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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ALL CLUB RACING - 2021 TO 2024

Organising Authority is the *Jervis Bay Sailing Club Incorporated.*
Callala Bay NSW 2540

The Jervis Bay Sailing Club (JBSC) as the Organising Authority, invite you and your crew to compete in all club racing conducted by the Organising Authority from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2024.

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- b. The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS).
- c. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – For off the beach boats will apply.
- d. RRS Appendix T, “Arbitration”, will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & RACE HEADQUARTERS

- a. Race headquarters will be the Callala Junior Sailing School clubhouse. Notices (both verbal and written) relevant to the days racing will be displayed on the notice board, however other notices may be posted on the club’s web site from time to time.
- b. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before on the club’s web site. Every effort will be made to contact all potential competitors via text messages on the day before the race if a scheduled race is cancelled due to weather conditions or for other reasons.
- c. Races shall be cancelled in the event of a BOM Gale Warning within or near the race window for the Illawarra Region. A strong wind warning will trigger special considerations for whether the race should be run on that day.

- d. If there is adverse conditions course, the race set down for that day may be abandoned or postponed at the discretion of the race committee and will generally be declared not before 9.00 am on race day.
- e. The final decision to run the race when conditions are doubtful or risky will be made by the officer of the day after discussion at the Briefing before the race. Races will be cancelled in the event of a Gale Warning for the day in the Illawarra region by the BOM.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than one hour before the applicable race, on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before on the club's web site.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flag mast located in the rigging area near Race Headquarters.
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. RACE SCHEDULE

- a. Races are scheduled on most Saturdays throughout the year, generally from early October until the end of May. The club also conducts a Winter Series (June to September), with races schedule for the first Saturday of each month. Several practice races are held in September as warm-up races prior to the start of the season.
- b. Registration will be by signing onto the "sign-on/sign off sheet" at race headquarters.
- c. There will be a briefing each race day for competitors prior to the race start time. On days where multiple races are scheduled, there will be only one briefing.
- d. The annual club race schedule shall be published on the JBSC's web site and may be amended from time to time by the committee.
- e. First Warning signal will not before 1330 hours on the date of racing and no later than 1600 hours during annual daylight-saving periods and not before 1230 hours on the date of racing and no later than 1500 hours during annual non-daylight-saving periods.

6. WARNING SIGNAL

The warning signal flag is a yellow square flag.

Three minute and handicap start procedures may be adopted by the Organising Authority and will be declared at the skippers briefing.

This changes Rule 26.

7. COURSE AREA

Racing will be conducted on the northern end of Jervis Bay on the waters known as Hare Bay -see Appendix A.

8. COURSES

- a. Typical course diagrams are in **Appendix A**, the order in which marks are to be passed, All marks shall be passed on Port tack unless otherwise advised.
- b. Courses are published on the web page.
- c. Course of the day may be a variation to those typical courses described in Appendix 1 and will be declared at the daily skippers briefing if altered.

9. MARKS

- a. All course marks will be inflatable yellow pyramid buoys.
- b. The starting mark will be danbuoy flying an orange flag.
- c. The finish mark will be a danbuoy flying an orange flag.

10 THE START

- a. The starting line will be between the flag staff on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and the port end starting mark.
- b. A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.
- c. The Race Committee vessel may hold its position by using engines. Any effects will not be grounds for granting redress. This alters RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- d. Unmanned starts (**Gate Start**). If the club committee boat is not "On Duty" then a "Gate Start" may be used. In this case only one mark shall be used at the nominated start, and it will form the port end (pin end) of the start line.

At the time of the warning signal the nominated "gate boat" shall round the nominated start mark twice (720-degree turn) signifying the start is now beginning. The gate boat shall then remain on port course for one minute. After tacking it shall return to the nominated start mark and round it to port. The "gate boat" may make a rounding as large as necessary to allow it to return to the nominated start mark at speed with sails trimmed on. After passing the nominated start mark to port the gate boat shall come on a close-hauled course as soon as possible. This signals the start of the race.

The gate boat shall remain on Port tack for at least (1) one minute, but no more than (2) two minutes at which time it must come head to wind or tack. This signals the end of the start line. All other boats must NOT interfere with the gate boat or call "starboard" on it even though it is on port tack, until the gate boat goes head to wind at the end of the start line.

To start, all other boats must cross the stern wash of the gate boat between the nominated start mark and the gate boat's position when she goes head to wind or tacks. The race time starts when the gate boat passes the nominated start mark.

This changes Rule 26

11 CHANGE OF MARK POSITION

- a. To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark before any competitor starts the leg of that mark.
- b. No sound signals or notification will be given providing the original course configuration is generally maintained.

12 THE FINISH

- a. The finishing line will be between the flag displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.
- b. The Race Committee vessel may hold its position by using its engines. Any effects will not be grounds for granting redress. This alters RRS60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- c. Shorten Course shall be between the committee boat flying Code flag "S" and any course mark.

13 LONE STARTER.

Should one boat appear at the start, she will be entitled to sail the course and thereafter, be declared the winner of that race.

