

# **ELWOOD SAILING CLUB Inc. WINTER SEASON 2014**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **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, 14.3, 15 and 18; rule A2 is amended by the scoring system set out in para. 20. Rule 26 has been changed as in para 11.8.

### **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 and complete the entry details on the Sign On/Sign Off sheet.
- 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 the entry details on the Sign On/Sign Off sheet. 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 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 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 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 Winter Series Notice of Race.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

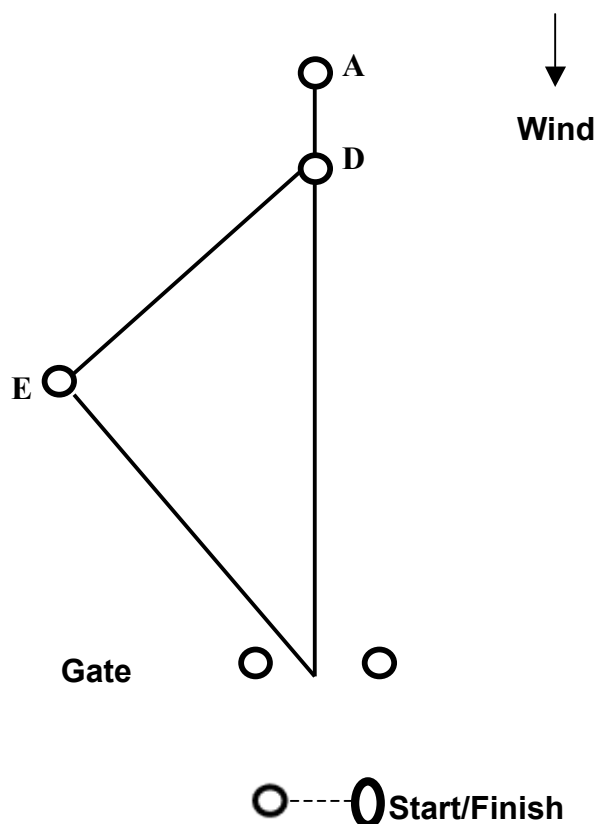
Class flags will be displayed as set out in para. 9.4.

## 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 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 gate marks)'.  
Green flag -means 'Leave all marks to starboard (not applicable to the finish or gate marks)'.  
Code flag T – Classes are to sail the course set by the Race Committee  
Code flag W – means the Finish line will be on the water.
- 9.3 The course may include angles between 45 and 60 degrees on the reaching 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:

<b>Flag</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
1	International 'A'		A-Gate, A, Finish
2	Miscellaneous Catamarans		DE-Gate ,D , Finish
3	National E		DE-Gate, D, Finish
4	125 and Miscellaneous Class		DE-Gate, D, Finish
5	Laser		DE, Finish
6	Sabre & Miscellaneous Class		DE, Finish
7	Miscellaneous Monohulls Class		D, Finish

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

#### 10. MARKS

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

Start/ Finish mark - Yellow pyramid ( for finish signalled as 'on the water')

A - Yellow conical

Gate marks - Orange cylindrical

D, E - Yellow cylindrical

#### 11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the Course Flag pole approximately amidships of the Committee boat and the Start/Leeward 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 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'.
- 11.5 Races will not be held on any scheduled race day unless a minimum of 3 Financial Elwood Sailing Club Member's boats in any one class or a minimum of 6 Financial Elwood Sailing Club Members boat's have signified their intention to race.
- 11.6 **Numeral flag Nine** signifies that **ALL Classes that have not started** will start at the same time.
- 11.7 Races will be started with a three(3) minute start sequence.

#### 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

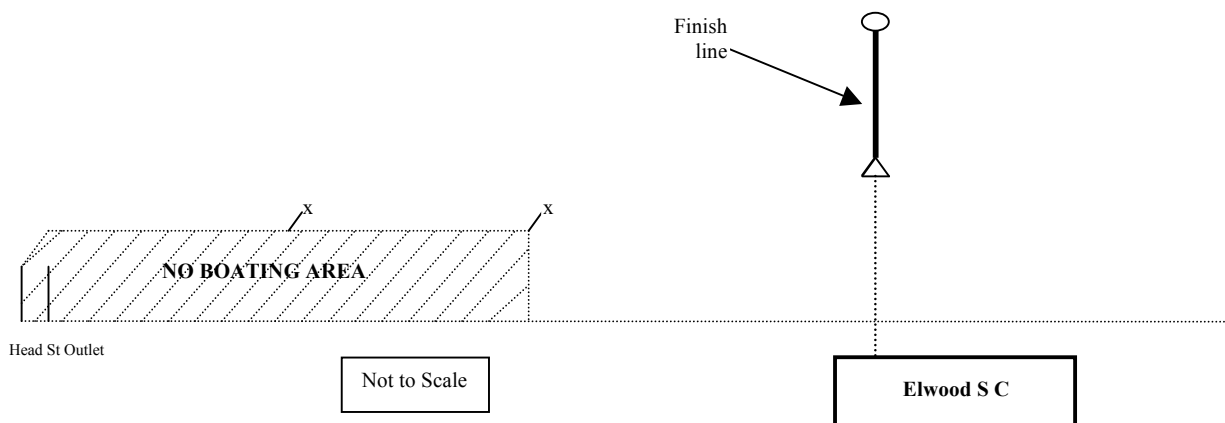
## 14. THE FINISH

14.1 The Finish line will be between the Course Flag pole approximately amidships of the Committee boat and the Start/Leeward mark.

## 15. 'NO-BOATING' ZONE

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

Contravention may result in disqualification without a hearing for that race. This amends rule 63.1



## 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 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".  
Rule A2. This rule is replaced with the following:  
'Each boats' series score shall be the total of her race scores, 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 clarification for skippers and crews that do their rostered duty.

At the end of the series ,for each duty day they will be allocated their average place and points for the series, prior to their discards, as per the Notice of Race paragraph 13.3.

## **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 Winter racing season.

## **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.