



# Australian Sailing & Cruising Club Inc.

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## GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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These Sailing Instructions apply for all Australian Sailing and Cruising Club (ASCC) races in the 2009-2010 season, and later if so specified in the Notice of Race.

### **1 Rules**

The races will be governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012" (RRS), as modified by these Sailing Instructions and any subsequent Supplementary Instructions.

The races are designated Category 7. Yachts entering these races shall as a minimum, satisfy the safety requirements of the Waterways Authority. The ASCC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, or for the adequacy of its equipment.

Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

### **2 Entries**

Entries will be accepted from members of the ASCC who are YA members, or any other AYF member. The ASCC reserves the right to refuse an entry.

### **3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices will be issued to competitors by mail, email or by hand on or before the Wednesday before the start of any race to which they apply.

### **4 Changes in Sailing Instructions.**

Any changes in Sailing Instructions will be notified in the same manner as will be "Notices" or by any Supplementary Race Instructions.

Oral changes may be given on the water by mobile phone contact with all competitors.

### **5 Schedule of Events.**

The schedule of races is:

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time of Warning Signal</u>
Spring Series	Race 1	Sep 6	11.55
	Race 2	Sep 20	11.55
	Race 3	Oct 18	11.55
	Race 4	Nov 8	11.55
	Race 5	Nov 22	11.55
	Race 6	Dec 6	11.55
Summer Series	Race 1	Jan 24	11:55
	Race 2	Feb 7	11:55
	Race 3	Mar 14	11:55
	Race 4	Apr 11	11:55
	Race 5	May 2	11:55
	Race 6	May 16	11:55
Winter Series	Race 1	Aug 14	10:55
	Race 2	Aug 14	13:55 (1)
	Race 3	Aug 21	10:55
	Race 4	Aug 21	13:55 (1)

(1) If all competitors present agree, and wind conditions are suitable, the start time may be adjusted to an earlier time.

Postponement or abandonment shall be in accordance with RRS Rule 27.3. Races postponed or abandoned for the day may be sailed on a later date to be advised.

## 6 Starting and Finishing Lines

Refer to ASCC 2009-2010 Sailing Season Location of Rounding Marks.

The Start line shall be between the Committee boat and the mark indicated crossing in the direction of the first mark. The Finishing line shall be between the Committee boat and the mark indicated crossing in the direction from the last mark.

Course	Wind	Start Line	Finish Line
Course A	N & NE Winds	Chowder Bay (CB)	Taylor Bay (TB)
Course B	S & SE Winds	Taylor Bay (TB)	Rose Bay YA Mark (RB)
Course C	SW Winds	Athol Pancake (AP)	Orange Naval Buoy (ONB)
Course D	W Winds	Athol Pancake (AP)	Athol Pancake (AP)
Course E	E Winds	Taylor Bay (TB)	Rose Bay YA Mark (RB)

## 7 Courses

All marks are rounded to starboard unless otherwise indicated. (P) denotes port hand rounding.

Course A	Start CB	BB	ONB	CB	SM *	ONB	Finish TB
Course B	Start TB	SM (P)	OB	SM	ONB *	CB	Finish RB
Course C	Start AP	ONB (P)	BB	ONB *	SM		Finish ONB
Course D	Start AP	FD (P)	NP	ONB (P) *	SM (P)		Finish AP
Course E	Start TB	EC	FD	SM *	ONB		Finish RB

\* Shortened Course Mark

The course to be sailed for each race will be nominated by a code flag (A, B, C, D or E), displayed on the Committee boat before the 5 minute signal and will continue to be displayed throughout the starting sequence.

If the Committee boat is not available, the course will be disseminated in some other fashion.

The committee boat shall notify all competitors of the Starting line location by SMS or other method, before the 5 minute warning signal.

## 8 Shortening Course

The course may be shortened to finish at any mark. In such cases, the Committee Boat will be on station near the relevant mark and will display code flag S. Attention may be drawn by a sound signal. In such cases the finishing line shall be between the mark of the course and the Committee Boat.

In the event of no Committee Boat, the Vice Commodore or Senior officer present will display code flag S from the backstay before the 5 minute signal and throughout the race. The course shall be shortened at the mark indicated with an asterisk \*.

## 9 The Start

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes before Start
Warning	Class Flag raised	1 Sound	5
Preparatory	P Flag raised	1 sound	4
One Minute	P Flag removed	1 long sound	1
Starting	Class Flag removed	1 sound	0

## 10 Recalls

Recalls: Any premature starter failing to return and start correctly will be subject to a 5.0 minute penalty on elapsed time but if their start is more than one minute premature they shall be ranked as a DNF (non-finisher).

## **11 Retiring.**

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Committee Boat at the time she withdraws. If there is no Committee Boat on the day, then they shall notify the Vice Commodore by SMS or phone ASAP.

## **12 Time Limit.**

The time limit for all races will be 3 hours after the later scheduled start. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS rule 35.

## **13 Protests.**

Protests shall be on a form available from the Committees boat, website and Secretary and shall be lodged with the Secretary by 5.00pm on the Wednesday following the relevant race. Protests involving a rule of Part 2 must be lodged with a \$10 fee, and any other protest must be lodged with a \$50 fee. If a protest is withdrawn, the fee shall be donated by the Club to the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation. The protest hearing will be at 1930 on the Thursday following the race, at a location to be advised to all parties.

## **14 Scoring**

The Low Point Scoring System, Rule A4.1, will apply, with one discard allowed in each of the Winter, Spring and Summer Series. In the Combined Series, all races shall count.

Series entrants not starting in any race, score two more points than the number of entrants. Series entrants starting but not finishing in any race, score two more points than the number of finishers.

## **15 Prizes**

Trophies for First, Second, and Third in the Spring; Summer and Combined Series will be awarded at the Annual Dinner.

## **16 Insurances**

All owners of vessels competing in ASCC events must hold adequate current Third Party Property Liability insurance cover and Third Party Personal Liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for each separate incident. Furthermore, all owners are to ensure their vessel's insurance fulfils this requirement whilst under racing conditions.

Participants are also advised that although ASCC is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Yachting NSW.

## **17 Extras**

### *17.1 Use of spinnaker*

Boats intending to use a spinnaker may notify the Committee Boat before the start of each race. If they so notify the Committee Boat they will be incur a 1% handicap penalty for that race, whereas boats that use a spinnaker without notifying the Committee Boat before the start, will incur a 4% penalty for that race. These penalties are multipliers, not additions i.e. if a boat's handicap was 0.75, and carried a spinnaker without notification, then the resultant handicap for that race would be 0.78 ( $0.75 * 1.04$ ), NOT 0.79 ( $0.75 + 0.04$ ).

### *17.2 Towing a dinghy*

Boats towing a dinghy are requested to tie the dinghy to the committee before the start of a race. In the absence of the committee boat, a competitor towing a dinghy will receive a 4% credit for that race. That is, the allocated handicap multiplied by 0.96.

Competitors will not receive a credit for towing a dinghy if the committee boat is present.