Southern Cross Club Cup Series 2016
3, 10 and 17 February 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RULES
1. See the Notice of Race.

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

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
3. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1600 hours on the day it will take effect.

 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
4. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the CYC Race Control Tower. When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40.1 applies at all times when afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble to RRS.

SCHEDULE OF RACES
5. The schedule of races is 3, 10 and 17 February 2016. The warning signal for the first Division shall be 1800 hours. The Race Officer may combine the starts of two or more Divisions.

CLASS (DIVISION) FLAGS
6. Division 1  Numeral pennant 1  Sportsboats
Division 2  Numeral pennant 2  Trailable yachts / Multihulls
Division 3  Numeral pennant 3  Off the beach Multihulls
Division 4  Numeral pennant 4  International Flying Fifteen and Dinghies with YV Yardstick 112 and below
Division 5  Numeral pennant 5  Dinghies with YV Yardstick above 112
Division 6  Numeral pennant 6  Sailing School / Optimists.

COURSES
7. 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. 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. Division 5 & 6 will delete lap 2 for all courses.
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9. Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2(a), or by use of the Shortened Course Mark. 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.

MARKS
10. Course marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Divisions 1 - 4) - Yellow cylindrical buoys with mark numbers displayed.
Course marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Division 5 and 6) - Green cylindrical buoys with mark numbers displayed.
The starting and finishing marks - Orange mark or pole.
Shortened Course mark - Blue with white band and black ‘S’ displayed.

THE START
11. Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal. The starting line will be between the Starting Mark and the flagstaff on the race committee boat / race control tower displaying the orange flag. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be recorded as Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

THE FINISH
12. 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 race committee boat / race control tower displaying an ‘S’ flag.

TIME LIMITS
13. The Time Limit for each Division shall be 1.5 hours (90 minutes) or 10 minutes before sunset which ever is the earlier. Boats whose finishing time exceeds the Time Limit, will be recorded as Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

Sunset times are:
- 3 February 2016 2011 EDT
- 10 February 2016 2004 EDT
- 17 February 2016 1957 EDT

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
14. 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. 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.
MEDIATION

15. 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.)

15.1 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.

SCORING

16. As detailed in the NOR.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

17. A boat that has signed on but does not start or that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

INSURANCE

18. 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 E (triangular – port course illustrated)

Course F (Sausage – port course illustrated)

Port Roundings Illustrated -
Courses may be sailed with either Port or Starboard Roundings as signalled