



# AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION (Incorporated)

## STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS) as changed by Appendix E of the RRS – Radio-Controlled Boat Racing Rules, the Notice of Race (NoR) issued for the event, these Sailing Instructions (SI), the International Class Administration Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and the respective International Class Rules.
- 1.2 The Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board situated near the launching area.

### 3. Scoring system

- 3.1 The RRS A4 Low Point System, as modified by HMS2007 and these SI's will apply.
- 3.2 With the exception of SCP and ZFP, the scoring abbreviations in RRS A11 will apply.
- 3.3 For single heat events RRS A4.2 shall apply.
- 3.4 For events with more than one heat, the Heat Management System 2007 (HMS) shall apply. In HMS two heat races, four boat promotion shall apply.
- 3.5 There will be no maximum number of races. This changes RRS J2.1(9). Five (5) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 3.6 For events with more than one heat, fleet selection for the first race shall be carried out in accordance with HMS 2.1. Seeding shall be based on the ARYA Ranking System, non-ranked entrants shall be seeded in accordance with their most recent known performances.
- 3.7 Withdrawn Boats: Permanently withdrawn boats may return to racing in accordance with HMS 1.3(c).
- 3.8 Excluded Scores (Discards): When the total score is calculated for each boat, her worst scores will be excluded as follows:
  - After 4 races have been completed: One (1) discard
  - After 8 races have been completed: Two (2) discards
  - After 16 races have been completed: Three (3) discards
  - After 24 races have been completed: Four (4) discards
  - After 32 races have been completed: Five (5) discards
  - And so on for every eight (8) races.
- 3.9 Breaking of Ties
  - (1) When boats are tied at the finishing line, RRS A7 will apply.
  - (2) When a tie for finishing place between two or more boats is to be broken, other than at the finishing line, it shall be decided in favour of the boat with the most first places, and when the tie remains, the most second places and so on. When the tie remains, it shall be decided in favour of the best score in the last race in which there was no tie and should the tie still remain, by the toss of a coin or the drawing of lots. This changes RRS A8, which will not apply.

### 4. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Changes in the S.I.'s for a National Regatta must be approved by the ARYA (Inc) Event Officer, who will be appointed specifically for the event.
- 4.2 Any change to the S.I.'s will be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall be implemented only between races. Two sound signals followed by a verbal announcement shall be made to call attention to the change. This changes RRS E1.2.

### 5. Courses

- 5.1 Course descriptions will be displayed on the course board as required by RRS E3.2, together with a single, alternative shortened course option.

- 5.2 Rule J2.1(4), J2.1(5) and J2.1(6) are deleted. A description of the marks, including starting and finishing marks stating the order and side on which each is to be left shall be posted on the course board.
- 5.3 Courses can be changed only between heats or races. Any change to the course will be posted on the course board and before the next heat a sound signal and a verbal warning will be made to signal the change. This changes RRS E1.2.
- 5.4 During a heat, the Race Officer (RO) may shorten the course to the prearranged option shown on the course board.
- 5.5 Shortening of the course will be signaled by two sound signals followed by the hail "shortened course" by the RO on the leg before the leading boat starts the leg in which she will finish because of shortening. This changes Rule E1.2.

## **6. Launching and Control Area**

- 6.1 Skippers are to launch and retrieve their boats from the designated launch area.
- 6.2 The control area will be designated by the RO.
- 6.3 Details of the launch and control areas will be clearly marked on the course board.

## **7. Launch and Retrieval**

- 7.1 A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held on the bank, taken ashore and re-launched at any time during the heat. This replaces RRS E4.5(a).

## **8. Starting Procedure**

- 7.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS E3.5 with the warning signal made two (2) minutes before the starting signal. The starting line will be as described on the course board.
- 7.2 Following one general recall, RRS 30.1 shall apply to any restart.

## **9. Racing Times, Time Limit and Time-out Limit**

- 9.1 Racing times shall be as advised in the Notice of Race.
- 9.2 Except as provided in HMS2007, Paragraph 2.2, the time limit for all heats will be 30 minutes from the start.
- 9.3 Except as provided in SI 9.4(ii) the time out limit for racing, after the first boat finishes satisfying RRS 28.1, shall be ten minutes.
- 9.4 At the expiry of the time out limit:
  - (i) If four (4) or fewer boats are still racing, they shall be recorded in accordance with their place on the water as if they had finished at that point.
  - (ii) If more than four (4) boats are still sailing, the time out limit shall be extended until only four (4) boats remain racing on the water, at which point they shall be recorded in accordance with SI 9.4(i).

## **10. Protests**

- 10.1 Protests will be accepted in accordance with RRS E5.
- 10.2 Hearing of Protests
  - (i) Protests and requests for redress will be held before the next race except where HMS applies, when protests and requests for redress will be heard in accordance with HMS 1.4.
  - (ii) The Race Committee may determine that the Mediation process will apply to the event, in which case Appendix A to the SI's will apply.

## **11. Conduct**

The Australian Radio Yachting Association (Incorporated) recognises that major events offer considerable publicity opportunities to the Association and the sport generally. Competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny and in the event of any behaviour that is in breach of good manners or sportsmanship, or which may bring the sport into disrepute will result in a hearing in accordance with RRS 69.1.

Penalties available to the Protest Committee include exclusion from the race in question, the series, or other action within the Committee's jurisdiction. The Principal Race Officer and all race officials have been directed to record any incidents that will be dealt with to the full extent available to the Committee.