

# PERTH DINGHY SAILING CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. RULES:

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions and safety regulations of the Yachting Australia and the respective Class Measurement and Technical Rules (including changes of sails, spars and hull) apply, except where they are altered by these Sailing Instructions.

## 2. ENTRIES:

- 2.1 A boat shall be eligible to race if the appropriate race fee as determined per boat per season has been paid to the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club ("the Club") or the boat is competing by invitation from the Club.
- 2.2 All competing boats must be nominated before each race on the Race Entry Sheets. Any change in crew must be notified in writing to the Officer of the Day at least one hour prior to the commencement of the race.
- 2.3 All skippers and crews must be financial members of the Club unless:
  - (i) dispensation has been granted by the Officer of the Day, or
  - (ii) the skipper or crew is competing at the invitation of the Club.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE 2.1, 2.2 OR 2.3 SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

## 3. RACE COMMITTEE:

The Race Committee shall be the Sailing Committee of the Club (made up from the Flag Officer in charge of sailing and the appointed Class Captains from representative classes) and shall comprise the Officer of the Day, Chief Starter and such other officers as the Management Committee of the Club shall from time to time appoint.

## 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board located at the Southwestern end of the flag deck in front of the canteen.

## 5. COURSES AND START TIMES:

Start times will be displayed on the Sailing Notice Board. Course sheets for each class are available from the Officer of the Day and shall be deemed to form part of the Sailing Instructions.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as specified in the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club Sailing Programme (this book).
- 6.2 If a Club Championship Heat is rescheduled a Notice to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board.

**7. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board before 0900 hours for a scheduled morning race or 1200 hours for a scheduled afternoon race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the date on which a race is scheduled to be sailed will be posted by 1730 hours on the day before it will take effect. It shall be the responsibility of all competitors to check the Sailing Notice Board for any changes.

**8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Starters Box flagstaff.

8.2 If a black flag is hoisted due to severe weather conditions, no boat shall leave the beach (penalty may be disqualification/exclusion from future races as directed by the Sailing Committee).

**9. VISUAL SIGNALS:**

The I.S.A.F. RACE SIGNALS shall apply except as modified below.

9.1 Code Flag "S" Shortened Course

When displayed at a rounding mark means **"course shortened - after rounding this mark, proceed directly to the finishing line and finish in the prescribed direction."**

9.2 First Substitute - General Recall Signal

When signalled in multiple fleet starts means **"The class is recalled for a new start following the start of the last class"**. (see Rule 11)

**10. COURSE FLAGS:**

Will be displayed from the mast on the Start Boat (or if a Club start, Starters box flagstaff below the respective Class Flag as follows:

Course No. 1 - Numeral Pendant No. 1

Course No. 2 - Numeral Pendant No. 2

Course No. 3 - Numeral Pendant No. 3

Course No. 4 - Numeral Pendant No. 4

Course No. 5 - Numeral Pendant No. 5

Course No. 6 - Numeral Pendant No. 6

Course No. 7 - Numeral Pendant No. 7

Course No. 8 - Numeral Pendant No. 8

**11. CLASS FLAGS:**

The identification flag for each class shall be the Class Flag as prescribed in the individual Class Rules.

**12. STARTING PROCEDURE:**

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26 with classes starting at **5 minute** intervals.

12.2 The order of start shall be in accordance with the start times displayed on the Sailing Notice Board.

- 12.3 Fall of the Class Flag shall be the start signal. Failure of the sound signal shall not give cause for redress to the Sailing Committee.
- 12.4 In the event of a General Recall, the FIRST SUBSTITUTE shall be displayed for **4 minutes**, or until all competitors acknowledge the recall, should that be sooner. The lowering of the visual signal **may not** be accompanied by a sound signal.
- 12.5 The PREPARATORY SIGNAL for the first restart fleet shall be made **1 minute** after the starting signal for the last scheduled fleet.

### 13. **STARTING LINE**

#### Boat Start:

An imaginary line between the flag mast on the start boat mark (displaying an orange flag) and the outer mark. The inner limit of the line may be indicated by a limit buoy located near the start boat. Such mark may not be on the line. A boat which passes between the start boat and the limit buoy shall not be deemed to have started until it has re-rounded the start boat to starboard and sailed between the limit mark and the outer mark in the direction of the first mark.

#### Club Start:

An imaginary line between the coloured bar on the Starters Box and Buoy 46A. Boats starting must pass between Buoy 46A and the inner limit buoy, which may not be on the line.

### 14. **FINISHING LINE:**

An imaginary line between the coloured bar on the Starters Box and Buoy 46A. Boats finishing must pass between Buoy 46A and the inner limit buoy.

