



## TORONTO AMATEUR SAILING CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

# TORONTO REGATTA AND FOUR OF A KIND REGATTA MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> AND 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2021-2022 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing apply.
- 1.3 Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2 for “off the beach boats” applies.
- 1.4 The RRS are changed in accordance with rule 86 as follows:-

#### **Rule 33 - Change of course**

“At any rounding mark the race committee may signal a change of the direction of the next leg of the course. A race committee boat, displaying Code flag “C” will be positioned near the mark beginning the leg being changed. The race committee boat may also display a red or green flag indicating a move to port or starboard, and sound a horn periodically. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signalling to maintain the course shape.” This replaces RRS 33.

#### **Rule 44.1 – Taking a penalty**

“In addition to the requirements of rule 44.1 a Scoring Penalty may be taken voluntarily after mediation and prior to a protest hearing.”

#### **Protest Requirements**

##### **Rule 61**

“In addition to the requirements of rule 61, if a competitor intends to protest or request redress for an incident occurring during a race they shall verbally notify an official on the finishing boat of this intention immediately after finishing. This notification shall be acknowledged by a reply from the official: “(sail number). Intention is noted”. Alternatively, if not a finisher, the protestor must notify the regatta office of the intention to protest immediately after returning to shore. This changes RRS 61.”

##### **Rules 62.2**

“Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the regatta secretary at the race office within the protest time limit. Protest forms are available at the race office. This changes rule 62.2.”

## **Rules 61.3 and 62.2**

“The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the race finishes. This time limit may be extended if in the opinion of the Principal Race Officer or the Protest Committee Chairman there is good reason to do so. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to requests for redress. If races are sailed back to back the time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last back to back race scheduled for that day. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.”

## **SCORING**

### **Appendix A – Rule A4**

For all series points will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A “Scoring” using the Low Point System with the following changes:

The boat finishing first is awarded 0.8 points;

DNF, BFD, OCS, RAF and DSQ is awarded the number of finishers plus 1;

DNS is awarded the number of starters plus 1; and

DNC is awarded the number of entrants plus 1.

- 1.6** Rules 31, 44, 44.1 and 44.2 apply. A penalty turn column will be provided on the sign off sheet. Any boats, which have completed penalty turns, may complete this column of the sign off sheet.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on a regatta notice board provided upstairs at Toronto Amateur Sailing Club.

## **3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions made ashore, will be posted on the regatta notice board at least 90 minutes before the warning signal on the day the change(s) is to take effect.

A change in the Schedule of Races shall be posted on the regatta notice board by 1800 hrs on the race day before the change is to take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the host club Shore Signal Mast.

- 4.2** Code Flag “L” displayed from the Shore Signal Mast and one sound signal, means a notice to competitors has been posted on the regatta notice board. Code Flag “L” will remain displayed for at least 90 minutes.

- 4.3** Code Flag “AP” (Answering Pennant) displayed from the Shore Signal Mast and two sound signals made before the commencement of the race means that the race is postponed. One sound signal will indicate the lowering of the “AP.” The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after “AP” is lowered. This alters Rule 27.3 “AP”.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2022</b>	<b>Registration from 1000 hours</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2022</b>	Race 1, Race 2
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2022</b>	Race 3, Race 4 and Presentation

Racing will not start before 1400 hrs and 1300 hrs on Sunday and shall be sailed on a back to back basis. Race target time will be 45 minutes.

**7 DIVISION FLAG**

Division 1 will be denoted by numeral pennant 1, division 2 by numeral pennant 2 and division 3 by numeral pennant 3.

