



2019 - 20 Australian Pacer Championship

Mordialloc Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Organising Authority: Pacer Australia Inc in conjunction with
Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc.

1. RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of Mordialloc Sailing Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two (2) hours prior to the scheduled start time of the first race on the day it will affect, 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

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Mordialloc Sailing Club flagpole located on the upstairs viewing deck. When Code Flag AP is flown ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

When flag AP is displayed over flag H ashore, indicate that competitors should remain ashore until a further signal is made.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES, STARTING TIMES, INFORMATION AND SOCIAL SESSIONS

Day / Date	Event	Time / Warning signal
Saturday 28/12/2019	Registration and Measurement	10.00 am – 12.00 pm
	Information Session	12.00 pm
	Invitation Race	2.00 pm
	Annual General Meeting	6.00 pm
	Welcome function	6.30 pm
Sunday 29/12/2019	Racing AM/PM	10:30 am
Monday 30/12/2019	Racing AM/PM	10:30 am
Tuesday 31/12/2019	Racing AM/PM	10:30 am
Wednesday 01/01/2020	No racing	
Thursday 02/01/2020	Racing AM/PM	10:30 am
Friday 03/01/2020	Racing AM/PM	10:30 am

	Presentation Dinner	Evening
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- 5.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.2 10 races (excluding any invitation race) are scheduled.
- 5.3 No more than four races will be sailed on any one day.
- 5.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1500hrs on 3rd January 2020.

6. CLASS FLAG

- The Class flag will be
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| - | Pacer | Pacer Class Flag. |
| - | Pacer Pursuit | Pacer Pursuit Flag |

7. RACING AREAS

The regatta will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip adjacent to Mordialloc Sailing Club.

Racing Area is defined as:

Before the starting signal, the racing area is within 100 metres of the starting line or its extensions.

After the starting signal, the racing area is 100 metres outside any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and includes the area bounded by the marks of the course at all times when any boat is racing.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 8.2 A course board with the relevant course number will be displayed on the Committee Boat, no later than the warning signal.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Mark Description -all marks will be inflatable or Staff buoys as follows:
 Start mark – Orange and White flag on a staff.
 Finish mark – Black & White checked buoy
 Marks 1, 2, 3 – Orange cylindrical buoys.
 Change of Course mark – Yellow cylindrical buoy

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between the Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the start mark.
- 10.2 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal or will be scored 'Did Not Start'. This changes rule A4 & A5
- 10.3 The Start will be in accordance with Rule 26.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position.
- 11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The Finishing Line will be between the Blue Flag on the Race Committee vessel at the port end and the finish mark at the starboard end of the Finish line.

12.2 Code flag L displayed on the Finish boat indicates another race shall be conducted in that session.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 Course 1

The time limit for 1 Course races shall be 45 Minutes.

14.2 Course 2

The time limit for 2 Course races will be 75 minutes.

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes may, at the Race Committees discretion, be allocated a finishing place and be directed to return to the starting area. This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5.

15. ARBITRATION

Arbitration according to RRS Appendix T shall apply.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 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. The posting of such notice shall be notification to the parties for the purpose of RRS 63.2. Hearings will be held in the protest room (Long Room), at the time detailed on the notice.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of instructions 19, 21, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.6 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;

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

This changes rule 66.

16.7 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 RRS Appendix A4 shall apply
- 16.2** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3** (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When six to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 17.1** Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must "sign on" before leaving the shore and "sign off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing.

The Sign On period will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Regatta Office.

The Sign Off period will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.

To Sign On and Sign Off each race day competitors shall sign on personally by moving the boats ID tag from the Signed Off tag board to the Signed On Tag board at the Race Office before going on the race area. As soon as possible after coming back ashore the competitor shall sign off personally by moving the boats ID tag from the Signed On tag board to the Signed Off Tag board at the Race Office. This action may not be undertaken by a boat representative.

- 17.2** Failure to Sign On or Sign Off in accordance with SI 17.1 will result in that boat being scored DSQ in her first race on the day of the omission without a hearing. This changes A4 and A5.
- 17.3** Retiring yachts. Competitors that did not start or do not finish, or have finished and wish to indicate retirement shall sign the declaration sheet provided within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore, indicating DNS or DNF.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

Substitution of crew or equipment including sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. MEASUREMENT CHECKS

All boats shall comply with Rules of Measurement of Pacer Australia Inc.

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Rules of Pacer Australia and sailing instructions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

20. PRIZES

Prizes shall be presented according to Item 12. Prizes in the Notice of Race.

21. COMMITTEE VESSELS

Race Management vessels may display the burgee of the Mordialloc Sailing Club.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the first preparatory signal for the first division to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

Support boats are to register with Mordialloc Sailing Club, maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch72, and be prepared to rescue any competitors and obey instructions from the Race Officer.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This shall include the use of mobile phones.

24. RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in races at Mordialloc Sailing Club do so entirely at their own risk. Mordialloc Sailing Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. In accordance with Rule 76, Mordialloc Sailing Club and Pacer Australia reserves the right to refuse an entry.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

The organizers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

25. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 for the event.

APPENDIX A

This is an example of the courses shall be:

Course 1: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Course 2: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

This is an example of all marks to be passed to Port.

