



Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club

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Sailing Instructions

2018-2019 Season

These sailing instructions take effect from 1st September 2018 for the 2018-2019 Sailing Season. They should be read with the Club Handbook and the sailing program for the 2018-2019 Season

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

A1. ABBREVIATIONS:

AS – Australian Sailing, RRS – Racing Rules of Sailing, DC - Duty Crew, SI – Sailing Instructions
DCO - Duty Committee Officer, GC - General Committee, ISAF - International Sailing Federation,
MPASC - Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club, OOD – Officer of the Day, RC – Race Committee
SLMASC – South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club.

A2. ORGANISATION

The Organising Authority and Conducting Authority for races held at Mannering Park is MPASC. Some races may be held on the SLMASC courses where SLMASC is the Organising Authority and Conducting Authority

A3. RACE COMMITTEE

The RC shall be elected at a General Meeting of MPASC.

The RC shall have the power to co-opt additional members for specific purposes

A4. RULES

Races at MPASC shall be governed by the following;

- 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing,
- The Prescriptions and Special regulations of Australian Sailing,
- These sailing instructions as amended from time to time,
- Supplementary sailing instructions as amended from time to time relevant to Regattas, Invitational and Interclub Events
- Attention is drawn to Fundamental RRS4 – Decision to Race

A5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board in the MPASC clubhouse.

A6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The RC reserves the right to amend these Sailing Instructions.

Any change to the SI or any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Club Notice Board and on the Club's Website www.manneringparkasc.org.au

A7. SCHEDULE

The Schedule of Saturday Yacht and Catamaran/Dinghy Races (and any supplementary weekend races) is listed separately. The Schedule of Wednesday Twilight Races is also listed in Part B5.

A8. FLAGS:

"Flags will be displayed in accordance with the RRS"

Each Division/Fleet shall be identified by a flag:

Division 1 - Numeral Pennant "1", (*White with a red circle*)

Division 2 - Numeral Pennant "2", (*Blue with a white circle*)

A9. COMBINED CLUB RACES

Any race which is conducted by another Club as a joint race for both that Club and MPASC, MPASC entrants shall race under the conducting Club's SI, including any Special Regulations. SMLASC sailing instructions can be obtained from www.smlasc.org.

Any decision affecting that race made by the RC or Protest Committee of the conducting Club shall apply to the MPASC events.

A10. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.

- Races are open to all types of sailing vessels.
- The RC reserves the right not to accept an entry at its discretion.
- All boats shall be on the MPASC Club Register.
- All entrants must submit a "MPASC Boat Registration Form" as an official entry form for each season, series or race (as applicable).
- All boats must be insured for a third-party insurance cover of \$10,000,000. By submitting a boat registration form & signing the agreement owners/skippers signify their compliance with this clause.
- All yachts shall complete a safety certificate to comply with the AS Racing Rules of Safety Regulations,

Part 1 and Category 7. The Club Equipment Auditor(s) will check the yacht equipment.

- Safety Certificates are available from the DCO, RC, the AS Website www.yachting.org.au and the MPASC Website www.manneringparkasc.org.au.
- Sailors in boats with an overall length of less than 7 metres must wear a personal flotation device at all times when competing.
- **All applicable race fee/s must be prepaid before the start of any race or series entered.**
- The owner/skipper of all boats must be a financial member of MPASC prior to competing in either Saturday/Sunday or Wednesday racing, unless under special invitation to race at the club or visiting from another club and sailing in an interclub event or regatta.
- On Saturday/Sunday races **all** crew members must be financial members of MPASC **before they start their fourth race.**
- On Wednesday Twilight races at least one crew member must be a financial member of MPASC. All boats must be able to nominate a "Person in Charge who is a Club Member" on the boat whilst racing if requested by the RC or GC.
- **Any boat identified as being in breach of the above clauses shall be scored as DNE (Disqualified, Not Excludable) which cannot be discarded from a Series. It is the responsibility of the Owner/Skipper to ensure compliance.**

A11. RESPONSIBILITY

- All those taking part in races conducted by the MPASC do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- MPASC and any other organisation connected with racing conducted by MPASC, their officials, volunteers, employees, agents and any sponsors, disclaim any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that may occur to persons or things, both ashore and on the water, as a consequence of their participation in any way in the races.
- The Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted nor is it responsible for the adequacy of its equipment.
- Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 ISAF which states, "*The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone*".

