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NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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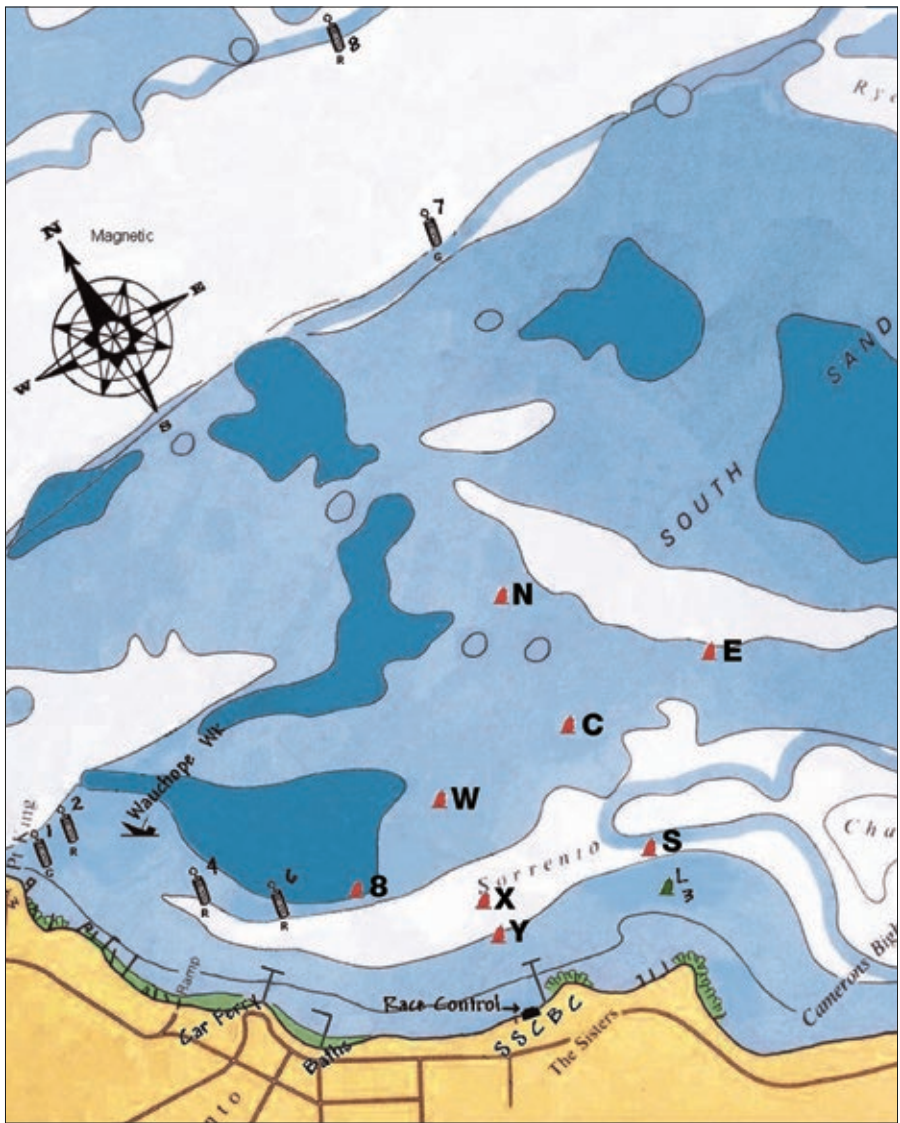


2015-2016 VICTORIAN
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SSCBC COURSE MAP



 Shallow ground

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) SEASON 2015 | 2016

Sorrento Sailing Coutu Boat Club is the Organising Authority (OA) for races it conducts at the Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Rules are as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [SP/DP] YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 apply to Coutu Boats and Jubilees.
- 1.3 [SP/DP] YA Special Regulations Part 2 apply to Off The Beach Boats (Dinghy Sailing).
- 1.4 Class Rules apply.
- 1.5 Race Sailing Instructions (RSI) may be issued for particular races to provide details not included in this NOR, or to vary them for a specific race or regatta such as a Passage Race or Dinghy Regatta.

