

2020 Sailing Instructions

Classic, Harbour & Point Score Series

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The *Equipment Rules of Sailing 2017 –2020*. To the extent that they apply.
- 1.3 The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) for the category of the race, as noted in the Darwin Sailing Club Sailing Calendar, or in the absence of a notation - Category 7, or for Off the Beach boats - YA Special Regulation 2, and relevant class measurement rules (where applicable), and
- 1.4 The current prescriptions of: Offshore Racing Congress (ORC) rule and IRC System (where applicable), and
- 1.5 DSC Sailing Calendar.
- 1.6 These rules may be modified or changed by further Sailing Instructions (SIs).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the base of the Sailing Tower and/or the DSC web site.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted three hours before the scheduled starting time for the race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Sailing Tower flag pole.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Rule 40 applies to all Off the Beach divisions and all boats without lifelines at all times when boats are afloat. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing will be according to the current DSC Sailing Calendar.
- 5.2 Number of races will be according to the current DSC Sailing Calendar.
- 5.3 Races will not be sailed ahead of time.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be according to the current DSC Sailing Calendar, unless modified by supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6 No warning signal will be made after 1555 on any racing day, unless changed by a supplementary sailing instruction.

6. DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1 Division flags are detailed in the DSC General Notice of Race 2020.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Attachment D shows the location of racing areas.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be detailed in the Notice of Courses in the DSC Year Book and DSC website www.dwnsail.com.au or detailed in Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be described in the Notice of Courses, unless changed in Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

- 9.2 New marks as provided in instruction 11.2, new marks may be of a different colour and/or shape to an original mark.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end, unless changed by course diagrams in the Yearbook or Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.1.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be described in the Notice of Courses unless changed with Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing, unless the boat's division is the last start in a flight, in which case the limit will be 10 minutes. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5 A boat late for a start may use her engine or other means of propulsion after the preparatory signal for the purpose of proceeding to the start area provided that before crossing the start line the boat shuts off its engine or ceases other means of propulsion before performing a 360 degree turn under sail and does not thereby obtain an unfair advantage. A boat taking advantage of this concession shall record the circumstances in a declaration after the race and apply for redress from the Protest Committee.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon

as practicable. When, in the case of a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it may be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 Marks used to replace existing marks may be of a different colour and/or shape to an original mark.

11.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes Rule 28.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be described the Notice of Courses unless changed by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. In any event she must report within the time limit for protests.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 30.2 (Z flag) will not be used.

13.2 OTB boats are not required to display a yellow flag. This changes rule 44.3(a) & (b). She shall inform the race committee at the finish line. At that time she shall also inform the race committee of the identity of the other boat involved in the incident. If this is impracticable, she shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity and within the time limit for *protests*.

13.3 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3(c), will apply.

13.4 For divisions 7 & 8 rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.5 Appendix P will apply as changed by instructions 13.4 and 13.6

13.6 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Time limits are as follows:

14.2 Classic Series & Harbour Series:

Boats failing to finish before 1730hrs may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.3 Point Score Series:

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.4 The Race Officer may abandon the race if it is unlikely that the leading boat(s) will complete the course within the time limit. Failure to meet a target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available online at the Darwin Sailing Club website <https://dwnsail.com.au/sailing/racing/race-documents/> or at the sailing office. Completed protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that division has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.3 Boats wishing to protest should call the race committee's attention to that intention at the finishing line. If this is impracticable, she shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity and within the time limit for protests.

15.4 Notices will be posted as soon as practicable after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the DSC Training Room or alternative advised location beginning at the time posted.

- 15.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 17, 20 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 15.8 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

16.1 The scoring system is as follows:

- 16.1.1 The *RRS Appendix A Scoring System* will apply, except as modified by 16.2.1, 16.2.2, 16.2.3, 16.3.1 and 16.3.2. Clause A9 will apply.
- 16.1.2 Point Score Series: Five races are required to constitute a series.
- 16.1.3 Harbour and Classic Series: Three races are required to constitute a series.

16.2 Discards - *Point Score Series*

- 16.2.1 When fewer than 6 races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes A2.
- 16.2.2 When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, unless such score is not excludable. This changes A2.
- 16.2.3 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst

scores. DNE race scores may not be discarded. This changes A2.

16.3 Discards – *Classic and Harbour Series*

- 16.3.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores. This changes A2.
- 16.3.2 When 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, unless such score is not excludable. This changes A2.
- 16.3.3 East Point Regatta overall results will count as one "race" in the Classic Series.

16.4 TIME CORRECTION

- 16.4.1 Classic Series races will be scored using:
 - 16.4.1.1 For Divisions 1 & 4: – ORC Category Results will be decided by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the ToT Windward/Leeward General TCC as printed on each boat's ORCi or ORC Club Certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
 - 16.4.1.2 For Division 3 – DSC Performance Handicaps determined by the DSC Handicapping Committee.
 - 16.4.1.3 Results will be calculated by the application of the Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
 - 16.4.1.4 For the Cock of the Sea Race of the Classic Series the boat's time for day 1 will be combined with the boats

time for day 2, before applying the ORC TCC or Performance Handicap Time Corrector.

16.4.2 Harbour Series races will be scored using DSC Performance Handicaps. Results will be calculated by the application of the Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

16.4.2.1 For Off The Beach boats – AS Yardstick.

16.4.2.2 Point Score Races will be scored using firstly, ASY and then DSC Performance Handicaps. After calculation of the yardstick corrected time, results will be calculated by the application of the Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

16.4.3 A boat's DSC Performance Handicap TCC will be determined by the DSC Handicapping Committee or its nominee. The TCC will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a))

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Sign-On and Sign-Off:

17.1.1 OTB boats shall sign on before going onto the water and sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat in their division finishing their last race for the session or day.

17.1.2 Division 1, 3 & 4 boats shall sign on with the race Committee on VHF Ch. 73 thirty minutes prior to the commencement of the first flight of races on a day.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable.

17.3 Yachts shall keep clear of all commercial shipping (vessels more than 35 metres in length) whilst within Darwin Harbour and particularly while transiting the shipping channels. Ships are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre within the Port of Darwin and yachts should take any necessary avoiding action early. In the event of avoiding action becoming necessary, a yacht may start its engine then motor to avoid a shipping hazard on a course away from the conflicting traffic for as long as necessary. A yacht that takes such action shall return to the position at which the engine was started, cease motoring before completing a 360 turn and resume racing as soon as possible. The details of any such action must be reported to the Race Officer as soon as practicably possible and not later than five minutes after finishing. Attention is drawn to Rule 9 (a) and Rule 9 (b) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea, 1972. Yachts deemed to have impeded the progress of a commercial vessel may be disqualified without a hearing. This amends RRS 61.1.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Any changes in sails, ballast, helm or alterations that affect the trim or flotation of a boat shall be notified to the Handicap Committee, via the Sailing Manager, a minimum of 72 hours prior to the start of the boat's next race, so its handicap may be reviewed.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the division, class, measurement, rating rules, Special Regulations & sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race

committee equipment inspector or measurer, or their nominee, to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1 Race Committee boats will be marked by displaying a DSC pennant.

20.2 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20.3 Coaches authorised by the Race Committee may follow Green Fleet boats within the racing area.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1 Trash from OTB boats may be accepted by support or official boats, but not while racing.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22.2 Boats in division 1, 3 & 4 must maintain a listening watch on the race frequency (CH. 73) at all times.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in these series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing.

24 INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the

equivalent. Evidence of insurance cover must be provided on request of the Sailing Committee.

Offshore, match and trophy races and NT Championships will have their own Sailing Instructions.