

# 2018 Victorian Youth Championships

**14 – 15 April 2018**

## Sailing Instructions (SIs)

Organising Authority (OA) is Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club  
in conjunction with Australian Sailing Ltd (AS)



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

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing"

## 1 [NP] [DP] Rules

- 1.1 The Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Prescriptions will apply for all entries.
- 1.3 The use of helmets for Nacra 15 (conforming to EN1385 standard) for both helm and crew is mandatory during racing.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply as modified by SI 14.2
- 1.5 [NP][DP] Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2 Off the Beach Boats, Section 5.01 Personal Flotation Devices will apply. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that the personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the regulations.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as amended by SI 16 below.
- 1.7 RRS Appendix B Windsurfing Competition rules will apply to boards.-

## 2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted online and on the Official Notice Board, located in the Regatta Office.

## 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 3.3 Any reassignment of race management teams or classes or class groups to course areas will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, or, if flag AP is displayed ashore, 30 minutes before flag AP for that class/group is removed.
- 3.4 When any SI Addendum is changed, an updated version of it will be posted online and on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.5 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Principal Race Officer.

## 4 [NP] [DP] Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Eastern flag mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.
- 4.3 [DP] [NP] Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the beach - "Wait for further instructions"'. AP over H may be displayed either alone applying to all boats, or over specific class flags, or over specific course race management team flags in which case this instruction is specific only to either those classes or course race management teams/course areas. This amends Race Signals.

## 5 Not used - spare

## 6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 There will be a maximum of nine (9) races.
- 6.2 The provisional daily race schedule, and the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is shown in SI Addendum C. Any change to the schedule will be posted in accordance with SI 3.1 above.
- 6.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race in a race session will be made as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.

- 6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

## 7 Class Flags

Class flags will be the class insignia on a coloured background as listed in SI Addendum A.

## 8 Course Race Areas

SI Addendum B shows the approximate and relative location of the course race areas where racing will be conducted. Class groups may be assigned to different race course areas each day – refer SI 3.3.

## 9 The Courses

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum A show, by class group and race management team, the class flags, the courses, the marks, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation and may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3 If one of the gates marks is not laid, then the laid mark must be left to port.

## 10 Marks

- 10.1 A list and description of all marks to be used by class group and by race management team, including replacement marks if any, is included in SI Addendum A
- 10.2 The starting and finishing-line marks will be race committee vessels.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing-line pin marks will be either a race committee vessel or laid marks as indicated in SI Addendum A.

## 11 The Start

- 11.1 All races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and either
  - (a) the course side of the port-end starting mark as indicated in SI Addendum A, or
  - (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the port end.
- 11.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark, or move the gate, or move the finishing line and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 13 The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and either:

- (a) the course side of the nearby finishing mark as indicated in SI Addendum A, or
- (b) a staff displaying a blue flag on the nearby race committee vessel.

## 14 Penalties at the time of an incident

- 14.1 For the 29er event, RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that a Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

- 14.2 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 14.3 Refer also SI16.12, 16.13 & 16.14, Post Race Penalties and Arbitration.

## 15 [NP] Time Limits and Target Times

- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
Lasers & Aero	75	20	15	45-50
Double handed Dinghy (420)	75	15	15	40-45
Skiff (29er)	50	15	10	20-25
Optimist, Minnow	60	15	15	25-30
International Cadet, O'Pen Bic	60	15	15	25-30
Bic Techno	25	10	15	15

- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 35, 62.1(a), A4 and A5.
- 15.4 Boats which are still deemed to be racing by the Race Committee, may be scored an allocated place based on their current position. Such boats may be directed to return to the starting area or other location without crossing the finish line. Neither the allocation of a finish place nor the failure to allocate a finish place will be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 28, 35, 60.1 (b), 62.1(a), A4 and A5

## 16 [NP] [DP] Protests, Arbitration and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office, located at the sign on/off desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing locations and start times will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 SIs or NOR clauses marked [NP] shall not be grounds for redress or protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1
- 16.7 Penalties for breaches of SIs or NOR clauses marked [DP] are at the discretion of the jury and shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 64.1
- 16.8 For breaches of the SIs or NOR clauses marked [SP], the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the race committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. NOR and SIs

