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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Committee of The Couta Boat Club has been deeply concerned with a fundamental issue related to the Couta Boat and The Couta Boat Club in recent weeks.

We of the Committee have made a decision we earnestly believe to be correct in relation to a boat under construction at present. The immediate effect on members (and their boats) will be to see a retuning and tightening up of the rules and regulations. A member of the Club recently made the point that the real purpose of the ownership of a Couta Boat should be to enjoy it. His interpretation was that this meant getting out and sailing the boat - not just competition sailing or working on it. This simple outlook is his strong view point and when put similarly, strongly enforced the views we had when the Club was first established.

As this SCOOP is probably the last before Christmas 1985, on behalf of the Committee of The Couta Boat Club, I wish all members a most enjoyable Christmas Season and look forward to a great deal of pleasure being derived from the use of our boats in what's left of 1985 and what's to come in 1986.

Marcus Burke

DUGGA DOES IT AGAIN

Dugga Beazley gave the fleet another sailing lesson in light and variable conditions for the first PETERSVILLE SERIES RACE on Saturday, 16th November 1985.

A fleet of approximately fifteen boats started the Petersville Race 1 in a light north easterly and strong ebb-tide. Dugga sailed a perfect race leading from start to finish in an extremely light and variable wind. The rebuilt 24ft. boat "REGINA" superbly sailed by Martin Bryan was 2nd over the line.

Race Results for Port Melbourne and Petersville Series 1 are detailed in this issue.

EDITORIAL

The Committee have recently had the rather unpleasant task of ruling that a boat that does not comply with the Club Rules and Regulations is ineligible to race in Club Events. The vessel in question was at an advanced stage of construction when the ruling was sought. The whole problem could have been circumvented had, as was suggested under the Rules and Regulations, the plans been submitted to the Committee prior to commencement of construction. As a result of the foregoing the Rules, which you may recall were initially adopted at the 1983 Annual General Meeting, have been amended to make it quite clear that craft that do not comply with the Club Rules and Regulations will not be eligible to race in Club Events. The only available dispensation is in respect of vessels constructed prior to the adoption of Rules and Regulations in 1983 and even then dispensation is by no means automatic.

The Club Constitution clearly defines the Queenscliff type Couta Boat as the very reason for its existence. Accordingly if the Rules and Regulations are not adhered to the future of the Club could be in doubt. Further on in this edition of "Scoop", you will find a copy of the Rules and Regulations including amendments made up to and including the 16th of November, 1985. It is the Committee's intention to add to the Rules when the necessity arises, therefore when considering anything in connection with the yacht or its sails or equipment which is not clearly covered by the Rules and Regulations, it must be assumed illegal unless prior approval has been obtained from the Committee. Do not, if seeking approval, submit your case to the next Committee you see at the Pub. write to the Secretary stating your case and requesting approval!

The Handicap Committee have expressed concern at rumours that some vessels have been altering the ballasting for particular weather conditions. Whilst it is totally reasonable during the course of the season to move ballast around a vessel to obtain optimum trim, it is totally unreasonable to expect a handicap for a particular boat to be valid if that boat has removed from or added to its normal ballast for a specific Club Event.

The whole idea of the handicapping system is to be as fair as possible within a set of given parameters. If a boat is re-ballasted for a specific race or the propeller removed or some such thing, it is totally unrealistic to believe that its former handicap can still apply and in this regard the Handicap Committee will be vigilant.

A REMINDER

The 2nd Southerly Buster Couta Boat Party is on after the
10th Annual Fishing Boat Regatta on 11TH JANUARY at 8 P.M. in -

Tim's Shed
Oxford Road
Sorrento

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RULES AND REGULATIONS - AS AMENDED NOVEMBER 1985

HULL FORM

Shall conform to the general Queenscliff type sailing, fishing boat incorporating -

- a) Moderate Draft (e.g. boat 26' o.a. draft approx. 3'3").
- b) Centre Plate (approx. 1/3 of the Keel).
- c) Beamy (e.g. boat 26' o.a. beam between 9'3"/10'3").
- d) Open, generally with round combings, raised at least 3" forward. Side decks forward generally 18" wide.

NOTE It is mandatory that boat plans be submitted to the Committee for appraisal.

HULL CONSTRUCTION

- a) Wooden, plank on edge approx. 3/4" planking.
- b) Decks wooden (laid where possible).
- c) Ribbing generally not more than 5" centres.