### 15. **KEEPING CLEAR:**

- 15.1 Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made.
- 15.2 After starting correctly, boats shall not pass through the Start or Finish line in either direction except when finishing.
- 15.3 **Line in Use.** A boat shall not pass in either direction through a start or finish line in use, other than her own. **A line in use will be identified by a conspicuous orange flag.** Alleged infringements of this sailing instruction may be protested under RRS Rules 60.2 as a result of a report from any race committee. The onus of satisfying the protest committee that she did not pass through the line shall be with the protested boat.
- 15.4 Boats returning to shore first shall proceed to the rear of the rigging area to make way for other boats.
- 15.5 Boats shall give way to Safety Craft bearing the green and white rescue flag.
- 15.6 Boats leaving the beach shall keep clear of the Mudlark fleet.

- 15.7 Boats shall keep clear of the Jet Ski area to the South East of Quarry Spit. The Jet Ski area marked by a line of yellow marker buoys to the South of Quarry Spit and to the East of Heron Buoy shall be deemed an obstruction in accordance with RRS Rules 18 and 19.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES 15.1, 15.2 AND 15.3 SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

**16. TIME LIMIT:**

The time limit shall be 3 hours from the actual start time. Should the leading boat finish within the time limit, the limit is extended by 30 minutes. Should a boat fail to finish within this extended time, the boat will be scored "did not finish". If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race shall be abandoned and may be resailed at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

**17. DECLARATIONS:**

17.1 Boats crossing the Finishing Line so signify that they have sailed the course and complied with the rule in accordance with these Sailing Instructions.

17.2 Any boat retiring from a race shall notify the finishing box, either personally or by messenger, at the first opportunity. Any skipper failing to comply may be called upon to give reasons for his/her default to the Sailing Committee and may be subjected to a **3 minute handicap penalty**.

**18. PROTESTS AND MEDIATION:**

18.1 Protests shall be written on the prescribed forms available from the club and shall be lodged with the Officer of the Day within 1 hour of the last boat in the respective class finishing or, where multiple races are held, the finishing time of the last boat of that class in its last race of the day.

18.2 Provision will be made for protests to be determined by mediation. Should mediation fail to resolve the matter, the protest will proceed to a hearing before the protest committee.

**19. PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT:**

19.1 RRS Rule 44.1 and 44.2 applies.

**20. SCORING:**

20.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

20.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

20.3 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**21. SAIL NUMBERS:**

21.1 All boats shall display distinguishing numbers on their mainsails in accordance with class rules.

21.2 A boat shall **NOT** use the distinguishing number or insignia of any other boat in the same class in any one race without the express permission of the Officer of the Day.

**22. STARTERS:**

A minimum of four starters are required to start in any one race before a trophy can be awarded. A minimum of two starters are required to constitute a race.

**23. RESPONSIBILITY:**

All those taking part in club races, and organised training activities do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Club reserves the right to refuse entry. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 that states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

**24. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:**

All boats competing in races conducted by the Club shall comply with the following safety requirements:

24.1 Each competitor must wear a Personal Flotation Device (PDF) that complies with the approved standard.

24.2 All boats shall have fitted at the bow a towing fairlead, capable of withstanding loads normally generated under tow, through which a towline may be passed to a strong point aft.

24.3 The mainsail on each boat except Mudlarks shall be capable of being lowered easily by hand with the boat in both the upright and capsized position. Mudlarks shall have the forestay able to be disconnected without the use of tools to lower the mast and mainsail.

24.4 Centreboards and rudders shall be positively secured to the hull so they remain in position in the event of a capsize.

24.5 All boats shall have placed on the hull externally, at or near the transom, in legible letters and figures of :-

(a) The name of boat - not less than 50mm height and not less than 8mm thickness.

(b) The registered sail number - not less than 50mm height and not less than 8mm thickness.

(c) The club name i.e. P.D.S.C. - not less than 20mm height and not less than 4mm thickness.

**25. EQUIPMENT CHECKS:**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the Officer of the Day for compliance with the prescriptions and safety requirements of the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club sailing instructions and the respective Class Measurement and Technical Rules.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE 25 SHALL RESULT IN THE BOAT INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN PERTH DINGHY SAILING CLUB RACES UNTIL RECTIFIED.**

**26. ON THE WATER COACHING:**

On the water coaching shall be allowed during races held for the Jay-Dee and Mudlark classes, except in any Championship series conducted by the Club, only when carried out by an AYF accredited coach or other persons authorised by the Officer of the Day.

The Safety boats have the authority to abandon any Mudlark / Jay Dee race in any conditions as they see necessary.

**27. TROPHIES:**

Subject to Sailing instruction 20 above, trophies will be awarded to handicap winners as set out in the season's Sailing Programme and to overall winners as set out in the Perpetual and Memorial trophies list.

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## **FLAGS**

The ensign of the Club shall be the Blue Ensign of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Club Burgee shall be a navy blue triangle with a white anchor in the centre.

The Commodore's flag shall be the Club's burgee swallow-tailed.

The Vice-Commodore's flag shall be the Club's burgee swallow-tailed, with one white disc in the upper canton.

The Rear Commodore's flag shall be the Club's burgee swallow-tailed, with two white discs in the upper canton.

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