



Wanderers Radio Sailing Club - Sailing Instructions

AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION (Inc.)

Applicable for all WRSC Club racing

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

2.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 as amended by Appendix E (Radio Sailing Racing Rules).

2.2 The following documents will apply: This Notice of Race (NoR), the event's Sailing Instructions (SI), International Class Administration Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), the DF65 and DF95 Class Rules.

2.3 The current ARYA approved Heat Management System (HMS) will apply in the event that multiple fleets are utilised to manage fleets greater than 18 boats.

2.4 The following Racing Rules will be changed:

E3.1: The control area (when specified) will be declared by the PRO prior to racing.

E3.2: Launching area (when specified) will be declared by the PRO prior to racing.

E3.3: The course will be declared by the PRO prior to racing.

E6.4: Add "but prior to the preparatory signal for the next heat or race."

RRS31 Marks of the course other than start and finish marks (at the start and finish respectively) may be touched without incurring a penalty. This changes rule 31 for the mark or marks declared applicable to this rule change.

RRS63.5 (c) (2): Amended to read "If there is a conflict between the rules in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

Definition of Obstruction: is modified to include the water plum created by the fountain when it is operational at Central Park Avenue Reserve Lake.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the race headquarters at the venue as described in the Notice of Race Clause 10.

2.2 If advised by the Notice of Race, Notices to Competitors may be delivered by SMS, provided the Notice is sent prior to 1700hrs the day prior to the date the Notice comes into effect.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions, either as permitted in the rule itself or in accordance with RRS 86.1, may be made at any time between heats, prior to the warning signal. Any changes will be posted on the official notice board. Two sound signals followed by a verbal announcement shall be made by the Race Officer to call attention to the change.

3.2 In the event that a rule in the Notice of Race conflicts with a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This amends RRS63.7

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Refer to the current Wanderers RSC Calendar for dates and times of racing,

4.3 Racing will be held during the scheduled times. There shall be no limit to the number of races/heats sailed on each day.

4.4 The warning signal for the next race/heat shall occur as soon as practical following the previous race/heat. A two-minute count down timer will be used to start races.

4.5 At the discretion of the PRO, a break for approximately 5 to 10 minutes will be taken after each set of 3 races.

4.6 No race or heat shall start after the scheduled end of sailing time for the race session. Refer to the Wanderers RSC calendar for details.

4.7 At the discretion of the PRO and with the agreement of the helm of the specific boat(s), prior to timing out, boats that are a significant distance behind the main fleet may be

finished on the water and given a result equal to their position within the fleet without crossing the finish line.

4.8 A short informal announcement of results shall be made at the end of racing for each race day.

5 THE COURSES

5.1 Where possible, the course will comprise a first leg and a finish leg to windward. The course will generally be a windward/leeward course.

5.2 The number of laps, the rounding marks, the start and finish marks and the direction marks are to be passed shall be as detailed prior to racing by the PRO.

5.3 The Race Committee will attempt to set a course which will take approximately 10 minutes for the first boat to complete.

5.4 Courses can only be changed between heats or races. Any change to the course will be announced by the PRO before the next heat or race to signal the change.

6 LAUNCHING AND CONTROL AREA / OUTSIDE HELP

6.1 Boats shall be launched and retrieved from within the designated launching area.

6.2 A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held on the bank, taken ashore and re-launched at any time during the heat however they shall not be released having been taken ashore, after the first boat in that heat has finished.

6.3 While ashore or within a launching area boats may be adjusted, drained of water or repaired, have their sails/rigs changed or adjusted, have entangled objects removed, or have equipment repaired or changed.

7 RACE COMMITTEE BOAT

7.1 No manned boat shall be used on Central Park Avenue Reserve Lake.

8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS E3.4 with the warning signal made two (2) minutes before the starting signal.

9 RACING TIMES

9.1 Racing is to start as soon as possible after the scheduled start times.

9.2 The warning signal will indicate the starting sequence for the next heat which will be made as soon as practicable after a heat or race has been concluded.

9.3 Except where an announcement is made during the initial briefing, or in exceptional circumstances where a majority of competitors agree, racing will continue until the times specified in the Notice of Race.

10 TIME LIMIT and TIME-OUT LIMIT

10.1 The time limit for each race will be set at the discretion of the PRO.

10.2 The Time Out Limit for racing after the first boat finishes shall be 3 minutes.

10.3 At the expiry of the Time Out Limit:

a) If 4 or fewer boats are still racing, they shall be recorded according to SI 10.4.

b) If more than 4 boats are still racing the Time Out Limit shall be extended until only 4 boats remain racing, at which time the RO shall give two sound signals and call time. Boats still racing shall be recorded according to SI 10.4.