RIG: a) Gaff or Lug rigged.
b) Where Lug Rig is used, mast height can be substituted for yard length.

- 1) MAST HEIGHT (Maximum)
No more than the length of the boat, out of the deck.
- 2) BOOM LENGTH (Maximum)
No more than 2'0" protruding over Transom.
- 3) YARD LENGTH (Maximum) Except for Lug Rig.
No more than 1'0" short of the Transom. This spar is allowed to be hollow.

NOTE - Spars are wooden.

- 4) JIBBOOM LENGTH (Maximum)

30' boat	9'0" overhang
28' boat	8'0" overhang
26' boat	7'6" overhang
24' boat	7'0" overhang
22' boat	6'0" overhang
20' boat	5'6" overhang

5) JIBBOOM OUTHAUL
To be traditional Ring Outhaul type.

6) JIB SIZES
The length of the foot shall not be greater than 125% of the distance between the maximum forward Tack position and the leading edge of the mast. It is recommended that three Jibs be carried, one being a Storm Jib of heavy material, cut high above the deck. Bigger Jib may be carried but, not in Club Races.

- 7) MAINSAILS
Should be fitted with at least 2 reefing points and reefing gear accessible and in good order.
- 8) SPINAKERS
Not allowable.
- 9) RUNNING BACKSTAYS
Not allowable.
- 10) WINCHES
Not allowable.
- 11) SHEETING
Both sheets must be of the quick release type.
- 12) EXOTIC MATERIALS
Not permitted - Sails: Kevlar and Mylar
Halyards, Sheets or Outhauls/Kevlar
- Hulls: All forms of fibreglass reinforced plastic, alloy, etc. (see Hull Construction above)
- 13) ENGINES
Where fitted, should be in good working order and capable of propelling the boat i.e. properller fitted.
- 14) PUMP
Boats shall be fitted with an adequate hand operated pump.
- 15) BALLAST
Ballast shall not be affixed externally to the keel.
- 16) Remote adjustment of yard outhaul not allowable.
- 17) HEADSAILS
Only one Headsail may be flown at a time. *

GENERAL COMMENT

The idea of the Club is to promote and race Couta Boats in the spirit of the original regattas, owners should strive to rig and maintain their vessels using traditional materials and fittings, such as wooden blocks etc.

GENERAL SAFETY

Boats shall carry safety equipment as prescribed in A.Y.F. Safety Regulations Addendum B Part 2 Category A.

DISPENSATION

Owners of boats which were constructed prior to the formulation of the Rules and Regulations may apply to the Committee of the Couta Boat Club for dispensation.

* In the event of a Headsail change the sail being replaced must be lowered prior to hoisting the replacement sail.



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PORT MELBOURNE RACE RESULTS

BOAT NAME	OWNER/SKIPPER	HANDICAP	PLACE	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME
WEEROONA	R.LANSELL	0.8800	1	1:50:36	1:37:20
LAVINA	NOWAK	0.7600	2	2:09:15	1:38:14
MINERVA	PETER GRAHAM	0.9310	3	1:45:47	1:38:30
RUBY ANNE	WISHAUSEN & K...	0.8700	4	1:53:15	1:38:32
LUCY	WARWICK LEEMI...	0.8360	5	1:58:57	1:39:27
VOLUNTEER	BEAZLEY FAMILY	0.8800	6	1:53:54	1:40:14
PEARL	DOUG BEAZLEY	0.9450	7	1:46:18	1:40:28
WATTLE	MARCUS BURKE	0.9210	8	1:50:14	1:41:32
SALLY	DAVID BAILLIEU	0.9450	9	1:47:49	1:41:54
ROYAL	TIM RYAN	0.8700	10	2:01:10	1:45:25
FIRECREST	GALBALLY & TR...	0.7300	11 DID NOT FINISH		ERR

1985-86 PETERSVILLE SERIES

RACE RESULTS

Race No.1 Sorrento Sailing Club Trophy - 16/11/85

Couta Boats

Entries are listed in Place Order - Corrected times

Boat Name	Entered by	E.Time	T.C.F.	C.Time	Place	Points
PEARL	D BEAZLEY	4. 5.45	0.9450	3.52.14	1	100
REGINA	M BRYAN	4.30.20	0.8700	3.55.11	2	98
VOLUNTEER	L BEAZLEY	4.56. 7	0.8800	4.20.35	3	97
MINERVA	T PHILLIPS	4.53.40	0.9310	4.33.24	4	96
RUBY ANNE	WISCHUSEN/KUBALE	5.18. 1	0.8800	4.39.51	5	95
SURPRISE	I STURZAKER	5.18.17	0.8800	4.40. 5	6	94
WATTLE	M BURKE	5. 7.12	0.9210	4.42.56	7	93
LUCY	M LEEMING	5.50.46	0.8360	4.53.14	8	92
AMANDA	J & A ROSS	5.27. 4	0.9000	4.54.22	9	91
VICTORY	C P BECKINGSALE	5.32.44	0.9000	4.59.28	10	90
TICONDEROGA	J M RYLAND	5.29.20	0.9210	5. 3.19	11	89