A12. BOATS ATTENDING REGATTAS

- A boat which misses races by competing in National or State Championships or in another major regatta as an endorsed MPASC representative, for the races that are missed, shall be entitled to their average points for the other races in the Series.
- Requests for this dispensation must be made in writing to the Race Committee before the regatta.

A13. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore are displayed from:

- The Flagpole – in the case of flag signals.
- The area directly in front of club house – in the case of the Number sign for the Course to be sailed.
- An "S" sign is shown before the start when the DCO decides that the conditions require a shortened course.
- The Clock mounted on the roof of the club - the countdown timer, strong wind warning (yellow) and race abandonment (red) flashing lights.

A14. MARKS

- The permanent marks are yellow, cylinders approximately 100 mm diameter and 1.5 m high. Their approximate location is shown on the map included in Appendix D.
- The main rounding marks for catamarans will be identified at the competitors meeting.
- Additional marks as required by the course plans or as substitutes may be either yellow or red and be either inflatable or flag marks.
- The starting line marks may be red, yellow or orange.
- The Start and Finish mark for yachts is a fixed mark north-east of the Club

PART A – SATURDAY/SUNDAY – YACHTS

A1. DIVISIONS

For club races yachts will sail in one division for racing in the five Series, which include both Bay Courses and Marathon Courses.

For the interclub races yachts will be allocated into two divisions.

A2. START TIMES

Bay Courses:	At the drop (removal) on the clock of the yachts allocated start time. The clock will be started at 60 minutes at approximately 1.15 pm
Marathon Courses:	At the drop (removal) on the clock of the yachts allocated start time. The clock will be started at 60 minutes at approximately 12.15 pm.
Interclub Events:	Division 2 at the drop (removal) on the clock of 10 minutes Division 1 at the drop (removal) on the clock of 1 minute The clock will be started at 60 minutes at approximately 1.15 pm.

A3. COURSES

The courses will be selected by the RC based on the prevailing wind. They are listed in Appendix A and B. The starting line for all Yacht series races will be between the Club House mast and a fixed mark (Mark 8) located in the area north-east of the Clubhouse. These starts will use the digital display clock at the clubhouse.

- Boats will be notified of the course to be sailed by a number beside the starting clock indicating the course number. If the course has been shortened an “S” board will be shown beside the course board.
- For Clock Starts, the numbers on the clock count down to zero and go out a minute later. The race starts when the boat’s allocated start time disappears. A race with a start time of zero starts when the lights go out (i.e. 60 seconds after the drop of 1).
- Attention is drawn to ISAF Rule 22. *“If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing”.*
- In the event of failure of the clock the starts will be organised from a Duty Boat anchored at the Starboard end of the Starting Line. The AP flag (*Red and White vertical stripes*) will be flown from the Club flag mast until after the Catamaran/Dinghy Divisions have started. The starting procedure will then be as outlined by RRS 26.
- There will be no recall of premature starters but any yacht which starts early will be penalised the amount by which the start was broken plus two minutes.

A4. THE FINISH

The finishing line for all Yacht Series races shall be a line between the MPASC clubhouse and the fixed mark (Mark 8) situated approximately 200 metres to the North East.

A5. TIME LIMIT

Unless otherwise advised the time limit for yachts racing on Saturday races shall be 5.30 pm. All boats finishing outside time limit will be recorded as DNF. For Wednesday yachts the time limit is sunset as listed in Table B5

A6. BOAT TO SHORE COMMUNICATION

Normal communication between boat(s) and shore will be via radio or mobile phone. The Club operates both a standard Marine radio (CH 94) and a VHF Band radio (CH 77). Boats racing are required to carry either 27MHz or Marine Band VHF and maintain a listing watch on the above listed channels whilst racing for safety reasons and race management advice.

The Club also has a phone for use by the Duty Crew. The Club’s number is 4359 3518

A7. SHORTENING THE COURSE

A course will be shortened when the “S” board is displayed before the start near to the course number board. There will be no shortening of the course on the water.

A8. ABANDONING A RACE

To signify race abandonment the clubhouse and/or committee support boat shall display Code Flag "N" and announce the abandonment over the 27 MHz and VHF radios. A red flashing light may also be displayed from the clubhouse.

(Club Officials may have more information on weather conditions than the boats intending to race. Club Officials will relay this information to race starters by radio. This does not infer responsibility by the Club for weather forecasts, the accuracy of the forecasts, or a boat's decision, under Part 1 of the ISAF Rule 4 which states: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or continue racing".)

