



GOSFORD SAILING CLUB

Radio Controlled Yachts

NOTICE OF RACE

Spring/Summer Series – 2023/2024



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WINTER SERIES - 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* as amended by Appendix E, the Radio Sailing Racing Rules.
- 1.2 The following documents will apply: the Notice of Race (NoR), these Sailing Instructions (SI), International Class Administration Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), the respective International Class Rules.
- 1.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - E3.1: Amended to read "The control area will be defined on the course board. Competitors shall be in this area when controlling boats that are racing, except briefly to handle and then release or relaunch the boat."
 - E3.2: Amended to read "Launching area will be specified on the course board"
 - E3.3: Amended to read "The course will be displayed on a Course Board. The board shall be located in or adjacent to the control area."
 - E3.6: Following the first general recall Rule 30.1 shall apply to the restart. For subsequent general recalls RRS rules 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 may apply.
 - E3.8(c): Amended to read "Courses may be shortened."
 - E5.1(a): Amended to read "The race committee will appoint Observers, who may be competitors."
 - E6.4: Add "but prior to the preparatory signal for the next heat or race."

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the entrance to Gosford Sailing Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions, either as permitted in the rule itself or in accordance with RRS 86.1, may be made at any time between heats, prior to the warning signal for the next heat. Any changes will be posted on the official notice

board. Two sound signals followed by a verbal announcement shall be made by the Race Officer to call attention to the change.

- 3.2** In the event that a rule in the Notice of Race conflicts with a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This amends RRS63.7

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1** Dates of racing: In accordance with the Notice of Race Clause 1.1
- 4.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be no earlier than the time described in the Notice of Race Clause 1.2
- 4.3** At the commencement of racing for the day, or following a recess of 10 minutes or more, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an announcement and one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal will be made.
- 4.4** Racing will be held at the scheduled times with a maximum of 10 heats each day, or the maximum number of heats that can be finished within a two hour period if less than 10 heats are finished.
- 4.5** The first five heats each race day will be a scratch start. Subsequent heats up to a maximum of another five may be handicap starts at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5 LAUNCHING AND CONTROL AREA / OUTSIDE HELP

- 5.1** Boats shall be launched and retrieved from within the designated launching area.
- 5.2** A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held on the bank, taken ashore and re-launched at any time during the heat however they shall not be released for the first time after the first boat in that heat has finished.
- 5.3** While ashore or within a launching area, boats may be adjusted, drained of water or repaired, have their sails/rigs changed or adjusted, have entangled objects removed, or have equipment repaired or changed.

6 RACE COMMITTEE BOAT

- 6.1** Only an authorized boat crew, under the direction of the Race Officer, are to operate the Race Committee boat.

8 COURSES

- 8.1** Courses will generally be a windward / leeward course with a windward offset mark.
- 8.2** The windward /leeward leg should be approximately 60 m long; adjusted to suit prevailing weather conditions.
- 8.3** The course will be set with a target time of approximately 10 minutes for the first boat to complete.
- 8.4** Unless notified otherwise each race shall consist of 2 laps with an upwind finish. All marks to be taken to port.
- 8.5** The starting and finishing line will be between two buoys located on the course between the windward and leeward turning marks.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** The windward, leeward and clearance marks are yellow spherical buoys with a red pennant above.

- 9.2** The clearance mark will be 3-5 m to port of the windward mark and approximately at right angles to the windward/leeward axis.
- 9.3** The start and finish line will be defined by two orange spherical buoys

10 THE START E3.4

- 10.1** The Starter will be a competitor in the fleet with the aim being the winner of each previous heat will be Starter for the following heat and be awarded their average points for all heats they are a finisher in on the day. No competitor should be starter for more than one heat each race day. The Race Committee may nominate a competitor to take a turn as Starter for any heat.
- 10.2** Races will be started in accordance with RRS E3.4 with the warning signal made two (2) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.3** Following the first general recall Rule 30.1 shall apply to the restart. For subsequent general recalls RRS rules 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 may apply. This changes RRS E3.6.
- 10.4** Heats shall be started using audio warning, preparatory and starting signals at one minute intervals. During the minute before the starting signal, additional sound or oral signals shall be made at 10 second intervals and during the final 10 seconds at one second intervals. This changes RRS26. **E3.8**
- 10.5 Individual Recall E3.5**
When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line the Starter shall promptly hail "Recall (sail numbers)". This changes RRS29.1
- 10.6 General Recall E3.6**
When at the starting signal the Starter is unable to identify the boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the Starter may hail "General Recall" and make 2 loud sounds. The warning signal for a new start will be made as soon as practical thereafter.

