

P.L.Y.C. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2023-2024

1. RACING:

Races shall be sailed as shown on the 2023-2024 Season Program. Any change in the programme shall be made by the Sailing Committee at least 5 days prior to the event to be approved and signed by the Sailing Officer and placed on the Official Notice Board.

2. RULES:

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing and Class Rules, except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

3. ENTRIES:

- (a) PLYC Sailing Committee will maintain a formal Club Register for each class sailed listing eligible skipper/yacht combinations and registered crews.
- (b) For a skipper/yacht combination to be eligible to be on the Club Register,
 - the owner, skipper and crew shall be financial members of the Port Lincoln Yacht Club and Australian Sailing.
 - for each skipper/yacht combination, a completed Registration and Declaration Form must be received by the Sailing Committee and include registered crew members.
- (c) **Only** skipper/yacht combinations appearing on the formal Club Register will be scored.
- (d) **Keel boat points will be allocated to the boat.**
- (e) **Sharpie class will be scored Points/Championship to the boat.**
- (f) **420's, Herons, Laser, Cadets and Optimist Points/Championship to go with the Skipper, in the Yard stick class.**

Competitor's attention is drawn to the following Racing Rules of Sailing and associated Australian Sailing Prescriptions in reference to this Sailing Instruction:

- *RRS 46 – Person in Charge*
- *RRS 48 – Limitations on Equipment and Crew*
- *RRS 75 – Entering an Event*
- *RRS 78 – Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates*

4. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Each boat shall complete a declaration of compliance with the relevant Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats or Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats for the Category specified.

Keel Boats - {Harbour/Day races} - Part 1 for Racing Yachts Category 5, No racing after sun set.

Keel Boats {Destination races} - Part 1 for Racing Yachts Category 4

Keel Boats {100Nm Race} - Part 1 for Racing Yachts Category 3

ADELAIDE LINCOLN RACE - Part 1 for Racing Yachts Category 3

OFF THE BEACH CLASSES - Part 2 Off the Beach Yachts

5. NOTICE to COMPETITORS:

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located downstairs at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club.

6. CHANGE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change of the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than ONE Hour before the start of the first race it will affect. Keel Boats as per additional instructions.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flag pole.

Postponement: Code flag "A.P." and two sound signals. * No Off the Beach class shall leave the beach. At the end of the postponement period the Code flag "A.P." shall be lowered and one sound signal made. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the lowering of Code Flag "A.P.".

8. INTENTION TO START:

Intention to Start / Nomination Forms shall be signed on as follows for each race:

CLASS / BOAT NAME / SKIPPER'S NAME

The sign on form should also include **ALL** crew names, including Keel Boats.

Failure to complete Intention to Start / Nomination sign on form, shall incur a 20% penalty.

9. COURSES:

KEEL BOATS - shall be displayed on the appropriate Course Sheet one and a half hours before the start and available from the Club.

KANGAROO REEF BUOY shall be passed on the required side i.e. port entering harbour, starboard leaving harbour, unless specifically nominated as a rounding mark for a particular race.

Sailing within aquaculture leases is prohibited whilst racing.

OFF THE BEACH CLASSES - shall be displayed on the Official Notice Board not less than one hour before the start.

10. CLASS SIGNALS:

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|------------|----------------|
| DIVISION 1 | Naval 1 |
| SHARPIE | Class Flag |
| LASERS | Class Flag |
| 420 | Class Flag |
| CADETS | Class flag |
| HERONS | Class Flag |
| OPTIMIST | Class Flag |
| YARD STICK | 420 class flag |

Starts of some classes may be combined and indicated on the Course Board.

11. ORDER OF START:

To be notified on Course Board for off the beach classes.

12. STARTING TIMES:

Unless otherwise shown on the Sailing Program:

| | <u>Morning</u> | <u>Afternoon</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Keel Boats Harbour and Day Race | 10.00am | 2.00pm |
| First off the Beach Classes | | 2.10pm |
| Optimist | 10.30 am | |

Starting intervals shall be FIVE Minutes for OFF the BEACH CLASSES. Times for special events will be notified on the Official Notice Board (e.g., Back-to-Back races).

13. STARTING LINE:

CLUB HOUSE START - A line between the Bridge of the P.L.Y.C. and No. 1 Buoy.

COMMITTEE BOAT START - A line between an Orange flag buoy or a black and yellow chequered buoy (outer distance mark) and the on station flag on the Committee Boat. An Orange flag buoy (inner distance mark) may be laid near the Committee Boat. For the purpose of rules this mark shall be deemed to be part of the Committee Boat.

14. STARTING PROCEDURE:

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 – Starting Races

Recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29 - Recalls

15. FINISHING LINE:

OFF THE BEACH CLASSES - as per course sheet.