If the wind is of strength that is deemed unsafe for the duty boat to provide support or lay a course, a **RED FLASHING LIGHT WILL BE DISPLAYED BESIDE THE CLOCK, ADVISING THE RACE IS CANCELLED.** The Committee may re-schedule the race at a later date.

If a strong wind/storm warning is issued prior to the start of a race an **ORANGE FLASHING LIGHT WILL BE DISPLAYED BESIDE THE CLOCK.** The race will be started, however participation in the race is at the boat's discretion (ISAF. Rule 4).

A9. PROTESTS.

- To signify its intention to protest, a yacht shall display a red flag and shall notify the other yacht as soon as possible after the incident (RRS 61.1).
- Any yacht that intends to protest must inform the DCO within two hours of her crossing the finishing line.
- Any protest must be lodged (RRS 61.2) with the Club's Protest Committee in writing within 24 hours. Protest forms are on the MPASC & YA websites & at the desk area of the clubhouse.

A10. SCORING IN A YACHT SERIES

- Only those boats that satisfy both Eligibility and Entry will be scored in the race results.
- Points will be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* using the Low Point System.
- Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A9 will apply. This states "*For a series that is held over a period of time longer than a regatta, a boat that comes to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.*"
- Boats absent for a Regatta with prior written permission will receive average points for their other races in the series.
- In a series of more than 6 races two results can be discarded. In a series of more than 4 races one result may be discarded, including a DNS or DSQ. In a series of 4 races or less, all races count. The winner of the series will be the boat with the lowest total score.
- The winner of the Club Championship for Yachts will be based on the overall score for all Series races with five races to be discarded. The interclub races do not form part of the club championship.

PART B -WEDNESDAY YACHTS

B.1 GENERAL

- Any MPASC registered boat is eligible to participate in Wednesday Twilight Races provided they meet the Eligibility and Entry requirements. Boats must also meet Roads & Maritime requirements in relation to safety equipment. Skippers/owners are to be aware that no MPASC support vessels are available during twilight races.
- There are two series of races, the “Cathy Maria Real Estate” Spring Series before Christmas and the “Craig Phillips – Phillips Sails” Autumn Series after Christmas.

B.2 THE START

- The starting line for a race shall be a line between MPASC clubhouse and the fixed mark (Finish - 8), situated approximately 200 metres to the North East of the clubhouse.
- The start clock will be started at 4.40 pm and count down to zero for all races in October and March. For all other races in November, December, January and February the clock will start at 4.50 pm and count down to zero.
- For the races in October and March/April the fleet will be divided into three Divisions and these Divisions will start at 10 minute intervals. Boats with a handicap greater than 30 (i.e. 31 and above) at the beginning of October, and at the beginning of March, will form Division 3 and start at the drop of 40 on the start clock. Boats with a handicap between 15 and 30, at the beginning of October and at the beginning of March, will form Division 2 and start at the drop of 30 on the start clock. Boats with a handicap lower than 15 (i.e. between 0 and 14) at the beginning of October and at the beginning of March will form Division 1 and start at the drop of 20 on the start clock.
- The allocation of Divisions for October and for March/April will not be changed regardless of any handicap adjustments or race results. Each boat will be timed across the finish line and the handicap applied to determine the finishing position. Place points and penalties will be in accordance with Section B9 – Scoring.
- For all races in November, December, January, and February boats will start at the drop of their allocated handicap time.

B.3 ABANDONMENT OF A RACE

- To signify the abandonment of a race the clubhouse and/or committee support boat shall display Code Flag “N” and announce the abandonment over the 27 MHz and VHF radios. A red flashing light may also be displayed from the clubhouse.
- **(Club Officials may have more information on weather conditions than the boats intending to race. Club Officials will relay this information to race starters by radio.** This does not infer responsibility by the Club for weather forecasts, the accuracy of the forecasts, or a boat’s decision, under Part 1 of the ISAF Rule 4 which states: “*A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or continue racing*”).
- **A RED FLASHING LIGHT WILL BE DISPLAYED BESIDE THE CLOCK, ADVISING THE RACE IS CANCELLED.** The Committee may re-schedule the race at a later date.
- If a strong wind/storm warning is issued prior to the start of a race an **ORANGE FLASHING LIGHT WILL BE DISPLAYED BESIDE THE CLOCK.** The race will be started, however participation in the race is at the boat’s discretion (ISAF. Rule 4).

