



DRAGON FORCE

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Dragon Force 65 Restricted

Summer Series

Wednesday's - 15 March, 29 Mar, 12 April and 26th April 2017

Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority

This regatta is organised by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and it's duly appointed Race Committee.

1 RULES

- 1.2** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 as amended by Appendix E (Radio Sailing Racing Rules).
- 1.3** The following documents will apply: The Events Notice of Race (NoR), This set of Sailing Instructions (SI) & the Dragon Force 65 Restricted Class Rules v1.6.
- 1.4** The following Racing Rules will be changed:
- E3.1: The control area will be defined on the course board.
 - E3.2: Launching area will be specified on the course board
 - E3.3: The course will be displayed on a Course Board.
 - E3.6: Following a general recall, Rule 30.1 shall apply to the restart”
 - E3.8(c): Courses may be shortened.”
 - E4.2(b): Amend to allow assistance from the rescue boat.
 - E4.2: Add (d) While ashore or within a launching area.
 - E5.1(a): The race committee will appoint Observers, who may be competitors.
 - E6.4: Add “but prior to the preparatory signal for the next heat or race.”
 - E6.6(f): Delete “and as a result retiring”.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.2** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board situated near the Race Office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** The Jury and class delegate shall approve changes in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2** Any change of the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall take effect from the first heat of a new race. However, changes to the Control Area, Launching Area, and Practice Area will take effect from the next heat. When a notice is posted the Race Committee will make two sound signals followed by a hail announcing that a change has been posted.
- 3.3** Any change to the scheduled first warning signal of the day will be posted by 12pm on the day it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

| Date | Race | Scheduled Warning Signals |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Wednesday 15 th March | Race 1, | 1800 |
| | Race 2,3,4,5 | ASAP After Race 1 |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Race 6 | 1800 |
| | Race 7,8,9,10 | ASAP after Race 6 |
| Wednesday 12 th April | Race 11 | 1800 |
| | Race 12,13,14,15 | ASAP after Race 11 |
| Wednesday 26 th April | Race 16 | 1800 |
| | Race 17,18,19,20 | ASAP after Race 16 |

- 4.2 The racing area shall be available for practice from 1730 to 1755.
- 4.3 On the last scheduled day of racing the first warning signal of a heat shall not be given after 1845.

5 COMPETITORS AS OBSERVERS

- 5.1 The Race Committee shall appoint observers. All competitors shall serve as observers as required by the Race Committee.
- 5.2 A competitor unable to serve as an observer for a heat shall obtain prior written approval from the Race Committee, or notify the Race Committee in writing of the name and sail number of a substitute observer, who shall also be a competitor. Approval will normally only be granted if a competitor's boat requires immediate repairs or on medical or safety grounds.
- 5.3 An observer appointed for a heat who is not present in the control area from the Warning Signal until released by the Race Committee, or who fails to act diligently as an observer, may be protested by the Race Committee under rule 60.2(a).

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The sailing area shall be The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron pond.
- 6.2 Boats may be launched and sailed at any time in the practice area. Any limits to the practice area shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 6.3 A boat not racing in the heat being sailed shall not sail within 15 metres of either a boat racing or any mark of the racing course.
- 6.4 Changes to the practice area shall be posted on the Official Notice Board according to SI 3.2.
- 6.5 A boat infringing SI 6.2 or 6.3 may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn penalty to be taken according to rule E7(b). This changes rules 63.1, 64.1 and A5.

7 CONTROL AREA AND LAUNCHING

- 7.1 The limits to the Control Area shall be posted on the Official Notice Board. Competitors shall be in this area when controlling boats that are racing, except briefly to handle and then release or relaunch the boat.
- 7.2 The Launch Area shall be defined by a notice posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.3 Boats may not enter the Launch Area until authorized by the Race Committee.
- 7.4 A boat infringing SI 7.3 may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn penalty to be taken according to rule E7(b). This changes rules 63.1, 64.1 and A5.
- 7.5 Launching and re-launching:
 - (a) A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held in the launching area, taken ashore or re-launched at any time during the heat. However, she shall not be released for the first time during a heat after the first boat in that heat has finished.

- (b) Boats shall be launched or recovered only from within the launching area.
- (c) While ashore or within the launching area, boats may be adjusted, drained of water or repaired; have their sails/rigs changed; have entangled objects removed; or have equipment repaired or changed.

