SHORT COURSE SERIES 2016-2017
25 September 2016 to 26 March 2017
Sailing Instructions

RULES
1. See the POINTSCORE and CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2016-2017 Notice of Race (NOR) except that SI 10.2 changes Rules 26, 29.1, A5 and A11.

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 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.

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 (all must wear PFDs). This changes the Part 4 preamble to RRS.

SCHEDULE OF RACES
5.1 The schedule of races is contained in the CYC Sailing Program 2016-2017.

5.2 The warning signal for the first Division shall be 1400 hours. Divisions 1 to 8 are to race two races on each scheduled day. The Race Officer may combine the starts of two or more Divisions.

5.2 The start of the second race each day for Divisions will follow closely after the conclusion of the first race and may not be in Division sequence.

DIVISION FLAGS
6. 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 YV yardstick 83.5 and below Numeral pennant 4
Division 5 Off the beach multihulls with YV yardstick above 84 Numeral pennant 5
Division 6 Lasers (all variants) Numeral pennant 6
Division 7 Dinghies YV yardstick 129 and below (excluding Lasers) Numeral pennant 7
Division 8 Dinghies YV yardstick 130 and above. Numeral pennant 8
Division 9 Contenders (start in Division 7 ) Numeral pennant 7
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 may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg. Optimists dinghies will sail Lap 1 for all courses unless varied by a Notice displayed with Notices to Competitors in the Sailors Cabin no later than 1200 hours on the day. For all courses a red flag displayed with the course flag from the race committee boat means boats shall leave course marks to port and a green flag means boats shall leave course marks to starboard.

SHORTENED COURSE

8. 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 control tower). It shall be rounded on the same hand as the mark it replaces. The remaining competitors in each division shall sail the required course as shortened and then proceed to the finish line.

MARKS

9. Course marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Divisions 1-5, 7 and 9) 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 mark / Black and white chequered mark

Shortened Course mark Blue with white band and black ‘S’ displayed.

THE START

10.1 Races will be started using three minute start sequence this amends Rule 26. The starting line will be between the Starting Mark and the flagstaff on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag. 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. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

10.2 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.

THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between the flagstaff of the Race Tower displaying an orange flag and the Finishing Mark, a black and white chequered buoy, 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 displaying an ‘S’ flag.

11.2 Boats shall keep clear and not cross the finish line unless they are finishing

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TIME LIMITS
12. The time limit for the first boat in Divisions shall be 50 minutes. Boats not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or whose finishing time exceeds 50 minutes, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
13. 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
14. 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.

SCORING
15. As detailed in the NOR.

SAFETY REGULATIONS
16. 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
17. 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)

Lap One: 1-2-3
Lap Two: 1-3
Lap Three: 1-2-Finish at Tower

Course B (Trapezoidal – Port course illustrated)

Lap One: 1-2-3-4
Lap Two: 1-4
Lap Three: 1-2-3-Finish at Tower

Course C (Windward / Leeward – Port course illustrated)

Lap One: 1-2
Lap Two: 1-2
Lap Three: 1- Finish at Tower