

2020/21 RPYC Dinghy Division

Sailing Instructions

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, Appendix A4 and Appendix A5. **[DP]** **[NP]** & **[SP]** actions of the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress or protest by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, the rules of the respective Classes (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Prescriptions shall apply to all entries.
- 1.3. **[SP]** Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2 Off the Beach Boats, will apply. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that life jackets comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the regulations.
- 1.4. Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the northwest windows of the RPYC Dinghy Division clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted on the official noticeboard in the window of the Dinghy Clubhouse before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

4. [DP] [NP] Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff adjacent to the carpark on the Northern frontage of the Dinghy Division Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

5. Schedule of Events

- 5.1. Events are scheduled as per the RPYC Sailing Handbook "Redbook".

6. Class Flags

6.1. Class Flags will be as per the table below:

Optimist Silver	White with blue Optimist Logo
Optimist Gold	White with blue Optimist Logo
Laser 4.7	White with red Laser logo
Laser Radial	White with red Laser logo
Laser Standard	White with red Laser logo
Techno 293	Techno 293 Class Flag
Windfoil	Red Flag with White FoilOne logo
Finn	White with Blue Finn Logo
Tasar	Tasar Class Flag
Hansa Liberty	Purple with white crane symbol
Hansa 303	White with red crane symbol
Sabre	Sabre Class Flag

7. Racing Area

7.1. The racing area will be Matilda Bay directly to the North of Royal Perth Yacht Club.

8. The Courses

8.1. Appendix A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the race flag indicating the course to be sailed.

9. Marks

9.1. The Marks of the course will be Yellow Pimple Buoys

10. The Start/Finish

10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange "On Station" flag on the Committee Boat at the Starboard end of the line and the black and white chequered inflatable buoy at the Port end of the line.

10.3. To alert boats that a sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal will be displayed.

10.4. **[DP] [NP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the start sequence for other fleets.

10.5. A boat starting more than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as 'did not start'. This changes RRS A4

10.6. The Race Committee may start more than one class at the same time and may change the sequence of classes being started. There will be no prior warning that more than one class will be started and it shall be the responsibility of boats to heed the class flags displayed with the warning signals.

10.7. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying the orange "On Station" flag on the Committee Boat at the Starboard end of the line and the black and white chequered inflatable buoy at the Port end of the line.

10.8. **[SP] [NP]** Except when starting or finishing, boats shall not sail through a Start / Finish line when an orange flag is displayed on the Committee boat.

11. Protests and Redress

- 11.1. A boat wishing to protest or request redress shall inform the Finish Boat at the finish or soon after of its intention to protest. Failure to advise the RC as per SI 14.1 shall cause the protest to be invalid and the protest dismissed without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 11.2. Protest forms are available at the Race Office in the Club Development Office in the undercroft area. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office within one hour of the finishing time of the last boat (on that course) in its last race of the day, or the time the race committee signals 'no more racing today', whichever is later. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 11.3. Notices of protests by the Race Committee and Technical Committee shall be posted on the official notice board within the protest time limit to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 11.4. Requests for re-openings shall be in writing and set out the grounds for the request. This changes RRS 66.
- 11.5. Breaches of SI's 2.2, 2.3, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4 and 12.1 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 11.6. Members of the protest committee may go afloat as on water observers.
- 11.7. An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 11.8. Appendix T1 permits a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a 30% scoring penalty as per RRS T1(b). Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted. The following will apply:
 - 11.8.1. Arbitration hearings will be held after the protest has been lodged and before the protest hearing.
 - 11.8.2. The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator, and such advice shall be given verbally.
 - 11.8.3. One representative from each boat shall attend the hearing, and no witnesses shall be allowed.
 - 11.8.4. After lodging the protest/request and being given 2 copies, it will be the responsibility of the protestor to locate and bring the protestee to the arbitration hearing.
 - 11.8.5. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 11.9. If the Protest Committee decides that a breach of a Class Rule has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race it may
 - 11.9.1. Impose a scoring penalty less than disqualification; or
 - 11.9.2. Make another arrangement it decides is equitable.This changes RRS 64.1
- 11.10. Hearings will be held in the Club Development Office in the undercroft area in the approximate order that they are received.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A4 shall apply
- 12.2. Three races are required to constitute a series
- 12.3. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. When from six to seven races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5. When eight or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.6. When taking part or representing the Club in events outside the Dinghy Division Schedule a Boat may request in writing for average points.

13. Safety

- 13.1. [SP] [NP] Before leaving to race for each scheduled racing session, all skippers and crew shall personally sign-on on the required Race Committee form located within the Dinghy Division Clubhouse.
- 13.2. Within protest time limits after returning to shore, a member of the boats crew must sign off on the required form.
- 13.3. A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, shall notify a member of the race committee as soon as possible once they have returned to shore.
- 13.4. All competitors competing in the Windfoil class racing shall wear helmets (conform EN 1385 standard) to provide protection to the head.

14. Prizes

- 14.1. Prizes for the season will be awarded as follows:
 - 14.1.1. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for fleets with 6 or more boats on Championship & Consistency
 - 14.1.2. 1st and 2nd places for fleets with 4-6 boats on Championship & Consistency
 - 14.1.3. 1st place only for fleets with less than 4 boats on Championship & Consistency
 - 14.1.4. 1st place in each fleet on Consistency for the Trophy Races throughout the season:
 - Commodore's Trophy
 - Vice Commodore's Trophy
 - Captain Sail Trophy
 - Captain Dinghies Trophy
 - 14.1.5. To the boat who has the most, fastest times throughout the season in each fleet.
 - 14.1.6. Donald G Thomas Memorial Trophy – Junior Encouragement Award
 - 14.1.7. Diego Figueroa Perpetual Trophy – Optimist Most Improved Sailor
 - 14.1.8. Gary Marshall Memorial Trophy – Dedication to Dinghy Division

15. Disclaimer of Liability

- 15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.
- 15.2. It is the competitors' decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every aspect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their Offices, members, staff, 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 Event.

- 15.3. Competitors are responsible for the seaworthiness of the boat that they are sailing and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment for the prevailing conditions.
- 15.4. The Organising Authority, their offices, members, staff, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage of property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
- 15.5. Competitor attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to race.

16. Insurance

- 16.1. Vessels shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or equivalent. It is also recommended that vessels shall be insured with comprehensive cover for racing.
- 16.2. The organising authority may request a copy of the Certificate of Currency

Appendix A

DINGHY COURSES, 2020/21

ALL FLEETS

- Numeral Pennant 1 START – 1 – 2 – 3 FINISH

- Numeral Pennant 2 START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH

- Numeral Pennant 3 START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – FINISH

- Numeral Pennant 4 START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH

- Numeral Pennant 5 START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 - FINISH

