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# 2010 MELGES 24 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

3 – 7 May 2010

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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## 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 Inc. (YA) – Part 1 Category 6.
- 1.3 The International Melges 24 Class Rules shall apply.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors including results will be posted on the official notice board located outside the RQYS Marine Sports Office.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 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 RQYS Official Flag Pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races is as per the following table:

Date	Event	Time / Warning Signal
Monday 3 May	Registration and Crew Weigh In	1500 - 1600
Tuesday 4 May	All boats afloat	1000
	Competitors Meeting	1030
	Race 1	1300
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
	Social Function	1830
Wednesday 5 May	Race 3	1130
	Race 4	ASAP after Race 3
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
Thursday 6 May	Race 6	1130
	Race 7	ASAP after Race 6
	Race 8	ASAP after Race 7
Friday 7 May	Race 9	1130
	Race 10	ASAP after Race 9
	Presentation	ASAP after Racing

- 5.2 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the Melges 24 class flag.

## 7. RACING AREAS

Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

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## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which marks are to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display which course is to be sailed on a board at the back of the boat.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1 and Gate Marks will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 Mark 1A and the start/finish mark will be a pink teardrop buoy.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

## 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## 12. THE FINISH

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

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all boats rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at the RQYS Marine Sports office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat 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 in the protest room, located next to the RQYS Marine Sports office in the Olympic Room beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices or protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 17, 21, 22 and 23 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decided. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing 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;

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(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.  
This changes rule 66.

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## 16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

16.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This amends NOR 11.3 and 11.4.

## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All boats shall "sign on" with the race committee start boat "Vic Frizzell" on VHF Channel 72 at least 15 minutes prior to the first race of the day. All boats are required to state their sail number and the number of crew on board.

17.2 Any skipper not signed on at the warning signal may be scored DNC for the first race of the session this changes rule 63.1

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical.

17.4 At all times when afloat, all competitors shall wear personal floatation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority or standards organisation and branded in the country of origin or manufacture. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RRS 1.2

17.5 It is recommended that footwear be worn at all times.

## 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of skippers will not be allowed.

18.2 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.3 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.

## 19. 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 20. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with white flags showing the letter RC in black.

## 21. SUPPORT BOATS

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

## 22. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

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## 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

Prizes will be given as follows:  
Scratch 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

## 25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

## 26. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5m per event or equivalent.

## 27. RESULTS

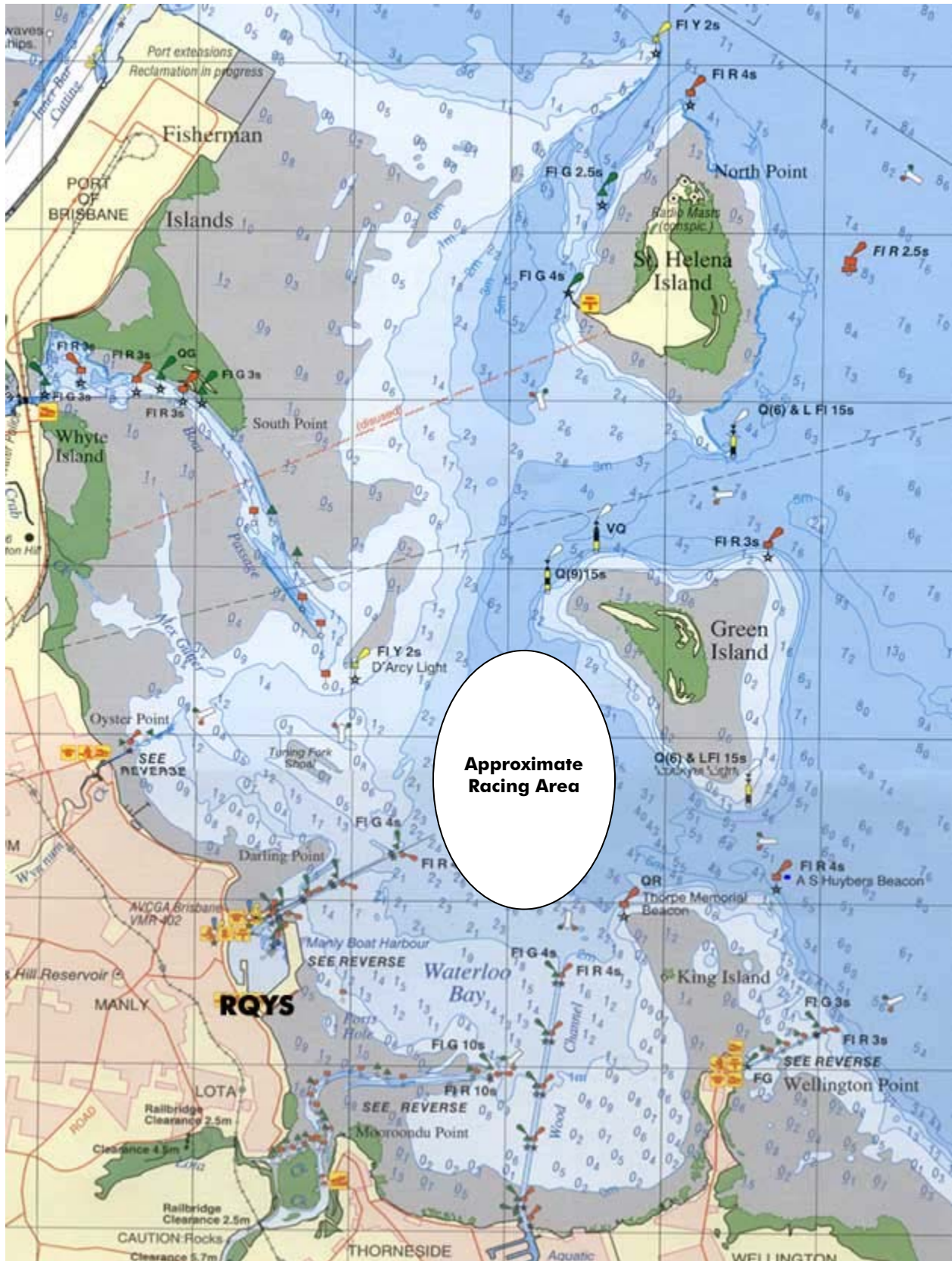
During the regatta results will be posted on the official notice board and also on the RQYS Marine Sports section of the website.

RQYS Website – [www.rqys.com.au](http://www.rqys.com.au)

RQYS Marine Sports – <http://sailing.rqys.com.au>

Results – <http://results.rqys.com.au>

# ATTACHMENT 1



# ATTACHMENT 2

All marks are to be rounded to PORT

Course Code	Course Description
W2	Start – 1 – 1A – Gate – 1 – 1A – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 1A – Gate – 1 – 1A – Gate – 1 – 1A - Finish

