



Sailing Instructions

Club Program Racing (2023-2024 Season)

These Sailing Instructions (**SI**) cover for the club races listed in the Sailing Calendar for the 2023-2024 season.

The organising authority is Elwood Sailing Club Incorporated (**ESC**).

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be under the authority of ESC and governed by the Notice of Race (**NOR**), the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (**RRS**) and Australian Sailing (**AS**) prescriptions there-to, including Special Regulations Part 2 for off-the-beach boats.
- 1.2. The racing rules will be modified in accordance with Rule 86, as follows:
 - a) Rule A2 is amended by the scoring system set out in NOR paragraph 8
 - b) Rule 49.1 is amended by the applicable class rules where they permit the use of additional devices
 - c) Rule 63.1 is amended by NOR paragraphs 2.5, 2.7 and SI paragraphs 13.3 and 15
 - d) Rule 26 has been changed, to allow for a 3-minute starting sequence, as per SI paragraph 12.4
 - e) Rule 44.1 when applied to catamaran classes, only one turn will be required as opposed to 2 turns

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. 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 changes in the schedule of races will be posted at least one week before it will take effect.
- 2.2. A notice that will remain on the board will advise any change that will apply for the remainder of the season's races. 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The Race Control Tower will be located in the tower on the top of the clubhouse.
- 3.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located on the ground near the sign on bench.
- 3.3. The Committee Boat will be a vessel flying the Elwood Sailing Club burgee.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. ESC strives to provide competitive, fun, family friendly sailing for all skill levels. To achieve this everyone needs to be treated fairly with respect and dignity. There is no place at the Club for bullying, harassment or discrimination.
- 4.2. Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.3. Competitors and Duty persons shall handle any equipment / boats provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Control Tower.
- 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 CLUB RACES

- 6.1. Races are scheduled to be held at the times and dates set out in the ESC Sailing Calendar for the 2023-2024 season as published on the club website. The Sailing Calendar includes normal club races (Championship, Commodore and Vice Commodore series) and special races (Gold Cups).
- 6.2. There is no provision for resailing races on days other than the scheduled dates.
- 6.3. For special race days, extra races may be added to the racing session on the day, at the discretion of the Race Officer.

7. SAILING DIVISIONS

- 7.1. Boats will be assigned to Divisions as set out in paragraph 9.4.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. 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:
 - a) For normal club races (Championship, Commodore and Vice Commodore) the courses to be sailed are detailed in Sailing Instructions paragraph 9.4
 - b) For special races (Gold Cups) the courses to be sailed will be the same as for normal club races, unless changed and communicated by the Race Committee
- 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 no earlier than 5 minutes from when the flag is hoisted.

9.4. For normal club races the courses to be sailed shall be as follows (refer Course Diagram **Figure 1.**):

FLAG	DIVISION	MARK ROUNDING ORDER
1	Catamaran YS < 78	START—A-B-C—A-B-C—A-B-C--FINISH
2	Catamaran YS ≥78	START—D-E-C--D-C—D-E-C—FINISH
3	Monohull YS <115	START—D-E-C--D-C—D-E-C—FINISH
4	Monohull YS ≥ 115	START—D-E-C—D-C--FINISH
5	Sabre Class	START—D-E-C—D-C--FINISH

9.5 The Start mark C will also be the leeward mark of the courses (**Figure 1**).

9.6 Races may be shortened or abandoned at the discretion of the Race Officer, in accordance with RRS 32, 32.1, 32.2.

10. MARKS

10.1. All marks will be inflatable or self-inflating buoys as follows:

MARK	IDENTIFICATION
START	YELLOW
FINISH	RED
A	PINK
B	ORANGE
C	YELLOW
D	YELLOW
E	YELLOW

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. A 'no-boating zone' and a speed restriction zone 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 2021-2024.

12. THE START

12.1. The starting line will be between the Club Burgee approximately amidships of the Committee boat and the START mark.

12.2. A Clearance buoy may be deployed from the stern of the Committee boat and shall be considered an extension of the Committee boat.

12.3. 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.

12.4. The following sequence of signals will be used to start races. Times will be taken from the hoisting and lowering of the relevant flags and pennants. A sound signal will accompany the hoisting of these signals where possible. Times shall be taken from the visual signals.

Minutes before Starting signal	Visual Signal	Accompanying Sound Signal	Meaning
3	Division Flag(s)	One	Warning Signal
2	P, I, Z, Z with I, U or Black Flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory Flag removed	One (long)	One Minute signal
0	Division Flag removed	One	Starting Signal

12.5. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start.'

12.6. Numeral pennant Nine (9) signifies that ALL divisions that have not started will start at the same time.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The Finish line will be between the Blue Flag approximately amidships of the Committee Boat and the Finish mark.

13.2. Boats will finish in the direction from the previous mark of the course.

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

13.4. Attention is drawn to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 Definition of Finish.

14. SPARE

15. SIGN-OFF / DECLARATION

15.1. 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 system no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the final race of the day. Failure to comply may result in those boats being scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing. This amends Rule 63.1.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1. The Race Officer may finish a boat or several boats at his or her discretion. Boats so finished will be scored as "RGc" (Redress Given Points Allocated) and will receive points equal to the position they were in at the time they were ordered to finish.

