



4.1.1 The Club

These are the sailing instructions of the Deviot Sailing Club Inc. (the Club). They are applicable to all events conducted by the Club to the extent that there is no conflict with instructions specific to particular event.

4.1.2 Races

The names, dates, classes, entries, starting time and location of races and scoring system shall be advised in the normal fixture of events, which shall constitute the notice of race where no later notice is published.

4.1.3 Rules

All races shall be conducted under the current Australian Sailing "Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS), the prescriptions and safety regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), plus the restrictions of the applicable class rules and the provisions of these sailing instructions.

4.1.4 Alterations to Instructions

Alterations to these instructions which have been posted on the notice board at the Club for at least seven days, or by email to the club members list at least seven days prior shall constitute official notice to each boat in accordance with ISAF rule 88.2.

4.1.5 Race Committee

The Club Sailing Committee may appoint a Race Committee for the conduct of any regatta. In the absence of such an appointment the Sailing Committee will be the Race Committee. The Race Committee shall be responsible for the appointment of the Race Officer, establishment of Protest Committees and administration of any matter relating to the event whether covered by these instructions or not.

4.1.6 Race Officer

A Race Officer (RO) shall be appointed by the Sailing Committee for the conduct of any race, event or regatta. The RO shall be responsible for the setting and posting of courses, the placement of marks, starting times and recalls, starting and course signals, recording of times and general oversight of the events.

The RO shall have authority to take action, as they may deem necessary to provide for fair competition or to maintain safety.

4.1.7 Entries

Entry fees as fixed by notice on the club notice board must be paid prior to the relevant warning signal -5 minutes- and the competitor's signature on the sign-on sheet indicates acceptance of these instructions. All entrants shall be required to sign on before and sign off after each race. All crew names must be provided on sign-on sheet. In the case of classes with variable yardsticks, details of rig used is to be provided on sign-on sheet. Sign off should be completed within 30 minutes of coming ashore. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Boats sailing from the vicinity of the Club house during Club events are expected to lodge a race entry and sign on and off even if not racing.

All sailors participating in races must be a member of Deviot Sailing Club or another sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing. One day memberships are available at the Club through the Sail Pass system. New sailors are encouraged to discuss their intentions with the Race Officer prior to submitting their entry, or launching their boat.



4.1.8 Safety

All those taking part in Club races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted nor the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment, nor the skill levels of any helmspersons or crew.

Attention is drawn to RRS, PART 1, Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate is a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

All those taking part in Club races are required to wear an approved personal flotation device. Attention is also drawn to the RRS, Part 4 Competitor Clothing and Equipment.

Spot checks by the RO or their nominee may be made and offending boats disqualified until any defects are remedied.

Participants are strongly recommended to wear shoes or booties to protect their feet from oysters that are present in the Tamar River.

The Club will not be liable nor take responsibility for any loss of or damage to personal items or equipment.

4.1.9 Boat Hire

The Club has several boats available for hire. The Club makes every reasonable effort that these boats are fit for use. However, the leasee is responsible for ensuring that the boat is safe to sail before entering the water. The leasee is responsible for making right any damage caused during the hire period, and for de-rigging, washing and putting the boat away.

4.1.10 Classes and Divisions

Generally competitors are scored in Divisions. The Deviot Dinghies include dinghies with a yardstick over 100 such as Laser, Mirror, NS14 and Pacer. Open Division includes monohulls and multihulls with yardstick rating of 100 and less. An average of four boats of a class must rank as starters in each race to constitute a series for a class. Currently Sabres are sailed as a class.

4.1.11 Start Times and Courses

Starting procedures, starting times, class flags, courses, buoy positions and alteration to time limits, will be displayed on the notice board not less than 30 minutes before the advertised start time.

Starting times may be amended by the RO and such amendments will be advised by the display of the appropriate class flag between the preparatory - 5 minutes- and starting signals.

4.1.12 Time Limits

The time limit for the first finisher in each division for round-the buoys races shall be three hours. Boats finishing more than 45 minutes (after accounting for yardstick) after the first boat of a division to finish or after the time limit (whichever is the later) shall be scored as "DNF". In the case of doubt, the boat's finishing time will be taken and the result determined once the results are processed.

In multiple heat events the Race Officer may allocate a finish place and time for a boat(s) at their discretion and direct such boat (s) to return to the starting area.

If the first boat in a division fails to round the first mark within a period of 30 minutes the race may be abandoned and restarted.



Alternative time limits may be applied and will be posted in accordance with Clause 4.1.11, and shall take precedence.

