**Sailing Policy**

**GENERAL**

1. Racing at Canberra Yacht Club (CYC) shall be conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions. The intention of the Club is to foster participation in sailing for both competition and pleasure.

2. The annual CYC Sailing Calendar provides the schedule of races.

3. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction for each event, regatta or series will complement the RRS and the Sailing Calendar.

4. Trailable yachts and sports boats shall comply with the Australian Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat (ATYSB) Rule and use the applicable Class Based Handicap (CBH). Trailable yachts and sports boats which have class rules shall also comply with their class rules.

5. Sportsboats, not having a CBH, must have a valid Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS) certificate.

6. Trailable multihulls that do not comply with the ATYSB Rule but comply with their class rules and have been assigned a CBH determined by the Sailing Committee, may compete in CYC events.

7. Dinghies and off the beach catamarans shall comply with their class rules and adopt the most recent applicable Australian Sailing (AS) Yardstick, issued prior to the start of the current series, or race where it is not part of a series. The exception is that, at the request of the ACT Flying Fifteen Association (Association), all Flying Fifteens shall sail off the one yardstick (109) for Summer Pointscore, Championship Series, Twilight and Short Course series. The Association may request changes to this policy.

8. Designated Classes and Divisions. After 6 or more similar boats have competed regularly, the Sailing Committee may award them their own class or division status. Once a class or division numbers drop below 6 regular competitors then the Sailing Committee may consider withdrawing the class/division status. Changes will only be made prior to the start and at the mid point of the summer series.

9. Boats, and not skippers, enter races, have yardsticks, CBH, SMS, handicaps and are listed in results and receive prizes. More than one crew or skipper may sail a boat in a regatta or series. The Sailing Committee may, where the applicable Notice of Race so provides, approve individual variations to the Division to which a boat may be assigned.
HANDICAPPING

10. The TopYacht system is used to record sailing and calculate handicaps, race, regatta and series results. Within TopYacht the CYC uses the exponential averaging handicap system. The calculated handicap takes two thirds of a boat’s AHC (allocated handicap) and one third of its BCH (back calculated handicap) after each race to produce a CHC (corrected handicap). That CHC becomes the boat’s AHC for the next race in the series.

   I.e. CHC = (2/3 x AHC) + (1/3 x BCH). TopYacht uses “clamps” to appropriately match the speed at which a handicap changes to the number of races in a series. The “clamps” are to be set at 10%.

   Corrected time in Pointscore is calculated as follows:

   For Dinghies/Cats/SMS: Corrected time = Elapsed time x (100/Yardstick) x AHC.

   For Trailables: Corrected time = Elapsed time x (CBH x (100/80.25)) x AHC.

11. A boat’s previous season’s Pointscore handicap is used as the starting handicap for each new season.

12. New competitor’s boats are allocated the ‘fleet average’ handicap for a division for the previous Pointscore Series. The Sailing Committee may adjust this handicap for fair sailing.

13. To encourage upgrading of boats and more competitive fleets, the owner of a new boat within the same class may request approval to transfer the handicap and series results from an old to the new boat.

SAIL NUMBER ALLOCATION

14. To avoid conflicting sail numbers between boats within the Club, the CYC will maintain a list of sail numbers in use. New boats to the club that have a sail number that is already in use will be allocated a new ‘non-conflicting’ sail number. The Club will provide replacement numbers for affixing to mainsail / spinnaker, as required, at no cost to the sailor/boat.
DUTIES

15. The Office Manager is responsible for creating the duty rosters. Each member of the CYC is required to do two duties during the summer series. CYC members undertaking a duty will be awarded average points for the races for which they are rostered for duty calculated as follows:
   - Pointscore – from the races they have competed in with the minimum number of races being those that count to make a series (DNCs are not included)
   - Championship – from the races they have competed in with the minimum number of races being those that count to make a series minus 2 (DNCs are not included). For the Championship Series only one such provision of an average score will be allowed for each competitor.

16. Volunteering for CYC regattas is not counted as duty. Series that count for duty are the Pointscore, Championship and Long Distance / Short Course series.

17. The penalty for not doing duty (without reasonable excuse) is that the person will still be required to complete the duty and will be re-rostered by the CYC Office at the next available duty vacancy. If the person does not do the re-rostered duty they will be scored DSQ (non-droppable for series) for the next race that they compete in.

18. The Sailing Committee will provide guidance on the Race Officers it believes are most suitable to officiate at championship races.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

19. Class/division representatives make up the membership of the Sailing Committee. Sailors with queries or complaints about sailing at CYC are, in the first instance, to discuss the matter with their class/division representative (Division representative contact details are available from the Club’s website in the member’s area). The class/division representative will escalate the matter if appropriate. Class/division representatives may disseminate the considerations and decisions of the Sailing Committee to their sailors.

APPROVED

CYC Sailing Committee
22 September 2019