



# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**for**

**National E Sailing Association**

**51st Australian Championship**

**2016-2017**

**Organised by**

**National E Sailing Association of Australia**

**in conjunction with**

**Wangi Amateur Sailing Club**

**to be held**

**on Lake Macquarie, 3rd – 7th January 2017**

The Organising Authority for this series is the National E Sailing Association (NESA) in conjunction with the Wangi Amateur Sailing Club (WASC).

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013–2016 (RRS) of the international Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended.
- 1.2 The rules and regulations of National E Sailing Association shall apply except as altered by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Part 2 shall apply.
- 1.4 The Prescriptions of Yachting Australia shall apply.
- 1.5 If there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than the RRS, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the boatshed briefing area of the Wangi Amateur Sailing Club.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than one hour prior to the start time of the race it will affect except that
- b) Any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 1800 hours on the day before it is to take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole on the lawn in front of the WASC clubhouse.

**4.2** When a signal is displayed under a class flag, it shall apply to that class only.

**4.3** When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '45 minutes' that is "the warning signal shall be not less than '45 minutes' after the signal is removed".

## **5 SCHEDULE of RACES**

**5.1** The invitation race will be the first race sailed and will not form part of the Championship. All subsequent races will comprise the Championship series.

**5.2** The Championship will consist of nine (9) races scheduled over five (5) days of racing. (The first race held is additional to these.)

The schedule of races will be as follows:

Event	Day	Date	Time
Races including the invitation race	Tuesday	3 January	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning signal not before 1400 hrs
Races	Wednesday	4 January	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning signal not before 1100 hrs
Races	Thursday	5 January	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning signal not before 1400 hrs
Races	Friday	6 January	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning signal not before 1400 hrs
Races	Saturday	7 January	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning signal not before 1100 hrs

**5.3** The scheduled time of the warning signal for each race will not be before the time given in the table in Clause 5.2. The period between the time of the last boat finishing and the warning signal for a subsequent race will not be less than ten (10) minutes.

**5.4** The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races sailed but will advance the Championship by not more than one (1) race per day.

No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

## **6 SIGN-ON / SIGN-OFF & DECLARATION**

Prior to leaving the shore on each day the helmsman of each boat shall complete the designated sign-on sheet, which will be available at the WASC sailing office for one (1) hour prior to the warning signal. Failure to sign on may result in disqualification from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

On returning to shore on each day the helmsman shall complete the designated sign-off and declaration sheet at the WASC sailing office. Failure to do this within the protest time limit may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

Failure to comply with this instruction shall not be grounds for protest by a competitor.

## **7 CLASS FLAG**

Class flag will be: *Yellow flag with reclining E.*

## **8 SAILING AREA**

- 8.1** Racing will be on Lake Macquarie within two nautical miles of the WASC clubhouse.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1** The courses will be in the configuration shown in Appendix No. 1. The diagram shown is for "port hand rounding" and will be indicated by a red flag flying on the committee boat at the time of the warning signal. Should the required course be "starboard hand rounding" a green flag will be flown on the committee boat at the time of the warning signal. The order in which marks are to be passed shall be Start-A-B-C-A-C-A-B-C-Finish. The course length shall not exceed five nautical miles.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1** Marks A, B and C shall be red inflatable buoys carrying letters WASC.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1** Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with the warning signal (Code flag W) given five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

**11.2** The starting line will be between an orange flag buoy starting mark at the port end and the mast flying the Class flag on the committee boat at the starboard end.

**11.3** A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

**12.1** To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line). The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded, after rounding the new mark, may be relocated without further signalling, to maintain the course configuration.

## **13 THE FINISH**

**13.1** The finishing line will be between an orange flag buoy finishing mark at the port end and the mast flying the Class flag on the committee boat at the starboard end.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**14.1** The penalty provisions of rule 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

**14.2** The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will not apply.

**14.3** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an declaration form at the race office within the protest time limit.

**14.4** As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken rule 42.

## **15 TIME LIMIT**

**15.1** Time limit shall be 1 hour.

**15.2** Boats failing to finish 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

**15.3** The race committee will have the discretion to allocate places to boats that may otherwise be scored as "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the WASC clubhouse at a time to be nominated in the notices.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5** A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.6** For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the National E Sailing Association.
- 16.7** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the protest committee's decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the protest committee's decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2** Five races (not including the first scheduled race sailed) are required to be completed to constitute the Championship series.

- 17.3** a) When five races of the Championship series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When six or seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1** Sign-on and sign-off sheets must be completed by the helmsman prior to leaving and after returning to shore.
- 18.2** A boat that leaves the course area prior to the end of the racing shall advise the Race Officer, or rescue craft of its intentions. The helmsman shall also complete the sign-off sheet. It is the helmsman's responsibility to notify the Race Officer that his or her boat is safe and on shore.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 19.2** 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.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will fly the WASC burgee to assist with identification.

## **22 SUPPORT BOATS**

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

## **23 PRIZES**

Prizes to be given are listed in the Notice of Race.

## **24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. By way of entry to the regatta, competitors shall indemnify the National E Sailing Association and Wangi Amateur Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with the regatta. Competitors remain solely responsible for the seaworthiness of their boat and the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

## **25 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance policy of \$10,000,000. Evidence of this may be requested at the discretion of the Race Committee.



## Appendix 1

### COURSE CONFIGURATION

Where possible Mark A will be located directly upwind of Mark C. Angles between legs AC, AB and BC will be approximately 60 degrees. This diagram is for a port hand rounding course. For a starboard hand rounding course, Mark B will be on the right hand side of AC.