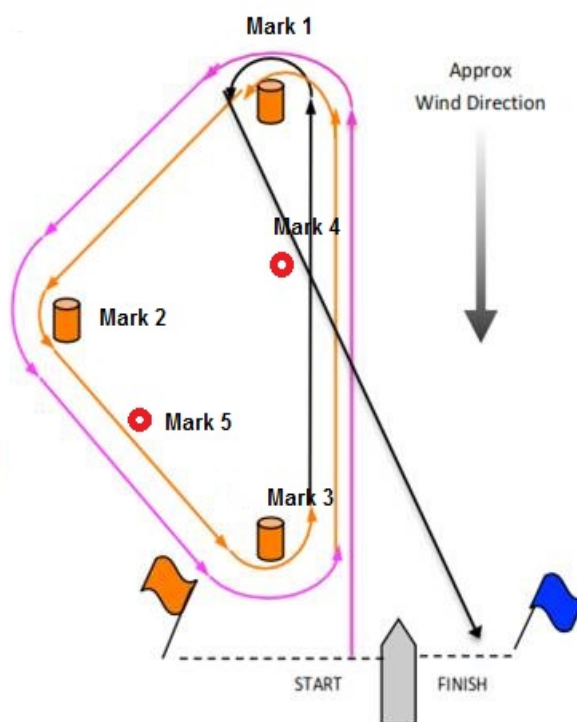
**8 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the waters in the immediate vicinity of the club on the north western end of Lake Macquarie.

**9 THE COURSE**

**Division 1 Course**  
**Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - Finish**  
**Division 2 Course will be the same layout as the Division 1 Course with the following configuration.**  
**Start - 4 - 5 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 3 - 4 - Finish**

**Marks 1, 2 and 3 rounded to port - Red flag displayed on CV.**  
**Starboard hand course (green flag on CV) is the mirror image, except that the start and finish line orientations remain the same.**



## 9.1 MARKS

The marks will be large yellow cylindrical buoys for Division 1 and red cherry for Division 2. The change of course mark will be a large red cylinder for Division 1 and a small white cherry for Division 2. The start pin mark and finish mark will be a stick buoy bearing a dark orange flag.

## 10 THE START

### 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 as follows:-

Warning signal	5 minutes prior to start	Class Flag will be displayed
Preparatory signal Flag Black Flag	4 minutes prior to start	Code Flag "P", "I", "Z" or
One minute		Preparatory removed
Start		Class Flag will be lowered

Sound signals may accompany the raising and lowering of visual signals.

**10.2** The starting line will be between the staff or signal mast on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the pin mark at the port end. A distance mark may be placed adjacent to the race committee boat near the starting line. For the purposes of Rule 31, the distance mark will be a starting mark. When starting, competitors shall leave the distance mark to starboard. Boats shall not pass between this mark and the race committee boat after the warning signal.

**10.3** A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after the starting signal. The starting line will remain in position for this period.

**10.5** At least three boats must start to constitute a race.

**10.6** Boats are not to cross the start line or finish line unless they are actually starting or finishing. Any boat that crosses the start or finish line during the race that is not starting or finishing may be disqualified by the race committee.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

**11.1** A change of course after the start will be signalled 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 shape without further signalling. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## 12 THE FINISH

**12.1** The finishing line will be between the staff or signal mast on the finishing boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark at the port end. The finishing boat shall display the blue flag (on station) and the class flag.

**12.2** The finishing line may be positioned approximately 100 metres beyond mark 'B' of an un-shortened course.

### **13 TIME LIMIT**

The race time limit is 60 minutes, any boat that does not finish the race within 30 minutes of the first boat in that division finishing will score a DNF.

### **14 MEDIATION**

- 14.1. A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, 4 or rule 31. Mediation hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 14.2. The mediator decides the time and place of the mediation hearing and may advise the parties verbally. Only one representative of each boat may attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses are allowed. The mediator decides the manner in which testimony is given.
- 14.3. After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator must make one of the following conclusions:
  - 14.3.1. The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - 14.3.2. The matter must proceed to a protest hearing.  
(This may be because rules other than Part 2, 4 or rule 31 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
  - 14.3.3. No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - 14.3.4. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept the scoring penalty set out in SI 15.1.
- 14.4. A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 14.5. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.
- 14.6. The Mediator will be the chairman of the Protest Committee or in his absence the Principal Race Officer.

