

ELWOOD SAILING CLUB Inc.
SEASON 2007 - 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

1. EVENTS

1.1 Club races for the Summer season will be held from 22 September 2007 to 19 April 2008 inclusive and for the Winter season racing will be held from 1 June 2008 to 27 July 2008 inclusive, as set out in the Sailing Program, Attachment 'A'. The organizing authority is the Elwood Sailing Club Incorporated.

1.2 The Race Committee may cancel points for nominated classes in one or more races scheduled in any month so that members wishing to take part in other open events may do so without prejudicing their point scores in club events.

1.3 Races may be abandoned or ruled a 'no points' race if conditions on the day are considered unsuitable by the Race Committee.

1.4 A resail of an abandoned race listed as counting towards the Class Championships may be held on an alternative date scheduled. Resails of abandoned races counting towards all other prizes will not be held on days other than the scheduled day.

1.5 **For Sabres only**, results for Aggregate 26 (Club Championship Heat 6) will be taken from the overall positions attained in the Sabre State Championships sailed at ESC on Sat 23rd Feb. & Sun 24th Feb 2008. There will not be a club race for Sabres on Sat 23rd Feb. 2008.

2. RULES

Races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and by the Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (Addendum A, Part 2).

3. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows. Rule 32.2 is amended so that flag 'S' requires boats to shorten course and finish at the club finish line; rule 34 (b) is amended so that flag 'M' sound signals may not be made; rule 35 is amended by the time limits; rule 44.2 when applied to catamaran classes one turn only will be required; rule 49.1 is amended by the applicable class rules where they permit the use of additional devices; rule 63.1 is amended by para 7.4; rule A2 is amended by the scoring system set out in para 13.

4. ADVERTISING

Advertising carried shall be in accordance with rule 79.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Races will be held for:

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| (a) Sponsored Classes | - International 'A' Class catamaran
- Dolphin catamaran
- Paper Tiger catamaran
- National E dinghy
- 125 dinghy
- Sabre dinghy
- Sabot dinghy
- Formula 15 skiffs |
| (b) Miscellaneous Catamarans Class A | - Other catamarans having a YV yardstick of 107 or lower |
| (c) Miscellaneous Monohulls Class A | - Other monohulls having a YV yardstick of 107 or lower |
| (d) Miscellaneous Class B | - Other Classes having a YV yardstick > 107 and < 126 |
| (d) Miscellaneous Class C | - Other Classes having a YV yardstick of 126 or greater |

5.2 Boats failing to carry sail numbers as prescribed in race rules Appendix G shall carry a number allotted by the Elwood Sailing Club Inc.

5.3 Boats intending to use a sail having a number or mark that differs from the sail number or mark for that boat on the club register, shall notify the Race Control Centre in writing before starting.

6. REGISTRATION

Member's boats will be registered at the time of membership renewal. Any subsequent changes in particulars are to be notified to the Secretary.

7. ENTRIES

7.1 Entries will be accepted on the day of the race from Members and Visitors.

7.2 Members shall enter by taking their card from the card rack and placing it in the Race Entry box.

7.3 Visitors and club unfinancial members shall enter by writing their entry particulars on the envelopes provided, enclosing the racing fee of \$5.00 and placing it in the Race Entry box. They are not entitled to score any points for Club trophies.

7.4 Failure to enter as described above will result in disqualification without a hearing from that event. This alters rule 63.1.

7.5 The Elwood Sailing Club Inc. is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

7.6 The Elwood Sailing Club Inc. reserves the right to refuse an entry.

8. MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Class representatives may conduct measurement checks on boats in their class at any time during the season to verify compliance with Class Association rules.

In addition, the Race Officer may also carry out checks as to compliance with YA Special Regulations, Addendum 'A', Part 2. Any alleged failure to comply with the rules will be dealt with by protest.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the club by the first race of the season.

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be off Elwood beach between Point Ormond and the Brighton breakwater.

11. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. TWO-TURNS PENALTY

The Two Turns Penalty when applied to catamaran classes will require one turn only. This amends rule 44.2.

13. SCORING SYSTEM

13.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply with the following amendments:

Rule A1. The races scheduled are set out in the Notice of Race and Attachment "A".

