

PORT KEMBLA SAILING CLUB
Sailing Instructions

1.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 The racing will be governed by "The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 - 2012" as prescribed by the Australian Yachting Federation Inc and as per these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The safety regulations shall be strictly observed particularly in relation to personal buoyancy, which shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst racing.

If the wind is consistently above 25 knots for the hour prior to the warning signal, the race may be postponed / abandoned by the Club Captain and / or the Duty Crew.

After the starting the race the Club Captain and / or Duty Crew may abandon the race as per RRS Rule 32.

Each skipper shall make his own decision as to sail or not. And attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4

1.3 For all Club events / races all skippers must ensure that they (and their regular crew) are financial members of the Port Kembla Sailing Club and that they sign on and off for each race.

2.0 HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters will be the Club House of the Port Kembla Sailing Club.

3.0 DIVISIONS

All races shall start at approximately 2.00pm (but not before) on Saturdays during the PKSC sailing season. Yachts will start in one of the divisions announced at the briefing to be held approximately 1-1.5 hours before the start of the first division. Refer Paragraph 9.0 below.

4.0 COURSE

A plan of the course is included with the sailing instructions. The course "hand" to be sailed on any day will be displayed by the start boat.

5.0 MARKS

These shall be marks according to the "Racing Rules of Sailing". They shall be orange buoys with blue bands for marks 1, 2, & 3 for the catamarans, with mark 3 being a yellow with a blue band buoy for the monohulls. Mark X will be a yellow buoy. The finish mark shall be a cherry spherical buoy laid in line with the flag pole on the shore line in the vicinity of the clubhouse..

6.0 OFFICIAL BOATS

All official boats may carry the Club Burgee for identification purposes. This is a Red Cross on a white flag.

7.0 STARTING & FINISHING LINES

Starting Line

The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the Starter's boat and mark 1 and shall be crossed in the direction of mark 2. A temporary mark (barging buoy) may be moored near the Start boat when starting and this mark must be passed on the same

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side as the start boat is to be passed. This mark may not necessarily be on the starting line.

Finishing Line

The finishing line shall be between a red cherry mark and the Judge's position at the Club House shoreline flagpole or in the finishing boat (for a shortened course). A blue flag may be displayed to indicate that the finishing boat is in a position to finish the race for a shortened course.

8.0 STARTING PROCEDURE

a). ***Scratch Starts -***

i). Rule 26 will apply

b). ***Handicap Starts***

- i). Warning signal will be Division 1 Flag, which will be raised on starter's boat five (5) minutes before the start. A sound signal may be given.
- ii). The preparatory Code Flag "P" (Blue Peter) will be raised four (4) minutes before the start of the limit boat. A sound signal may be given.
- iii). The time boards (showing handicap times relative to the scratch boat) will be raised at the start 1 minute prior to limit boat start and lowered in 1-minute intervals. The lowering of the board will be the start signal for the boats on that handicap.
- iv). Boats in all classes with the same handicap will start together when the appropriate handicap time board is lowered.
- v). Code Flag "P" will only be lowered at the completion of the handicap time sequence, i.e. at the fall of the one-minute board.

9.0 CLASSES

The starting divisions will be as follows unless changed in accordance with SI 17.0 and each division will be signified by the relevant Numeral pennant,

- Division 1 Monohulls and Juniors
- Division 2 Trailer yachts.
- Division 3 Medium Catamarans (15 feet)
- Division 4 Small Catamarans (=< 14 feet)
- Division 5 Large Catamarans (> 16 feet)

Unless a change is made known at the skippers meeting / briefing.

10.0 GENERAL RECALLS

Rule 29.2 shall apply

11.0 TIME LIMIT

- a) The time limit for each division is 3 hours from the start of its division.

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- b) If the leading yacht of a division finishes within the 3 hours time limit other yachts in that division have a 4.0 hour time limit.

12.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

Rule 44 shall apply, except for catamarans where a one-turn (360 degrees) penalty shall apply in lieu of the two-turn (720) penalty for Rule 44.1..

13.0 PROTESTS

All protests shall be made in accordance with Part 5 Section A of the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Protest shall be on the P.K.S.C Protest form and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$10.00 for Senior Members and \$5.00 for Junior members. If the protest is upheld the fee shall be reimbursed to the protesting party. If the protest is dismissed, the fee is forfeited to the club.