### **15. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND RE-OPENINGS**

- 15.1. A boat that has broken a rule of part 2, 4 or rule 31 may take a penalty after racing but prior to a protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to 30% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ, rounded up to the next whole number. The penalty for a boat that has caused injury, serious damage or gained a significant advantage from her breach shall be to retire. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.
- 15.2. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is to be a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.
- 15.3. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.4. For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.

15.5. Alleged breaches of SI 17.1 and 17.2, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

15.6. The Chairman of the Race Committee is the Principal Race Officer.

## **16. SCORING**

16.1. Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a series.

16.2. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed a boats' series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3. When four (4) races have been completed a boats' series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

### **17.1 SIGN-ON and SIGN-OFF**

The skipper of each boat competing in a race shall sign-on before going on the water prior to the start, and sign-off within one hour of the finish of the last boat in the that race or the last race of the day. Sign-on and sign-off sheets will be placed near the host clubhouse. Failure to sign-on will result in that boat being scored as "DNC" and failure to sign-off will result in that boat being scored as "DNF".

### **17.2 WIND STRENGTH**

The race committee aboard the start boat and the Principal Race Officer on the start line will measure wind strength.

A nominal wind strength of 5 knots and up to 25 knots will be acceptable for starting the races however the race will be postponed for a minimum of 15 minutes if short duration gusts above 25 knots occur before the start.

When there is doubt about wind strength, the race committee will after two attempts to start either postpone or abandon the race. The Principal Race Officer will then determine subsequent action for re-sail if any.

The race committee shall abandon a race if wind conditions exceed 25 knots or in the opinion of the Principal Race Officer the conditions are unsafe to continue racing.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**18.1** Only one skipper and one crew are to be nominated on the entry form. These will be the nominated team for the regatta.

The skipper shall steer the boat except that the crew may briefly steer in an emergency situation.

Requests for a change of skipper or crew shall be submitted in writing to the race committee no later than 1 hour prior to the warning signal for the race in which the change would take effect.

The organizing authority may determine the requested change constitutes a new team and hence a new entry. Results scored by a team are not transferable to any other team.

**18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee.

Requests for a change of equipment shall be submitted in writing or verbally if between back to back races to the race committee prior to the warning signal for the race in which the change would take effect.

## **19 ADVERTISING**

Advertising is only permitted if sanctioned by the Race Committee for sponsors of the regatta.

## **20 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked by flying the host club burgee or otherwise identified as a TASC rescue boat.

## **21 SPECTATOR BOATS**

Spectator boats shall not approach or anchor within 100m of any competitor/s when racing unless providing assistance to a boat in distress. Spectator boats shall also stay out of the course. Spectator boats carrying a relative or friend of a competitor in the race that do not comply with the above may result in that competitor being disqualified from the race and an extended exclusion zone being applied. Competitors obstructed by a support boat or spectator boat may seek redress, the quantum of any redress will be at the sole discretion of the protest committee.

## **22 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:-

### **22.1 TORONTO REGATTA**

Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 place getters in each division based on the yardstick system.

### **22.2 FOUR OF A KIND**

Trophies will be awarded to the first 4 boats in a class with the lowest cumulative score on a scratch basis, based on the yardstick system, for division 2. Cash prizes will be awarded on the same basis for division 1.

### **22.3 DIVISIONS**

There will be 2 divisions Division 1 being for boats with a yardstick of 112 or less and division 2 for boats with a yardstick greater than 112.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the sole discretion of the race committee. The race committee's decision will be final.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta 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.

## **24 INSURANCE**

All competing boats shall have third-party liability insurance cover of not less than AUD \$10,000,000 for any, accident. All competitors must show proof of a certificate of currency at registration.