For Class Championship scoring a minimum of 4 races will be required to constitute a series

Rule A2. This rule is replaced with the following:

'Each boats' series score shall be the total of her race scores and duty attendances, excluding her worst scores in accordance with paragraph 14 of the Notice of Race. The boat with the lowest series score wins and the others shall be ranked accordingly.'

Rule A4.2 is replaced by rule A9, with the words 'entered in the series' replaced by 'on the class register on the day of the race'.

For all events, a lone boat in her class that comes to the starting area will be eligible to score points

13.2 Boat skippers rostered for duty shall report to the Race Control tower by 1200 on their duty day. If the Race Officer decides they are not required for duty, they may then race as normal. If they serve on duty, they will be allotted a score of 1.5 points for a Class Championship race, and 2 points for a Class Aggregate race.

If a skipper does not report on time when rostered for duty, their boat will be given a score for that day equal to a boat that did not compete and this score will not be discardable. These points will be added to the score at the completion of the season. To avoid the penalty score, the skipper's attendance must be recorded in the Duty Roster book and signed by the Race Officer.

13.3 In the event of the replacement of a boat during the season, the owner may, on application to the Race Committee, be permitted to continue the points scored to that time, provided that the boat at all times complies with the rules as per paragraph 2.

13.4 Points are awarded only when a boat is sailed by

14. PRIZES

14.1 Champion of Champions Trophy

This trophy will be awarded to the sponsored class boat having the highest score in the club, after application of the formula 'number of first places in the season in its class, times the square root of the average number of starters in its class (all first places are to count in the calculation).' Events that are "Stern Chasers" will be recalculated as elapsed time minus start handicap for inclusion in the Champion of Champions Trophy.

14.2 Class Champions Trophy

These awards are for the boat in each of the clubs sponsored classes who has the lowest total score from the races nominated as counting for this award, after discarding each boat's worst scores of the series equal to 9% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of races sailed by each class. The winners will be listed on the honour board and will receive a trophy.

14.3 Club Aggregate and Club Handicap Awards

Prizes to be awarded in each class will be based on the average number of starters for the season as follows:

9.0 or more	4 places
6.0 or more, but less than 9.0	3 places
4.0 or more, but less than 6.0	2 places
2.0 or more, but less than 4.0	1 place
Less than 2.0	No award

(a) Vice-Commodores Awards for Aggregate Line Honours (first half of season)

These awards are for boats in each of the clubs sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours in club races sailed by the appropriate classes, held from Sunday 30th September to Saturday 15th December 2007, after discarding each boat's worst scores of the series equal to 25% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of races sailed by each class.

(b) Commodores Awards for Aggregate Line Honours (second half of season)

These awards are for boats in each of the clubs sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours in club races sailed by the appropriate classes, held from Saturday 12th January to Saturday 19th April 2008, after discarding each boat's worst scores of the series equal to 25% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of races sailed by each class.

(c) Rear-Commodores Awards for Aggregate Handicap Honours

These awards are for boats, excluding those who win an award in any of the above categories, in each of the clubs sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores calculated on handicaps, for all club races sailed for the season by the appropriate classes, after discarding each boat's worst scores of the series equal to 25% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of races sailed by each class.

(d) Miscellaneous Class Awards for Aggregate Handicap Honours

These awards are for boats, excluding those who win an award in any of the above categories, in the club Miscellaneous classes who have the lowest total scores calculated on Yachting Victoria Yardstick handicaps, for all club races sailed for the season by the appropriate classes, after discarding each boat's worst scores of the series equal to 25% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of races sailed by each class.

(e) Sternchaser Series Class Awards

Prizes to be awarded in each class will be based on the average number of starters for the Sternchaser Series as follows:

9.0 or more	4 places
6.0 or more, but less than 9.0	3 places
4.0 or more, but less than 6.0	2 places
2.0 or more, but less than 4.0	1 place
Less than 2.0	No award

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors who participate in Elwood Sailing Club Inc. races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race, which states *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*.

The Elwood Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after races.

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NOTE - Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Presentation Night on 17th May 2008.