

MOUNT'S BAY SAILING CLUB
PURSUIT RACE
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, any appropriate class rules and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between documents, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

1.2 The handicap time intervals detailed in Table 1 of Annex A, can be amended at any point in the series by the MBSC sailing committee.

2. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

2.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed either at the Clubhouse flagpole or at a flagpole in the Dinghy Pen.

2.2 On sailing days, flag 'R' will be displayed ashore, normally at the Clubhouse flagpole. The Officer of the Day (OOD) will assess whether conditions are suitable for racing that day and if it is decided that conditions are not suitable flag 'R' will be lowered before the scheduled starting time of the first race.

3. RACE SIGNALS

3.1 For the Pursuit Race Series all race signals (courses, number of rounds, start sequence, etc.) will be displayed from the Pierhead.

3.2 Cancellation or postponement signals will be displayed from the Pierhead.

4. THE COURSE

4.1 The course for the Pursuit Race Series will MBSC Course 3 (Windward/Leeward). Red (port) or green (starboard) flags indicate on which side the marks shall be left (starting and finishing marks excepted).

4.2 For the Pursuit Race Series all boats shall sail the same course.

4.3 MBSC Asymmetric Rule 9.4 does not apply to the Pursuit Race Series.

5. MARKS

5.1 The start/finish mark will be buoy displaying MBSC Burgee above a square orange flag. The course marks will be 3 ft red 'dumpy' marks.

5.2 In the event of non-availability of equipment or equipment failure, marks described in SI 10.1 may be substituted by alternatives. Substitute marks may not be of the same size, shape or colour.

6. THE START

6.1 The start time indicated in the Year Book is the start time of the boat class/mark as detailed in Table 1 in Annex A. The Warning Signal will be 6 minutes before the start time. The Preparatory Signal will be 3 minutes before the start time. This amends RRS 26.

6.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying Flag 'P' on the Mount Pier and the Line Buoy. For a westerly course, the starting line is to be crossed from east to west. For an easterly course, the starting line is to be crossed from west to east.

6.3 Helms of boats will be responsible for crossing the start line on or after the time delay allotted by their respective class delay, as detailed in Table 1. For example with a 10.30 start an RS Q'BA will start not before 10.37. Boats can start after their allotted time delay. Boats starting before will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

7. THE FINISH

7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the end of the Mount Pier and the Line Buoy. Boats must cross the line in the opposite direction to the start.

7.2 If a shortened course is signalled, boats shall proceed to the finishing line at the end of their then current round. Boats may be finished earlier in accordance with RRS 32.2(b). This amends RRS 32.2.

7.3 The winning boat will be the first to cross the line.

Annex A

The start time specified in the Year Book is the start time for Mirrors with gaff rigs and both helmsman AND crew. The start times for other boats are:

Class	Start (minutes after gaff rigged Mirror start)	Class	Start (minutes after gaff rigged Mirror start)
Other Mirror	2	505 classic	17
RS Q'BA	7	Lark	17
Laser 4.7	10	RS200	18
Laser Radial	13	DZero	19
RS Vision	14	RS100	20
Wayfarer	15	Phantom	21
Laser	16	Osprey	25
RS Vareo	16		

Table 1. Handicap Time Intervals