



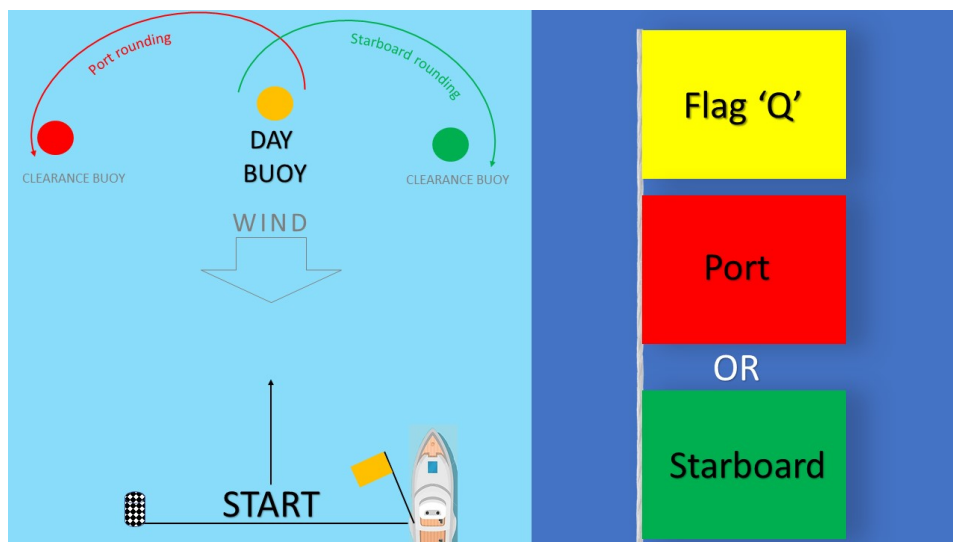
CHANGES FOR THE KEELBOAT 2020-2021 SEASON

This is a summary of the significant changes effective from Opening Day, **Sunday 4th October 2020** for SoPYC Keelboat races. Please also note the new 2021-2024 edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing begins from 1st January 2021.

1. DAY BUOY

There is a new day buoy arrangement for midriver starts.

The Day Buoy will be yellow (matches Day Buoy flag 'Q') then it's either a red inflatable mark for port roundings or green inflatable mark for starboard roundings as indicated by either the port or starboard flag displayed under the Day Buoy flag.



2. RACE CONTROL VHF CHANNEL 69

In an effort to reduce vhf radio traffic during races, river sailing clubs have agreed to use separate VHF channels. SoPYC will now use **VHF ch. 69**. VHF ch.77 will now be used as an “open” channel between all river clubs.



3. SIGNAL FLAG D

SoPYC has used signal **flag V** from the Start Box to indicate to boats that the race will be started in a southerly direction. The new Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 have given a new meaning to **flag V** (Monitor communication channel for safety instructions), so in place of flag V, Race Control will now use signal **flag D** as seen below to indicate a southerly start.



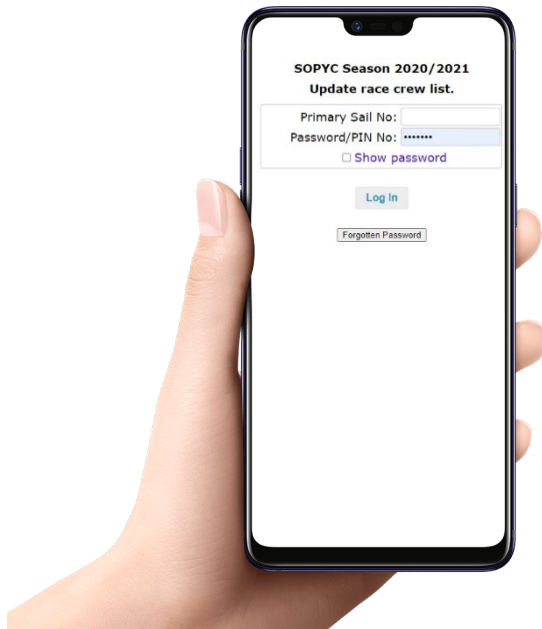
4. SHORTENING OF RACES

In addition to using VHF radio by Race Control to communicate the shortening of races to all competing boats, they may also send an SMS direct to skippers' mobile phones to ensure the message gets through.



5. SIGNING ON

The existing method of signing on all onboard for Keelboats competing in SoPYC Club events will continue, however the link will change. The new link can be found in the 2020-2021 Sailing Instructions and also below.



The new link: <http://tymob.net.au/1298>

OR

Scan this QR code with your phone

