



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – CBBC CLUB RACES EFFECTIVE FROM 1st OCTOBER, 2015 (updated 1/2/2016)

1. GENERAL

1.1. Races of the Clayton Bay Boat Club Inc (CBBC) shall be conducted under the Organising Authority of the CBBC Race Committee, in the waters of the Lower Murray River and Lake Alexandrina. The Principal Race Officer (PRO) appointed by the Organising Authority shall have full control of each event conducted by the CBBC.

1.2. These Sailing Instructions cover all races associated with the CBBC including but not limited to, the Rat Race Regatta, Red Top Regatta (Long & Sprint), Winter Series, Clayton Regatta and Dinghy Series.

1.3. A program of races issued by the CBBC shall be read in conjunction with, and shall form part of these Sailing Instructions.

2. RULES

2.1. The racing shall be governed by the current Yachting Australia Racing Rules of Sailing (Referenced as the Rules and RRS elsewhere in these Sailing Instructions), except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.

2.2. A yacht shall have on board a person in charge (the skipper), designated on the entry form.

2.3. All crew members of all yachts shall wear an approved Personal Floatation Device from the making of their class Warning Signal until finishing or retiring from the race and leaving the racing area.

2.3.1 If wearing an inflatable type PDF it must be worn on top of all other clothing. It is also recommended that a crutch strap be fitted to and used on this type of PDF.

2.4. All yachts shall observe all South Australian statutory requirements, as amended, which cover sailing craft and the classification of waters in which they are sailing.

2.5. All yachts competing (except those classified as “off the beach” boats, ie dinghies), shall carry a serviceable inboard/outboard motor capable of propelling the yacht into a 30 knot wind, mounted at all times ready for immediate use. Outboard motors may be tilted when not in use. Sufficient fuel shall be carried for a minimum of 1 hour motoring.

2.6. A class of yacht considered unsuitable to fit a motor may be granted dispensation by the PRO. Notice of such dispensation shall be displayed on the club notice board.

2.7. A yacht that does not comply with Class Rules or is modified from the original class design, including sails, shall notify the PRO providing details of the modification/s on the CBBC Race Nomination form. Handicap variation, if any, will be decided by the Organising Authority.

2.8. Due to shallow waters in the racing areas, yachts are not required to comply with YA Special Regulation **3.02.3**. Nor are yachts required to comply with Rule 52 as it relates to electric keel winches.

2.9. The applicable safety regulations are as defined in YA Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2. CBBC Club Races will generally be classified as Category 5, races where any part of the course is east of stony Point will be classified as Category 6.

2.10. **Special attention is drawn to Y.A. Racing Rules of Sailing part 1 fundamental rules; particularly, but not exclusively, rule 4, which reads “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.**

3. NOMINATIONS

3.1. The skipper of all yachts competing in CBBC Club events shall be a current financial Senior Member of the Clayton Bay Boat Club, except as provided under 3.4.

3.2. All crew members shall be registered sailors and financial members of a Club or Association affiliated with Yachting South Australia or Yachting Australia. Dispensation shall only be allowed for crew who are not registered sailors and financial members of a recognized organisation at the absolute discretion of the Organising Authority. Dispensation for each crew member will normally be given only for four races in a season.

3.3. A yacht will be considered to be the yacht and skipper combination. When the skipper of a yacht changes, this shall be made clear on the nomination form and the yacht shall be recorded as a new entry in the series.

3.4. Visiting yachts shall comply with Rule 46 which prescribes that the skipper shall be a financial member of a sailing club affiliated with Yachting Australia or an ISAF recognized national authority.

3.4.1. Visiting yachts are eligible for trophies referred to in 21.1, 21.2 and 21.3 i.e. trophies awarded for each race at the conclusion of the race.

3.4.2. Visiting yachts are eligible for points in a Club Series and Perpetual Trophies unless otherwise specified.

3.5. All yachts shall nominate before each race using the designated form available in the CBBC Clubhouse. The yacht skipper shall complete a nomination form and pay the appropriate fee. Failure to nominate will mean that the yacht shall rank as a Non-Starter.

3.6. All yachts shall have current third party insurance for yacht racing and public liability cover of not less than \$5,000,000 (\$10,000,000 recommended). All those taking part in racing do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Clayton Bay Boat Club will not accept liability for any material damage, personal injury or death sustained during any race it conducts.

4. RETIREMENTS

4.1. Competitors who do not finish a race are requested to, as soon as practicable, notify the PRO by radio VHF Channel 72, 27 Meg Channel 94 or at the CBBC on 85370375.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

5.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clayton Bay Boat Club premises and/or announced at the Competitor Race Briefing thirty minutes before the warning signal for the race.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be announced at the Competitor Race Briefing.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Clayton Bay Boat Club.

Code flag 'AP', Answering Pennant, over a numeral pennant 1-6 (n), with two sound signals means "The race is postponed for (n) hours". The end of the postponement will be signaled by lowering Code.

Code Flag 'AP'. The starting sequence will commence not less than 30 minutes after the termination of the postponement

8. MARKS

8.1. Course rounding marks will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys and must be rounded as specified on the course information issued by the Organising Authority.

9. COURSES

9.1. Course information will be available at the CBBC Briefing at least 30 mins before the warning signal of the start.

10. SHORTENED COURSE

10.1. The Course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. The decision to shorten a course will be at the discretion of the PRO. In the event of a shortened course, Code Flag 'S' will be displayed on the committee boat at a course rounding mark, together with two sound signals, indicating that the finish will be between the Course Rounding Mark and the Committee Boat.

10.2. Alternatively an S flag may be placed at a rounding mark indicating the course has been shortened. Yachts should sail directly from this rounding mark through the finish line (the direction through the finish line may differ from that indicated on the course drawing). This may mean a mark has been eliminated from the course or a leg has been made shorter. A sound signal may be made as the first yacht approaches the S flag and may be repeated as subsequent boats approach.