- marked [SP] shall not be grounds for a boat to protest or request redress. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.
- 16.9 The following NOR clauses are deemed [NP] and [DP] - NOR 14 (Berthing) and NOR 20 (Media Rights)
- 16.10 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.11 RRS 44.3(c) is amended as follows. The second sentence is deleted and replaced with - When the Sailing Instructions do not state the number of places, the penalty shall be 30% of the difference between the score that would have been received without the penalty and the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upwards).
- 16.12 Appendix T1(b) is deleted and replaced with - A Post-Race Penalty is either a Standard Penalty [SP] as specified in the Sailing Instructions, or, a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- 16.13 Appendix T1(c) is amended by adding the following sentence - Post-Race Penalty requests shall be in writing and on the Post-Race Penalty Declaration Form available from the Regatta Office.

## 17 Scoring

- 17.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 17.4 When 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 17.5 When 8 or 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 17.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at and to be submitted to the race office.

## 18 [DP] [NP] [SP] Safety Regulations

- 18.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices in accordance with NOR 1.4 at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 18.2 Boats not leaving the beach for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 18.3 [SP] Before leaving to race on each scheduled racing day, a boat shall sign-on electronically (mobile phone app). Failure to sign-on will result in that boat being penalised a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) for the first race in the session. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.4 [SP] Within protest time limits after returning ashore, a boat shall sign-off at the Race Office or electronically. Failure to sign-off will result in that boat being penalised a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) in the last race in the session. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.5 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not practicable, as soon as possible after returning ashore she shall notify the race office, sign off and complete a retirement declaration form.
- 18.6 In accordance with NOR 14, Berthing, boats shall return to and remain in their assigned berths or locations.
- 18.7 Boats shall not sail into other course areas whilst the other course areas are racing. Boats not racing shall remain clear of boats that are racing and official boats.
- 18.8 When a race committee displays code flag "V" with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats on the relevant course area shall monitor the relevant Race Committee radio channel for search and rescue instructions.



## 19 [DP] Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 19.1 Substitution of crew will only be allowed with prior written approval of the Race Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race. A substituted crew member may not helm the boat.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be (1) made in writing on the appropriate form collected from the Race Office or on the electronic link, and (2) submitted to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 [DP] Equipment and Measurement Checks

Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, AS Special Regulations and sailing instructions. When instructed by an event equipment inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 21 [DP] [NP] Event Advertising

Boats may be required to display required event sponsor advertising. The Organizing Authority will supply the advertising and instructions for their use.

## 22 [NP] Official Boats

- 22.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Equipment Inspection	Flag with letter M
Judges and Umpires	Red Flag with letter J
Media	Flag with letters Media
Race Committee	Flag with letter referring to relevant course team "A" "B" etc
Rescue	Flag with letter referring to relevant course team, "A" "B" etc
VIP	Flag with letters VIP
PRO	Flag with letters PRO

- 22.2 [NP] Actions by official boats or drones shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

## 23 [DP] [NP] Coach and Support Boats

- 23.1 Coach and support boats are required to register via the online registration, display identification supplied by the Organising Authority, carry and monitor a working VHF radio capable of receiving the relevant race channels, be insured and comply with local regulations to be permitted to use launching and berthing facilities at the venue. Support Boat Regulations are detailed in SI Addendum "D".
- 23.2 Support Persons will keep to leeward of the start line and its extensions between the preparatory signal and the start signal, and outside the racing area & more than 50 metres clear of any competing boat or mark of the course between the start signal and finish of the last boat, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

## 24 [DP] Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

## 25 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NOR, and, in addition, at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 26 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the Championships entirely at their own risk - see RRS 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 event.

## 27 [NP] Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of A\$5,000,000 (recommended A\$10,000,000) per incident or the equivalent.

### Attached:

- SI Addendum "A" – Class groupings, course descriptions and mark descriptions – [Click Here](#)
- SI Addendum "B" – Course area locations and names – [Click Here](#)
- SI Addendum "C" - Schedule of Races – [Click Here](#)
- SI Addendum "D" – Support Boat Regulations – [Click Here](#)