



## REDHOUSE YACHT CLUB

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

Racing is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located inside or outside the clubhouse at RYC.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The schedule of races is as per the Sailing Program for the season. The time stated means that the race will not start before that time. Any changes to the program will be sent to members via email or on the club's WhatsApp notice board.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race affected on the outside notice board.

### 4 RACE SIGNALS

Signals will be displayed from the mast in front of the clubhouse

### 5 RACING AREA

The racing area is on the Zwartkops River from Redhouse Yacht Club.

### 6 COURSES

Courses will be displayed on the outside notice board and will give the order in which the marks are to be passed. Marks underlined are to be left to starboard.

### 7 MARKS

Marks will be positioned approximately as shown on the river and mark positioning diagram. There is no start or finish marks.

## **8 THE START**

- 8.1 The starting line will be a vertical line on the outside of the clubhouse and any of the three poles on the opposite bank. The approximate position and designation of the alternate start lines are shown on the course card displayed on the outside notice board. The number of the start line will be displayed in front of the bridge outside the clubhouse. This changes RRS.
- 8.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the "L" flag maybe displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.5 A boat which has finished shall not obscure the view of the bridge.

## **9 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a vertical white line on the outside of the clubhouse and start line 2 on the opposite bank. This changes RRS.

## **10 TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class 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.

## **11 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 11.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 15 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the race.
- 11.2 Hearing request forms are available from the bridge.
- 11.3 Hearings will take place as soon as possible after racing.

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 12.4 When series designate "H" (Handicap) the individual (skipper) handicap will apply. When series designate "P" (Pursuit) starting times will be at the discretion of the "Hon" Handicapper.
- 12.5 The Open Classes will be scored according to the boats P.Y. (Portsmouth Yardstick). The ILCA Class will be scored together with different P.Y. for different rigs. In the ILCA class if rigs are changed during the series, the boats will be scored as a new entry.

### **13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 13.1 Youth category 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.
- 13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **14 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

### **15 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels and not throw in the river.

### **16 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone" Competitors participate in any race/ series entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after a race/series.