

# **ELWOOD SAILING CLUB Inc.**

## **ELWOOD A CLASS OPEN LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 Saturday 21st and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 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 the Yachting Australia Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 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 63.1 is amended by para 18. Rule 26 has been changed as in para 11.3.

### **2. ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted on the day of the race from Members and Visitors who sail an International A Class Catamaran.
- 2.2 Members and visitors shall enter by writing their entry particulars on the entry form of the event, together with racing fee of \$70.00, at the race entry table, or \$50 if entered by 14<sup>th</sup> February.
- 2.3 Failure to enter as described above will result in disqualification without a hearing from that event. This amends rule 63.1.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 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 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 Saturday and placed on the notice board in the Club's entry area. 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 below.  
Saturday 21st February 2015 – 3 races with first start no earlier than 1300 hours.  
Sunday 22nd February 2015 – 3 races with the first start no earlier than 1030 hours.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

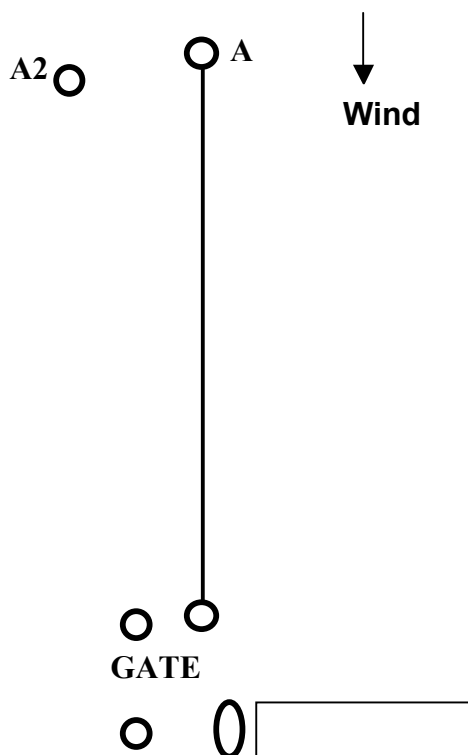
Class flag for the event will be Blue A Class flag.

## 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 as specified in para 9.4
- 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 2 -means TWO windward and returns as listed in para. 9.5.  
Code flag 3 - means THREE windward and returns as listed in para. 9.5.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 The courses are listed and order in which marks are to be rounded is set out in para. 9.5.



- 9.5 Courses to be sailed shall be as follows:

### Flag

### Mark Rounding Order

- 2 Start - A - A2 - Gate, A – A2 – Gate, - Finish
- 3 Start - A - A2 - Gate, A - A2 – Gate, A – A2 – Gate, - Finish

Boats shall pass between the gate marks as required above, and may turn in either direction to continue their course.

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

## 10. MARKS

Mark Description -all marks will be inflatable pyramid buoys as follows:

Start mark -	Red pyramid
A -	Yellow conical
A2-	Red pyramid
Gate Marks -	Orange cylindrical and orange conical
Start and Finish mark -	Red pyramid

## 11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be set in the vicinity and downwind of the gate marks and will be between the Course Flag pole 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 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. ABANDONMENT

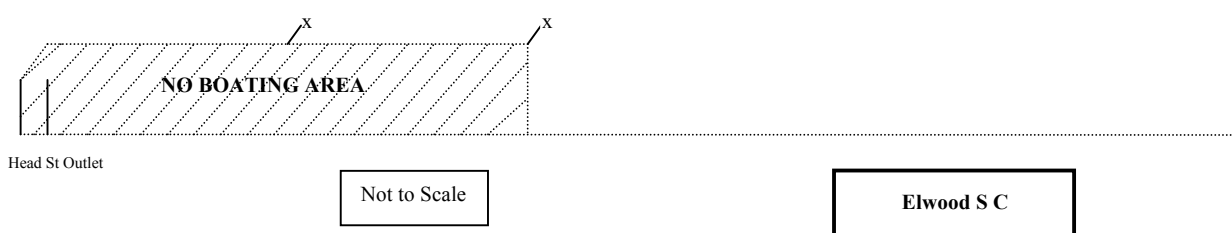
When a race is abandoned and not to be resailed, all boats shall return to shore immediately. Flashing lights may be shown from the clubhouse to indicate its position.

## 14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be set in the vicinity and downwind of the gate marks and will be between the Course Flag pole approximately amidships of the Committee boat and the Red Start/Finish mark.

## 15. 'NO-BOATING' ZONE

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



## **16. TWO-TURNS PENALTY**

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

## **17. SIGN OFF / RACE DECLARATION**

All boats that have entered for a races on the day shall sign on the Race Declaration sheet. All boats shall sign off on the 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.

## **18. PROTESTS**

18.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Control Centre and lodged there within 30 minutes 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 15 minutes of the receipt of the protest.

## **19. SCORING**

20.1 Lowest Point Scoring System

20.2 Series score shall be the total for all races. If 6 races are conducted, each boat can drop its worst race result.

## **20. PRIZES**

Prizes may be awarded.

## **21. 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.