10.3. The position of the Course Rounding Marks may be varied, to compensate for weather conditions.

11. STARTING LINE

11.1. The starting line will be between the mast on the committee vessel flying an orange flag and a buoy flying an orange flag. The committee vessel will be on the starboard end of the line.

12. FINISHING LINE

12.1. Unless otherwise specified on the course information, or in accordance with 10 above, the finishing line will be between the Committee Boat mast and a buoy flying an orange flag.

13. DIVISIONS

13.1. Each yacht must sail in one selected Division for the duration of a series such as the Rat Race Regatta etc.

14. STARTING SYSTEM

14.1. The starting system described in YA Rule 26 shall be used.

14.1.1. 5 minutes prior to the starting signal, Warning Signal, Division Flag, 1 sound signal

14.1.2. 4 minutes prior to the starting signal, Preparatory Signal, P Flag, 1 sound signal

14.1.3. 1 minute prior to the starting signal, Preparatory Flag removed, 1 long sound signal

14.1.4. 0 minutes prior to the starting signal, Division Flag removed, 1 sound signal

14.2. The warning signal for each succeeding division will be approx. 1 minute after the starting signal of the preceding division.

14.3. Yachts whose division flag has not been flown shall keep clear of both the starting area and of all yachts whose division signal is being flown. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

15. LATE START

15.1. A yacht may use its engine after its preparatory signal for the purpose of proceeding towards the starting line, providing that the engine is shut off before the starting signal and the yacht completes a 360 degree turn including one tack and one gybe under sail before crossing the starting line.

15.2. If a yacht has not started within fifteen minutes of her starting signal, she will rank as a Non Starter.

16. RECALLS

16.1. Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. Recall Signals will be displayed for 4 minutes.

16.2. Where more than one division are racing and a general recall has been signaled, the warning signal for the recalled Division shall be after the last Division has cleared the starting area. If more than 1 Division has had a general recall, they shall restart in the sequence as set out initially.

17. TIME LIMIT

17.1. Unless otherwise specified by the PRO, yachts finishing more than one hour after the 1st yacht in the Division finishes, may be scored "Did not finish" (DNF).

18. PROTESTS

18.1. Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 60.

18.2. Protests shall be written on forms available from the PRO and must be lodged with the PRO or a designated member of the Race Committee within 2 hour of the finishing time of the last yacht in the last race of the day.

19. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

19.1. The penalty for breaking rules of part 2 of the RRS will be a 360 turn involving 1 tack and 1 gybe. This changes the 720-degree turn penalty described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

20. RESULTS

20.1. Results for all Trailable Yachts and Sports Boats will be calculated using the CBBC Class Based Handicap (CBH) multiplied by the yacht's elapsed time to provide a corrected time. The CBBC CBH figures will be **based** on the Australian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Rule (ATYSBR) CBH. The Organising Authority may make adjustments to the ATYSBR CBH values for particular Classes or individual modified vessels. CBBC CBHs will be posted on the official notice board and on the CBBC website.

20.2. Off the beach (OTB) yacht results will be calculated using the current assigned standard Yardsticks as published by Yachting Victoria.

20.3. Personal/Performance Handicap results will be calculated using Sailwave and will be applicable only to CBBC members or visiting competitors who indicate they intend to compete in a whole series. The personal/performance handicap system allows for different skill levels between crews and modified vessels to compete fairly. The personal/performance handicap for each boat and skipper combination will be carried forward from the end of the previous race series to the start of the next.

20.3.1 A boats handicap will be adjusted after every race. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.

21. SCORING AND TROPHIES

21.1. Trophy allocation for each race and for each series will be subject to the following conditions:

21.1.1. Less than 3 starters in a division No trophies awarded

21.1.2. 3 to 5 starters, First place only

21.1.3. 6 to 8 starters, First and second places

21.1.4. More than eight, First second and third places

21.2. Trophies will be awarded for each race at the conclusion of the race.

21.3. Trophies for each race will be awarded for CBH and personal/performance handicap results. A scratch trophy winner will not be eligible for an additional personal handicap award.

21.4. Trophies for aggregate results in each series will be presented at the conclusion of the last race of the series, or at a later date announced at the conclusion of the last race.

21.5. Discard System for Red Top Regatta, Winter Series and Dinghy Series

21.5.1. 10 or more races: 2 drops

21.5.2. 5 or more races: one drop

21.6. Series trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places on Personal/Performance Handicap (NHC) results and one trophy for the aggregate CBH winner.

21.7. One award for a Club Champion will be presented at the Annual Presentation Dinner. The award will be based on the lowest points accrued (using Personal/Performance results – except for Rat Race Regatta & Dinghy Races where CBBC CBH and VYC are used) from the best 10 race results taken from all club races sailed during the season. Results from any race with less than five starters in a division shall be excluded from the calculation.

This award is for CBBC members only.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

22.1. The Race Committee and the Rescue Fleet will monitor VHF 72 and 27 Meg.94 during races.

Do not use this frequency unless assistance is being requested.

23. USE OF MOTOR AFTER RUNNING AGROUND

23.1. A yacht which has run aground may motor off until it reaches the point on the course where it first went aground. It must then complete a 360 degree turn under sail including one tack and one gybe.

24. WIND LIMITS

24.1. A race will not be started if the recorded wind strength is greater than 20 knots.

24.2 The Organising Authority may reduce this limit if conditions or safety boat capability require.

25. HOT WEATHER POLICY

25.1 If the local temperature, as recorded at the BOM Hindmarsh Island, is greater than 38deg. The Organising Authority may postpone the race at their discretion.