B.4 THE COURSE

- The Wednesday Twilight Courses are listed in Appendix C
- An “S” after the mark number means the mark is rounded with it on the starboard side of the boat. A “P” after the mark means the mark is to be rounded with it on the port side of the boat.
- The course number to be sailed will be displayed at the front of the clubhouse for each race.
- In the absence of any number being displayed Course 1 shall be sailed.
- All courses in October and March/April will be shortened courses regardless of the wind strength.

B.5 SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT RACES

The “Cathy Maria Real Estate” Spring Series (Daylight Saving commences 7 th October 2018)	The “Craig Phillips – Phillips Sails” Autumn Series (Daylight Saving concludes 7 th April 2019)
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Date	Time of sunset	Zero on Start Clock	Date	Time of sunset	Zero on Start Clock
10 th October	7:03 pm	5:40	9 th January	8:04 pm	5:50
17 th October	7:08 pm	5:40	16 th January	8:03 pm	5:50
24 th October	7:14 pm	5:40	23 rd January	8:00 pm	5:50
31 st October	7:20 pm	5:40	31 st January	7:56 pm	5:50
7 th November	7:27 pm	5:50	6 th February	7:51 pm	5:50
14 th November	7:33 pm	5:50	13 th February	7:45 pm	5:50
21 st November	7:40 pm	5:50	20 th February	7:38 pm	5:50
28 th November	7:47 pm	5:50	27 th February	7:30 pm	5:50
5 th December	7:48 pm	5:50	6 th March	7:22 pm	5:40
12 th December	7:53 pm	5:50	13 th March	7:13 pm	5:40
19 th December	7:58 pm	5:50	20 th March	7:04 pm	5:40
			27 th March	6:54 pm	5:40
			3 rd April	6:45 pm	5:40

B.6 THE FINISH

The finishing line for a race shall be a line between the MPASC clubhouse and the fixed mark (Finish - 8), situated approximately 200 metres to the North East of the Clubhouse.

B.7 SHORTENING THE COURSE

- When the wind is light the course may be shortened to ensure all boats have an opportunity to finish a race.
- The decision to shorten the course will be made by the Starting Official prior to the start of the race. An “S” sign will be placed beside the course number advising boats that the course has been shortened.
- All courses in October and March/April will be shortened courses regardless of the wind strength.
- The Shortened Twilight Courses are listed in Appendix C.

B.7 TIME LIMIT

- The time limit for a Wednesday twilight race will be sunset as listed in B5. After the time limit no boats will be timed across the finishing line and awarded a DNF.

B.8 CALCULATION OF RACE RESULT

- The positions of boats in a race are decided by the order in which they cross the finishing line (except for races in October and March/April when a boat's position will be calculated on its handicap and Division start time).
- In light or failing winds when boats fail to finish in the prescribed time limit 50% or 6 boats (whichever is the lesser number) must finish the race to record a result for that race, e.g. 14 boats start at least 6 must finish before time runs out for any race result to be recorded, if 17 boats start at least 6 must finish before time runs out, and 9 boats start at least 5 must finish before time runs out.
- If a boat has not paid the race fee its position on crossing the finishing line is disregarded and the other boats all move up one position. Only those boats which are entered and paid the race fee will be entitled to a score in a race. At least one member of the boat's crew/skipper/owner must be a financial member of MPASC.
- A new boat will need to sail three provisional races to determine its handicap. Provisional races will be awarded four (4) points and no fleet lift.
- Boats absent for a Regatta, with prior permission, will receive six (6) points and no change to its handicap.
- The scores will be emailed to boat skippers and placed on the club website by the Monday following the race.

B.9 SCORING

Place	Points	Handicap Penalty
1	12	7
2	10	5
3	9	4
4	8	3
5	7	2
6	6	1
All other finishers	4	Fleet lift of 1 min for all boats (including DNF)
Boats which did not finish	2	
Boats Absent from the race	0	-0.5 min penalty
Boats Absent for a Regatta	6	No change to handicap
Provisional Races	4	No penalty or Fleet lift

- The penalties are mandatory. They shall not be exceeded without the permission of the race committee.
- **Fleet lift:** All boats that sail and are not placed (1st – 6th) in a race including boats that do not finish DNF) will have their handicap raised by one minute.
- For boats that do not race (except for boats away at a regatta) there is a 0.5 minute penalty for each race they are absent.