2. CHANGES TO NOR

- 2.1 Any change to the NOR (or Sailing Instructions SIs) will be posted 2 hours before the warning signal of the race it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Given the long distances that some competitors travel to compete, races may be postponed or abandoned well before the warning signal. Such signals may be replicated on Facebook, the Club website, texted or verbally advised through contact with the Tower – phone 5984 8200.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Boats may be entered by a current financial member of the SSCBC.
- 3.2 Boats on the Coutu Boat Association (CBA) register may be entered for a CBA Race. Races marked “CBA” in the Calendar are organised in conjunction with the CBA.
- 3.3 Visiting Yachting Australia cardholders are welcome to enter a boat, subject to approval of their entry by the OA and payment of the prescribed fee.
- 3.4 Entries are not accepted and boats will not be scored until these requirements are completed:
 - (a) Entry Form lodged;
 - (b) Safety Declaration lodged; and
 - (c) Entry Fees paidThis may be completed online or at the office.
- 3.5 Changes to competitors shall be made before signing on.

4. RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The scheduled 1st warning signal and locality of racing for each day is specified in the Calendar.

5. SERIES

- 5.1 A prize will be awarded for each completed series detailed in the Calendar.
- 5.2 Trophies or prizes shall be awarded at presentation functions to be advised.

6. HANDICAPS

- 6.1 Couta Boat races are performance handicapped based on the YV Performance Handicap System with specific parameters defined the SSCBC Handicapping Committee.

7. VOLUNTEERS

- 7.1 Volunteers – Any boat that does not race in an aggregate race due to the skipper and/or crew's participation as a volunteer(s) engaged in Club sailing activities (for example patrol boat roster) shall, at the discretion of the Race Committee, be awarded average points for that race.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 8.1 Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunctions with or prior to, during, or after the race.

9. SAFE, FAIR AND FUN!

We are striving for racing that is Safe (or we will not continue), Fair (Race Management procedures are published and transparent / Good Sportsmanship is required from all Competitors and Participants) and these foundations allow us to have Fun!

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND ERRATA (11.2.16)

Changes

- SI 1.10 is amended to allow for a Discretionary Penalty [DP].
- New SI 1.11 – [DP] The Protest Committee may apply a discretionary penalty, including a 0 point penalty or a warning where a boat commits a breach of sportsmanship.
- SI 1.12 – Add to RRS 41: (f) help in navigation and trim, or to recover from a capsized, from an appointed club coach that is given to a Minnow or Optimist that is struggling to stay with the fleet.

Errata

- In SI 10.4 "Rule 26" is replaced by "Rule 32".
- "If rule 30.3 (or SI 12.2 U Flag) applies this rule does not" is added to SI 13.2 "Individual recall".
- "Leward" is replaced by "Leeward" in the Laid Course sheet.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS SEASON 2015 | 2016

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- 1.4 Class Rules apply.
- 1.5 Race Sailing Instructions (RSI) may be issued for particular races to provide details not included in these SIs, or to vary them for a specific race or regatta such as a Passage Race or Dinghy Sailing Regatta.
- 1.6 Rule 40 (wearing PFDs) applies at all times while racing without the display of Y Flag – This changes rule 40.
- 1.7 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.8 Couta Boats and Jubilees shall carry VHF radios and monitor Ch.73 at all times while afloat. This changes the Couta Boat Class Rules.
- 1.9 [DP] Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep well clear of other boats that are racing or in their starting sequence.
- 1.10 [DP] The SSCBC Member Protection Policy Codes of Conduct apply to all competitors and participants.
- 1.11 [DP] The Protest Committee may apply a discretionary penalty, including a 0 point penalty or a warning where a boat commits a breach of sportsmanship.
- 1.12 Add to RRS 41: (f) help in navigation and trim, or to recover from a capsize, from an appointed club coach that is given to a Minnow or Optimist that is struggling to stay with the fleet.

