



2019 VICTORIAN
O'pen BIC Championship
2nd – 3rd March 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority
Australian International O'pen BIC Association
in conjunction with Torquay Sailing Club,
The Esplanade, Torquay, VIC 3228
www.torquaysailingclub.org.au



1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules and prescriptions as defined in [Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020. Special Regulations Part 2](#) (for off the beach boats) shall apply.

1.1 **Gold Fleet**

The O'pen BIC Umpired Fleet Racing rules, Appendix U, will apply. Refer to Attachment #4
These change the rules of 4, 5, A5 and definitions under rule 86.3.

1.2 **Silver Fleet**

The regatta will be governed by the World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing. Refer to Attachment #3

1.3 **O'Pen BIC class rule** C5.1(a) is amended to read

"All boats shall carry a tow line that floats of minimum 6mm diameter x 7m length with a 150mm loop on the end. The line shall remain attached to the mast, pass through the bow handle, and be stowed such that it is ready for immediate use."

1.4 **O'Pen BIC class rule** C1.1(a) is amended to read

" Pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted when the Oscar flag is flown where the wind is averaging above 10 knots except on a windward leg. This changes rules RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b), RRS 42.2(c).

1.5 Racing rules of sailing, rule 31 Touching a Mark, is replaced with

"A boat shall not touch a mark that is a committee vessel."

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2.2 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with an event sponsor or government regulations.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats complying with the current O'pen BIC class rules.

3.2 Boats may be available for charter. The charter fee is \$100 and can be booked online at <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=33602>

3.3 All sailors shall be financial members of a yacht club that is affiliated with Australian Sailing or their MNA.

3.4 Each boat shall be covered for a minimum \$10 million of third-party liability insurance. The TSC requires all boats participating in aquatic events provide evidence of insurance cover both on shore and while racing.

3.5 Competitors and guardians will agree to abide by the [Australian Sailing Member Protection Policy](#) and Procedures.

3.6 Silver Fleet- Entry available for those competing in their first VIC O'pen BIC Cup, or entrants approved by the organising authority

3.7 Entry fee is \$70

3.8 Boats shall enter online at <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=33602> and pay the relevant entry fee, Note: There is an additional fee of 2.75% of the transaction value applied to cover the on line entry system.

4 PROPOSED SCHEDULE (NOTE: An updated version may be available at registration)

Date	Time	Event
Friday 1st March	1400	Charter boats available
Saturday 2nd March	1400	Charter boats available
Saturday 2nd March 2019	0800	Charter Boats available
	0900	Registration
	0900	Race Management briefing
	1000	All fleets briefing
	1100 - 1700	Gold & Silver fleets Racing
	ASAP after racing	Debrief with the umpires
	Daily Prize Giving	After debrief with umpires
	1800	Welcome Dinner at TSC
Sunday 3rd January 2019	0900	Race Management briefing
	0930	All fleets briefing with committe and umpires
	1000 - 1500	Gold & Silver fleets Racing
	1430	No warning signal after this time
	ASAP after racing	Prize giving @ TSC

- 4.1 No more than 4 races will be sailed back to back on any one day.
4.2 No more than 6 races will be sailed on any one day.
4.3 No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours on Sunday 3rd March 2019.

5 MEASUREMENT

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and posted online prior to the event.

7 VENUE AND COURSE AREA

- 7.1 The regatta will be conducted on the waters off Torquay Sailing Club as shown in Attachment 1.
7.2 Boats may be unloaded at the club from 2pm Friday 1st March 2019, however, trailers must be removed from the club grounds as soon as possible.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Will be a mixture of windward/leeward, trapezoid, slalom and long distance as described in the sailing instructions.
8.2 The target time for each race is 25 minutes with the exception of a long distance race which is 45 minutes.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
9.2 12 races are scheduled and 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
9.3 All races shall count until 5 or more are completed when a boat can then drop her worst score. After 9 or more races are completed then a boat can drop its two worst scores.
9.4 U/17 and U/13 scoring will be based on that fleet's competitor finishing positions. Overall scoring is based on actual finish order in a race regardless of which fleet

10 SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1 All support boats shall register with the OA and shall display conspicuously display an identifying flag which will be provided at registration.
10.2 Support boats shall be covered for a minimum \$10 million of third-party liability insurance. Proof of cover may be required at registration.

- 10.3 Support boats are requested to monitor the course VHF channel for safety information, provide assistance, if requested and follow any instructions given by the race officer.
- 10.4 Support boats shall remain at least 50m outside the course area unless providing safety assistance to a competitor.
- 10.5 Silver and Green fleet boats may receive coaching assistance from the official coach boat(s) and any such communication shall not be considered outside help. This changes rule 41.

