

ASC Sailing Instructions 2010 - 2011

1. RULES

1.1 All races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. ENTRY

2.1 Boats shall enter for each race on the form provided.

2.2 Entry fees as specified on the Notice Board shall accompany each entry except where such fees are paid in advance.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 GENERAL

3.1.1 Visiting competitors who are financial members of a YA affiliated club shall pay a fee as specified on the Notice Board. Visitors are not eligible for points or trophies club races unless open entry is specified.

3.1.2 Members restricted under any by-law of the club shall be ineligible to compete.

3.1.3 Competitors shall be at least 8 years of age on 31st March 2010 to be eligible to compete in club racing.

3.2 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

3.2.1 The helm and crew shall be financial sailing members for Club Championship races except under 3.2.4.

3.2.2 There shall be a minimum of 4 boats of a class/division starting in each of 5 club championship races to constitute a club championship series for the class/division.

3.2.3 The maximum number of Club Championship races shall be 9.

3.2.4 Any race with less than 4 starters shall not constitute a Club Championship race.

3.2.5 A crew may sail a maximum of 2 club championship races in one season where he/she is not a financial sailing member providing the required fee as specified on the Notice Board is paid and the crew's name has been recorded in the nomination.

3.3 CLUB EVENTS

3.3.1 The helm and crew shall be financial sailing members for Club races except under 3.3.2. to be eligible for points and trophies in the race.

3.3.2 A crew may sail a maximum of 3 club race days where he/she is not a financial sailing member providing the required fee as specified on the Notice Board is paid and the crew's name has been recorded in the nomination.

3.3.3 Any race with less than 4 starters shall not constitute a Club Event race.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors shall be displayed on the Notice Board located in the downstairs canteen area.

5. CHANGE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Notice Board at least 60 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first race that the change will affect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flag pole(s) adjacent to the northern end of the balcony.

6.2 Signals over a Green flag will apply to the North course. Signals over a Red flag will apply to the South Course.

6.3 The warning signal shall be made not less than 15 minutes after the AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race "Race Signals".

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 The schedule of races as published in the club sailing program is a part of these Sailing Instructions.

7.2 Any changes will be indicated as per Sailing Instruction 5.

8. CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS

8.1 Class/division flags shall be displayed on the Notice Board not less than 30 minutes before the warning signal.

9. COURSE & COURSE SIGNALS

9.1 The courses and course signals will be displayed on the Notice Board not less than 30 minutes before the warning signal.

9.2 MARKS

- 10.1 The description of the marks shall be displayed on the Notice Board not less than 30 minutes before the warning signal.
- 11. THE START**
- 11.1 Races shall be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 11.3 The time of starts for the first race for all classes/divisions shall be displayed on the Notice Board not less than 30 minutes before the warning signal.
- 12. GENERAL RECALL**
- 12.1 When a general recall is signalled the recalled class/division shall then accept the start signal for the last scheduled start as its preparatory signal.
- 12.2 If more than one class/division has had a general recall they shall restart in the sequence as set out initially.
- 12.3 The general recall flag shall remain displayed until approximately 1 minute before the next starting signal. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 13. THE FINISH**
- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag and a buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 14. TIME LIMIT**
- 14.1 The time limit for each class/division shall be 150 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.
- 14.3 When approximately half of the boats in a race have rounded the last mark, the Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, award finishing points (FPA) to boats still on the course. Boats who are informed of this decision shall immediately follow the directions of the race committee. The race committee determines the method of finishing and the finish positions awarded to each boat finished on course. This changes rule 28.1, 35 and A4.
- 15. RETIREMENT SHEETS**
- 15.1 There shall be a retirement form provided at the entry point. The helm of a boat that entered and does not start (DNS), or fails to finish the course (RET), or retires after finishing (RAF) shall fill in the retirement sheet within 30 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the last race on the day. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the helm/boat combination being awarded a DNE (do not discard) for that race.
- 16. PROTESTS**
- 16.1 Protests shall be in writing and lodged with the Race Committee within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat in the last race on the day.
- 16.2 Protests will be held the following Friday evening unless otherwise notified.
- 17. SCORING**
- 17.1 Points will be awarded to a boat helm combination
- 17.2 Appendix A4 Low Point System shall be used for each class/division, with the following variations.
- 17.3 Appendix A4.1, Low Points System will be used for each class/division then A9 for penalty places.
- 17.4 Discards for Club Championship points shall be allocated as follows:-
5 races – no discard
6 to 7 races - 1 discard
8 to 9 races - 2 discards
- 17.5 Discards for Club Event points shall be allocated as follows:-
5 races – no discard
6 to 7 races - 1 discard
8 to 10 races - 2 discards
11 to 14 races - 3 discards
15 to 17 races - 4 discards
18 or more races - 5 discards
- 17.6 Results for multi class divisions shall be calculated on corrected time using the Yachting Victoria yardstick. The Race Committee may modify the standard Yachting Victoria yardsticks where necessary for individual classes. The yardsticks to be used shall be displayed on the Notice Board.
- 18. Prizes**

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class/division as follows:
4 - 6 starters – 1st on handicap and fastest
7 - 9 starters – 1st and 2nd on handicap and fastest
10 or more starters – 1st, 2nd and 3rd on handicap & fastest
- 18.2 Prizes for classes/divisions may be awarded on aggregate for all races completed on the day.
- 18.3 Club championship trophies will be awarded to each class/division qualifying under 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 as follows:
4 - 6 starters – 1st place.
7 - 9 starters – 1st place and 2nd place.
10 or more starters – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- 18.4 Other prizes may be awarded by the Race Committee.
- 18.5 A club championship race is scored as a club race for the purposes of rules 3.3.3 to 3.3.5.

19. SAFETY

- 19.1 Penalties for breaches of rule 41 (Outside Help) shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the Race Officer before the end of protest time of the day concerned.

Explanation:

A crew that is recovered from the water by another boat (racing or not) does not break rule 41 provided the crew's boat is in the same area as the recovery when they are reunited. Receiving help to right a capsize or having made progress in the race when a recovered crew is reunited with their boat does break rule 41.

Any occurrence of help must be reported to the Race Officer on the required form. The sailing instructions provide that the penalty is at the discretion of the Race Officer and / or protest panel. If the Race Officer deems a penalty may be appropriate he / she will refer it to the protest panel. There will be no penalties for actions based solely on safety.

- 19.2 All competitors shall wear approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) whilst afloat.

20. COACHING

- 20.1 Coaches appointed by Sailing Development Group may be on the course area, acting under the policies as established by SDG. Coaches operating under these guidelines shall be listed on the Notice Board each race day. Boats receiving help from these nominated coaches are exempted from RRS 41. This varies RRS 41.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision of 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 regatta.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$10 million per event or the equivalent.

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