

Richmond River Sailing and Rowing Club

SheSkippers Regatta

16th and 17th March 2024

Website: www.rrsrc.com.au

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by:

- a) The 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024
- b) The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions
- c) The Class Rules of the respective classes (if applicable), and NS14 One up class.

1.2 Alternative Penalties for Infringing a Rule of Part 2: The Two-Turns Penalty, RRS 44.2 will not apply, for which the two turns is changed to one 360 deg. turn including one tack & one gybe.

1.3 ROOM TO GYBE AT AN OBSTRUCTION (**NEW RULE UNIQUE TO RRSRC**)

1.3.1 Hailing. A boat may hail for room to gybe and avoid a boat on the same tack. However, she shall not hail unless:

- (a) she is approaching an obstruction and will soon need to make a substantial course change to avoid it safely, and
- (b) she is sailing a beam reach course or below.

In addition, she shall not hail if the obstruction is a mark, not being a navigation buoy, and a boat that is laying it would be required to change course as a result of the hail.

1.3.2 Responding

- (a) After a boat hails, she shall give a hailed boat time to respond.
- (b) A hailed boat shall respond even if the hail breaks rule 1.3.1.
- (c) A hailed boat shall respond either by gybing as soon as possible, or by immediately replying 'You gybe' and then giving the hailing boat room to gybe and avoid her.
- (d) When a hailed boat responds, the hailing boat shall gybe as soon as possible.

1.3.3 Passing On a Hail to an Additional Boat

When a boat has been hailed for room to gybe and she intends to respond by gybing, she may hail another boat on the same tack for room to gybe and avoid her. She may hail even if her hail does not meet the conditions of rule 1.3.1. Rule 1.3.2 applies between her and a boat she hails.

2. Entries

2.1 Applications for entry may be made and paid online or made on paper and paid for in cash at the club. All skippers and crew must be members of an Australian Sailing club and have an Australian Sailing Number.

2.2 All boats shall be covered with adequate Public Liability and Third Party Property insurance to the sum of at least \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars). Provide name of insurer and expiry date at rego.

2.3 The Sailing Committee reserves the right to not accept any entry for safety reasons or otherwise.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors and results will be posted on the notice board in the club.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be alerted and described at the briefing for that day.

5. Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be made from the veranda or tower of the RRSRC.

6. Schedule of Races

Race 1 Saturday 16th March; briefing not before 9:00 am (in the clubhouse).

Race 1 start not before 10:00 am. There may be two or three races on Saturday, depending on conditions. They may be held back to back or with a lunch break between; as advised at the briefing. Sunday briefing not before 9:30 am; race start not before 10am. There may be one or two races on the Sunday morning. No race starting after 11.15am.

7. Divisions and starting flags

(There will be 4 starts)

Multihulls and Wettas

Black C on a white background

Monohulls AS Yardstick less than 102

Black **f** on a grey background

Monohulls AS Yardstick between 102 and 131

Black M on a white background

Trailer Sailors less than 7.33 m

Black T on a white background

8. Course Areas

The lower reaches of the Richmond River, as described at the briefing.

9. Marks

9.1 All rounding marks are spherical and orange. All mark roundings to be taken to Port.

9.2 Navigation marks are obstructions and must be passed on the designated side, except for the red navigation buoy opposite Fisheries Creek and the next red West of that one. (Going up river, red channel marks must be kept to port and green marks to starboard and vsv coming back). The two red channel marks opposite Fisheries Creek can be ignored as there is ample navigable water either side of them (described at briefing). All other channel marks must be obeyed.

10. Starts

10.1 All starts will be between the class flag on the race committee boat and the mark as described at the briefing.

10.2 Classes may be started in any order as described at the briefing.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area when other classes are still starting. Boats that are racing shall also keep clear of the starting area if other classes are still starting.

10.4 The starting sequence shall consist of a 3 minute sequence:

- a) Class flag Displayed. 3 min (Class flag)
- b) Preparatory up. 2 min (Blue Peter)
- c) Preparatory Removed. 1 min
- d) Class Flag Removed. START. Next Class flag goes up at the same time.

11 Recalls

11.1 Individual Recalls: Shall be in accordance with RRS 29.1. (One horn and flag) Boats on course side of the starting line MAY be identified by voice.

11.2 General Recalls: Shall be in accordance with RRS 29.2 (Two horn sounds and flag). (i.e. Offending fleet returns; their class flag goes up one minute after First Substitute flag is removed; restart, then following division start.)

12 Shortened Course

12.1 If a course is shortened, boats shall proceed from the buoy displaying the "S" flag directly to the finish line. Following boats must complete the same number of laps as the lead boat before finishing.

13 The Finish

13.1 The Finishing Line for each race will be as advised at the briefing.

13.2 If the course is shortened, boats shall proceed from the buoy displaying the "S" flag directly to the finish line. Following boats must complete the same number of laps as the lead boat before finishing.

13.3 A boat may not sail through the finish line the wrong way during her race.

13.4 When not required to cross the finish line by the course or briefing instructions, the finish line is an obstruction while racing.

13.5 If the finish line is between the club tower and a buoy, boats which have finished or are withdrawing may cross the finish line in either direction to get to the beach, so long as they do not interfere with boats that have not finished. Do not park with sails obstructing the line.

14 Time Limit

Any time limit will be revealed at the briefing, if there is a limit.

15 Protests

15.1 Protest forms are available from the Notice Board. Protest forms shall be delivered to someone on the race committee within the protest time limit.

- 15.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the clubhouse beginning as soon as practicable after protest notices have been posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protest by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instruction 18 (Sign on) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16. Scoring

The low point scoring system will apply. All races will be scored.

17. Prizes

- 17.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the first 2 placed boats in each class based on AS yardsticks. The AS yardstick may be varied by the handicapper in accordance with the guidelines published by the AS. If the AS does not publish a yardstick, the handicapper may determine the yardstick.
- 17.2 A prize will also be awarded to the best placed skipper in each division with less than 12 months experience skippering. Prize winners in 17.1 are not eligible for this prize.
- 17.3 A presentation of prizes will be held at RRSRC as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Sunday. All competitors are invited to attend the presentation in the clubhouse.

18. Safety

- 18.1 The helmsperson of each boat shall 'Sign On' on the sheets provided prior to the first race each day. A completed entry form will count as a boat sign on for Saturday. Sign-on sheets will be on a table in the clubhouse for Sunday morning.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the tower operator as soon as possible.

19. Disclaimer

- 19.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Regatta all competitors shall release the Organising Authority, the Regatta Director, the Conducting Associations and the respective Host Sailing Club(s), their officers, members, servants, volunteers and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta.
- 19.2 The organising Authority, its Contractors, the Conducting Associations and the respective Host Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of competitor's participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the Regatta.