

GEORGE LAKES YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: CLUB RACES

RULES

Club races are governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of *South African Sailing*, the rules of each class concerned and these sailing instructions.

ENTRIES

Yachts may be entered by completing registration on the entry sheet not later than 10 minutes before the start of the first race of the day, or if only sailing in subsequent races 10 minutes before the start of the subsequent race. The crew of competing yachts shall be members of a Yacht Club, affiliated to South African Sailing or a signed in Guest or a member of George Lakes Yacht Club. The helms of competing yachts must be members of George Lakes Yacht Club to be eligible for prizes.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing notice board.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted on the sailing notice board 30 minutes before the start of the first race, to which they apply. It will be the responsibility of each competing skipper to check the board for the course and any amendment before each race. These will not necessarily be advertised by means of an "L" flag.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be made from the flagpole at the Bosun's Locker.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled according to the club sailing programme, with the first race on Sundays starting at 13:30. Three races are scheduled, wind permitting.

CLASS FLAGS

Class flags, when applicable, will be posted on the sailing notice board 30 minutes before the start of each race.

THE COURSE

The standard club course is Olympic Triangle – triangle, sausage, triangle for the senior fleet (yachts with PY < 1207). The junior fleet course is triangle, sausage (PY > 1208).

Marks of the course shall be the pink buoys laid according to the wind or the orange fixed marks. The pink buoys have precedence over the orange marks.

SHORTENING COURSE

For finishes controlled on the water from a start / finish line, in addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the race committee may also signal a shortened course by displaying flag F with two sounds. On this signal, boats shall round mark 3 as required to sail the course, and thereafter proceed directly to the finishing line. This signal shall be made before the first boat reaches mark 3 This changes RRS 32.2(b).

For finishes controlled from the shore, in addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the race committee may also signal a shortened course by displaying flag S with two sounds. On this signal, the leading yacht shall round the next mark of the course and then finish from the direction of that mark. This amends Rule 32.2.

THE START

If there is to be more than one class start, the classes and order of start will be posted on the notice board.

Races will be started using Rule 26. The warning signal for the 1st Class to start will be Numeral Pennant 1, the 2nd Class Numeral Pennant 2 and so on.

Races may be started in 2 ways.

- * From the committee boat moored at the jetty.
- * From the committee boat on the water.

Starting lines.

Committee Boat Start:

The start will be between the flagstaff on the race committee boat flying an Orange flag and the start mark on the water.

Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

A yacht shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

RECALLS

When a general recall has been signalled, the starts for the succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

THE FINISH

For races controlled from the *committee boat*, the finish line shall be between the flagstaff on the committee boat flying a Blue flag and a nearby mark on the water.

BACK TO BACK RACES

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound one minute before a warning signal is made.

If less than three races will be sailed, the flags AP over A will be flown at the end of the last completed race.

TIME LIMIT

There will be no time limit for the first boat to cross the finish line but the length of the race will be at the sole discretion of the race officer. Any boat, which has not finished within 20 minutes of the leading boat of its class, will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on protest forms available at the club house and lodged within 30 minutes of the protester coming ashore, with the Race Officer or the Officer of the Day or any other appropriate Club Official for attention of the Race Committee.

SCORING

Appendix A of the Racing Rules using the World Sailing Low Point system will apply.

For interclass scoring, the Portsmouth yardstick system shall be used.

A system of Personal Handicaps shall be used in certain identified racing series to determine relative performance.

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The Two Turns Penalty, Rule 44 of the Racing Rules will apply to monohulls. For catamarans, the alternative penalty is reduced to one turn, This amends Rule 44.

AMENDMENTS TO CLASS RULES

Class Rules are amended as follows for all club races:

Laser Class: Skippers may change their rig from full to radial sails and vice versa between races.

Sonnet Class: Skippers may sail single handed with their normal rig and may change from single handed to crewed and visa versa between races.

GP14 Class: Skippers may change from crewed to single handed and visa versa between races.

The onus is on Skippers, making use of the above concessions, to inform the Race Committee. Failure to do so may mean the application of the incorrect class rating. The appropriate boat handicap rating (where available) shall be applied for these races.

RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Committee for all scheduled Club Races will be The Rear Commodore (or the Officer of the Month), the Duty Officer for the day and the Race Officer.

LIABILITIES

The Club, organisers and persons running the races do not accept and liability for any damage or loss suffered by competitors.

Rear Commodore

Malcolm Osborne
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