

**ELWOOD SAILING CLUB Inc.**  
**SEASON 2008 - 2009**

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## **1. 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).

RRS 2005-2008 will apply until 31 December 2008; RRS 2009-2012 will apply from 1 January 2009.

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 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 paras. 2.4, 15, and 18; rule A2 is amended by the scoring system set out in para. 20.

## **2. ENTRIES**

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

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

2.3 Visitors 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 points for any Club trophies.

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

2.5 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.

2.6 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.

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

## **3. RACE CONTROL and NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

3.1 Races will be controlled by the Race Committee.

3.2 The Race Control Centre will be located in the control tower on top of the clubhouse.

3.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located near the Race Entry Box in the entry lobby.

3.4 The Committee Boat will be a vessel flying the Club burgee.

## **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted at least one week before it will take effect.

4.2 Any change that will apply for the remainder of the season's races will be advised by a notice that will remain on the board. After signaling on the day of initial posting, no further signals will be made for this notice. It is each skipper's responsibility to check the board before sailing.

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club Control Tower balcony.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Races are scheduled to be held at the times and dates set out in Attachment 'A' to the Club Notice of Race for the season.

## **7. CLASS FLAGS**

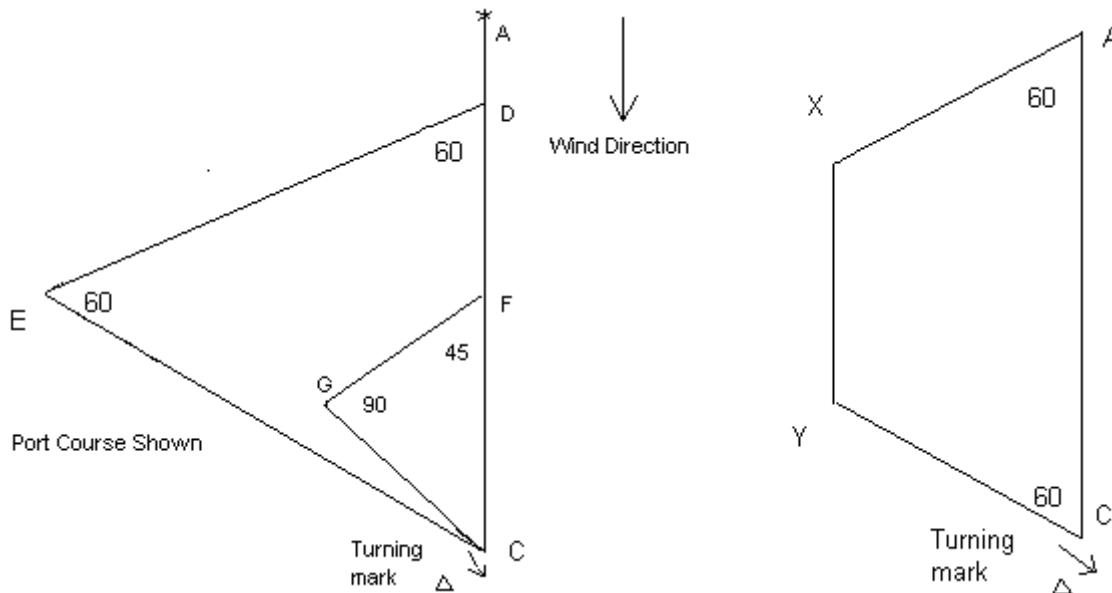
Class flags will be displayed as set out in para. 9.4.

## **8. RACING AREA**

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

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1 Courses to be sailed will be either:  
 - for special events nominated by the race committee, the course as set for that event, or  
 - for normal club races, the courses described below.
- 9.2 Signal flags will be displayed on the committee boat no later than the Warning signal for the first start, as follows:  
 Red flag - means 'Leave all marks to port (not applicable to the finish or turning marks)'.  
 Green flag - means 'Leave all marks to starboard (not applicable to the finish or turning marks)'.  
 Code flag A - means 'Classes are to sail the Long Course listed in para. 9.4'  
 Code flag B - means 'Classes are to sail the Short Course listed in para. 9.4'  
 Code flag Z - means 'Classes are to sail the Trapezoid Course listed in para. 9.4'
- 9.3 The following diagram shows the courses for Long, Short, and Trapezoid course races, including the approximate angles between the legs. The order in which marks are to be rounded is set out in para. 9.4.



