



## **POINTSCORE and CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2016-2017**

11 September 2016 to 2 April 2017

### **Sailing Instructions**

#### **1. RULES**

As notified in the Notice of Race except that SI 10.5 changes Rules 26, 29.1, A5 and A11.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted in the Sailors Cabin at Canberra Yacht Club (CYC).

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Control Tower. When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40.1 applies at all times when afloat (all must wear PFDs). This changes the Part 4 preamble to RRS.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The schedule of races is contained in the CYC Sailing Program 2016-2017. The warning signal for the first Division shall be 1400 hours. The Race Officer may combine the starts of two or more Divisions.

#### **6. DIVISION FLAGS**

Division 1	International Flying Fifteens	Numeral pennant 1
Division 2	Sportsboats	Numeral pennant 2
Division 3	Trailable yachts / Trailable multihulls	Numeral pennant 3
Division 4	Off the beach multihulls with VYC yardstick 83.5 and below	Numeral pennant 4
Division 5	Off the beach multihulls with VYC yardstick above 84	Numeral pennant 5
Division 6	Lasers (all variants)	Numeral pennant 6
Division 7	Dinghies YV yardstick 129 and below (excl Lasers)	Numeral pennant 7
Division 8	Dinghies VYC yardstick 130 and above.	Numeral pennant 8
Division 9	Contenders (start in Division 7)	Numeral pennant 7

## **7. COURSES**

- 7.1 The diagrams in Illustration A (attached) show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The race committee boat / race control tower may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.2 Division 8 - will delete lap 3 for all courses.
- 7.3 For Courses A and B a red flag displayed with the course flag from the race committee boat / race control tower means boats shall leave course marks to port and a green flag means boats shall leave course marks to starboard.

## **8. SHORTENED COURSE**

- 8.1 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2(a), or by use of the Shortened Course Mark.
- 8.2 The Shortened Course Mark is created by placing a 'sock' over an existing mark of the course and a sound signal made. When the leading yacht in each Division rounds the Shortened Course Mark, it shall proceed directly to the finish line (at the race committee boat / race control tower). The remaining competitors in each division shall sail the required course as shortened and then proceed to the finish line.

## **9. MARKS**

Course marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Divisions 1- 5 and 7) -Yellow cylindrical buoys with mark numbers displayed.

Course marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Division 6 and 8) - Green cylindrical buoys with mark numbers displayed

The starting / finishing marks - Orange cylindrical buoy / black and white chequered cylindrical buoy.

Shortened Course mark -Blue with white band and black 'S' displayed.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the Starting Mark and the flagstaff on the race committee boat / race control tower displaying the orange flag.
- 10.3 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the starting area and all boats that are in their starting sequence.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5 If Flag U has been displayed, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this Rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes Rules 26 and A5. When Flag U is used as the preparatory signal, Rule 29.1, individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a Flag U penalty is UFD. This changes Rule A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

## **11. THE FINISH**

- The finishing line will be between the Finishing Mark and the flagstaff of the race committee boat / race control tower displaying an orange flag, or, when a race is shortened in accordance with rule 32.2(a), the finishing line will be between a mark of the course and the flagstaff of the committee boat / race control tower displaying an 'S' flag.
- 11.1 Boats shall keep clear and not cross the finish line unless they are finishing.

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for the first boat in each Division shall be 2 hours 15 minutes (135 minutes). Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or whose finishing time exceeds 135 minutes, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

## **13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Office. Protests shall be submitted in accordance with RRS 61.3 with the time limit for competitors being 30 minutes after the finish of the last boat of all Divisions.
- 13.2 Protests shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Race Officer. Protests will be heard (at the CYC and at a time to be advised) on the Tuesday evening following the race day or as soon as possible thereafter and in the order of receipt or in the most logical order determined by the Race Officer.

## **14. MEDIATION**

A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing. The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given. After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- (a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
- (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.)

