



AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION Inc.
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Adelaide 2010
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 (HMS) 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 races, RRS A4.2 shall apply.
- 3.4 For multi heat races HMS shall apply with the exception that the maximum number of boats per heat as stated in HMS 1.1(a) is changed to 24. Schedules A, B and C shall be extended to suit.
- 3.5 For 2 heat races, 4 boat promotion shall apply.
- 3.6 There is no maximum number of races. This changes RRS J2.1(9). A minimum of 5 races is required to determine each championship.
- 3.7 Where more than 1 heat is required, seeding for race 1 shall be based on the ARYA Ranking System, non-ranked entrants shall be seeded in accordance with their most recent known performances.
- 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 discard
 - After 8 races have been completed: Two discards
 - After 16 races have been completed: Three discards
 - And so on for every 8 races completed.
- 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 favor 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 favor 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 to these 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.

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. It shall be signaled by two sound signals followed by the hail "shortened course" 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 only.
- 6.2 Details of the launch and control areas will be clearly marked on the course board.
- 6.3 Under no circumstances shall any competitor step on the rock bank or concrete terraces.

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. RRS E4.5(a) does not apply.
- 7.2 Only authorized persons shall operate the rescue dinghy. Wearing of PFD is mandatory

8. Race Starts

- 8.1 Following a general recall, RRS 30.1 shall apply to a restart.
- 8.2 When a call is made by a member of the race committee stating the time to a race start this is the time to the actual race start signal and not the time till the device playing the starting sequence is started.
- 8.3 For schedule of racing times see the Notice of Race for these championships.

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

- 9.1 Racing times shall be as advised in the Notice of Race. Racing may finish earlier than advertised in the N.o.R. depending on conditions such as sun glare, heat, wind strength etc.
- 9.2 Except as provided in HMS 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 racing, the time out limit shall be extended until only four (4) boats are racing, at which point they shall be recorded in accordance with SI 9.4(i).

10. Touching Marks

- 10.1 RRS 31 is replaced by; While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing* unless she is forced to do so by a boat required to give her *mark room*.

11. Protests

- 11.1 In RRS E5.3, the sentence beginning; "A boat..." is replaced by; "A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee within 5 minutes of the end of the heat and prior to the warning signal for the next heat."
- 11.2 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) Protest Mediation (Appendix A to the AYRA standard SI's) will apply to this event.

12. Conduct

- 12.1 The Australian Radio Yachting Association Inc. recognizes that major events offer considerable publicity opportunities to the Association and the sport generally. Competitor behavior can impact unfavorably on the sport and all competitors.
- 12.2 Behavior by a competitor that is in breach of good manners or sportsmanship or which may bring the sport into disrepute shall result in a hearing in accordance with RRS 69.1. **or....**
- 12.3 The RO may offer a competitor a two turns on the spot penalty to avoid going to protest as per 11.2. However the RO is not obliged to make this offer nor is a competitor obliged to accept it in which case a protest hearing shall proceed.

13. Smoking

- 13.1 Smoking is prohibited within the control area from briefing time until the end of the last heat of each day and within any enclosed space including shade structures at any time.