

2021 ILCA National Championship.

Incorporating The South African ILCA 7, 6, 4
and Masters Championship.

Dates: 1/10/2021 to 4/10/2021

Venue: Nelson Mandela Bay, Gqeberha

Organising Authority: SA ILCA Association Eastern Cape in conjunction with
Redhouse Yacht Club & Sailing PE under the auspices of SA Sailing.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sanctioned 7 September 2021

1 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at **Nelson Mandela Bay Yacht Club (NMBYC)** in PE Harbour, and on the Virtual Notice Board via WhatsApp.
- 1.2 The race office is located at **NMBYC**.
- 1.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at **NMBYC**.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in Race Signals AP.
- 4.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means "Boats may leave the harbour. Boats shall not leave the harbour until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made less than 45 minutes after Flag D is displayed."

5 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags and the intended order of starting will be posted before the close of registration.

6 COURSES

The courses will be posted before the close of registration.

7 MARKS

A description of all marks will be posted before the close of registration.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 8.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 8.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races
- 8.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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 a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P applies.
- 11.2 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

12 WHISTLE SYSTEM

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, protest committee members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

13 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of her start sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, being penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored

points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within this time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted as soon as available.

14.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at NMBYC and via WhatsApp.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the hearing time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at NMBYC, beginning at the time posted.

15 SCORING

15.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1[DP] All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device capable of supporting a 5kg steel weight at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

16.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16.3 No boat may exit or enter the harbour without obtaining permission from Port Control. A safety boat will be on station.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.

18.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

19 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

[DP] Support Person vessels shall stay outside of the course (as shown on the course diagram) and at least 100m from boats racing.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.