B.10 SCORING A SERIES

- In a series, two races can be discarded.
- A boat may drop a race in which she did not start and was awarded a DNS.
- The winner of the series will be the boat with the highest final score.

B.11 HANDICAPPING

- A new boat will be given a trial handicap for its first three races to establish a result-based handicap. After three trial races the handicapper will allocate a handicap/start time.
- Boats absent from a race do not qualify for a Fleet lift. Boats absent for a Regatta, with prior permission, will receive six (6) points and no change to its handicap.

B.12 PENALTIES FOR STARTING EARLY

- Boats which start early will be penalized by the time over the line plus two minutes.
- Boats which start early will be reordered by the Timekeeper and notified to the handicapper.

B.13 SAIL WARDROBE

- The Wednesday twilight races are for boats rigged with 'working sails' only.
- The use of spinnakers, gennakers, or screeches is not allowed.

B.14 PROTESTS

- The RC wishes to discourage the necessity for protests during social racing. Competitors are invited to enter the event in the right spirit, to be meticulous in observing the rules and to complete a 720 degree turn for breaching a Rule in part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, or retire from the race. Competitors are reminded of the ISAF Basic Principle; "...when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire".

Part C – SATURDAY/SUNDAY – CATAMARANS

C1. CATAMARAN FLEETS

Catamarans will sail in Fleets, which will be allocated at the discretion of the Handicapper, using as reference the Australian Sailing Yardsticks – Catamarans 2017-2018, unless Australian Sailing supersedes these Yardsticks by publication.

- **A Fleet** - will comprise of boats with a yardstick of 81 or less. Fleet starting procedure identified by **Numeral Pennant 1**.
- **B Fleet** - will comprise of boats with a yardstick between 82 and 84 inclusive, at the discretion of the Handicapper. If there are five boats or less eligible to race in this fleet, the boats will be included in C Fleet. Fleet starting procedure identified by **Numeral Pennant 2**.
- **C Fleet** - will comprise of boats with a yardstick of 85 inclusive Fleet starting procedure identified by **Numeral Pennant 3**.

If less than 5 boats are entered into a fleet then they may be incorporated into another fleet at the discretion of the RC and/or the handicapper.

C2. RACES

The time, number, configuration, obstructions & any special conditions for races each day to be determined at the pre-race competitors meeting by the available RC or DCO or Duty Rostered Officials at approximately 13.00.

No race warning signal will be made after 16.30.

Series Races

There will be two Race Series based on a boats handicap as determined by the Handicapper. Pre Xmas will be Series 1 and post Xmas Series 2. Maximum of three back-to-back races on a Series Day.

Marathon Races

One marathon race is scheduled during the season, based on attendance & participation.

Club Championship Races

- There will be twelve Club Championship Races over six days spread over the season. Two Races only on each day.
- Fleet starting times and starting procedure will be advised at the competitors meeting.
- Starting will be by boat starts as above. (In extraordinary circumstances & agreement by RC, DCO & Duty official's alternate methods may be utilised).

C3. HANDICAPS

- Club Catamaran Handicapper will allocate a handicap for each catamaran.
- The Series Race handicaps will be based on a boats handicap, as determined by the catamaran handicapper.
- Handicaps will be reviewed weekly, or at the handicapper's discretion.
- The Club Championship Series handicaps will be determined using VYC yardstick (2016-2017) and allocated by the catamaran handicapper.

C4. CALCULATION OF RACE RESULT

- Only boats that have registered and paid the race fee will be included in the results.
- Series Racing - The corrected sailing time is calculated by multiplying the sailing time by the time correction factor (TCF) allocated to each catamaran by the Handicapper. The catamaran with the lowest corrected time is the winner.
- Club Championship Racing – The corrected sailing time is boat yardstick multiplied by the sailing time. The catamaran with the lowest corrected time is the winner.

C5. SCORING

- Points will be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* using the Low Point System.
- Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A9 will apply. This states “*For a series that is held over a period of time longer than a regatta, a boat that comes to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.*”
- The winner in each Fleet’s Handicap Series will be determined by the boat with the lowest point score in each Series. A boat will be allowed to drop two races in each of the Pre and Post-Christmas Series.
- The winner will be awarded as the Club Champion within the Fleet to the boat with the lowest total points in that Fleet’s Club Championship series with each boat allowed to drop two races if twelve races, one race if ten races, and all races count up to and including nine races.
- Boats absent for a Regatta with prior written permission to the RC or handicapper will receive average points for the absent races in the series calculated on the average of races or races completed before absence.

