

ELWOOD SAILING CLUB Inc.

SEASON 2014-2015

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1. EVENTS

Club races for the Summer season will be held from October 2014 to April 2015 inclusive, as set out in the Sailing Program and Attachment 'A' herewith. The organizing authority is the Elwood Sailing Club Incorporated.

2. 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.

3. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows.

Rule 44.2 when applied to catamaran classes requires one turn only; rule 49.1 is amended by the applicable class rules where they permit the use of additional devices; rule 63.1 is amended by NOR para 7.4 and by SI paras 2.7, 14.2 and 18; rule A2 is amended by the scoring system set out in paras 13; rule 26 has been changed as in the SI para 11.4.

4. ADVERTISING

Advertising carried shall be in accordance with rule 80.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 All off-the-beach boats are eligible to take part in Elwood Sailing Club events provided that they comply with class rules and have a YV yardstick for the sail and /or crew combination.

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 Club Manager 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 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, a boat intending to race shall hail the committee vessel prior to the start sequence of the boat's first start of the racing session. The committee vessel will signal acceptance of the boat's hail. The boat shall repeat the process until it observes acceptance by the committee vessel.

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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, and completing steps 2 & 3 in NoR 7.2. Visitors are not entitled to score points for any 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 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.

7.7 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. Attention is drawn to the no boating zone and speed restriction zones regulated by civil authorities.

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 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores and duty attendance scores, 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 and crews rostered for duty shall report to the Race Control tower by 1200hr on their duty day. At the end of the specific series in which the rostered duty took place, for each duty day they will be allocated the average placings and points for the series, prior to their discards. If a skipper and crew do not report on time when rostered for duty, their boat will be given a score for that day equal to the number of boats in their class on the club register plus 5. This score will not be discardable. 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 A boat not sailed by its nominated skipper will be allocated DNC.

13.6 Visitors' finishing positions are disregarded in the calculation of point scores.

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 and Vice-Commodores Trophy.

14.2 Class Champions Trophy

These awards are for boats in each of the club's sponsored classes having 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 9 races are held, or four worst scores if 10 or more races are held. The winners will be listed on the honour board and will receive a trophy.

14.3 Class Champions, Vice-Commodores, Commodores, Rear-Commodores, Gold and Silver Cup

Prizes to be awarded in each class to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings for each series.

(a) Vice-Commodores Awards for Line Honours

These awards are for boats in each of the club's sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours in club races nominated as counting for this award, after discarding each boat's two worst scores when 6 or 7 races are held, or three worst scores if 8 or 9 races are held, or four worst scores if 10 or more races are held

(b) Commodores Awards for Line Honours

These awards are for boats in each of the club's sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours in club races nominated as counting for this award, after discarding each boat's two worst scores when 6 or 7 races are held, or three worst scores if 8 or 9 races are held, or four worst scores if 10 or more races are held

(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 club's 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. For each class the number of discards will be equal to 25% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of races sailed.

(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's 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. For each class the number of discards will be equal to 25% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of races sailed.

(e) Gold and Silver Cup Awards

These awards are for boats in each of the club's sponsored classes who have the lowest total scores for line honours in club races nominated as counting for this award. If 5 or 6 races are completed one discard is allowed; if 7 or more races are completed, two discards are allowed.

(f) Bill MacNamara Trophy – Perpetual Trophy

A special award is made for this trophy, based on the yacht's club handicap.

(g) John Pyers Trophy – Perpetual Trophy

For International A Class Catamarans – For the boat that scores the maximum points from the formula –

Total number of First places in all ESC club races x (number of races sailed+ official duty days) calculated over the race season

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.