2. [DP] CHANGES TO COMPETITORS OR EQUIPMENT

- 2.1 At the first opportunity, usually at least an hour before racing:
 - Couta Boats must advise any change of equipment, helmsman or crew that may have a material change in performance to the Tower; or
 - Dinghies shall request permission to change equipment or competitors.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice Boards shall consist of the Club website www.sscbc.com.au/onb and/or the Notice Board at the lower Sail Deck.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted 2 hours before the warning signal of the race it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Eastern signal mast.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 When Code flag 'Q' is displayed ashore, no boats are permitted to leave the beach, jetty or moorings.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The 1st warning signal is scheduled to be made at the time specified in the Calendar.

7. SIGN-ON / SIGN-OFF [DP/SP]

- 7.1 Boats shall sign-on before leaving the beach, moorings or jetty.
- 7.2 Boats shall sign-off upon return to the beach, moorings or jetty and no later than the protest time limit.
- 7.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the tower or Race Committee vessel as soon as possible.
- 7.4 **Dinghies** shall sign-on and sign-off at the Notice Board.
- 7.5 **Couta Boats and Jubilees** shall sign-on (stating POB and Helm) and sign-off with the tower on VHF Ch. 73.
If the tower cannot be reached, contact the Race Committee vessel.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 For Couta Boats starting as a single division the class flag shall be Second Substitute.



- 8.2 Otherwise the divisions and their flags are:

Division	Numeral Pennant	Classes
1	1	Div 1 Couta Boats
2	2	Div 2 Couta Boats
3	3	Jubilees
4	4	49er, 29er & Skiffs
5	5	Laser, 420, Fast Monos & Pacers
6	6	Minnow, Opti
7	7	Multihulls
Green	Green	Minnow, Opti – Novice

9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area shall be generally as set out in the course map diagram or as detailed in a RSI.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 The courses are described in the course diagrams or RSI.

10.2 Prior to or at the warning signal, the course flag will be displayed.

10.3 Divisions may have different courses.

10.4 Laid courses may be shortened under **Rule 32** (S Flag at that mark or gate)

10.5 If S Flag over H Flag is displayed with 2 sound signals boats shall round that mark, round mark 8 and then finish at the Tower Finish line (SI 14.2). This changes rule 32.2.

10.6 Mark 1A: an inflatable buoy: may be laid in the vicinity of Mark 1 and shall be rounded after Mark 1 to port.

10.7 For Courses W3, W4, L2, L3, O2 and I2 If a matching inflatable mark is laid in the vicinity of Mark 3 or 4 those inflatables will form a gate to be passed through from the direction of the last mark. Otherwise Marks 3 and 4 are rounded to port.

11. MARKS

11.1 Laid Course Marks will be inflatable buoys.

11.2 Fixed Marks are

- X, Y, C, N, S, E, W, are yellow conical buoys with a cross labelled with the mark letter and “YACHTING MARK”.
- I is an unlettered magenta spherical buoy.
- 8 is Sorrento Channel No.8, a red can.



11.3 If other marks are used they will be described in the RSI.

11.4 New marks may be similar to the original marks and may be identified by a contrasting band, different colour or shape. When, a subsequent change is required or a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE START – ON THE WIND

12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the following signals.

Signal	Minutes	Flag	Sound
Warning	5	Class Flag displayed	1
Preparatory	4	P, I, Z, U or Black displayed	1
1 Minute	1	P, I, Z, U or Black removed	1 long
Start	GO!	Class Flag removed	1

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

12.2 **U Flag Starting Penalty is added to rule 30.**

If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is re-started or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

12.3 The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding division.

12.4 The starting line will be between the starting mark (pin end) and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee vessel.

