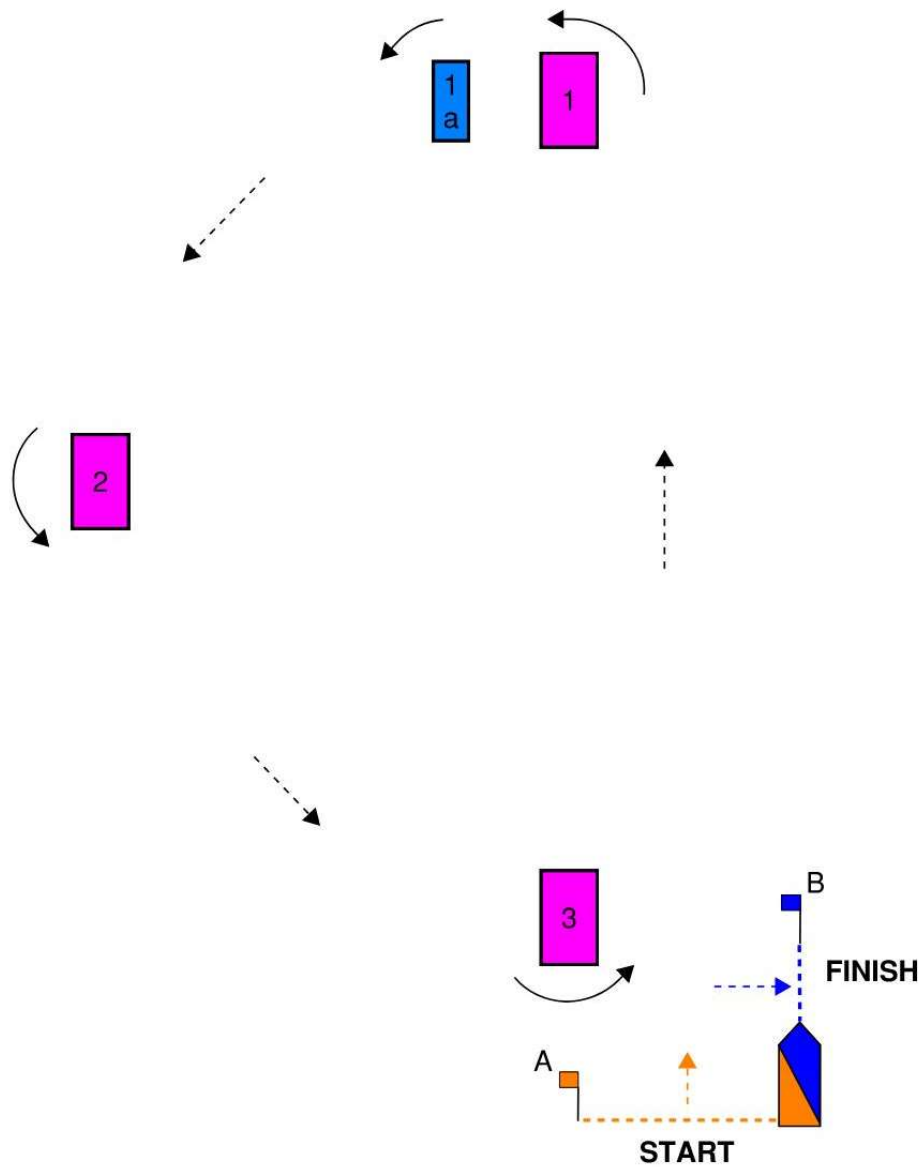
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### Bravo Course Triangle



