ELWOOD SAILING CLUB Inc.
WINTER 2015
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. RULES

Races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Yachting Australia Racing Rules of Sailing 2013- 2016 and by any Yachting Australia Prescriptions, Amendments and Addendums for 2013-2016.The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows. 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, and 17; rule A2 is amended by the scoring system set out in para.19. Rule 26 has been changed as in para.11.5.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Entries will be accepted on the day of the race from Members and Visitors under the eligibility prescriptions of the Notice of Race.

2.2 Members shall enter by completing the following two requirements for race entry:

1. complete the entry details on the Sign On/Sign Off sheet and
2. on the water, a boat intending to race shall hail the committee vessel and receive acknowledgement prior to the start sequence of the boat's first start of the racing session.

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, and comply with SI para.2.2.

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 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.

2.6 Members and visitors are required to have minimum of $10M third party insurance cover and by entering declare that they comply with this condition. The policy may be sighted by a member of the General Committee.

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. On-the-water control will be by the appointed Race Officer of the day.

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.

3.4 The Committee Boat will be a vessel flying the Elwood Sailing 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 signalling 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 the Club Notice of Race for the Winter 2015 season.

6.2 There is no provision for resailing races on days other than the scheduled date.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Division 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 by Divisions shall be as follows (refer course diagram, **Figure 1**):

Flag	***Division***	***Mark Rounding Order***
1	Catamaran YS 77 and less	Start - A-C-Gate, A-C-Gate, A-C-Finish
2	Catamaran YS 78 and greater	Start – A-C-Gate, A-C - Finish
3	Monohull YS 113 and less	Start - D - E-Gate, D-Gate, D – E- Finish
4	Monohull YS 114 and greater	Start - D - E-Gate, D- Finish

Boats shall pass between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark as specified above, and may turn in either direction to continue their course.

9.2. Races may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer

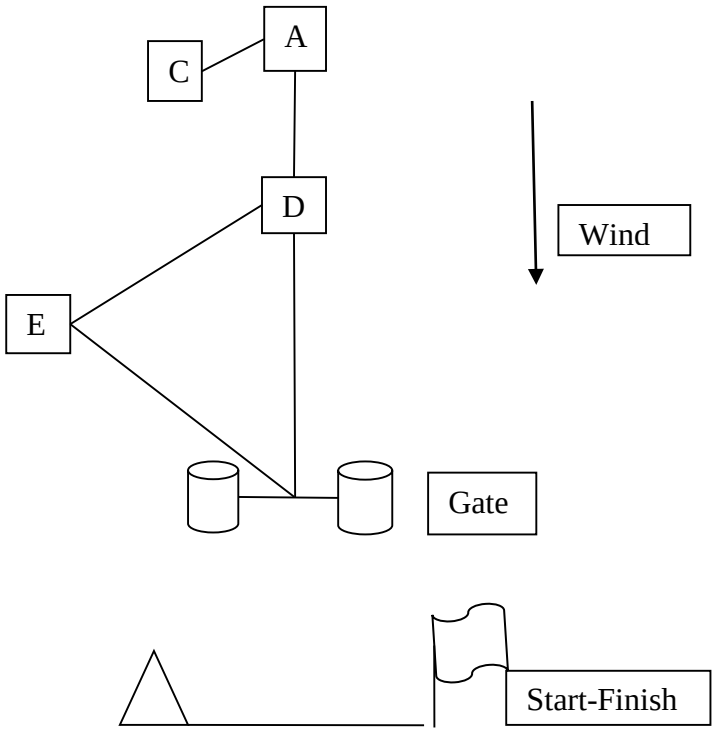

Figure 1 Course diagram

10. MARKS

10.1 Mark Description -all marks will be inflatable or self-inflating buoys as follows:

Start/ Finish mark	Yellow pyramid
A	Yellow conical (large)
C	Orange cylindrical
Gate Marks	Orange pyramid, Orange cylindrical
D, E	Yellow cylindrical

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between the Club Burgee approximately amidships of the Committee boat and the Start mark, and located either to windward or leeward of the Gate marks.

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 The Orange Flag (one sound signal) indicates that the Committee Vessel will commence a starting sequence in a minimum of 3 minutes from when the flag is hoisted

11.5 Races will be started with a three (3) minute start sequence

11.6 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'.

11.7 Numeral flag Nine signifies that ALL Classes that have not started will start at the same time.

12. SPARE

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The On-Water finish line will be between the Club Burgee approximately amidships of the Committee boat and the Start/Finish mark.

13.2 Boats which cross the finishing line when not finishing the race will be disqualified without a hearing for that race. This amends rule 63.1.

14. NO BOATING ZONE

A 'no boating zone' and speed zones are present adjacent to the Club launch and race area (refer **Figure 2).** The no boating zone and speed restriction zones are an 'obstruction' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.

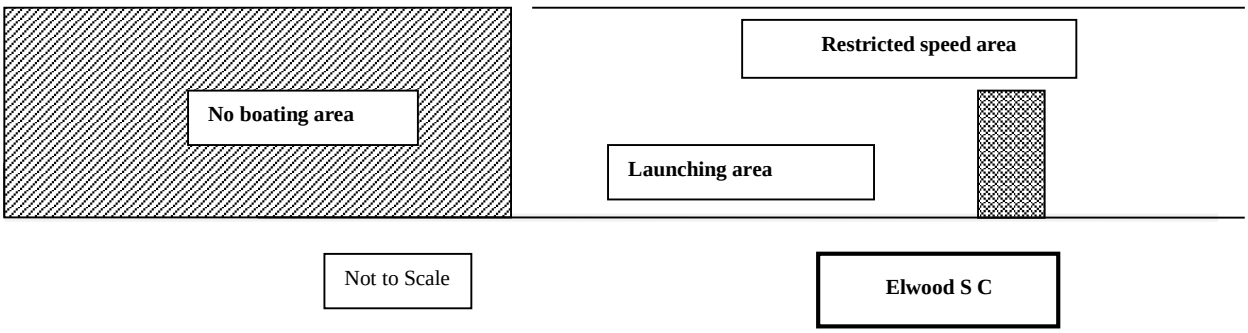

Figure 2 No Boating Zone

15. TWO-TURNS PENALTY

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

16. TIME LIMIT
Boats which have not finished within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be allocated finishing places and times and asked to proceed to the Starting area for the next race.

17. SIGN OFF / RACE DECLARATION
All boats that have entered for a race shall be signed off by a crew member on the specified Sign On/Sign Off Race Declaration sheet no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the final race for the day. Failure to comply may result in those boats being scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing. This amends rule 63.1. Boats that withdraw from a race are required to sign off and notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18. PROTESTS

18.1 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.

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

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

19. SCORING
The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply subject to the amendments specified in the Notice of Race Winter 2015, paras 13. Scoring System and paras 14 Prizes.

20. RACE RESULTS
Race results posted on the Club website will remain provisional until the end of the winter racing season.

21. PRIZES
Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

22. 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, prior to, during or after races.