- The starting mark for Laid Courses is a black and white checkered inflatable buoy.
- The starting mark for Fixed Courses is the Fixed Mark near the Race Committee vessel.

12.5 A crowding mark may be laid a short distance from the Committee vessel.

12.6 The crowding mark will not necessarily be on the starting line.

12.7 A boat shall not touch or pass between the crowding mark and the Committee vessel.

12.8 The starting line will close after the first boat has rounded the first mark.

Tower Starts

12.10 Tower Starts:

	Minutes	Sound/ Lights
Warning	5	1 Sound / 5 Lights
Preparatory	4	4 Lights
	3	3 Lights
	2	2 Lights
1 Minute	1	1 Light
Start	GO!	1 Sound No Lights, or 5 Lights if another start follows

12.11 For Tower Starts, the starting line between Mark X and the WHITE line on the wall of the Tower. To start, a boat shall pass between Mark Y and Mark X.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1 Boats may be notified that they have been recalled. Failure to notify is not grounds for redress.
- 13.2 For **On the Wind Starts**, recalls shall be made using rule 29 as follows.
- **Individual Recall** – When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, code flag X shall promptly be displayed with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but not later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. **If rule 30.3 (or SI 12.2 U Flag) applies this rule does not.**
 - **General Recall** – When at the starting signal, boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or to which rule 30 applies, are unable to be identified, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, a general recall may be signalled by displaying the First Substitute with two sounds. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled division shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding divisions shall follow the new start.
- 13.3 For **Tower Starts**, recalls will be signalled as follows.
- Individual recalls will be signalled by 1 additional sound and 1 flashing red light for ten seconds. This changes rule 29.1.
 - General recalls will be signalled by 2 additional sounds and 2 flashing red lights for ten seconds. The recalled division shall restart five minutes after their original start. Starts for any succeeding divisions shall follow the new start. This changes rule 29.2.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 **On the Wind & Down Wind Finishes** – The finishing line shall be between a green or black and white buoy and the staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee vessel.
- 14.2 **Tower Finishes** – The Tower Finish line is between Mark X and the white line on the Tower. To finish, a boat shall pass between Mark X and Mark Y.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The finish window is 30 minutes for Dinghies.
- 15.2 The finish window for Coutu Boats and Jubilees is the elapsed time of the first boat to sail the course and finish divided by 3.
- 15.3 Boats still racing when the finish window closes will be scored 2 points more than the number of boats that finish, but no more than the number of starters.
- 15.4 Boats retiring before the time limit expires will be scored RET.
- 15.5 This SI Changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. STANDARD [SP] AND DISCRETIONARY PENALTIES [DP]

- 16.1 Rules 35, A4 and A5 are changed so that the Race Committee may apply a Standard Penalty [SP] without a hearing or the Protest Committee may apply a Discretionary Penalty [DP] less than disqualification where the SI is marked as such.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM – TURNS

- 17.1 For Couta Boats and Jubilees rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a part turn is required.
- 17.2 On a leg to a windward mark, a part turn is a gybe and luffing to a close-hauled course as soon as reasonably possible.
- 17.3 On other legs a part turn is a tack and bearing away as soon as reasonably possible to more than 90 degrees from the true wind.
- 17.4 For Dinghy Sailing, rules 44.1 and 44.2 are unchanged.

18. EXONERATION PENALTIES

- 18.1 Boats are encouraged to have a rules advisor or exonerator assist them to understand the rules that apply to an incident, so that a boat that finds out, after the incident, that they broke a rule, can take an exoneration penalty.
- 18.2 Provided rules 44.1(a) and (b) would not apply, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, rule 31 or rule 42 while racing, may take an exoneration penalty for that incident. The exoneration penalty increases her score by 20% or 30% of the difference between her score without the penalty and the score for retirement.
- 18.3 20% applies if exoneration occurs before the expiry of the protest time limit and 30% if it occurs after this time.
- 18.4 The exonerated score is rounded up to the next whole number, but capped at the retirement score.
- 18.5 A boat takes an exoneration penalty by informing the Race Committee in writing or by radio and identifying the race number, when and where the incident occurred and any other boat involved.

