**ELWOOD SAILING CLUB Inc.**

**SEASON 2015-2016**

**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, 2.7, 14.2, 15 and 18; rule A2 is amended by the scoring system set out in para. 20. Rule 26 has been changed as in para 11.4.

**2. ENTRIES**

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

2.2 Members shall enter by completing the following 3 requirements for race entry

1. place their club race card in the Race Entry box and
2. complete the entry details on the Sign On/Sign Off sheet and
3. on the water, boats intending to race shall hail the committee vessel prior to the start sequence of the competitors first start of the racing session. The committee vessel will signal acceptance of the competitors hail. The competitor shall repeat the process until it observes acceptance by the committee vessel.

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 completing steps 2 & 3 in SI 2.2. Visitors 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 Boats shall race with the eligibility requirements stated in the Notice of Race. Boats which race with

 less than the minimum number of crew shall race in the Miscellaneous Division. Failure to comply with

this Sailing Instruction may result in the boat being scored DNC without a hearing, and shall not be

 grounds for a protest by a boat or grounds for redress. This changes rule 63.1.

2.7 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.

2.8 Members and visitors are required to have minimum of $10M third party insurance cover, and the

 policy may be sighted by a member of the General Committee.

2.9 The Elwood Sailing Club Inc. reserves the right to refuse any 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 Attachment 'A' to the Club Notice of

Race for the season.

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

6.3 For the Gold Cup and Silver Cup series, extra races may be added to the racing session of the day, at

the discretion of the Race Officer.

**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 events nominated by the race committee, the course as set by the Race Committee on the day, or

-for normal club races, the courses described in 9.4 and **Figures 1a and 1b** .

9.2 Code Flag T flown on the committee boat no later than the Warning signal for the first start means 'Classes are to sail the course set by the Race Committee’.

9.3 The Orange Flag (one sound signal) indicates that the Committee Vessel will commence a starting sequence in a minimum of 5 minutes from when the flag is hoisted

9.4 Courses to be sailed by Classes shall be as follows: (refer course diagram, **Figure 1**):

***Flag Class Mark Rounding Order***

1 Catamaran YS < 78 Start - A-C-Gate, A-C-Gate, A-C-Gate, Finish

2 Catamaran YS >77 Start - D-E-Gate, D-Gate, D-E-Gate, Finish

3 Monohull YS < 115 Start - D-E-F, D-F, D-E-F, Finish

4 Monohull YS > 114 Start - D-E-F, D-F, Finish

Catamarans shall pass between the gate marks as required above, and may turn in either direction to continue their course. Monohulls shall not pass between the gate marks at any time.

No boat shall cross the finish line except when finishing (Paras.14).

9.5 The Start/Finish line may be positioned to windward of the Gate or to leeward of the Gate, (refer course diagrams, **Figures 1a and 1b)**.

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

**10. MARKS**

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

Start mark - Yellow pyramid

Finish mark Red pyramid

A - Pink cylindrical

C - Orange cylindrical

Gate Marks - Orange pyramid, Orange cylindrical

D,E - Yellow cylindrical

F Yellow conical

**11. THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be between the Club Burgee 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 will be started with a three (3) minute start sequence

11.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored ‘Did Not Start’.

11.6 Numeral flag Nine signifies that ALL Classes that have not started 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. SPARE**

**14. THE FINISH**

14.1 The On-Water finish line will be between the Blue Flag approximately amidships of the

Committee boat and the Finish mark which will be laid to starboard of the Committee boat.

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

**15. 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.

**Elwood S C**

**NO BOATING AREA**

Not to Scale

**No boating area** areaareaarea

**Launching area**

 **Restricted speed area**

**Figure 2 No Boating Zone**

**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**

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.

**18. 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.

**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**

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply subject to the amendments specified in the

Notice of Race 2015-2016, paras 13. Scoring System and paras 14 Prizes.

**21. RACE RESULTS**

Provisional race results will be posted on the Club website as they are finalised, and remain provisional

until the end of the racing season.

**22. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as set out in the Notice of Race 2015-2016.

**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.

F

WIND

GATE

A

D

C

E

FINISH

F

START

**Figure 1a Course with Start - Finish to leeward of Gate. (Not to scale)**

WIND

GATE

A

D

C

E

FINISH

F

START

**Figure 1b Course with Start – Finish to windward of Gate. (Not to scale)**