

BALMORAL SAILING CLUB INCORPORATED

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Season 21/22

1. RULES

1.1 The racing will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 For Windsurfers, the only rules that apply from Racing Rules of Sailing -Appendix B Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules, are;

31 TOUCHING A MARK Rule 31.

42 PROPULSION Rule 42 as amended by IWCA rule C.1(b)

44 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT Rule 44.

1.3 Class rules will apply

1.4 Where there is conflict between the Class rules and these sailing instructions, these sailing instructions will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All competitors and crew shall be financial members of Balmoral Sailing Club, or an Australian Sailing affiliated club if sailing an interclub event.

2.2 All competitors will have an Australian Sailing number.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted at Balmoral Sailing Club on the official noticeboard located in the clubhouse upstairs.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard before 12.00 hours on the day it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast located on the North West corner of the Sailing Club

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing is scheduled as detailed in the official club programme.

6.2 Alternative days may be used if races are not completed as scheduled.

6.3 The scheduled time for the Warning signal for the first race is 14.00 hours for races from October – April. The Warning signal for the Sprint Race Series in September and May will be at 13.00 hours.

6.4 For the Spring Point Score, Autumn Point Score and Club Championship days, two races are scheduled for boats sailing the short course and one race is scheduled for boats sailing the long course. The warning signal for the second race will be as soon as practical after the completion of the first race.

6.5 Four races are scheduled for the Sprint race days.

6.6 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the Marathon race is 13.30 hours AEDT.

6.7 No warning signal will be made after 15.30 hours.

7. SAILING AREA

7.1 Racing will be conducted in the area of Hunter Bay and THE SOUND.

7.2 Boats shall pass the Bombora Danger Marks on the seaward side. Failure to observe these marks shall result in disqualification.

7.3 Sailing is not permitted in NAVAL WATERS or in DESIGNATED SECURITY AREAS.

8. COURSES

8.1 The SHORT and LONG courses, the SPRINT Race courses and the Marathon course are displayed on the notice board and website. The diagrams show the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed.

8.2 The LONG Course number will be displayed before the warning signal.

8.3 A green or red flag displayed on the Race Management Boat before the warning signal indicates the direction of rounding the top mark.

8.4 When the Race Committee displays a board with the number 20 prior to the start, all classes will sail the SHORT course.

8.5 If a board with the letters W/L is displayed before or with the warning signal the course for all classes will be the Windward Leeward course of two laps as shown in the Course Diagrams (both marks are rounded to port). The course may be shortened to one lap by signalling with numeral pennant 1 displayed before or with the warning signal.

8.6 Competitors shall not sail through the start/finish line in any direction once they have started unless finishing.

The Race Committee boat and start/finishing mark are marks of the course. On any leg of the course both marks shall be passed to port or both marks shall be passed to starboard unless finishing.

A competitor that breaks this rule shall not correct their error. However, they will be exonerated if they take a One-Turn Penalty (see RRS 44.2).

A competitor that breaks this rule and doesn't take a One-Turn Penalty, will be scored their finishing place plus an additional 3 places for each infringement. This penalty will be imposed without a hearing.

8.7 All courses may be shortened as per Racing Rule 32. With the addition that this will be indicated by a Balmoral Race Management Boat near the mark flying code flag S along with any of the following flags. "LC" meaning the course is shortened for all classes sailing the LONG Course or "SC" meaning the course is shortened for all the classes sailing the SHORT course. If the course is being shortened for only some classes then those class's flag will be flown rather than the "LC" or "SC" flags. The Balmoral Race Management Boat will also make repeated sound signals.

If the course is shortened at the bottom mark (mark 4 or 6), round the mark and go straight to the finish line to finish. If shortened at any other mark, round the mark as required and you will be recorded as finished at that mark.

8.8 The default SHORT course is 2 laps (one figure 8 lap and one Windward/leeward lap). The SHORT course may be shortened to one figure 8 lap by signalling with numeral pennant 1. Or may have an extra lap, signalled by numeral pennant 3. The extra lap can be a figure 8 or windward/leeward as agreed between the Race Officer and the Class Captain for each class.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks for each position will be described at the briefing.

