

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB INC.

NOTICE OF RACE / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NOTICE OF RACE

Chelsea Yacht Club Inc. (CYC) invites all eligible sailing boats to compete in races at CYC as set in the 2009-2010 sailing program.

1. Rules

The races will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*, the special regulations of the AYF, the rules of the appropriate Classes, the Windsurfing Competition Rules (App.B), the Match Racing Rules (App.C), and the Team Racing Rules (App.D), except as any of these are altered by the sailing Instructions.

2. Alterations of Racing Rules

The racing rules may be modified in accordance with rule 86.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The club sponsors series racing for adopted classes, provided the number of boats does not drop below three. Members and/or visitors in other classes may race in a mixed fleet division with the placing in each division to be determined by Yachting Victoria yardstick and CYC handicap.
- 3.2 Series entry is available only to boats on the CYC register, sailed by financial members of the club. Day entry is available to members & registered visitors who are members of a M.Y.A.
- 3.3 To be eligible for club championship, short course & handicap points, skipper & crew(s) must be financial members of CYC.
- 3.4 For the club championship & short course series, points are awarded to the skipper, not the boat. Skippers can only be awarded finishing points for races in which they have sailed. The skipper of a boat may apply in writing to the race committee to replace the registered yacht with another of the same class without loss of points to the skipper. Boats entered in the club championship & short course series must be registered before their first race.
- 3.5 Handicap series points are awarded to the boat, as the skipper may be varied with the permission of the Officer of the day. If a boat changes owner, points are not

transferable and the boat immediately receives points as a non-starter for all races previously sailed. Prizes shall be awarded to the owner, although the most used skipper may be nominated.

3.6 Boats of Classes which miss a scheduled race due to official club duties or another sailing commitment such as official Yachting Victoria, State or National events, may apply to the sailing committee, prior to the event, for approval to be granted average points. Average points for each boat will be awarded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward) & based on the average points of the top 5 boats in the race division of the scheduled race held that day (excluding disqualifications).

3.7 Classes which sail at events outside CYC may transfer their point scores to the Chelsea handicap &/or championship series provided;

- a) a majority of the eligible members of the class approve of the transfer prior to the race, and
- b) the sailing committee is notified in writing.
- c) Official results for the race from which points are to be transferred must be made available to the CYC race official before the start of the next race for that Class. There can be no exemptions from this rule.

4. Schedule of Events

4.1 The schedule of races shall be as per the 2009-2010 sailing program.

4.2 Start shall be by divisions. Classes will be allotted divisions as notified on the course board one hour prior to the race.

4.3 The first warning signal will be not before 1350 hours each day of the program, subject to variation by the race committee & sailing program. Club points may be awarded for other races for which prior notice is given.

5. Measurements

Boats sailing within a class shall hold a valid measurement or rating certificate as supplied by their class association or comply with class rules.

6. Racing Area

The racing area shall be the waters off CYC, as shown on the CYC course board.

7. Courses

7.1 The course shall be as drawn on the course board at CYC.

- 7.2 The direction of the course to be sailed shall be signaled on the start boat before or with the first warning signal. A red flag shall indicate all buoys to port & a green flag all buoys to starboard, unless otherwise notified on the course board.

8. Scoring

- 8.1 A class requires a minimum of three boats on the register in order to constitute a recognized class.
- 8.2 In club racing for a recognized class, one or more boats will be awarded points. If the majority of boats are sailing away, then the boat/s racing at the CYC will be awarded average points bought back by the away boats.
- 8.3 For the club championship, a minimum of 5 races shall be completed to constitute a series. For the club handicap, a minimum of 7 races shall be completed to constitute a series. For the short course series, there shall be no minimum.
- 8.4 Low point system scoring, Appendix A 4.1 shall apply. As modified by A 9. Each competitor's score will be the total of the race scores, with the worst scores discarded as follows:

For the club championship:

- -if 9 or more races are sailed, drop the worst 2 scores.
- -if less than 9 but more than 5 are sailed, drop the worst score.
- -if 5 or less races are sailed, all races shall count.

For the club handicap:

- -if 9 or more races are sailed, drop the worst 2 scores.
- -if 8 or less races are sailed, drop the worst score.

For the short course series, all races count.

9. Alternative Penalties

Rule 44.2 shall apply except that for multi hull yachts, a single 360-degree turn shall be used in place of a 720-degree turn.

10. Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats.

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2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s), which is located beside the course board on the ground floor, below the Race Control Tower.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of 2 hours prior to the race for which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast beside the Race Control Tower on the roof of the clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes. In Race signal AP.