11 RACING TIMES

- 11.1** Racing is to start as soon as possible after the scheduled start times.
- 11.2** The warning signal will indicate the starting sequence for the next heat as soon as practicable after a heat has been concluded.
- 11.3** Except where an announcement is made during the initial briefing, or in exceptional circumstances where a majority of competitors agree, racing will continue until 10 heats are sailed or a two time limit has expired.

12 TIME LIMIT and TIME-OUT LIMIT

- 12.1** The time limit for all heats will be 30 minutes from the start for the first boat to finish.
- 12.2** The Time Out Limit for racing after the first boat finishes shall be 5 minutes.
- 12.3** At the expiry of the Time Out Limit:
- a) If 4 or fewer boats are still racing, they shall be recorded according to SI 10.4.
 - b) If more than 4 boats are still racing the Time Out Limit shall be extended until only 4 boats remain racing, at which time the RO shall give two sound signals and call time. Boats still racing shall be recorded according to SI 10.4.
- 12.4** Boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, DNS or DNC in that order, as appropriate. DNF boats still racing at the end of the

Time Out Limit will be recorded and scored in accordance with their place on the water.

13 PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Protests will be accepted in accordance with RRS E6. If Arbitration is to be used for this event, it is to be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
- 13.2** The Protest Committee will consist of three competent persons, which may include competitors. If a party to a hearing objects to any individual competitor being a member of the protest committee, because they believe that person to be an interested party, they may object under RRS 63.4.
- 13.3** A boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible after finishing or retiring and prior to the preparatory signal for the next heat. This changes RRS E6.4
- 13.4** Arbitration, Protests and requests for redress shall be held at a time and place determined by the Race Committee.
- 13.5** Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5(a).

14 SCORING

- 14.1** The RRS Appendix A Low Point system will apply unless changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 14.2** 1 heat is required to be finished by a competitor other than a Visitor to constitute a race and one race day is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3** Excluded scores (discards). When the total score is calculated for each boat, her worst scores will be excluded as follows:
 - a) After 4 heats have been completed, 1 discard
 - b) After 8 heats have been completed, 2 discards
 - c) After 10 heats have been completed, 3 discards.
- 14.4** When a tie needs to be broken to establish the order of finishing places between two or more boats in promotion or relegation positions at the finishing line, or recorded equally at the end of a heat or at the end of the event RRS Appendix A7 and A8 will apply.
- 14.5** RRS E4.2 - A boat, that is a series entry, that did not start (DNS), or finish (DNF) or retired (RET) or was disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

15 WITHDRAWN BOATS

- 15.1** Any competitor who intends to withdraw from racing, either permanently or temporarily, is to inform the race committee at the earliest opportunity.

16 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 16.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. A boat can be instructed by a Race Committee

member or Class Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given as described in the Notice of Race.

19 TAKING A PENALTY

19.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.

19.2 If a boat causes serious damage, as a result of breaking a rule and she causes another boat to become disabled and retire, her penalty shall be to retire.

20 SEVERE WEATHER

20.1 Events or race may be postponed or abandoned because of foul weather or thunderstorms. This will be at the discretion of the Race Committee and/or Gosford Sailing Club.

21 RIGHT OF WAY

21.1 On Opposite Tacks: When boats are on opposite tacks a *port* tack boat shall keep clear of a *starboard* tack boat.

21.2 On the Same Tack Overlapped: A *windward* boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

21.3 On the Same Tack, NOT Overlapped: a boat *astern* shall keep clear of a boat *ahead*.

21.4 While Tacking, after a boat passes *head to wind* she shall keep clear of other boats until she is on a close-hauled course. (Note :- The above is a brief summary of key rules; for full details the current Racing Rules of Sailing must be consulted).

22 SMOKING

22.1 Smoking is prohibited within the control area or any enclosed spaces.

23 PROHIBITED AREA AND MARINA SECURITY

23.1 RC Yachts are prohibited from sailing on the waters within the Marina ie; courses will be set on the outer waters of the Marina.

23.2 The Marina Main Gate must be kept closed at all times.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

24.1 All those entering or taking part in these Championships do so at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Australian Radio Yachting Association (Incorporated), Australian State Radio Sailing Associations, Australian Radio Sailing Clubs and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim:

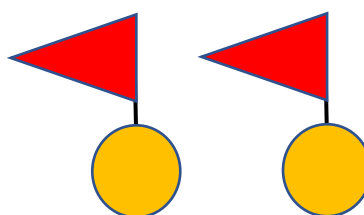
“Any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, material damage, personal injury or death, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, prior to, during or after the regatta, as a consequence of entering or participating in the Championship covered by these Sailing Instructions.”

At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves plus the decision to participate or continue must rest solely with and remain at all times with the competitors.

A competitor may only enter the event by accepting these conditions as they appear on the entry form for this event.

RC YACHT COURSE DIAGRAM

Windward



Start/Finish



Leeward