9.4 Courses to be sailed by Classes shall be as follows:

Flag	Class	Course	Mark Rounding Order
1	International 'A'	Long (A) Short (B) Trapezoid (Z)	AC, AC, AC, AC, AC, Finish AC, AC, AC, Finish AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, Finish
2	Dolphin	Long (A) Short (B) Trapezoid (Z)	AC, DEC, AC, DEC, AC, Finish AC, DEC, AC, Finish AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, Finish
3	Paper Tiger and Miscellaneous Catamarans Class (Yardsticks up to 107)	Long (A) Short (B) Trapezoid (Z)	AC, DEC, AC, DEC, AC, Finish AC, DEC, AC, Finish AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, Finish
4	National E	Long (A) Short (B) Trapezoid (Z)	DEC, DC, DEC, DC, Finish DC, DEC, DC, Finish AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, Finish
5	125 and Miscellaneous Class (Yardsticks greater than 107 and less than 126)	Long (A) Short (B) Trapezoid (Z)	DEC, DC, DEC, Finish DEC, DC, Finish AXYC, AXYC, Finish
6	Sabre and Miscellaneous Class (Yardsticks 126 and greater)	Long (A) Short (B) Trapezoid (Z)	DEC, DC, DEC, Finish DEC, DC, Finish AXYC, AXYC, Finish
7	Formula 15 and Miscellaneous Monohulls Class (Yardsticks up to 107)	Long (A) Short (B) Trapezoid (Z)	AC, AC, AC, AC, Finish AC, AC, Finish AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, AXYC, Finish
8	Junior classes	Long (A) Short (B) Trapezoid (Z)	FGC, FC, FGC, Finish FGC, FC, Finish AXYC, Finish

- 9.6 Boats shall pass between the last mark of the designated course and the turning mark, from the direction of the previous mark, and then sail directly to the finishing line.
- 9.7 Races may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 9.8 The display of flag 'S' in the vicinity of a mark means 'round the nearby mark (or pass between the nearby mark and the turning mark) in the normal manner and then sail directly to the finish'. This amends rule 32.2.

**10. MARKS**

Mark Description - all marks will be inflatable buoys as follows:

Start mark	- Yellow
A, C	- Purple/Pink
D, E, X, Y	- Yellow
F, G	- Orange
Turning mark	- Yellow
Finish mark	- Red pyramid

**11. THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be set in the vicinity of the leeward mark and will be between the Course Flag pole approximately amidships of the Committee boat and the Start mark.
- 11.2 A clearance buoy may be moored from the stern of the Committee boat and shall be considered an extension of the Committee boat.
- 11.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.4 Races listed as 'Sternchasers' will start on the water. Boat starting times will be advised at an information session before the race.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'.
- 11.6 Races will not be held on any scheduled race day unless a minimum of 4 boats in any one class or 9 boats in total have signified their intention to race.
- 11.7 Numeral flag Nine replaces all other class flags and signifies that ALL Classes will start at the same time.

**12. MARK BOATS**

When a missing mark has been replaced with a mark displaying flag 'M', the Committee boat may not remain in the vicinity to give sound signals. This amends rule 34(b).

**13. ABANDONMENT**

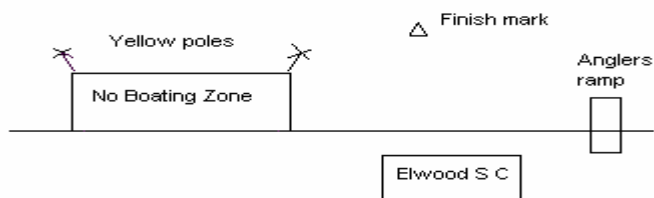
When a race is abandoned and not to be resailed, all boats shall return to shore immediately. Flashing lights may be shown from the clubhouse to indicate its position.

**14. THE FINISH**

The finishing line for club races will be between the Race Control Centre and the Finish mark.

**15. 'NO-BOATING' ZONE**

Boats racing shall not enter the 'No-Boating' zone shown in the diagram below.



**16. TWO-TURNS PENALTY**

The Two Turns Penalty when applied to catamaran classes will require one turn only. This amends rule 44.

**17. TIME LIMIT**

The Long Course time limit will be 150 minutes from their respective starting times for the first boat to finish in each class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.

The Short Courses time limits will be 90 minutes from their respective starting times for the first boat to finish in each class. Boats which have not finished within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes may be allocated finishing places.

If no boat finishes within the time limit, all boats entered for the race will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This amends rule 35.

### **18. SIGN OFF / RACE DECLARATION**

All boats that have entered for a race shall be signed off by a crew member on the Race Declaration sheet no later than 30 minutes after the boat finishes or returns to shore, whichever is the sooner.

Failure to comply will result in those boats being scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing. This amends rule 63.1.

### **19. PROTESTS**

19.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Control Centre and lodged there within 1 hour after the last boat finishes the last sailing session of the day.

19.2 Protests will be heard in the club Committee Room at a time to be determined by the Race Committee and notified to all parties.

19.3 Notice of a protest hearing will be posted on the official Race Notice Board within 30 minutes of the receipt of the protest.

### **20. SCORING**

20.1 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'.

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

20.3 Boat skippers rostered for duty shall report to the Race Control tower by 1200 on their duty day. If they serve on duty, they will be allotted a score of 1.5 points for a Class Championship race, and 2 points for other races.

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.

20.4 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 is the same class as the previous boat and at all times complies with the rules as per paragraph 1.

20.5 Points are awarded only when a boat is sailed by its nominated skipper.

### **21. RACE RESULTS**

Race results will be posted on the Club website / scoreboards in the clubhouse as they are finalised.

### **22. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as set out in the Club Notice of Race for the season.

### **23. 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.

---ooo0ooo---