The Rules shall be the 1985-88 Yacht Racing Rules of the I.Y.R.U. together with the Prescriptions of the A.Y.F. as modified by these Sailing Instructions. The A.Y.F. Safety Regulations for Keel Type of Ballasted Yacht Racing during Daylight Hours in Other Than Ocean Races shall apply.

2. STARTING TIME AND PROCEDURE

1350	Warning Signal	Course and Code Flag "C" displayed.
1355	Preparatory Signal	Course and Code Flag "P" displayed.
1400	Starting Signal	Both warning and preparatory flags lowered.

3. STARTING LINE

The starting line shall be a 200 metre imaginary line between the Red Buoy CBC 3 and the Committee Boat.

LOCATION: WITHIN A 1.2 MILE ARC SEAWARD OF PORTSEA PIER.

4. COURSE MARKS

(Refer to attached diagrams)

Course 1 Red flag, all marks to port
Start thence to Mark 1 (approx. 1.2 miles to weather)
thence to 2,3,1,3,1,2,3,1,3, thence to finish.

Course 2 Green flag, all marks to starboard
Start thence to 1,2,3,1,3,1,2,3,1,3, thence to finish.

5. RECALLS

(a) INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

No recall numbers will be displayed. Where one or more boats have started prematurely a sound signal shall be made and Code Flag "X" shall be displayed until all offending yachts have returned and started correctly, or for such shorter periods as the Race Officials consider reasonable. The responsibility for returning shall rest with the boat(s) concerned.

Boats which fail to return and start correctly shall have a minimum penalty of 5 minutes added to their corrected time.

(b) GENERAL RECALLS

When there are a number of unidentified premature starters or an error in starting procedure the Race Officials may voice a general recall. This shall be indicated by the display of Code Flag "1st substitute" accompanied by two (2) sound signals. The warning signal for the re-start shall be made one minute after this signal is lowered (one sound signal shall be made with the lowering of the "first substitute").

6. THE FINISHING LINE

The Finish Line shall be at a 200 metre imaginary line between Red Buoy CBC 1 and the Committee Boat.



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7. SHORTENING THE COURSE

The course may be shortened at any mark. In the event of this the finish line shall be an imaginary line between the course mark and a Committee Vessel of the Couta Boat Club displaying Code Flag "S". A red flare may be launched to signify course shortening. The Committee Vessel may make frequent sound signals.

8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit shall be four (4) hours from the start. Any yacht finishing after this time shall be deemed "did not finish".

9. CANCELLATION - POSTPONEMENT - ABANDONMENT

The Race Officials may postpone, cancel or abandon the race. Indication of this shall be as follows -

Race Postponed - (will not be started at scheduled time). Code Flag "Answering Pendant" displayed with two (2) sound signals. In addition a red flare may also be launched.

Race Cancelled - (will not be sailed thereafter). Code Flag "n" over "First Substitute".

10. PROTESTS

Protests shall be lodged in writing with the Chairman of the Race Committee (Mr. Farfor) and contain -

- i) the date, time and whereabouts of the incident.
- ii) the particular rule or rules alleged to have been infringed.
- iii) a description of the incident.
- iv) unless irrelevant, a diagram of the incident.

Protests shall be lodged within one hour of the time the protesting boat finished the race.

11. ALTERATIONS TO INSTRUCTIONS

The Committee may alter these Sailing Instructions. Indication of this shall be the display of Code Flag "1" on the flagstaff on Portsea Pier no later than one hour prior to the start of the race.

12. TROPHIES AND PRESENTATION

1st Couta Boat on Handicap	-	THE COUTA BOAT TROPHY
2nd Couta Boat on Handicap	-	GARY KERR TROPHY
3rd Couta Boat on Handicap	-	CORSAIR TROPHY
1st Couta Boat to Finish	-	MERTHON TROPHY
2nd Couta Boat to Finish	-	PORTSEA HOTEL PRIZE
1st Couta Boat under 21' to finish	-	PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
1st Invitation Boat to Finish	-	INVITATION TROPHY
Most Improved Boat	-	GRAHAM ROBERTSON YANMAR PRIZE

Trophies shall be presented at the Club Function following the race. Provisional results may be given earlier.

