



Sailing Instructions - Darwin Latitude Race Arafura Short Offshore Series 12th September 2020

The 2020 Latitude Race will be conducted on the waters of Darwin Harbour and Beagle Gulf. The race is organised and conducted by the Darwin Sailing Club (DSC).

1. Rules

- i. The race will be governed by the current versions of:
- ii. The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS).
- iii. Appendix WP shall apply.
https://dwnsail.com.au/uploads/Rich%20Text%20Uploads/Assets/AppendixWPRulesforRacingAroundWaypoints_19996.pdf
- iv. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- v. International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972; except as amended by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- vi. All times in these Sailing Instructions are Australian Central Standard Time (ACST) unless otherwise stated.
- vii. Between the hours of Sunset and Sunrise, RRS 10 to 22 inclusive shall cease to be applicable and shall be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
- viii. For the purpose of this race, the times of Sunrise and Sunset shall be as follows:
 - Sunrise: 0643 hrs
 - Sunset: 1842 hrs

2. Notices to competitors

- i. Notices to competitors will be posted on the club website www.dwnsail.com.au.
- ii. Any change to these Sailing Instructions may also be posted on the club website.
- iii. Any alterations to these instructions will be announced after the Sign-On Schedule.

3. The course

- i. The course for this race:
 - Divisions 1 & 3 - Start, allocated latitude line 12° 05.300', Finish.
 - Division 4 - Start, allocated latitude line 12° 10.300', Finish.

4. The start

- i. There will be one start for all divisions.
- ii. The start time will be 1000 hrs on Saturday, 12th September 2020 in Fannie Bay, always allowing the Race Committee, at their discretion, to postpone to another time.
- iii. The starting line will be between "E Buoy" and the DSC Start Boat with E Buoy at the port end of the line.
- iv. Starting Sequence will be as per RRS 26
 - a. 5 minutes before start: Warning signal, Numeral flag 1 raised
 - b. 4 Minutes before start: Sound signal, P flag raised
 - c. 1 Minute before start: Sound signal, P flag lowered
 - d. Start: Sound signal, Numeral flag 1 lowered
- v. Premature starters may be identified on VHF Channel 73.
- vi. There will be no General Recall. This changes RRS 29.1 and 29.2.



5. Latitude Turn

- i. Allocated Latitude shall be the line of latitude that a boat must pass. This adds a new definition.
- ii. Boats must pass the latitude line allocated to their division before turning.
- iii. A GPS track showing a position north of the allocated latitude must be recorded and may be required to be presented to a Protest Jury to substantiate that the course was properly completed. (See Guidance for Racing Around Way Points - https://dwnsail.com.au/uploads/Rich%20Text%20Uploads/Assets/GuidanceonRacingAroundWaypoints_19997.pdf)
- iv. The boat may pass the line of latitude either to port or starboard.

6. The Finish

- i. The finishing line will be between E Buoy and Emery Point leaving E Buoy to starboard.
- ii. A yacht crossing the finishing line correctly is deemed to have made a declaration that all rules have been complied with and that the course has been sailed correctly. If a skipper is uncertain as to whether a rule has been breached, he or she should report the circumstances to the DSC Sailing Manager. A written report may be required.
- iii. All boats must take their own finishing time and transmit them as a declaration of course completion, to Kelly Wilson on text 0451 013 400 and the Sailing Manager on sm@dwnsail.com.au within 30 minutes of crossing the finish line.
- iv. Entrants failing to submit their time and course completion declaration by this time will be scored DNF.

7. Time limit

- i. The Time Limit shall be 1500 hrs on Sunday 13th September 2020.

8. Protests and Requests For Redress

- i. Protests or requests for redress are to be lodged with the DSC Sailing Office no later than 1500 hrs on Sunday 13th September 2020.
- ii. Yachts intending to protest or request redress must inform the Sailing Manager in person or by radio giving any details as may be known at the time with their declarations, on the form or by radio.
- iii. Protests or requests for redress will be heard at a time and place to be advised. All requests for redress involving the official time sheet must be submitted within 60 minutes of the posting of the results but no later than 1900 hrs Sunday.
- iv. The protest committee shall not be entitled to abandon the race as a consideration for redress (This amends RRS 64.2).

