

ELWOOD SAILING CLUB Inc.
SEASON 2008 - 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

1. EVENTS

- 1.1 Club races for the Summer season will be held from 21 September 2008 to 2 May 2009 inclusive and for the Winter season racing will be held from 7 June 2009 to 2 August 2009 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.

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

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, 15, and 18; 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 All off-the-beach boats are eligible to take part in Elwood Sailing Club SC events. Sponsored classes of the ESC are:
 - International A Class
 - Dolphin
 - Paper Tiger
 - National E
 - 125 Class
 - Sabre
 - Formula 15
 - Junior ClassesAll other classes are designated as "Miscellaneous Class"
- 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 and payment of racing fee. A boat may be registered to more than one skipper upon payment of additional race fees. Skippers may have more than one class of boat, but must register the additional boat class by the payment of additional race fees Any subsequent changes in particulars are to be notified to the Secretary within 7 days.

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 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 amends 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. 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'.

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

13.3 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.

13.4 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 2.

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

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'. Events to count in this calculation are the Class Championships, Commodores Trophy, Vice-Commodores Trophy, and Sternchaser races.

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 score when 6 or 7 races are held, or two worst scores if 8 or more races are held. The winners will be listed on the honour board and will receive a trophy.

14.3 Vice-Commodores, Commodores, Rear-Commodores, and Sternchaser Awards

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

6.0 or more	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 Line Honours

These awards are for boats in each of the clubs sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours in club races nominated as counting for this award. If 6 or more races are held each boat's two worst score may be discarded.

(b) Commodores Awards for Line Honours

These awards are for boats in each of the clubs sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours in club races nominated as counting for this award. If 6 or more races are held each boat's two worst score may be discarded

c) Rear-Commodores Awards for Aggregate Handicap Honours (full season)

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 in races held for the Class Championship, Commodores Trophy, and Vice-Commodores Trophy races 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, in races held for the Class Championship, Commodores Trophy, and Vice-Commodores Trophy 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 Awards

These awards are for boats in each of the clubs sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours in club races nominated as counting for this 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 Saturday 30th May 2009.