



Canberra Yacht Club

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Canberra Yacht Club Sailing Policy

GENERAL

1. The intention of the Club is to foster participation in sailing for both competition and pleasure.
2. Racing at Canberra Yacht Club (CYC) shall be conducted under the:
 - a. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
 - b. Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions,
 - c. this Policy, and
 - d. the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each event, regatta or series.
3. The annual CYC Sailing Calendar provides the schedule of races.
4. All boats which have class rules shall also comply with their class rules when competing in CYC events unless an exception has been specifically approved by the CYC Sailing Committee.
5. Trailable yachts and sports boats shall comply with the rules of the Australian Class Based Handicap (CBH) Rating System.
6. The CYC Sailing Committee may allocate a CBH or Yardstick to Trailable Yachts, trailable multihulls, keelboats, sports boats, dinghies, off the beach catamarans or other boats where:
 - a. there is not an applicable current CBH or yardstick published by AS,
 - b. other factors, such as variance from the applicable class rules, may apply.
7. Boats with a CBH or Yardstick allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee may compete in CYC events under their allocated rating. All CBH or Yardsticks allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee must, as far as practicable be:
 - a. issued prior to the start of the current series, or race where it is not part of a series, and
 - b. based on authoritative and, preferably, externally sourced information.
8. CBH / Yardsticks currently allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee are listed at Attachment A to this policy.
9. 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 of a series.
10. Boats, and not skippers, enter races, have yardsticks, CBH, handicaps and are listed in results and receive prizes. More than one crew or skipper may sail a boat in a regatta or series.
11. When a competitor's boat has a rating that would place it in an unfavourable Division, that competitor may choose to apply to the CYC Sailing Committee to race in a different Division for any of the Championship, Pointscore or Sprint series, for all races held in those series during the season the request is made. This application can be made by completing the CYC Alternate Division Request form and submitting it to the Sailing Committee no later than close of business of the Wednesday preceding the first intended race. The decision to approve racing in the requested alternate division remains at the complete discretion of the CYC Sailing



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Committee. Factors that may influence this decision, eligibility and conditions can be found attached to the form.

12. Sailors that are competing at a regatta that conflicts with a scheduled race can apply to receive average points for their boat for that race from the races to count in a series through the CYC Sailing Committee. Only one such provision of an average score will be allowed for each competitor for each applicable series. Application must be made within one month of the race the points would be applied to or within one week of the last race of a series.

HANDICAPPING

13. The TopYacht system is used to:
 - a. calculate race, regatta, and series results,
 - b. record sailing results, and
 - c. calculate competitor handicaps.
14. Within TopYacht, the CYC uses the exponential averaging handicap system for the Pointscore series. 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:

$$\text{CHC} = (2/3 \times \text{AHC}) + (1/3 \times \text{BCH}).$$

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%.

15. Corrected times are calculated as follows:
 - a. In Pointscore Series:
 - A1: For Dinghies/Cats: Corrected time = Elapsed time x (100/Yardstick) x AHC.
 - A2: For Trailables: Corrected time = Elapsed time x CBH x AHC.
 - b. For Championship and Sprint, and Regattas:
Corrected time = Elapsed time x (100/Yardstick) or CBH as applicable.
16. A boat's previous season's Pointscore handicap is used as the starting handicap for each new season.
17. 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.
18. A division representative may request that the Sailing Committee "Reset" the starting Pointscore handicaps of all boats in their division. This may only occur before the start of a new Pointscore series. Agreement of all boats that sailed more than one race in the previous series (and intend to sail in the new series) is required for this reset to be approved. If approved, the starting handicap for all boats in that division will be reset to 0.800.
19. To encourage upgrading of boats, more competitive fleets, and to facilitate fair competition where there are other factors for changing boats, 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. Where continuation of the handicap from a previous boat may introduce competitive unfairness, but the owner has not requested an adjustment or where there is disagreement,



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the boat's Division representative may refer the matter to the CYC Sailing Committee for decision, and the committee's decision on that referral will be final. This provision applies solely to AHC.

SAIL NUMBER ALLOCATION

20. 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 may 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

21. The Office Manager is responsible for creating the duty rosters. Each member of the CYC is required to do two duties for the Championship, Pointscore and Sprint series during the summer series and one further duty for other series (eg: Winter and Twilight Series) in which they compete. CYC members undertaking a duty will be awarded average points for those races calculated from the races to count in the series once drops are removed.
22. Volunteering for CYC regattas is not counted as duty. Series that count for duty are the Winter, Pointscore, Championship, Twilight and Sprint series.
23. 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-excludable for series) for the next race that they compete in.
24. The Sailing Committee will provide guidance as to the Race Officers it believes are most suitable to officiate at championship races.

CLASS / DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES

25. 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. 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

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Attachment A to the CYC Sailing Policy

CBH/Yardsticks Allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee:

<u>Boat / (When Allocated)</u>	<u>CBH/Yardstick</u>
<i>CBH:</i>	
Nil.	
<i>Yardstick:</i>	
All Flying 15s Yardstick (2010):	109
Square Top Hobie 17 (-1) (2020):	79
WASZP (2022)	65
49FX (2023)	88

Approvals Granted by the CYC Sailing Committee:

Just a Toy

The CYC Sailing Committee approves the Thompson 9 'Just a Toy' to use movable ballast for stability and to use stored power to manipulate it. This approval applies for all CYC events that have modified RRS 51 and 52 in their race documents until notified by the Sailing Committee that this approval has been revoked or there is a change of boat ownership. The current owner of 'Just a Toy', John Whitfield, is not required to re-request permission for every future season and event.