

Townsville Sailing Club 2014 Racing Season  
Cleveland Bay  
Townsville

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1\* The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 -2016* ("RRS").
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Yachting Australia will apply
- 1.3 Directions given at an oral briefing approximately one hour before the scheduled start time of the first race for the day will apply.
- 1.4 The Racing Rules of Sailing that have been changed by these Sailing Instructions are notified in the individual instructions herein.
- 1.5 Under rule 87, the Class Rules of any class having a Townsville Sailing Club ('TSC') fleet will apply except where there is conflict with these Sailing Instructions wherein these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the TSC balcony. Notices may also be published on the TSC website <http://www.tsc.yachting.org.au> and the TSC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TownsvilleSailing> provided that in the event of any conflict in the information, the official notice board shall apply.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board and may be published on the TSC website and Facebook page. A change to the schedule of races will be emailed to current financial members by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. It is the competitor's obligation to ensure the TSC Registrar has a current email address for the member. The start time of any race may be postponed by oral instruction at the race briefing.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the TSC flagpole adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1\* The Schedule of Races will be published separately and emailed before the commencement of the 2014 season to all current financial members. It will also be published on the TSC website

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be the class emblem for one class in that fleet except that the class flag for a mixed catamaran fleet will be a blue cat on a white background. The race committee may start more than one class at a time. The class flag to be used may be modified by oral instruction at the race briefing.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

Attachment A shows the intended location of racing areas. For special races this may be altered and notified orally at the briefing.

## **8 THE COURSES**

**8.1** The courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be notified orally at the briefing for that day of racing.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Rounding marks will be coloured conical marks approximately 1.5 metres tall. Start and finish marks may be smaller spherical marks. Further description of the marks may be given orally at the briefing.

## **10 THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal. This may be reduced to three (3) minutes by oral instruction at the briefing for that day of racing.

**10.2** The starting line will be between windward side of the buoy at one end of the line and staff displaying class flag on the starting boat or jetty if so described at the briefing or in these instructions.

**10.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

**10.4** Multiple fleets may start in the same start.

**10.5** For pursuit starts the boat's handicap number will be displayed one minute before its start time and will be removed at the start time. The preparatory signal will be made four minutes before the start time of the first starter. The Race Committee's decision as to a boat's handicap will be final.

**10.6** At an unspecified time before the first warning signal, the start vessel may draw attention to the impending start by making a series of sound signals.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**11.1** 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.

## **12 THE FINISH**

**12.1** The finishing line will be between a flag on the official boat or jetty and the adjacent mark.

### **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1** Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1** A boat trailing a long distance behind the second to last boat may be notified that it will be scored last place and advised it need not complete the course. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

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

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the TSC clubhouse or can be downloaded from the ISAF or Yachting Australia website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

### **17 SCORING**

- 17.1** The scoring system is the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A to the RRS.
- 17.2** Where back to back races are held in one programmed heat, each race that day shall constitute one heat of the series.
- 17.2** Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3**
- (a) When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (b) When ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
  - (c) When 14 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
  - (d) When 18 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.
- 17.4** For the purposes of RRS Rule A9, a boat that signs on and pays its nomination fee but does not arrive at the starting area will be scored DNS (Did Not Start).
- 17.5** Where a boat is unable to compete in a Championship or Handicap heat due to the skipper or crew personally fulfilling his obligations to the TSC safety boat roster, his boat will be scored SBC (Safety Boat Crew) and will be awarded 1.5 points, providing the skipper or crew writes his name and "safety boat crew" by his boat's name on the sign on sheet for that race.

A maximum of 2 SBC scores will be permitted per boat for the season.

*(Explanatory note only and not part of Sailing Instructions):*

<i>Championship scores</i>	<i>After 6</i>	<i>After 10</i>	<i>After 14</i>	<i>After 18</i>
<i>Drop</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Makes it</i>	<i>Best of 5/6/7</i>	<i>Best of 8/9/10</i>	<i>Best of 11/12/13</i>	<i>Best of 14</i>
<i>Dropped days</i>		<i>Miss 1 day of 5</i>		<i>Miss 2 days of 9</i>

*As per instruction 19, a skipper can miss another whole day by nominating a replacement skipper as per 19. So you can effectively miss two of five, six, seven or eight days or three of the nine days and still win the championship.*

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1** All boats from all fleets must complete sign on requirements before the start of the first race for that day and sign off after the last race for each day within one hour of the finish time. Failure to do so may result in a scoring penalty. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a second or subsequent race that day shall notify the race committee as soon as possible either verbally or on the sign off sheet.

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

### **19.1 Championship Heats:**

Points for championship races shall be awarded to the competing boat provided that a skipper may only collect points in one class for the season.

- 19.2** The skipper may replace a boat with a new boat once during the season.

- 19.3** By prior written notice to the TSC either by email to a member of the TSC committee or by endorsement on the sign on sheet, a skipper may nominate a replacement skipper for two scheduled days of racing where the skipper is completing safety boat roster duties and one additional day of racing where the skipper is unable to compete for personal reasons. Where the skipper is on safety boat duty the boat will score the points for its place in the race instead of the 1.5 points referred to in clause 17.5 hereof.

- 19.4** Substitution of crew in a two person boat is allowable at any time without notice.

### **19.5 Non Championship Heats:**

Points for non-championship races will be awarded to the boat. Substitution of skipper or crew is allowed at any time without notice to the TSC provided that ownership of the boat has not changed. However a boat owner may by prior written notice given in the manner described in 19.3 hereof, advise the TSC that a replacement boat has been purchased in which case the points for the previous boat will transfer to the new boat within the same class.

### **19.6 Club Boats:**

Points for any race competed for by a club hire boat will be awarded to skipper of the boat. Where the skipper competes in different boats in different races, points will be awarded irrespective of which club boat the skipper sails. However, a skipper may only collect points in one class per series.

## **20 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured for third party risks. Evidence of cover may be required to be provided to the club.

## **21 EVENT ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the TSC as organizing authority.

## **22 SUPPORT BOATS**

**22.1** Any boat in a position worse than 50% of the fleet in that race may receive coaching or advice from any official TSC safety boat or any other person approved prior to the race, by the protest committee or the principal race officer. This changes RRS Rule 41.

**23 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

**24 CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

In addition to the requirements of RRS Rule 75 any skipper or crew member who sails more than three races in any one season must also be a member of TSC. Failure to comply will mean the skipper and boat score no points and are not eligible for prizes and for rescue purposes will be treated as a member of the general public.

**25 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**26 PRIZES**

Prizes for a series will be presented at the annual Presentation Night. Prizes for one off races and minor prizes for series heats may be presented at the conclusion of that day's sailing. Sprint race days will be stand-alone events and prizes will be presented at the end of that day.

Results will be published on the TSC website and may be announced at the conclusion of each day's racing.

**27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

# Attachment A