13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The 720 turns as provided in Rule 74.5 (alternative penalties) and Appendix 3, alternative penalties for infringement of a Rule of part iv, of the Yacht Racing Rules shall apply.

14. TIDES

Port Phillip Heads, Saturday 11th January, 1986.

High 1.15 a.m. - 1.45 m.

Low 6.40 a.m. - .71 m.

12.31 p.m. - 1.15 m.

6.36 p.m. - 0.01 m.

15. HAZARDS

Competitors should note the existence of shoal grounds in the proximity of some areas of the course. These areas shown on chart AUS 158 New Edition 25th June, 1981. It is recommended that competitors carry a copy of this chart on board and exercise required navigational skills to avoid hazards.

16. SHIPPING

Attention is drawn to all competitors that commercial shipping in channels has absolute right of way.

If it appears that you may obstruct shipping you must start your engine and allow the shipping clear passage. You will not be penalised for doing this.

17. INDEMNITY

All those taking part in this race do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Couta Boat Club Inc. or any of the Officers or Members are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency of its equipment. The Couta Boat Club may refuse any entry. Attention is drawn to FUNDAMENTAL RULE - RESPONSIBILITY, which states:-

"It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht and competitor to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race".

18. HANDICAPS

Handicaps for Couta Boats shall be as previously published or as amended by the Couta Boat Club Handicap Sub-Committee.



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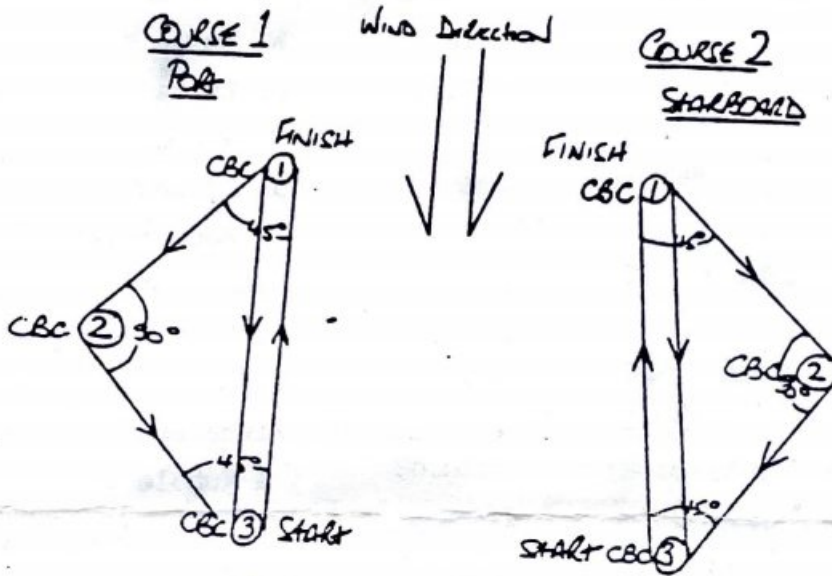
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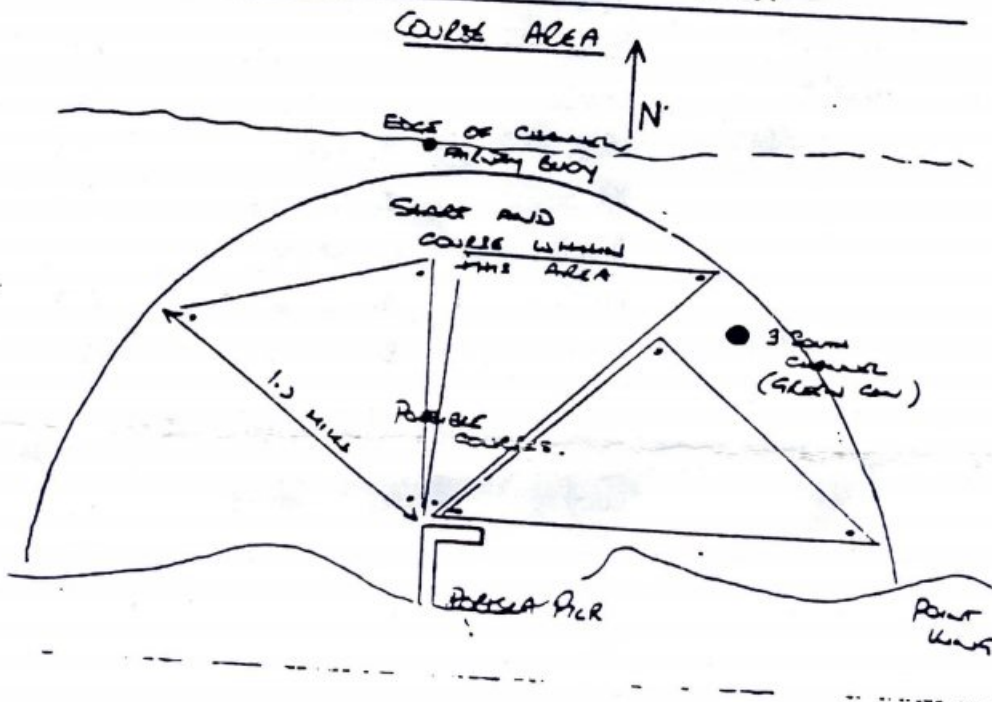
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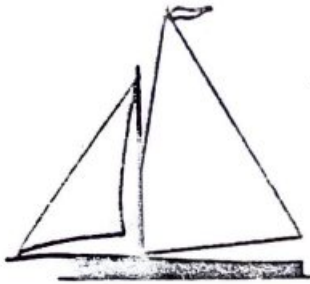