10.4 Boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, DNS or DNC in that order, as appropriate. DNF boats still racing at the end of the Time Out Limit will be recorded and scored in accordance with their place on the water.

11 PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Protests will be accepted in accordance with RRS E6. Arbitration is to be used for Racing which is to be conducted in accordance with Appendix A to these Instructions.

11.2 The protest committee will consist of three competent persons, which may include competitors. If a party to a hearing objects to any individual competitor being a member of the protest committee, because they believe that person to be an interested party, they may object under RRS 63.4.

11.3 A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee as soon as reasonably possible after finishing or retiring, and in fleet racing, prior to the warning signal for the next heat or race. This changes RRS E6.4

11.4 Arbitration, Protests and requests for redress shall be held at a time and place determined by the race committee except where HMS applies, when protests and requests for redress will be heard in accordance with HMS 1.7.

11.5 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5(a).

12 SCORING

12.1 The RRS Appendix A Low Point system will apply for single fleet events.

For multi-fleet events, RRS Appendix A as modified by HMS and these Sailing Instructions shall apply.

12.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 Excluded scores (discards). When the total score is calculated for each boat, her worst scores will be excluded as follows:

a) After 4 races have been completed, 1 discard

b) After 8 races have been completed, 2 discards

c) After 16 races have been completed, 3 discards, then adding one extra discard for every further 8 races completed.

12.4 When a tie needs to be broken to establish the order of finishing places between two or more boats in promotion or relegation positions at the finishing line, or recorded equally at the end of a heat or at the end of the event:

a) For single fleet racing: RRS Appendix A7 and A8 will apply.

b) For fleet racing: HMS 1.5 will apply.

13 WITHDRAWN BOATS

13.1 Withdrawn boats in a multi - heat event are covered by HMS 1.3.

13.2 A boat withdrawn from a single heat event will be recorded as DNC and may return to racing at any start, with the permission of the race committee.

13.3 Any competitor who intends to withdraw from racing, either permanently or temporarily, is to inform the race committee at the earliest opportunity.

14 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

14.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

15.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules

and sailing instructions. A boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

16 PRIZES

Prizes are not normally presented for club racing. This may be changed at the discretion of the race committee and WRSC Officers for any specific race session.

17 CONDUCT

17.1 The Australian Radio Yachting Association (Incorporated) recognises that major events offer considerable publicity opportunities to the Association and the sport generally. Competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny and in the event of any behaviour that is in breach of Principles of Sportsmanship and Fair Play, or which may bring the sport into disrepute may result in a protest hearing under RRS 2. or in accordance with RRS 69

17.2 The RO may offer a competitor a two turns on the spot penalty to avoid a protest hearing as in SI 17.1 however the RO is not obliged to make this offer nor is a competitor obliged to accept it in which case a protest hearing may proceed.

18 SMOKING

18.1 Smoking is prohibited at WRSC venues.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those entering or taking part in WRSC organised race days do so at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Australian Radio Yachting Association (Incorporated), Australian State Radio Sailing Associations, Australian Radio Sailing Clubs and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim:

“Any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, material damage, personal injury or death, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, prior to, during or after the regatta, as a consequence of entering or participating in the racing covered by these Sailing Instructions.”

At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves plus the

decision to participate or continue must rest solely with and remain at all times with the competitors.

A competitor may only participate in WRSC organised race days by accepting these conditions.

Appendix A: ARBITRATION

1 RRS rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or RRS 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted. For fleet racing and the application of HMS 3.3(b), the boat accepting this penalty will be given a finishing place in the heat equivalent to RET. RRS 63.1 is changed such that an arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn.

2 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing. For the purposes of the arbitration hearing, RRS 61.2 is amended so that a written protest form is not required.

3 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.

4 After taking testimony, the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:

(a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 (as amended) and the protestor should withdraw the protest.

(b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to arbitration may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may have

occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator. The protestor shall have ten minutes from the conclusion of the arbitration hearing in which to complete and lodge a formal protest form.

(c) No rule was broken and the protestor should withdraw the protest.

(d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty as detailed above and if so accepted, the protestor should withdraw the protest.

5 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

6 The decision of the arbitrator is non-binding, and either skipper may elect to progress to a full protest hearing. Protesting skippers shall have ten minutes from the conclusion of the arbitration hearing to complete and lodge a formal protest form.

7 Failure to attend an arbitration hearing may, at the discretion of the arbitrator or protest committee, result in an additional points penalty being added to the boat's score for that race.

8 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.