C6. STARTS

Shore Starts

- The starting line for Catamaran races will be a line between the digital display clock on shore and the permanent mark (yacht mark 8) located north east of the club house.
- The digital display numbers on the clock count down to zero and go out a minute later. The race starts when the boat’s allocated start time disappears. A race with a start time of zero starts when the lights go out.

Boat Starts

- The race starts between the start boat and a designated buoy.
- The races will be started using flags from the Club Boat at the starboard end of the starting line.
- Attention is drawn to ISAF Rule 22. “*If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing*”.
- The procedure for all fleets will be similar with the display of the Fleet Class Flags.
- Course marks will be identified at the competitors meeting.
- Procedures for boat starts are as outlined in RRS 26.

Note: Five (5) Minute or Three (3) Minute Start Sequences may be used, as advised at competitors meeting.

C7. FINISHES

- The location and procedure for finishing will be described at the competitors meeting.

PART D – SATURDAY/SUNDAY- DINGHY/MONOHULLS

D1. DINGHY/MONOHULL FLEETS

Dinghy and Monohulls will sail in Fleets, which will be allocated by the Junior Handicapper.

D2. RACES

The time, number, configuration, obstructions & any special conditions for races each day to be determined at the pre-race competitors meeting by the Junior Coordinator at approximately 13.00.

- **Series Races** - There will be four Race Series based on a boats handicap. Pre Xmas will be Series 1 & 2 and post Xmas Series 3 & 4. Maximum of three back-to-back races on a Series Day.
- **Club Championship** – The Club Champion will be awarded to the boat with the lowest total points on Scratch in the Series Races with each boat allowed to drop two races if twelve races, one race if ten races, and all races count up to and including nine races.

D3. HANDICAPS

- The Junior Handicapper will allocate a handicap for each dinghy/monohull.
- Handicaps will be reviewed weekly, or at the Handicapper's discretion.
- The Series Race handicaps will be based on a boats handicap, which may be altered on a weekly basis as determined by the Junior Handicapper.

D4. CALCULATION OF RACE RESULT

- Only boats that have registered and paid the race fee will be included in the results.
- Series Racing – Handicap times will be counted down from the start boat. Boats will start when their handicap is called. Boats finishing first, second and third will have their handicap adjusted by 3, 2, or 1 minute respectively..

D5. SCORING

- Points will be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* using the Low Point System.
- Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A9 will apply. This states "*For a series that is held over a period of time longer than a regatta, a boat that comes to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.*"
- The winner in each handicap Series will be determined by the boat with the lowest point score in each Series. In each series two races can be dropped

D6. STARTS

Shore Starts

- The starting line for shore starts will be a line between the digital display clock on shore and the permanent mark (Yacht Mark 8) located north east of the club house.
- The digital display numbers on the clock count down to zero and go out a minute later. The race starts when the boat's allocated start time disappears. A race with a start time of zero starts when the lights go out.

Boat Starts

- The race starts between the start boat and a designated buoy.
- The races will be started using flags from the Club Boat at the starboard end of the starting line.
- Attention is drawn to ISAF Rule 22. "*If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing.*"
- The procedure for all fleets will be similar with the display of the Fleet Class Flags.
- Course marks will be identified at the competitors meeting.
- Procedures for boat starts are as outlined in RRS 26.

Note: Five (5) Minute or Three (3) Minute Start Sequences may be used, as advised at the competitors meeting.

D7. FINISHES

- The location and procedure for finishing will be described at the competitors meeting.

APPENDIX A

SATURDAY YACHT BAY COURSES

THE DECISION TO SHORTEN THE COURSE WILL BE MADE BY THE STARTING OFFICIAL PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RACE. AN "S" SIGN WILL BE PLACED BESIDE THE COURSE NUMBER ADVISING BOATS THAT THE COURSE HAS BEEN SHORTENED.

MARKS IN BRACKETS ARE OMMITTED WHEN COURSE IS SHORTENED

Abbreviations: P – Port, S – Starboard, 1 – Wye Bay, 2 – The Shallows, 3 – Bird Cage, 4 – Frying Pan
5 - Chain Valley Bay, 6 – The Inlet, 7 – Black Ned's, 8 – Start/Finish.

