

# Claremont Yacht Club

## Dinghy Sailing Instructions 2007/2008 Claremont Yacht Club, Victoria Avenue, Claremont

### 1. Rules

The race will be governed by the 2005-2008. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the AYF, the rules of the participating Classes, (except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions). And by starting Competitors are deemed to comply with RRS Part 1.

### 2. Entries

Eligible boats may enter by completing sign on forms in the Club Lower Deck. Entry is open to all dinghy classes by prior nomination arrangement with the organising authority.

### 3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the Lower Deck at Claremont Yacht Club.

### 4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day of racing.

### 5. Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole adjacent to the main jetty of Claremont Yacht Club.
- 5.2 Flag "AP", with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means- "The race is postponed". All competitors shall stay ashore until advised by the Race committee. The Warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

### 6 Schedule of Race

- 6.1 Time of warning signal 1000
- 6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1145 on the day of racing.

### 7 Class Flags

**Laser:** Full rig/Radial/4.7. White background with red Laser emblem. If numbers are sufficient Lasers Radial and 4.7 may have their own start. (Refer point 4 sailing instructions). If so then following flag will be used. Radial and 4.7: red background with white laser emblem.

**Mirror:** White background with black Mirror emblem.

### 8 Racing Areas

The racing area will be on Freshwater Bay, in the vicinity of Karrakatta Bank.

### 9 The Course

- 9.1 The course sheet shows the course including the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course sheets are located in the Lower Deck of Claremont Yacht Club.
- 9.2 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be pink ball buoys with netting covering for LASER/MIRRO/420 and Yellow ball buoys with netting covering for the OPPY fleet. These will be set inside the pink buoys.
- 9.3 New marks when used in accordance with Instruction 13, Change of Course After the Start, will be white pins with yellow flags or as directed by race Officers.
- 9.4 The port end starting and finishing mark will be a white pin with a yellow flag or the club start mark.
- 9.5 Shortened Course.  
When code flag 'S' is displayed from a committee boat near to a rounding mark, boats shall leave that on the required side and proceed directly to the finishing line, or if committee boat is on station, then finishing line will be between past and rounding mark .
- 9.6 Line in Use.  
When an orange rectangular "line in use" flag is displayed from the mast of a start boat it signifies that the respective starting or finishing line is in use. This rule does not apply during the period from the boats 'warning signal' until she is clear of the starting area after starting, or when finishing.

### 10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started using Rule 26, classes will be combined to start in order of Laser Full and Radial, Mirror and Laser 4.7, then Oppy. If class sizes permit and as directed by the Race Officer on the day the order will be 420, Laser Full, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Mirror and Oppy
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark. A buoy may be attached to the stern of the Race Committee boat, either directly secured or floated on a short line. Such buoy and its line shall form part of the starting boat for the purposes of Rule 31, Touching a Mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Warning Signal has been made.
- 10.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal.

- 10.5 Individual recall. RRS 29.1 apply Flag 'X'  
10.6 General Recall. RRS 29.2 apply Flag 1st substitute.

### 11 Alternative Penalties

720 ° turns penalty: RRS Rule 44.2 applies. For Club Windward Series only a 360° turn applies

### 12 Handicap Start Procedures

- 12.1 Handicap Start:  
All Handicap Start Races will be started on the drop of a number defined as when the number disappears from sight, (eg: when 28 replaces 29, then: that is the drop of 29).
- 12.2 Start Times:  
Individual boat start times will be posted on the club's notice board at least 30 minutes prior to race start.
- 12.3 Warning:  
The warning signal will be made 5 minutes prior to the start.
- 12.4 Preparatory:  
The preparatory signal will be made 4 minutes prior to the start.
- 12.5 Start: a) The starting signal will be one sound signal and the limit number will be displayed. 60 seconds later the limit number will be dropped. The first designated boat will start and subsequent boats will start at the drop of their listed numbers.  
b) At 60 second intervals numbers counting down from the limit number to 0 will drop.
- 12.6 Recalls and Premature Starts:  
No recall signals will be made. This changes Rule 29.2. Premature starters which do not return will be scored "did not start" except those whose premature start is within one minute will be given a penalty of 5 minutes on their elapsed time.

NOTE: START ON THE DROP OF YOUR NUMBER

### 13 Change of Course after the Start

A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be re-located to maintain the original course configuration.

### 14 The Finish

The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the port-end finishing mark. All boats must sign off at the end of a sessions racing. Boats not signed off will be recorded as "Did Not Finish".

### 15 Boats Retiring

Boats retiring shall notify a committee boat or a Race Official as soon as possible. Boats failing to give notice may be disqualified at the discretion of the Protest committee.

### 16 Time Limit

The time limit will be 2 hours for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finish or within the time limit, which ever is later, will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rule 35.

### 17 Protests

- 17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available and delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last boats finish.
- 17.2 All protest will under go mediation in accordance to the Claremont Yacht club Sailing Instructions. And RRS 61.
- 17.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 17.4 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness.
- 17.5 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

### 18 Scoring

The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply to all club championships and windward series races. High point score to apply to consistency trophy.

### 19 Responsibilities

- 19.1 All those taking part in racing at Claremont Yacht Club do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 19.2 The organising authority, any of its committees and the host club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 19.3 Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

### 20 Safety

All skippers and crew must wear approved buoyancy vests. All boats shall comply with the requirements of the AYF special requirements. YA SR part 2 and RRS 40.1.

In the event of strong winds or thunderstorms the Race Committee at their discretion may order part or all of the racing fleet ashore. All skippers shall obey such an order immediately.

### 21 Prizes

Pennants will be awarded to each member of the crews placing fastest, first, second and third. Should there be less than 3 boats finish the race only a fastest and first place pennant will be awarded.

### 22 Coaching

The club coach and or any other appointed person by the race committee can give advice to some, any or all competitors is a class. This will not be regarded as a breach of RRS 41.