14.0 LIABILITY

All those taking part in races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Port Kembla Sailing Club Co-Operative Ltd is not responsible for the seaworthiness of yachts whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency and / or adequacy of their equipment.

The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry. It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start and / or to continue to race.

15.0 DECLARATION, WITHDRAWALS

- a) Failure to state intention to sail by signing on will qualify a yacht as a non-starter. (DNS)
- b) Failure to sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing may lead to disqualification.
- c) For safety reasons every effort must be made by the helmsman to notify the finisher of his yachts withdrawal - e.g. sign off.

16.0 BASIC PRINCIPLE & SAFETY REGULATIONS

The attention of all competitors is drawn to the AYF Racing Rules of Sailing Basic Principle and Part 1 Fundamental Rules.

17.0 ALTERATIONS

If alterations to these instructions are found necessary such alterations shall be displayed and publicised at the race briefing. These changes will be posted on the Notice Board within the clubhouse at least one hour prior to the start.

18.0 SCORING SYSTEM

The low point system as defined in Appendix A shall be used. (Modified with first place receiving 0.75 points in lieu of 1.0 points).

- i). Club Championship:

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- a. Best 6 races out of 8 races to count.
 - b. To be considered an entrant must sail at least 4 club championship races
 - c. Duty crews will be awarded average of best 4 race results points for that Championship race.
- ii). Point Score:
- a. Best 20 races out of 26 races to count.
 - b. To be considered an entrant must sail at least 6 point score races
 - c. Duty crews will be awarded 0.75 points for that point score, even if the event is not raced / abandoned.

19.0 ENVIRONMENT

The crew of any yacht shall not knowingly dispose of any item into Lake Illawarra (e.g. rubbish, sewage, debris). Penalty for such an infringement will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

20.0 AFFILIATION STATUS

Attention is drawn to Rule 46 and in the event, if it is proven that an individual crew member of any yacht / vessel entered in the series is in breach of Rules 46, the skipper of such yacht / vessel will be subjected to a verbal warning.

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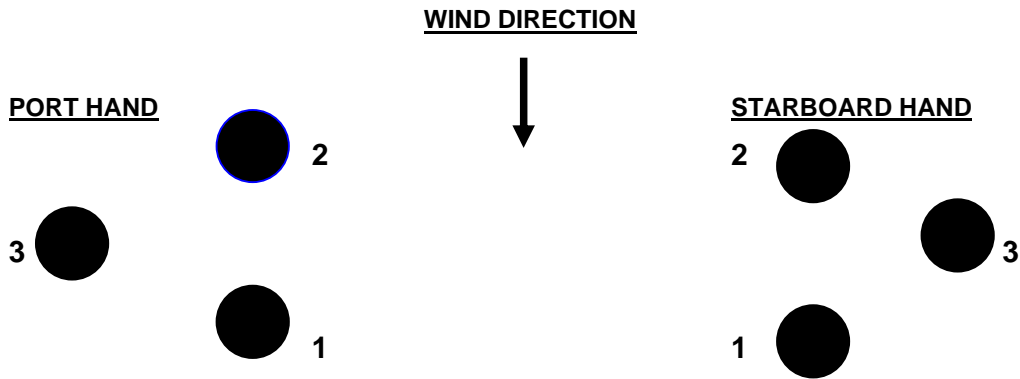
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COURSE LAYOUT



LARGE COURSE

START AT 1,2,3,1,
 2,1
 2,3,1,
 2,3,1,2,

X TO STARBOARD, AND FINISH BETWEEN THE CLUB FLAGPOLE AND FINISH MARK O

MEDIUM COURSE

START AT 1, 2,3,1,
 2,1
 2,3,1,2,

X TO STARBOARD, AND FINISH BETWEEN THE CLUB FLAGPOLE AND FINISH MARK O

SHORT COURSE

START AT 1, 2,3,1,
 2,1
 2,

X TO STARBOARD, AND FINISH BETWEEN THE CLUB FLAGPOLE AND FINISH MARK O.

STARBOARD OR PORT COURSE WILL BE SIGNALLED FROM THE START BOAT.

- MARK 'X' WILL BE BETWEEN THE PKSC AND GOOSEBERRY ISLAND