KEEL BOATS

- A line between the Bridge on the Eastern end of the P.L.Y.C. and No. 1 buoy for all classes.
- Others, i.e. offshore races, will be notified on the Course Sheet.

16. TIME LIMITS:

OFF THE BEACH CLASSES

The time limit will be 90 minutes for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the class finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

KEEL BOATS

Unless otherwise indicated on the Course Sheet, the time limit will be 4 hours for Keel Boats. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF, except in the case when the first boat is *Fresh*, then the 60 minutes applies from after the second boat finishes. Any modifications to time limits, for example for off-shore events, will be indicated on the Course Sheet for the event. This changes RRS 35.

17. PENALTIES:

Racing Rules 44.1, 44.2 shall apply for all classes. For Off the Beach Classes the Two Turns Penalty when a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 or RRS while *racing* is replaced with a One Turn (360 degree) Penalty.

18. RESULTS & NOTICE to COMPETITORS.

The onus is on all skippers and crews to check the results board and official notice board before and after sailing. These boards are displayed at the Club.

19. MEDIATION

All protests will be subject to mediation. The mediator appointed by the Race Committee will convene a meeting as soon as possible after a protest is submitted. The time of the mediation will be advised verbally. The mediator will take testimony from the protestor and protestee in such manner as the mediator decides.

No witnesses shall be allowed. In the case of Junior or Youth sailors (U18) being involved an observer for each party, who is a club member aged over 18, must also be present.

After taking testimony the mediator shall come to one of the following conclusions.

- a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

- b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing.
- c) There was no infringement and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- d) There has been an infringement by one or more of the yachts. The infringing boat(s) may accept a penalty equal to 50% of the places of the remaining yachts and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest.

A mediation hearing shall not be reopened. The conclusions of a mediator shall not be subject to appeal nor be grounds for redress. Should the mediation proceed to a full 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.

20. PROTESTS: RRS 60

Protests shall be in writing in accordance with Part 5 Section A of RRS; and shall be lodged with the Race Officer within one hour after the finishing time of the protesting boat for the last race of the day.

The Race Officer may extend the time if there is a good reason to do so.

21. RE-SAILS: RRS 36

The decision to re-sail any races and the time of re-sails is entirely at the discretion of the Sailing Committee / Officer. NOTE. All dinghy classes re-sails will be the next scheduled weekend of racing and the resail will be the second race of the afternoon.

Changes must be displayed on the official notice board 5 days before the race and signed by Sailing Officer.

22. SCORING SYSTEM:

ALL CLASSES

Appendix A - Scoring System with the exceptions:

- (a) A did not start (DNS) shall score the points equal to the number of yachts accepted for the series, (**Pre Xmas / Post Xmas**) which may increase as the **Season** progresses.
- (b) A retired or disqualified yacht shall score points equal to the number of yachts plus 1 which started in the race.

HANDICAP/CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS SCORE

All classes

Discards are follows, **1 per four races with a minimum of 4 races sailed before the first discard made.**

(eg. 1 discard after 4 races, 2 discards after 8 races, 3 discards after 12 races, 4 discards after 16 races, etc.)

This applies to all series and the overall season results.

KEEL BOATS

As per special Keel Boat Additional Requirement Information.

AVERAGE POINTS

Average Points SHALL be awarded if called upon to perform official duties (incl. Race Officer) or if representing the club at an event elsewhere (eg. state, national, major regatta, in the class that the competitor regularly sails and or at the sailing committee's recommendation.)

The sailing committee must be advised beforehand in writing stating for which race and events average points are being claimed. Only points to a maximum of 20% of the series may be applied for, prior to discards.

23. PRIZES:

Will be awarded for **Series and Seasonal Winners and Placing's** for CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS and HANDICAP POINTS **as out lined below.**

Keel Boats

1. **Pre Xmas Series (Non Trophy)**
2. **Post Xmas series (Non Trophy)**

3. **Destination Series (Memory Cove, Reevesby Island, Day race, Spalding Cove Races.)**
4. **Harbour Series.**
5. **Windward / leeward series**
6. **Memory Cove Race**
7. **Reevesby Island Race**
8. **Overall keel Boat Championship**

Off the beach classes

1. **Overall Series (Championship and Points)**

Keel Boats – Handicap Points awarded to Boat

- a. Keel Boats Handicap points to be non-transferable on the change of ownership of boats.

9. CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

- New skipper/helmsman shall establish a new handicap at handicapper's discretion.

24. ADVERSE WEATHER

Any race will be postponed to another day if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a Gale Warning for the Spencer Gulf that applies during the time of the race.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in events at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Port Lincoln Yacht Club Inc., its members, officers or agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any event.

All Keel Boats and Off the Beach classes are required to have a minimum \$10,000,000 Public Liability Cover.

Also see additional Sailing Instructions specific to Keel Boats