4.3 Protest time will finish 1 hour after the last boat of the division finishes the race. .

4.4 Naval Numeral Flag 7 hoisted with two sound signals means "No boats are to leave the beach."

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 As per sailing calendar

5.2 When more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more classes) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as

soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6. Division Flags

The division flags will be numeral pennants 1 through to 0 as required. Divisions shall be allocated on course board.

7. Racing Areas

The racing area shall be the waters off Chelsea Yacht Club Inc or as displayed on the course board.

8. Courses

8.1 Courses shall be displayed on the course board.

8.2 Courses may be shortened or abandoned in accordance with Rule 32.

8.3 Finish under shortened course.

When shortened course is signaled at the last mark of a lap and a “Club” finish is indicated on the course board, boats shall after rounding that mark sail directly through the club finish line as displayed on the course board. When shortened course is signaled at any other mark boats shall finish in accordance with rule 32.2(a)

8.4 Code Flag S flown on its own means that the shortened course applies to all Divisions. A Division Flag (numeral pennant) flown with Code Flag S means that the shortened course applies to the signaled Division(s) only.

8.5 Only boats finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in each Division will have their times taken and points awarded accordingly. Boats finishing outside this time limit will be awarded points for DNF.

9. Marks

9.1 Marks shall be as shown on the course board.

10. The Start

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an Orange Flag on the race Committee vessel at the starboard end and a port end starting mark carrying a flag as denoted on the course board.

- 10.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made are asked to keep clear of the starting area and all of the boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.2

11. Change of the Position of the Next Mark

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

12. The Finish

12.1 Club Finish

Boats shall finish between a mark as displayed on the course board, and the control tower of Chelsea Yacht Club.

12.2 On Course Finish

Boats shall finish between a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a mark as displayed on the course board.

- 12.3 Boats, which have finished, are asked to keep clear of all boats, which are still racing. When returning to the beach, boats should avoid re-crossing the finish line and keep clear of the finishing area

13. Time Limits

- 13.1 The time limit will be three (3) hours. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes within each division or within the time limit, which ever is later, will be scored **Did Not Finish**. This changes Rule 35.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 14.3 Protest notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the applicable time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness.

- 14.4 All junior parties to a protest may be accompanied by an adult representative (other than immediate family). This adult representative may be used as a referral point and shall not converse with the Protest Committee.
- 14.5 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.

15 Sign On/Sign Off Procedure

- 15.1 All boats intending to race shall sign on by placing their entry card in the box beside the course board.
- 15.2 Entry cards for registered boats will be available at the table under the course board approximately one (1) hour before the start. Day entries can be made by obtaining a race entry card for a fee of \$10.00 from the race tower.
- 15.3 All boats shall sign off, whether they completed the course or retired by signing off, with race entry card, in the box beside the course board, as soon as possible after returning to shore.
- 15.4 A boat which comes to the start area or starts but fails to sign on or fails to sign off within one (1) hour of finishing shall score points equal to DNF.

16 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 16.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17 Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18 Official Boats

Unless otherwise notified the race committee vessel shall be CYC rescue craft.

19 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to race. CYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after regatta.

- 19.1 CYC reserves the right to refuse an entry for any event.

- 19.2 In addition to the requirements of YA Special Regulations Part 2, 5.01.1 children under the age of 12 years must wear a PFD Type 1 Life Jacket to Australian Standards AS1512 at all times whilst sailing.

16 Special Club Rules (note: - not subject to protest by competitors.)

- 19.2 Sailors are not to rig or unrig their boats on the car park.
- 20.2 Boat trailers are to be left on the beach while boats are sailing or being rigged and unrigged. Trailers and boat cradles should be stored adjacent to the sea wall.
- 20.3 A clear path along the shore is to be left from approximately 2 meters above high tide to the waters edge. Boats on the beach are not to be left in this area.
- 20.4 There is a 'no boating' zone reserved for swimmers only, immediately to the south of the CYC. The seaward limit of the area is defined by two timber piles painted yellow. No boats are to enter the area between these piles and the shore. Any boat, which enters this area, may be liable to prosecution and a fine.
- 20.5 Care should be taken to avoid swimmers when approaching and leaving the shore in front of the club. This area is a public beach and the Club cannot be responsible for keeping this area clear of swimmers. All sailors/boat owners are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance to cover claims in the event of causing injury to a third party.
- 20.6 The ramp at the north end of the Club house and the area between this ramp and the beach should be kept clear to facilitate the launching and retrieval of the race committee boats.

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