9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a buoy with a staff with an orange flag. (changes race signals)

9.3 The Start line shall be between the nearby starting mark and the Balmoral Sailing Club burgee flying from the small forward mast of the Race Committee boat.

10. THE START

10.1 Multiple sound signals will be made to indicate the start sequence is about to commence for the first class

3 minutes before start - Class Flag up with 1 sound signal

2 minutes before start - P flag up with one sound signal

1 minute before start - P flag down with one sound signal

Start - Class flag down race starts

Next class to start flag is raised simultaneously with starting class's flag removal – sharing one sound signal.

10.2 The starting order will be detailed at the briefing.

10.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made will AVOID the starting area. (50m at either end of the starting line, 50m in front of the starting line and 50m behind the starting line).

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "DID NOT START".

10.5 Recalls, Racing Rule 29.2 is amended as follows:

After a General Recall the fleet that has been recalled will restart 3 minutes after all other classes have started. If the last class to start has a general recall a new warning signal will be made 30 seconds after the general recall flag has been lowered.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and the Balmoral Sailing Club Burgee flying from the small forward mast of the Race Committee boat.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 Time limits for all classes sailing the Short course are 80 minutes or 15 minutes after the first boat in the class finishes, whichever is the shorter. For classes sailing the LONG course the time limit is 120 minutes or 30 minutes after the first boat in the class finishes, whichever is the shorter.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limits will be scored "DID NOT FINISH" without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

13. RACE POSTPONEMENT OR ABANDONMENT

13.1 If wind gusts are greater than 25 knots for 30 secs or wind gusts are 30 knots or above, the committee boat will abandon the race. The safety boats will inform sailors to return to shore.

13.2 The Race Officer can postpone or abandon racing for safety reasons such as but not limited to electrical storms, air quality or poor visibility.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the time limit.

14.2 For each class the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race committee and the Protest Committee and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and rule 62.2.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the location and time of hearings in which they are parties or are named as witnesses.

14.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

14.5 For the purpose of Rule 64.4(b) the "authority responsible" is the measurer appointed by the Class Association.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A / A4 will apply.

15.2 FOUR (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Point Score and Club Championship series. TWO (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Winter and Spring short race series.

15.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When from 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boats series will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When 7 to 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

When 10 to 13 or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.

When 14 to 16 or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her 4 worst scores.

When 17 or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her 5 worst scores.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 All boats intending to race shall SIGN ON with electronic sign on sheet located on the website, www.balmoralsc.com.au no later than 30 minutes before that boat's start time.

16.2 All boats must SIGN OFF with the electronic sign off sheet located on the website www.balmoralsc.com.au no later than 30 minutes after returning to the club. If sailors do not sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat returning to shore they will be scored DSQ for their last race that day without a hearing.

16.3 A PRE-RACE meeting will be conducted for all sailors, in the Clubhouse or in the park, approximately 1 hour before the scheduled start of the race.

17. EQUIPMENT, MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

17.2 All boats shall be fitted with a towing ring of not less than 40mm diameter or a towing fairlead or in some classes crews must be able to demonstrate how to attach a towline to their craft.

17.3 An Approved Personal Flotation Device is to be worn at all times while afloat as per RRS 40.1.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS.

Official boats will display the Club Burgee. When on station at the start or finish line, the Race committee vessel will display an orange flag from the flag mast.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

19.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to Mobile Phones.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as determined by the Race Committee.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the sailing events organised by Balmoral Sailing Club entirely at their own risk. (See RRS rule 4) They realise and accept that sailing is a strenuous activity and understand the risks involved in outdoor and on water activities. 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 any event organised by Balmoral Sailing Club.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party personal and property liability insurance with a minimum cover of **ten** million dollars. The race committee reserves the right to sight evidence that a boat's insurance is current at any time.