19. PROTESTS

- 19.1 Protest forms are available at the race office.
- 19.2 For each division, the protest time limit and redress time limit is one hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 19.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings that will be held that day in which they are parties.

20. SCORING

- 20.1 Aggregate races for the season are denoted in the Calendar. In addition, individual regattas will be scored and awarded separately.
- 20.2 The scoring for the seasons aggregate placings shall be calculated by deducting 25% from the total number of races sailed (rounded up in instances of split percentage).
- 20.3 For a nominated series, if three races are completed, all shall count; if four to six races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score; if seven or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores for that number of races that is equivalent to 25% of the number of races completed rounded up to the nearest whole number. The lowest total score wins.
- 20.4 For a nominated series the score for DNC is changed to the number of boats at the starting area plus 3. This changes rule A9.

21. HANDICAPS

- 21.1 Handicaps for Couta Boats shall be as published by the Handicap Committee and displayed on the website www.sscbc.com.au
- 21.2 [DP] Performance handicaps are allocated to a boat / crew combination and rely on the notification of changes to equipment, helmsman or crew to maintain fairness,
- 21.3 The Handicap Committee has the discretion to change or amend the handicap of any boat for any race.

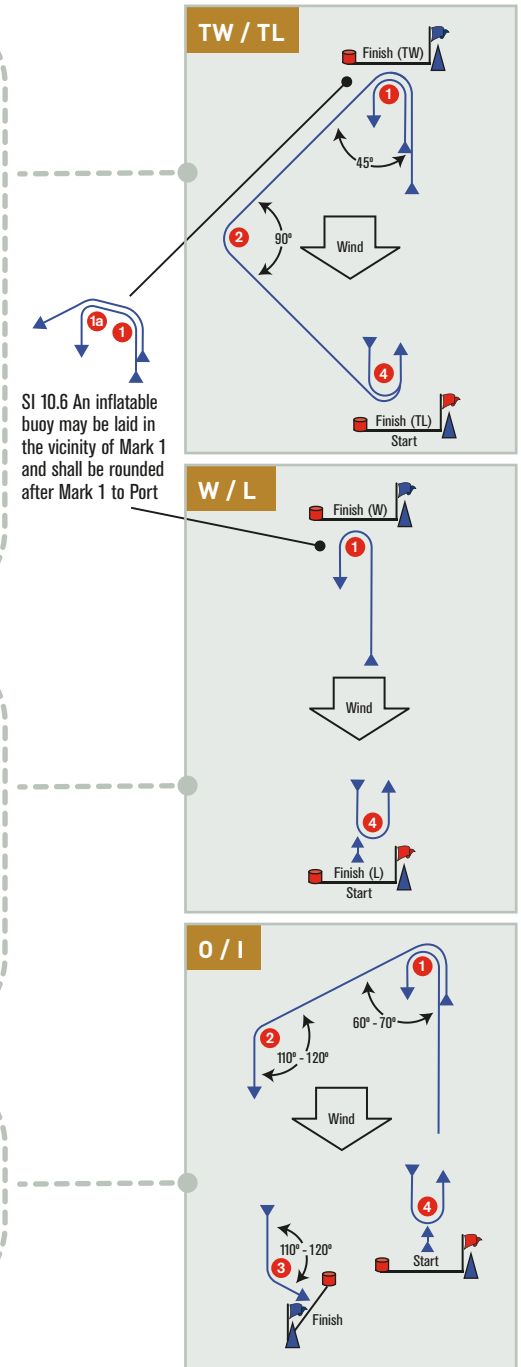
22. USE OF ENGINE TO AVOID COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 22.1 Boats with a reasonable apprehension of interfering with commercial shipping shall use their engine to stay clear.
- 22.2 A boat shall inform the Race Committee by radio when she uses her engine under this instruction.
- 22.3 [DP] After engine use, a boat shall not have gained an advantage in the race.