Changes to the Control Area and the Launching Area will be notified as required by SI 3.2

8 COURSES

- 8.1** The course, including a description of the marks, starting and finishing line, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be displayed on the course board as provided in RRS E3.3 before the warning signal of each heat.

9 HEAT COMPOSITION

- 9.1** A heat composition format will be used if 21 boats or more are entered on the day.
- 9.2** The heat composition will be posted on the Heat Board near the control area.
- 9.3** Heat selection for Race 1 shall be carried out as follows:

The boats will be ranked according to their finishing positions, if any, in the previous Championships. Boats without a finishing position in the previous Championships shall be ranked according to the alphabetical order of the competitor's surname. From this list of ranked boats, boats will be sorted into heats in the order: A, B, C, D, E, E, D, C, B, A, and so on.

10 THE START

- 10.1** The Race Committee will hail the heat and race number of the next heat. It is the competitor's responsibility to hear this call and for the boat to compete in her assigned heat. Failure to hear and comply with the Race Committee's hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1** No boat shall start after the first boat in the heat has finished.
- 11.2** Boats starting more than one minute after the starting signal shall hail and receive acknowledgement from the Race Officer that they have started.
- 11.3** The time limit for the first boat to finish after having sailed the course in accordance with rule 28 shall be 30 minutes.

12 TIME OUT LIMIT

- 12.1** Except as in SI 12.4, the Time Out Limit for racing after the first boat finishes shall be 5 minutes.
- 12.2** At the expiry of the Time Out Limit:
 - (a) If 6 or fewer boats are still racing they shall be recorded according to SI 12.3.
 - (b) If more than 6 boats are still racing the Time Out Limit shall be extended until only 6 boats remain racing, at which point they shall be recorded according to SI 12.3.
- 12.3** Boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, DNS or DNC in that order, as appropriate. The Race Committee shall record the order on the water of boats that would otherwise be scored DNF that were still racing when the Time Out Limit ended. These boats shall not be scored DNF but shall be given finishing places determined by the order on the water recorded by the Race Committee and scored according to rule A4.1

12.4 There will be no Time Out Limit in Race 1.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

13.2 Parties to a protest shall be informed orally by hailing that a protest hearing is opening. It is the responsibility of the parties to come to the hearing without delay accompanied by any witnesses. No other notice of the hearing will be given. This changes RRS 63.2.

13.3 The IRSA SYRPH (System for Reducing Protest Hearings) shall be used, when applicable, before a formal protest hearing is opened.

13.4 Protests may be heard under rule N1.4(b). The time limit for requesting a hearing by a full International Jury is 5 minutes after the parties have been informed of the panel's decision. However, after the warning signal of any heat to which a party to the hearing may be promoted, any decision or redress shall not change the race schedule for that race. This changes rules 64.1 and 64.2.

13.5 For the purposes of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the official delegate at the event.

Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

14 SCORING SYSTEM

14.1 If over 21 boats the Heat Management System will apply.

14.2 If 20 boats and under are entered appendix A (low point scoring system) will apply.

14.3 If 18 or more races are completed a boats score will be the sum of all her races minus her 5 worst scores.

14.4 When 14 or more races are completed a boats score will be the sum of all her races minus her 4 worst scores.

14.5 When 10 or more races are completed a boats score will be the sum of all her races minus her 3 worst scores.

14.6 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.7 A boat finishing in a heat to which she has not been assigned shall be scored DNS for the heat to which she was assigned. She shall not sail in her assigned heat.

15 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

15.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

16.1 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 the Race Committee, an equipment inspector, or a measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

17 TRANSMITTERS

- 17.1** Unless the Race Committee prohibits their use, competitors not racing may use their transmitters at any time for the purpose of tuning or practice sailing.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1** See NOR.

19 LIABILITY

- 19.1** Competitors participate in the RSYS DragonForce65 Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 CONDUCT

- 20.1** Major regattas offer significant public exposure to our sport. Inappropriate competitor behaviour can reflect negatively that exposure. All participants are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny, not only by the public, but also by the race officials. Participants are required to behave with dignity and respect.
- 20.2** Any behaviour that breaches good manners or sportsmanship or that brings our sport into disrepute shall result in a hearing under RRS 69, Misconduct.
- 20.3** Penalties may include one or more One Turn Penalties to be taken in the boat's next race in accordance with RRS E7(b), disqualification from the race in question or subsequent races, exclusion from the regatta, or other action within the Jury's authority.