No.	COURSE											
1	N/E	Start	7	2	4	(1)	(4)	2	4	7		Finish
	Rounding		P	S	S	S	(S)	S	S	S		
2	East	Start	6	5	6	5	(3)	(4)	7			Finish
	Rounding		P	P	P	P	(S)	(S)	S			
3	S/E	Start	7	4	3	(5)	(2)	6				Finish
	Rounding		P	P	P	(S)	(S)	S				
4	South	Start	7	6	2	1	(2)	1	(4)	7		Finish
	Rounding		S	S	P	P	(P)	P	(S)	S		
5	S/W	Start	7	4	2	4	2	(5)	(6)	5	6	Finish
	Rounding		P	P	P	P	P	(S)	(S)	S	S	
6	West	Start	7	4	3	5	(6)	(5)	6			Finish
	Rounding		P	P	P	S	(S)	(S)	S			
7	N/W	Start	7	3	(4)	(6)	3	6				Finish
	Rounding		P	S	(S)	(S)	S	S				
8	North	Start	7	4	6	(4)	(3)	7				Finish
	Rounding		P	P	P	(P)	(P)	S				

Approximate Course Lengths (km):

1 – 18.7, 2 – 16.2, 3 – 18.0, 4 – 16.1, 5 – 19.0, 6 – 16.2, 7 – 16.9, 8 – 15.2.

APPENDIX B

SATURDAY YACHT MARATHON COURSES

THE DECISION TO SHORTEN THE COURSE WILL BE MADE BY THE STARTING OFFICIAL PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RACE. AN "S" SIGN WILL BE PLACED BESIDE THE COURSE NUMBER ADVISING BOATS THAT THE COURSE HAS BEEN SHORTENED.

MARKS IN BRACKETS ARE OMITTED WHEN COURSE IS SHORTENED

Abbreviations: P – Port, S – Starboard, 1 – Wyee Bay, 2 – Shallows, 3 – Bird Cage, 4 – Frying Pan, 5 – Chain Valley Bay, 6 – Inlet, 7 - Black Ned's, FC - Fitness Camp, M - Middle Buoy, SA - Sandy Buoy, S/F - Sunshine, SW – Silverwater.

No.	COURSE											
1	N/E	Start	7	2	FC	SW	M	2	(FC)	7		Finish
	Rounding		P	S	P	S	S	P	S	S		
2	East	Start	7	3	4	FC	(SA)	(M)	3	4	7	Finish
	Rounding		P	S	P	P	S	S	P	S	S	
3	S/E	Start	7	SA	FC	2	(5)	(3)	7			Finish
	Rounding		P	S	S	P	P	S	S			
4	South	Start	7	2	1	M	(FC)	(1)	2	7		Finish
	Rounding		P	P	P	S	S	S	S	S		
5	S/W	Start	7	4	1	(M)	FC	2	7			Finish
	Rounding		P	P	S	S	S	P	S			
6	West	Start	7	M	(SA)	(M)	FC	3	4	2	7	Finish
	Rounding		P	P	P	S	S	P	S	P	S	
7	N/W	Start	7	2	FC	(SA)	(M)	SA	6	5	7	Finish
	Rounding		P	S	P	S	S	S	P	P	S	
8	North	Start	7	1	3	FC	M	(6)	(4)	7		Finish
	Rounding		P	S	S	P	P	P	P	S		

P = Pass the buoy to port

S = Pass the buoy to starboard

Approximate Course Lengths (km):

1 – 28.5, 2 – 28.1, 3 – 31.2, 4 – 27.1, 5 – 25.3, 6 – 27.9, 7 – 30.5, 8 – 27.5.

APPENDIX C

WEDNESDAY YACHT COURSES

The decision to shorten the course will be made by the Starting Official prior to the start of the race. An "S" sign will be placed beside the course number advising boats that the course has been shortened.

Abbreviations: 1 – Wyee Bay, 2 – The Shallows, 3 – Bird Cage, 4 – Frying Pan, 5 -Chain Valley Bay, 6 – The Inlet, 7 – Black Neds, 8 – Start/Finish.

Course 1

	Start	7	4	2	1	4	7	Finish
Rounding		P	P	P	P	S	S	

Course 1 (Shortened)

	Start	7	4	2	7	Finish
Rounding		P	P	P	S	

Course 2

	Start	5	6	4	3	7	Finish
Rounding		S	S	P	P	S	

Course 2 (Shortened)

	Start	5	6	2	7	Finish
Rounding		S	S	S	S	

APPENDIX D

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF FIXED MARKS