23. USE OF ELECTRONIC AIDS

















- 23.1 Boats shall not use electronic navigation or tactical equipment while racing.
- 23.2 Recording and uploading tracking information is permitted.

TW – TRIANGLE WINDWARD FINISH			TL – TRIANGLE LEEWARD FINISH		
Course	Signal	Mark Rounding Order	Course	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TW3	1 	Start 124 – 14 – Finish	TL2	6 	Start 124 – 1 – Finish
TW4	2 	Start 124 – 14 – 124 – Finish	TL3	7 	Start 124 – 14 – 1 – Finish
TW5	3 	Start 124 – 14 – 124 – 14 – Finish	TL4	8 	Start 124 – 14 – 124 – 1 – Finish
W – WINDWARD FINISH			L – LEEWARD FINISH		
W3	4 	Start 14 – 14 – Finish	L2	9 	Start 14 – 1 – Finish
W4	5 	Start 14 – 14 – 14 – Finish	L3	0 	Start 14 – 14 – 1 – Finish
O – OUTER TRAPEZOID			I – INNER TRAPEZOID		
02	V 	Start 123 – 23 – Finish	I2	W 	Start 14 – 123 – Finish



















FIXED MARKS

(BS) BOX START (TOWER START LINE)

Wind Direction	Course Number	Course Flag	Lap Shapes	Laps	Course Large	Course Small
Mark I between E & S						
South	1	 Naval Numeral 1	+	 = (Lap 1)	Start SEN	Start SIC
				 = (Lap 2)		
				 = (Lap 3)	SN	SIC
					8 Finish	8 Finish
Mark I between W & S						
West	2	 Naval Numeral 2	+	 = (Lap 1)	Start SEW	Start SCW
				 = (Lap 2)		
				 = (Lap 3)	EW	CW
					8 Finish	8 Finish
Mark I between W & S						
North	3	 Naval Numeral 3	+	 = (Lap 1)	Start SNW	Start SC
				 = (Lap 2)		
				 = (Lap 3)	SN	SC
					8 Finish	8 Finish
Mark I between N & W						
East	4	 Naval Numeral 4	+	 = (Lap 1)	Start SENW	Start SCIW
				 = (Lap 2)		
				 = (Lap 3)	EW	CW
					8 Finish	8 Finish

Course = Naval Numeral + ,  or  lap shapes flown from the Club flagpole (BS).

FIXED MARKS (OW) ON THE WIND START (COMMITTEE VESSEL)

Wind Direction	Course Number	Course Flag	Lap Shapes	Laps	Course Large	Course Small
Mark I between E & S						
South	1	 Naval Numeral 1	+	 = (Lap 1)	Start C,SEN	Start C,SIC
				 = (Lap 2)		
				 = (Lap 3)	SN	SIC
					8 Finish	8 Finish
Mark I between W & S						
West	2	 Naval Numeral 2	+	 = (Lap 1)	Start C,WSE	Start C,WIC
				 = (Lap 2)		
				 = (Lap 3)	WE	WIC
					W8 Finish	W8 Finish
Mark I between W & S						
North	3	 Naval Numeral 3	+	 = (Lap 1)	Start C,NWS	Start S,CIS
				 = (Lap 2)		
				 = (Lap 3)	NS	CIS
					N-8-Finish	C-8-Finish
Mark I between N & W						
East	4	 Naval Numeral 4	+	 = (Lap 1)	Start C,ENW	Start W,CIW
				 = (Lap 2)		
				 = (Lap 3)	EW	CIW
					8 Finish	8 Finish

Course = Naval Numeral +  ,  or  lap shapes flown from the Committee vessel (OW).



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