



IRC RIVER SERIES 2010

4 September 2010, 5 November 2010, 8 January 2011 & 26 March 2011

The Organising Authority is Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (Inc) (RFBYC)
Peppermint Grove, Perth, WA



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The IRC Rules 2010, Parts A, B and C shall apply.
- 1.3. Boats with permanently installed movable or variable ballast may utilise such systems for the purpose of increasing stability and may use stored power for these purposes. Boats with permanently installed electric/hydraulic winches may use stored power. This changes Rules 51 and 52.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official notice board located at the Reception of the RFBYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1600 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the head of the RFBYC Clubhouse lawn.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1.	Race 1 & 2	Saturday 4 September 2010	Start time 1000
	Race 3	Friday 5 November 2010	Start time 1730
	Race 4 & 5	Saturday 8 January 2011	Start time 0800
	Race 6	Saturday 26 March 2011	Start time 1730

5.2. When more than one race is scheduled on the same day, the warning signal for the subsequent race will be made as soon as practicable. Boats are advised to remain in the vicinity of the Start/Finish boat.

6. CLASS FLAGS

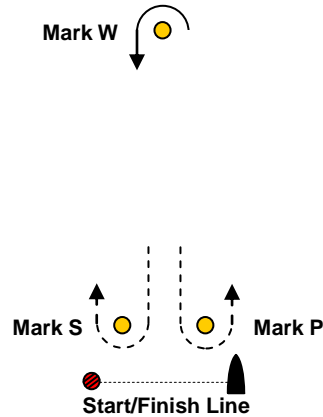
The Class flag for IRC Yachts competing in this series will be Naval Numeral 1 Flag.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be on the waters of Melville Water

8. THE COURSES

8.1.



8.2 Course: Start – W – Gate(S or P) – W – Finish.

9. MARKS

9.1. All marks except the start/finish mark will be yellow inflatable buoys. The start/finish mark will be red with black stripes.

9.2. The Change of Course mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a red sleeve.

10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. A clearance buoy may be permanently streamed from the Race Committee Vessel from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have started. The buoy together with its mooring line is deemed to be a part of the Race Committee Vessel and any boat touching the buoy or passing between it and the Race Committee Vessel shall be deemed to have touched the Race Committee Vessel.

10.3. A boat starting later than ten minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored '**Did Not Start**'.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the starboard end finishing mark

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1. The time limit will be 90mins for each race. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. (This changes rule 35).

12.2. The decision to shorten, postpone or abandon a race will be at the sole discretion of the Race Officer. (This changes rule 32.1).

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

13.1. Protests shall be written on forms available from outside the RFBYC reception and delivered to RFBYC reception. Protests shall be delivered there within one (1) hour of the last boat's finishing time or, where multiple races are held, the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.

13.2. Parties to a protest will be advised of the time of the hearing and this advice may be given verbally.

14. MEDIATION

14.1. A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

14.2. The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

14.3. After taking testimony at a mediation hearing, the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

- b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing.

- c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

- d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted, the protestor shall withdraw the protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted).

14.4. A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

14.5. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing, then the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

15. SCORING

15.1. The low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

15.2. Four races are required to constitute a series.

15.3.

No of Completed Races	No of Races to be excluded from a boats total score
1-4	0
5 - 6	1

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1. All Boats shall have a VHF Radio on board. Radio Frequency in use: VHF channel 71

16.2. 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.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the overall point score winner and two place getters in the IRC Series.

17.2 Prizes for overall series results will be presented immediately following the last race on 26 March 2011 at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall accept that participation in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA, its officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

19. INSURANCE

All boats shall have valid third party liability insurance with minimum cover of not less than \$10,000,000. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry form shall be deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Boats will be required to produce evidence of such insurance at registration and the entry of any boat failing to provide such evidence may be declined.