A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

## **15. SCORING**

As detailed in the NOR.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

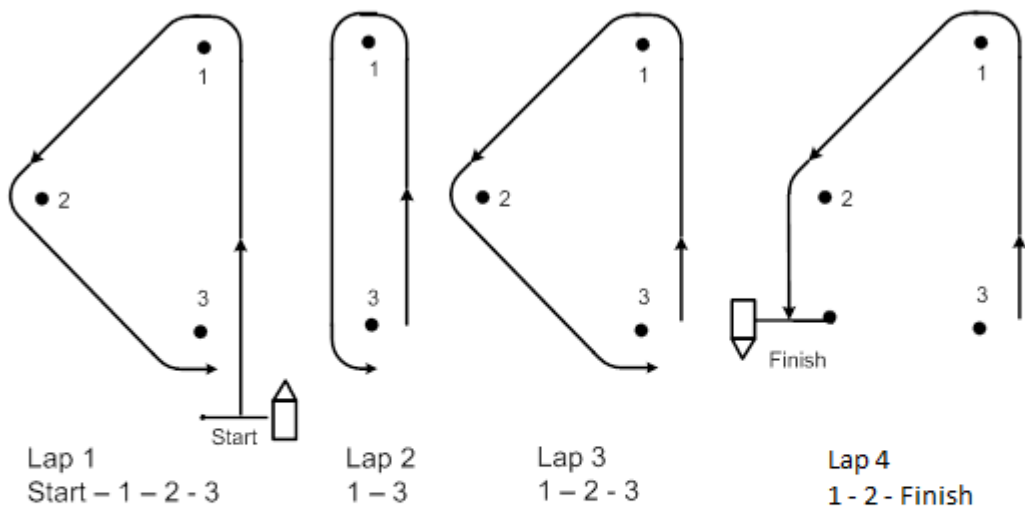
A competitor that has signed on but does not start, or that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **17. INSURANCE**

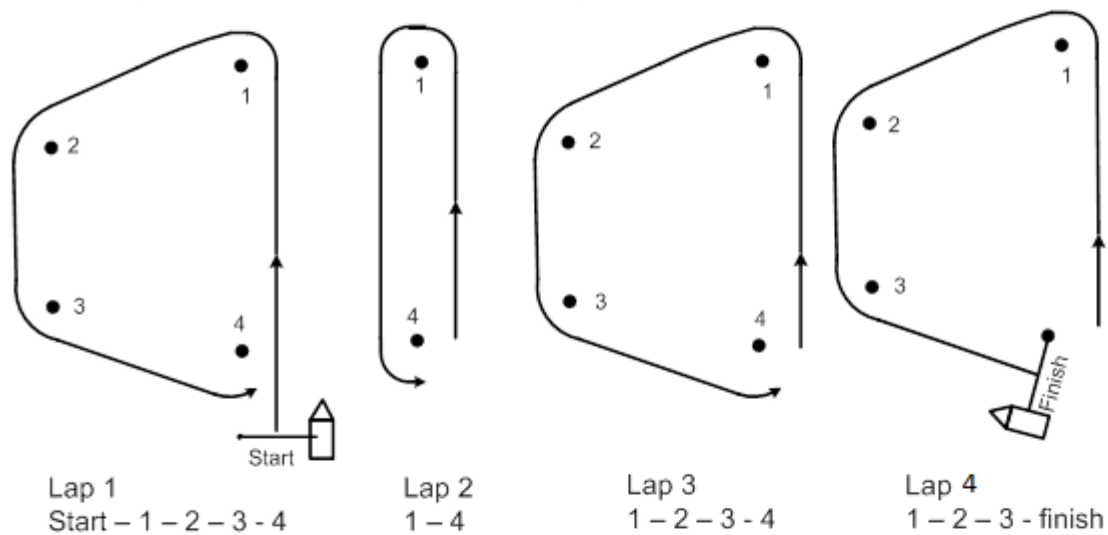
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5 million per event or the equivalent.

## Illustration A

Course A (triangular – port course illustrated)



Course B (trapezoidal – port course illustrated)



Course C Windward / Leeward - port course illustrated