9. Penalty System

- i. If, after a protest and hearing, a yacht is found to have infringed a rule, the protest committee may disqualify or otherwise penalise the yacht in accordance with the provisions of RRS 64.
- ii. The protest committee may apply a time penalty for a breach of a rule or the Sailing Instructions declared by an infringing competitor without a hearing or after a hearing if a protest is contested.
- iii. All penalties will be noted on the time sheet and shall be applied to finishing times.
- iv. Yacht scores will be adjusted after penalties are applied. (This changes RRS 44.3).

10. Yachts Retiring

- i. Yachts retiring shall inform the race committee as soon as practicably possible.

11. Safety Regulations

- i. 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 and 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 Director on the Declaration 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 will be disqualified without a hearing. This amends RRS 61.1.
- ii. The DSC strongly recommends that safety harnesses and suitable personal flotation devices be worn whenever conditions warrant, particularly in rough weather, at night or when sailing short-handed.
- iii. A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Rules.
- iv. The Race Director may, at his absolute discretion, disqualify a yacht from participating or continuing to participate in the race if he believes that it is unsafe for that yacht to commence or continue to race.
- v. After commencement of the race, the race can be abandoned at the race officer's discretion.
- vi. The race organising authority may deem the race to be abandoned, rescheduled at another time or deemed to be shortened.
- vii. Pro-rated positions may be used to determine a result for the race and/or for any series.
- viii. Abandoning the race will be advised by radio communications.

12. Radio Communication

- i. A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- ii. Radio communications procedures are detailed in Appendix A Radio Communication.
- iii. It is compulsory for all yachts to participate in all scheduled radio communications, including the Pre-race Sign-on Schedule, the Routine Position Reporting Schedule and the Latitude Rounding Schedule.
- iv. Yachts shall not give false or misleading position reports.
- v. If used, yachts must not interfere with operation of any tracking units.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

- i. All those taking part in this race do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- ii. Acceptance of a yacht as an entrant in the race is not to be taken as express or implied acceptance on the part of the DSC and/or any of its Flag Officers, Committee, Equipment Auditors or any other members, of the fitness of any yacht or any equipment on such yacht to safely compete in the race, and/or deal with any and all eventualities of the contemplated passage. It is the responsibility of each skipper of each competing yacht to decide whether his/her yacht is fit and suitably crewed for the intended purpose, and neither DSC nor any club, person or company, connected with the organisation of the race is responsible for the seaworthiness of any yacht whose entry is accepted.
- iii. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 of the RRS "Decision to Race" which states:



The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

Appendix A of this document

A1.

Changes to Turning Latitudes

Any change to the applicable set of Latitude Lines announced after the Sign on Schedule, which may be necessitated by prevailing weather conditions, may be broadcast at any time while yachts are on the outbound leg.

A1.1

Yachts must therefore maintain a continuous listening watch on the Race Frequency.

A2.

Yachts Retiring

A2.1

Should a yacht retire from the race every effort must be made to advise Darwin Sailing Club as soon as possible and to give the following information:

- Time and position at the time of retirement
- Reason for retirement
- The state of the crew
- The anchorage or marina to which the yacht is retiring

A2.2

Yachts that retire shall maintain any routine position reporting schedules until such time as they reach a safe harbour.

A3.

Finishing Schedules

A3.1

Yachts shall record their own finishing time.

A3.2

Radios should be left on until the yacht has berthed/moored.

Appendix B of this document

Provisional results will be posted to the Darwin Sailing Club results web site page after processing.

Presentation will be held at the Darwin Sailing Club after the Patrons Trophy presentation at 1800 hours on Sunday 13 September.