17. HEARING REQUEST

17.1. Boats intending to protest or request redress shall signify their intent in writing. Appropriate forms are available from the Race Control Tower and must be lodged there within 1 hour after the last boat finishes the last racing session of the day.

17.2. Protests and requests for redress will be heard in the club Committee Room at a time to be determined by the Race Committee. All parties will be notified of the times.

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

18. SCORING & PRIZES

18.1. The Scoring and Prizes will be awarded as set out in the ESC Season 2023-2024 NOR, in paragraphs 8 and 9.

19. RACE RESULTS

19.1. Provisional race results will be posted on the Club website and the Sailor App on the Elwood Sailing Club, as they are finalised, and remain provisional until the end of the racing season.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify race management (Patrol boats or Elwood Tower) at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, sailing instructions and Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Equipment Audit.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

22.2. Competitors who participate in Elwood Sailing Club Inc. races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility.

22.3. The Elwood Sailing Club Inc. will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during or after races.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD 10 Million per incident or the equivalent.

Figure 1:

COURSE DIAGRAM

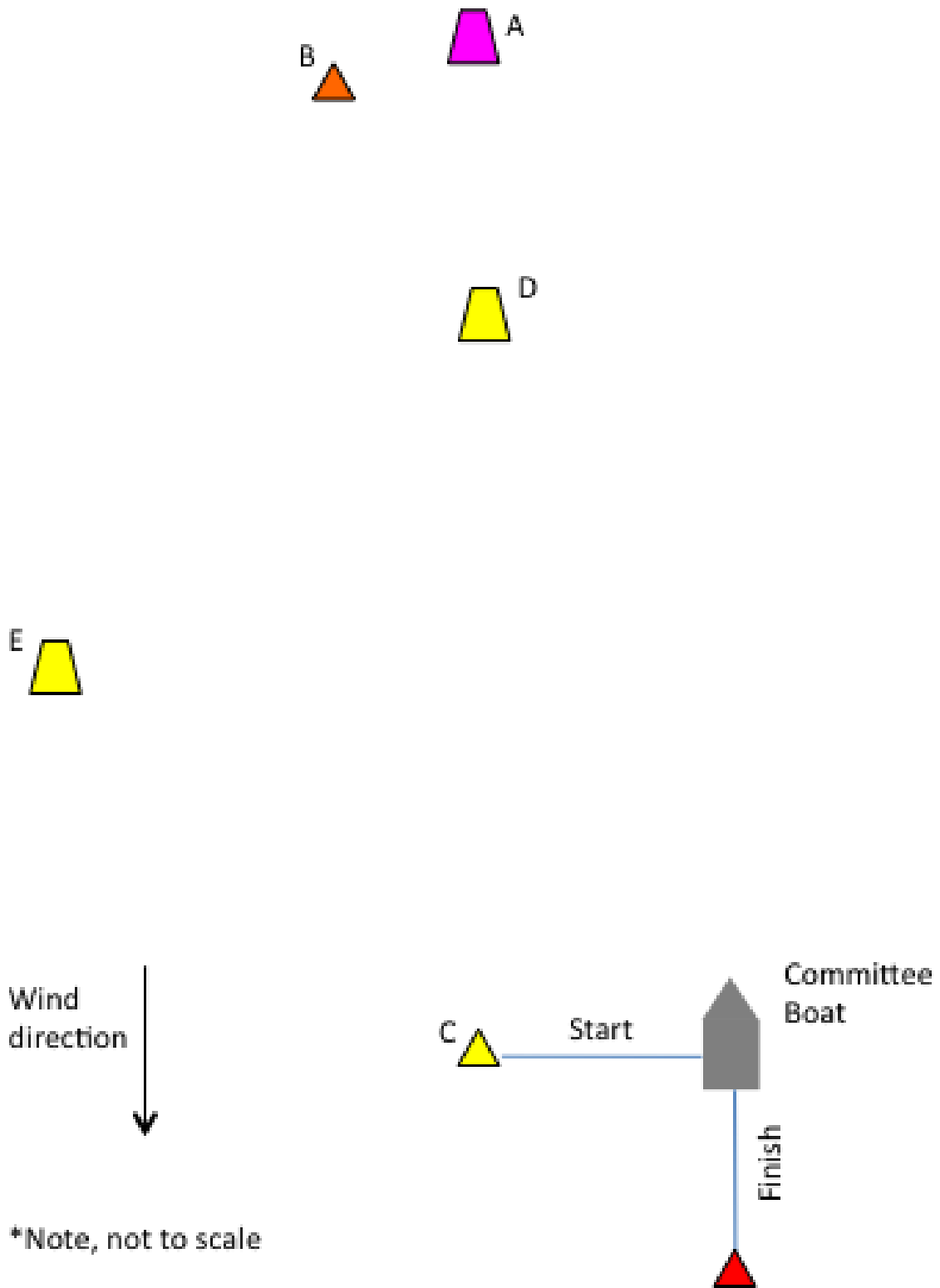


Figure 2:

OBSTRUCTIONS - NO BOATING ZONE AND REDUCED SPEED ZONES