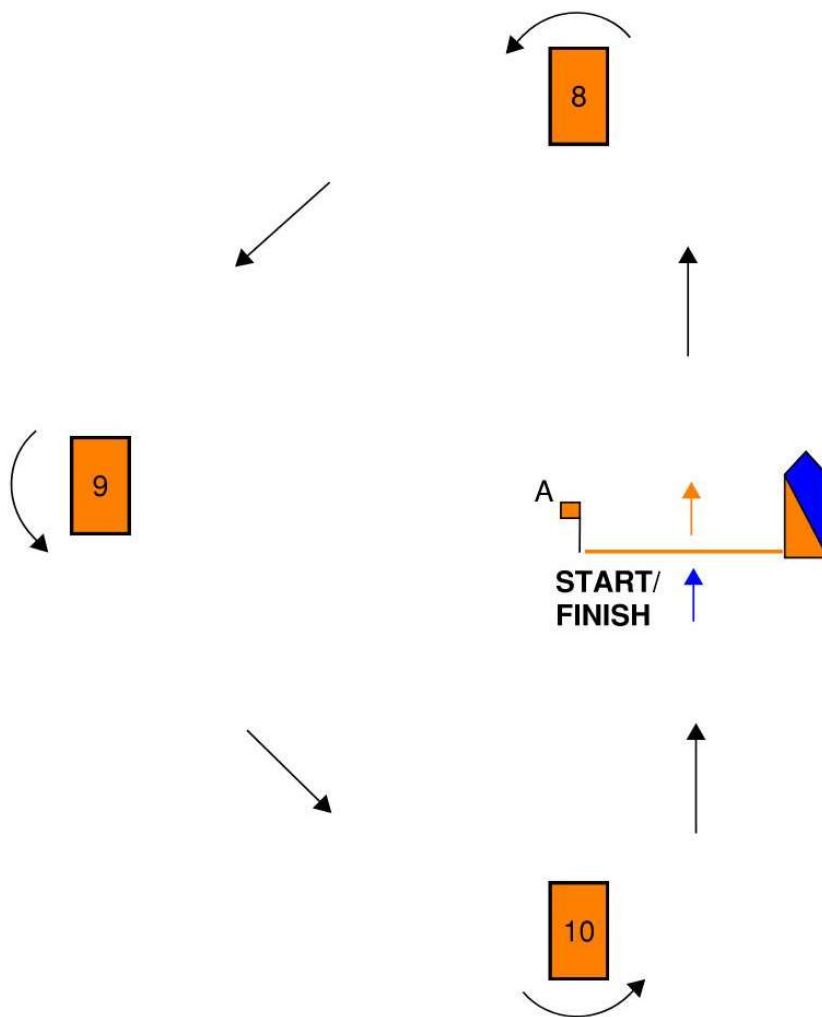
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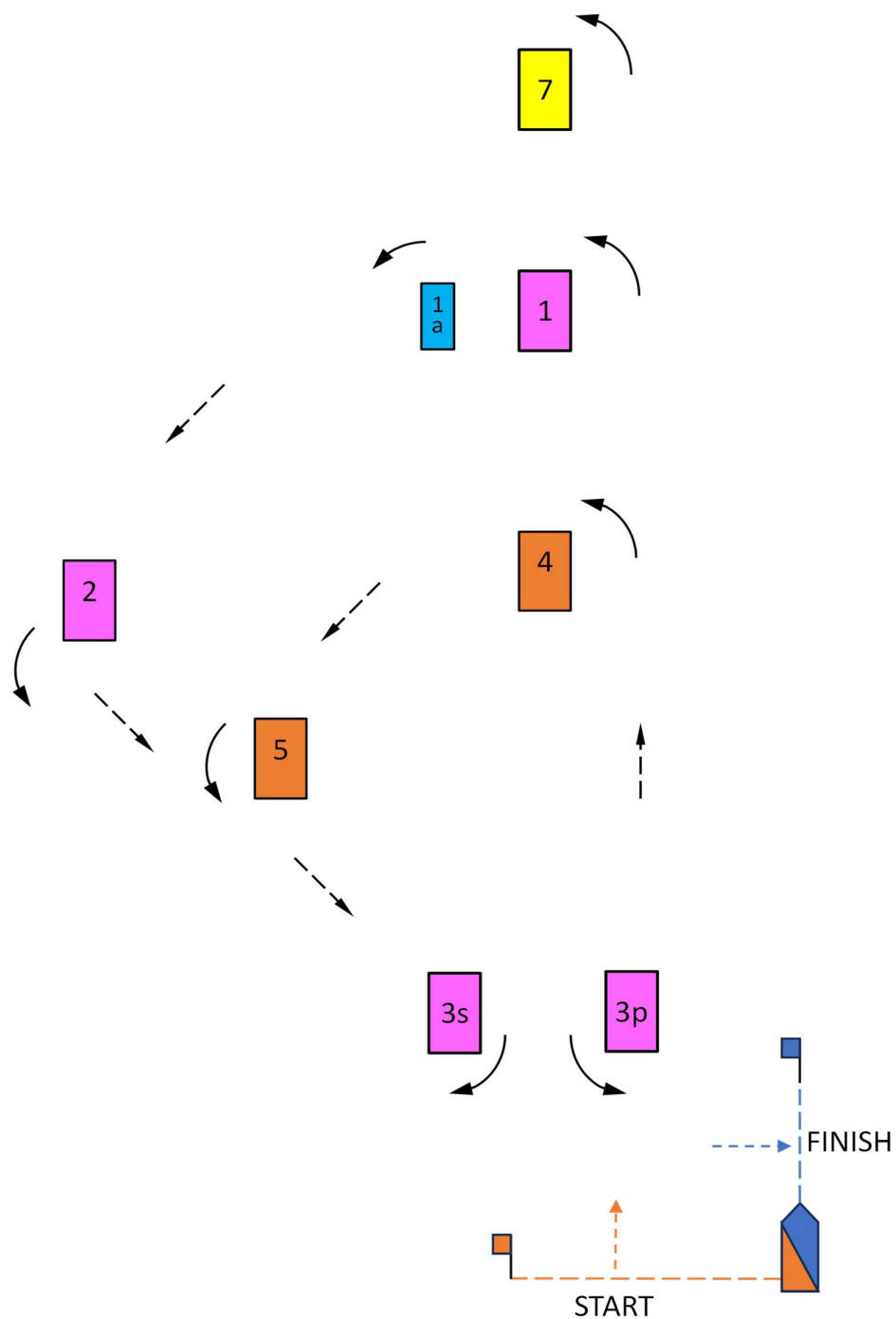
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### Green Fleet Course Triangle



## ATTACHMENT E

### Delta Course Triangle





## ATTACHMENT F

### Parks Victoria 'No Boating Zone'