11 MEDIA RIGHTS

In participating in this event, a competitor or their guardian automatically grants to the organising authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

12 PRIZES (all age divisions are based on age as at 1st day of event)

Gold Fleet

- Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Overall (VIC): 1st
- Overall (Female): 1st
- U13: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
- U13 (VIC): 1st
- U13 (Female): 1st

Silver Fleet

- Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
- Overall (female): 1st

Saturday Evening – Spot prizes and Adventure Race Prizes will be awarded

Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

13 ADVENTURE RACING

An adventure 2-up race will be conducted on the first day of the regatta.

- Competitors will be put into teams of 2 by the race committee. This event is compulsory for all competitors
- Costumes are to be worn
- Senior sailors are encouraged to mentor younger or less experienced sailors
- Prizes will be awarded

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

The boat's decision to enter will be considered to be testament that:-

- the boat complies with the event entry eligibility requirements within this Notice of Race;
- the skipper and crew fully understand the meaning and intent of the RRS PART 1 – FUNDAMENTAL RULES;
- the skipper and crew have the necessary knowledge and skills to safely participate in and complete the event
- the participants indemnify the organizing authority, its agents and volunteers from any responsibility for any matter relating to the boat's participation in the event.

This consideration is made in relation to the application of the Civil Liability Act 2003 to dangerous recreational activities.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:
The Australian International O'pen BIC Association
Ph. 02 9949 1322 or Email: openbic@bicsport.com.au

16 LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

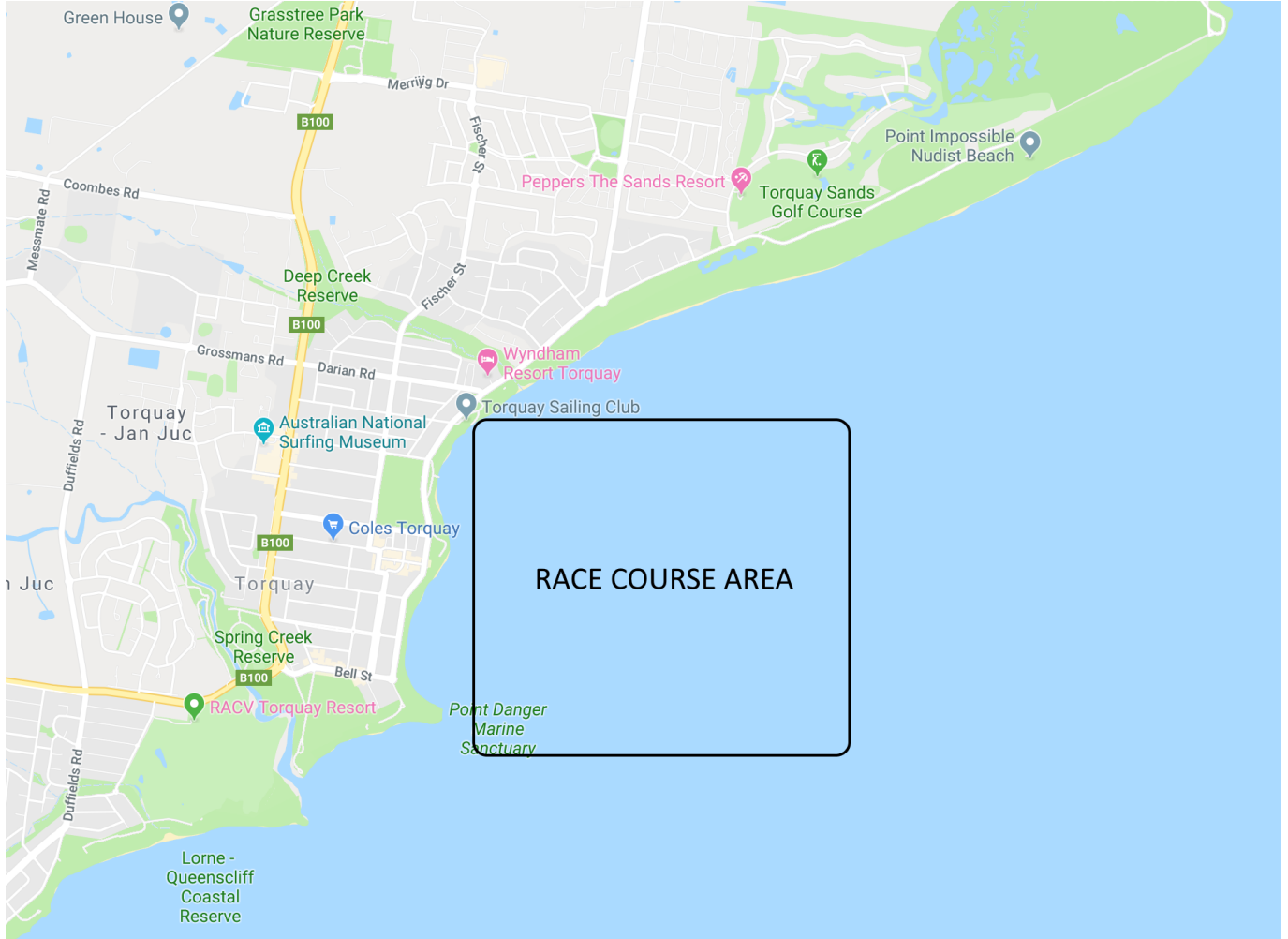
Attachment 1 - Regatta Venue and Racing Area
Attachment 2 - Introductory Rules for Racing