4.1.13 Retiring Boats

Boats retiring from a race should where possible inform a race management boat that they are retiring. They should also advise a Club official when they return to the clubhouse.

4.1.14 Scoring System

In accordance with the RRS, the low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply (see A4.1). In the event of a tied series, Appendix A8.1 and then A8.2 shall apply.

Rule A5.3 will apply (so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not *start*, did not *sail the course*, did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats **entered in the series**. The starting area is the water in the close vicinity of the starting line.

Any boat which does not correctly complete its course, as described by the course sheets, shall be scored NSC (which is scored as DNF), unless subject to a protest.

If a boat cannot compete because a crew member is unavailable due to commitments on a club roster (RO or rescue boat), or a public duty such as Volunteer Fire Brigade, then the score of the "prejudiced boat" shall be the number of points equal to the average of its points in all the races in the series (scored as OOD in Sailwave).

A boat may compete in a Club Championship, Pennant Series, or a series of Trophy Races with a variety of crew members including skippers.

When not otherwise provided by yardstick, NOR or SI, the following adjustments will be made to yardstick based on the table below (source Australian Sailing Yardsticks 2020-2021).

Change to Rig	Adjustment to Yardstick
Non Asymmetric to Asymmetric Spinnaker	- 1.5%
Asymmetric to Non Asymmetric Spinnaker	+1.5%
Spinnaker to No Spinnaker	+2.3%
No –Spinnaker to Spinnaker	-3.1%
Reduction in crew size	-2.0%
Sloop rigged cat sailed 1 up	-4.5%
Single hander sailed 2 up Base yardstick 140+	+4.2%
No Trapeze to Trapeze	-3%

The scoring codes and their points value shown in the table below will be applied unless stated otherwise in the NOR or SI for the particular event.



Code	Method	Value	Discard	Start area	Start	Fin'd	App 6.2 applies	Description
BFD	Score like	DNF	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Black flag disqualification
DGM*	Score like	DSQ	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Disqualification not excludable under rule 69.1(b)(2)
DNC	Boats in series +	1	Yes	No	No	No	No	Did not come to the starting area
DNE	Score like	DSQ	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Disqualification (other than DGM) not excludable under rule 90.3(b)
DNF	Boats in race +	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Started but did not finish
DNS	Score like	DNF	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Came to the start area but did not start
DPI 1	Fixed penalty	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 point discretionary penalty
DSQ	Score like	DNF	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Disqualification
NSC	Score like	DNF	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	A boat did not sail the course as defined rule A5.1
OCS	Score like	DNF	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	On course side at start or broke rule 30.1
OOD*	Average (all)		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Race Officer or other volunteer duty scored as RDGa
RDG	Set points by hand		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Redress – points set by protest hearing
RDGa	Average (all)		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Redress – average points for all races except the race in question
RDGb	Average (before)		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Redress – average points for all races preceding the race in question
RET	Score like	DNF	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Retired
SCP	Percentage penalty DNF	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Percentage penalty under rule 44.3
UFD	Score like	DNF	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	U flag disqualification under rule 30.3
ZFP	Percentage penalty DNF	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20% penalty under rule 30.2

*These abbreviations, except for those marked with * are described in Appendix A10 of the RRS.

4.1.15 Penalty Provisions

A. Mediation

Protest mediation may be employed before hearing a protest regarding an infringement of a rule within Part 2 of RRS. The mediation may result in a boat accepting half a penalty, which would result from disqualification and/or the protest being withdrawn; rule 63.1 is modified accordingly. The mediation may not be reopened or subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

B. Other penalties

The protest committee may award a penalty of disqualification from a race, or any lesser penalty (including any scoring penalty or redress or no penalty) which it considers appropriate.

4.1.16 Protests

Protests shall be in accordance with RRS, Part 5, and must be lodged with the Sailing Committee not later than one hour after the last finisher has completed the race.

4.1.17 Handicapping Rules

A handicap division will generally operate in conjunction with each series or regatta. The Sailing Committee shall appoint a handicapper. A boat sailing for the first time at the Club will be allotted a handicap at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

4.1.18 Starting and Finishing Line

For shore starts the starting and finishing line shall be between the front diamond marker above the clubhouse and the yellow/black marker known as "S".

When an inner mark designated "SI" (orange marker with a red flag) is placed, starters and finishers must pass between SI and S. SI may not be on the starting /finishing line.



Alternative courses may be used - courses and marks posted in accordance with clause 4.1.11 shall take precedence.

4.1.19 Starting Procedures

Unless notified otherwise, races will be started in accordance with RRS PART 3, Rule 26, STARTING RACES.