Refer PARAGRAPH 4 FOR THE NUMBERED
AND SEQUENCE OF LAPS !!!



COUTA BOAT CLUB
HANDICAPS - 12/11/1985

<u>HANDICAP</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>SAIL</u>
.9450	Sally	D. Baillieu	CB82
	Ajax	W. Baillieu	CB100
.9310	Pearl	D. Beazley	PM90
	Minerva	P. Graham	B48
.9210	Kate	W. Davis	B305
	Wattle	M. Burke	CB28
.9000	Hero	C. Young	CB1
	Ticonderoga	J. Ryland	CB101
	Victory	C. Beckingsale	CB10
	Amanda	J.B. Ross	CB9
.8800	Coral Lee	L. Morgan	CB83
	Weeroona	R. Lansell	CB25
	Ruby Anne	Wishausen & Kubale	B145
	Surprise	I. Sturzaker	CB14
.8700	Helen	J. Duke	CB13
	Volunteer	Beazley	PM36
	Wyn	Gibson	
	Rita	D. Wilkins	CB30
	Royal	T. Ryan	CB24
	Hettie	P. Myer	CB4
	Aliscia	J. Harris	CB33
.8500	Binny-Ying	C. Strong	CB17
	Regina	M. Bryan	CB34
	Lourna	Ethridge	CB62
	Colleen	J. Spencer	B51
.8360	Zamira	P. Avery	CB104
	Lucy	W. Leeming	CB31
	Swan	Parkinson	CB50
.8000	Joan	R. Robertson	CB41
	Enterprise	N. Williams	CB11
	Corsair	Ross	CB51
.7900	Elsie Too	Williamson	CB32
	Rose	Gibson	
	Lyndal Lea	Almond	CB21



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.7800	Julia	B. Ryan	CB8	
	Alice	R. Kimpton	CB7	
	Lavina	Nowak	PM91	
.7700	Schnapper			
	Catcher	R. Hodgkinson	CB69	
	Sea Catcher			
	Sea Bird	Stephens	CB114	
	Merna Rubie	Sinn/Stewart	CB6	
	Spindrift	Sutcliffe	CB117	
	Mermerus	MacKinnon	CB3	
	Cooma	J. Beazley	CB56	
	.7600	Ron Rico		CB15
		Helen	P. Burke	CB2
.7300	Kentdale	J. Ryland	CB19	
		G. Edwards	CB52	
	Melissa	Falk		
	Tangaroa	Hand	CB118	
	Firecrest	Galbally/Triaca	CB46	
	Merlyn		CB67	
	Sheeba	Parkinson	CB115	
	Kalinga		CB45	
	Mischief	Beazley	CB65	
	Pearl	Donnelly	CB39	
	Gallo Nero	Bunny	CB111	
	Heather	Gardiner	CB112	
	Lady Siri	Brooke	CB113	
.6700	Roseta		CB35	
	Phoenix	Malloch	CB16	