

Melbourne Yacht Club Adult Pram Racing Rules

1. GENERAL RACING RULES

These races are for FUN. If you have to look at a rulebook, you have missed the point. However, just in case, these races are conducted under the current USSA rules, except as amended by these Instructions.

2. COURSES

The course will be a marked triangle inside Melbourne Harbor. The exact course will be announced verbally by the Race Committee at the start of each race.

3. STARTING

These races are conducted as heats. You must sign up for a start time, and be at the dock waiting for a boat when the previous heat finishes. If you are not ready to board a boat when your heat is called, you may forfeit your place, and be placed in 'standby' for another vacancy. Every effort will be made to accommodate all racers.

The start will be conducted with a 3 minute start sequence, with a warning given every 30 seconds.

4. KINETICS AND SCULLING

Unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee, kinetics (like 'ooching') and sculling are PROHIBITED. However, in some wind conditions, the Race Committee may allow these, when declared before the race starts.

5. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

See Rule #1. This is an informal race, and all boats are strongly encouraged to sail honorably, and minimize the chance of causing an unfriendly situation. If you bump a mark, you must do a 360° turn to absolve yourself.

6. RESULTS

The top two finishers in each heat will advance to the final round.

7. WEATHER AND SAFETY

When sailing in this informal series, each skipper/owner is responsible for the safety of their boat and crew regardless of weather forecast or actual weather conditions experienced. It is the skipper/owner's sole responsibility whether or not to start, continue, and/or finish a race, and therefore the MYC bears no responsibility or liability for accidents, damage or injuries.