Attachment 3- Appendix U – Umpired Fleet Racing

Attachment 1:

Regatta Venue and Racing area

The following map shows the location of Torquay Sailing Club and the approximate location of the course area. The area bordered in BLACK indicates the course area.



Attachment 2:

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Introductory Rules for Racing

Version 1.01 - February 2008

Some Explanations

Windward and Leeward: The *leeward* side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The *windward* side is the other side.

Port and Starboard tack: You are on *port* or *starboard* tack according to your *windward* side.

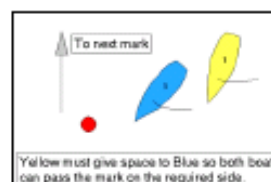
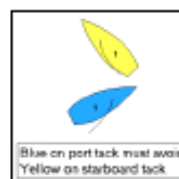
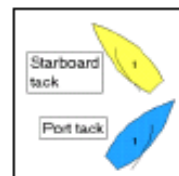
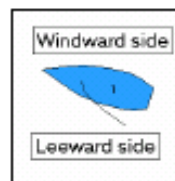
Advisor: A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

Basic Rules

1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite *tacks*, if you are on *port* tack you must avoid the boat on *starboard* tack.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same *tack*, you must avoid the other boat
 - (a) if she is in front of you, or
 - (b) if she is on your *leeward* side.
5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite *tacks* at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.



Other Rules

7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course that is a committee vessel.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the *advisor* after the race. The *advisor* may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the *advisor* may add extra points to the boat's score.

Attachment 3:

APPENDIX U

O'PEN BIC UMPIRED FLEET RACING RULES

*The aim of this process is to have all boat-vs-boat **protests** decided at the time of the incident.*

Competitors need to accept that an umpire may not be in a position to adjudicate every incident.

This Appendix changes racing rules in Part, 4, 5, A5 and the definition of Finish.

Definition Finish is replaced with

"A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after completing any penalties or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line."

Protests

A boat may protest another boat for a rule of part 2, by hailing "PROTEST", raising a hand in the air and identifying the other boat(s) involved at the first reasonable opportunity for each.

The protested boats are not entitled to a hearing unless there was damage or injury.

Protests for all other rules or requests for redress shall be advised to the Race Committee or umpires within 2 minutes of finishing. The Protest Committee may take evidence in any way it decides and may make any determination it believes is equitable which may be to award no penalty.

Penalties and Umpire Decisions

The One-Turn Penalty shall apply

A boat may promptly acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty or retiring.

If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall signal a decision as follows.

- (a) a green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) a red flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is penalised.'
- (c) a black flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is disqualified.'

An umpire may exonerate a boat without a hearing or penalise a boat without a protest by another boat, or report the incident to the protest committee, or both, when the boat:

- (a) breaks a rule of Part 2 and there is damage or injury;
- (b) makes physical contact with another boat or RC vessel that is a mark;
- (c) indicates that she will take a penalty turn, and then fails to do so;
- (d) breaks a rule and gains an advantage;
- (e) fails to take a penalty signalled by an umpire, or
- (f) commits a breach of sportsmanship.

If the umpires decide that a boat may have broken a *rule* other than Part 2 they shall inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3.

REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

A boat is not entitled to claim redress under rule 62.1(a). The umpires may request the protest committee to consider redress if they believe an improper action or omission may have occurred.

There shall be no request for redress or an appeal from a decision made under the rules of this appendix. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires, except as provided above.

Competitors are encouraged to ask the Umpires after racing about a decision made on the water to assist with learning outcomes. This can be done between races or on shore. Attempt to identify the umpire that made the decision to speak with about the incident.