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

The new warning signal for a recalled class will be made as soon as practicable, and other classes will be started afterwards in the same order as in the starting schedule.

Where back to back races are sailed, the class order of starting for the subsequent race(s) may be different to the initial start order.

4.1.20 Shortened Course

Where the RO determines that the race should be shortened, the race will finish on the leg about to be completed by the leading boat at the time of hoisting the code flag "S" (white flag with blue square). Two sound signals will be made on raising the flag. The class flag for which the course has been shortened may be flown above or below the flag "S".

4.1.21 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made with code flags on the flag pole at the club house have the meanings specified in the RRS (Race Signals).

Code flag "AP", Answering Pendant, with two sound signals, (one sound signal when lowered) means, "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 25 minutes after "AP" is lowered, or earlier at the RO's discretion if the fleet is ready. Boats are requested not to leave the shore until the signal is lowered.

4.1.22 Sound Signals

Repetitive sound signals while displaying flags "C" or "M" might not be made. Failure to make such sound signals shall not be cause for redress by any competitor.

4.1.23 Instructions for Specific Trophy Race formats

The club runs a number of specific trophy race formats, appropriate to our location.

Opening Day Trophy

This is typically the first trophy race of the season, and will be scored as a yardstick event in two divisions, Deviot Dinghies and Open. This event may use the continuous lap format.

Gravelly Beach Dash

This race has a staggered start from the beach at Deviot, with the intention of all the competing boats arriving at the destination at the same time. The results are calculated on the time between the starting signal for each boat, and the time they pass the finish mark at the destination. Trophies are awarded on a handicap basis. The first boat to arrive at Gravelly Beach has bragging rights only. Whilst times may be taken for the return journey, this leg is not part of the event, as the river can be rough around Swan Point and boats may be required to assist others. Ideally this event is held on a day when the high tide is at around 1.30 pm.

Peter Brooks Trophy

This is a handicap race conducted in memory of Peter Brooks who tragically drowned during a club event at Deviot in the 1970s. This is a handicap event for all entrants, with everyone



sailing the same course and competing for a single trophy. This event may use the continuous laps format.

George Fish Trophy

This race is conducted in memory of George Fish who passed away in early 2017. George sailed at Deviot for many years in Moths, Mirrors and Sabres. This is a yardstick race conducted in two divisions, Dinghies and Open. This event may use the continuous laps format.

Hillwood Return Trophy

This is a return race between Deviot and a buoy dropped near Hillwood. The course may involve extra marks as advised on the day. This is a handicap event for all entrants, with everyone sailing the same course and competing for a single trophy. The Open division may have a longer course, with the result of the longer course being used for the Top Cat award.

Beginners Trophy Race

This is a race whereby beginners (from our sail training course, and/or people in their first year of sailing) sail with an experienced sailor to give the beginners a taste of racing. Trophies will be awarded on the day to beginners as encouragement awards, not necessarily based on performance. A trophy will also be awarded at the Presentation night to the winning eligible skipper based on yardstick, including adjustment in the case of additional crew members. For eligibility the skipper must have had a beginner on board. The continuous lap format may be used.

Continuous Laps Trophy Races

All boats race around a relatively short course (aim for 4-6 laps for fastest boats). The number of laps is recorded for each boat. The race continues for 90 minutes, and then the Race Officer finishes all the boats as they next pass through the finish line. The elapsed time for each competitor is adjusted to estimate the time it would have taken if it sailed the maximum number of laps. Then the yardstick and handicap are applied. All boats compete in a single division unless otherwise advised. Normally all boats would start together, but it is acceptable to have separate starts.

Point Rapid Trophy Race

This is a handicap event from Deviot to Point Rapid and return. The course may incorporate additional legs, and may be varied in the case of adverse conditions. Ideally this race is started around an hour before low tide.

Partridge Cup

This is a Yardstick event where all classes compete over the same course for the Partridge Cup, which is a rustic wooden box. The race may use the continuous lap format.

Top Cat Series

This is a handicap award for multihulls comprising the results of seven events conducted over the season (one drop) as notified on the annual program. These are normally the High Performance Regatta, the Safari, Hillwood Return, Gravelly Beach Dash, Point Rapid and 2 pennant races.

Safari

The Safari is held in conjunction with Georgetown Yacht Club. This event has its own NOR and SI updated annually. It is ideally held with a low tide occurring at around 11am, so the fleet has the assistance of an incoming tide. This is a yardstick event, with divisions as advised in the NOR or sailing instructions.