14 TIME LIMIT

- a. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 150 minutes
- b. The time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1 will be 30 minutes.
- c. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35, A4 and A5.
- d. Unmanned Finish line. If, after completing the required proper course, there is no Race Committee boat "On Station", then the competing boat shall pass the finish mark on starboard (in the direction from the last mark) and within 3 boat lengths of the finish mark. Her finish time shall be taken when any part of her hull, crew, or equipment in its normal position for that point of sailing passes the finish mark at 90 degrees to the straightest line to the previous mark. When there is no Race Committee finish boat, a competitor needs to record her own elapsed time and the names of the boats finishing in front and behind her if possible. This recorded information shall be handed to the Race Committee once ashore.

15 PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- a. Protest forms are available at Race Headquarters. Protests shall be delivered there within one hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to requests for redress. The protest time limit for all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee will be 90 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. This changes RRS 62.2. The Protest Time limit will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.
- b. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after a protest has been lodged, but not later than thirty minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The posting of such a notice shall be notification to the parties for the purpose of RRS 63.2. Hearings will be held at Race Headquarters. It is intended that protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. Parties and witnesses are required to be in the vicinity of the Protest Room at the time stated on the Protest Schedule notice.
- c. On the last race day of the race series, a request for reopening a hearing shall be lodged within the time limit for protests if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This alters RRS 66.

16 SCORING

- a. For the Annual Race Series, 75% of all races held shall count (rounded down) for financial club members only. Visitors race points will count for the single day event only and will not accrue for Annual Series results until the skipper becomes a full club member.
- b. In the event that a competitor fails to sail the minimum number of races that count in each series, they will score one or more DNS scores (zero points) to tally up the finalised placings at the end of any annual series.
- c. When a skipper is rostered on for Committee Boat Duty, that competitor will score average points for all the races sailed by that skipper for that annual series in which that duty has been served.
- d. The club welcomes visitors, but their results for the day are not included in the club's annual race results and are only declared on individual race day results. However, if a visitor elects to join the JBSC, then those past race results will be recovered for the annual series results.
- e. Visiting skippers are only permitted to sail three races per season before they will be required to join the club.
- f. The competitor will have the latest official AS Yardstick for that boats design applied for the Championship and Sprint series, or nearest estimate for classes are not listed.
- g. The club endeavors to provide appropriate Handicaps for visitors in the Point-score races.
- h. Regular visitors have handicaps that are adjusted and printed on the Handicap Sheets

- i. JBSC uses its own scoring system which is described in the Sailing Instructions. Competitors get more points for higher placings. The scores depend on the number of starters. Points are assigned using a look-up table. DNS and DSQ are assigned zero points. DNF gets the points for a position of one plus the number of starters in the race.
- j. Rule 90 shall apply to all race results, including Rule 90.3.b – Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE) result.

17. CLASS YARDSTICK / HANDICAP APPLICATION

Championship and Sprints

Positions in the Championship and Sprints races are determined after applying the latest published Australian Sailing class yardstick rating or the nearest estimate if classes are not listed. This includes adjustments for sail size configurations. For example, there is a different yardstick for Laser Full rig and Laser Radial Rig.

Competitors may ask for details of the yardstick applied for their class, or to seek clarification of potential errors in the results. However, the committee's final decision cannot be appealed.

Pointscore

A club handicap system is applied based on the competitors' past performances and adjusted accordingly throughout the annual series. It is a staggered start system, with each competitor assigned a minutes-advantage-handicap for the race. The handicaps are adjusted after each race with penalties applied for first, second and third places. Details of the system are described on the website and may change from time to time. Further details about the system can be obtained on application to the committee. The committee reserves the right to review a handicap if it is identified that the handicap being applied is not in the spirit of fair racing. The competitor affected will be informed of the change. There is no appeal for this decision. A competitor may ask for a review at any time, which will be considered by the committee. The staggered start handicaps for each competitor are posted on the website and club notice board prior to each race.

18. GARBAGE & WASTE.

No article of any description, including food scraps, shall be jettisoned, or allowed to fall from any boat before, during or after racing in all areas of the Jervis Bay Marine Parks.

19. SAFETY

- a. Each skipper is required to sign-on prior to launching each day and sign off before the end of protest time on the sign on/off sheets located at race headquarters.
- b. Boats which fail to sign-on or sign-off will receive a DSQ for all races of that day.
- c. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS

Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres outside racing lay lines from the time of the preparatory signal until the finish of the last boat in a race, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with this Instruction may result in action being taken against the support personnel and/or any boats supported by them, however special dispensation can be obtained from the committee to provide close approach coaching for junior development purposes during racing.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- a. Any boat, equipment or crew shall be compliant with the applicable design class rules to be eligible to compete.
- b. Competing boats shall be made available for inspection or measurement by the Official Measurer or his/her representative at any time or a Committee Member at any time.

22. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising which, if required, will be supplied by the Organising authority.

23. RADIO AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race.

25. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Blue Book Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 race.

26. RISK WARNING

This risk warning is issued jointly by JBSC and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002, to all persons wishing to participate in any JBSC club racing. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- the extremes of weather and sea conditions,
- the potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels,

- the sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that the participants may fall or be thrown overboard resulting in drowning,
- the possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel
- the absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available,
- exposure to the elements for extended periods.

The JBSC and NSW Maritime also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who may be in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event. Participants are advised that although JBSC is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover does not extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a Sailing Club affiliated with Australian Sailing entitles you to personal insurance cover through that Australian Sailing membership.

It is the competitor's decision to enter any race or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the race is at their exclusive risk in every respect. The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the regatta or how so ever arising in connection with the event.

See RRS Fundamental Rule 4- Decision to Race.

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

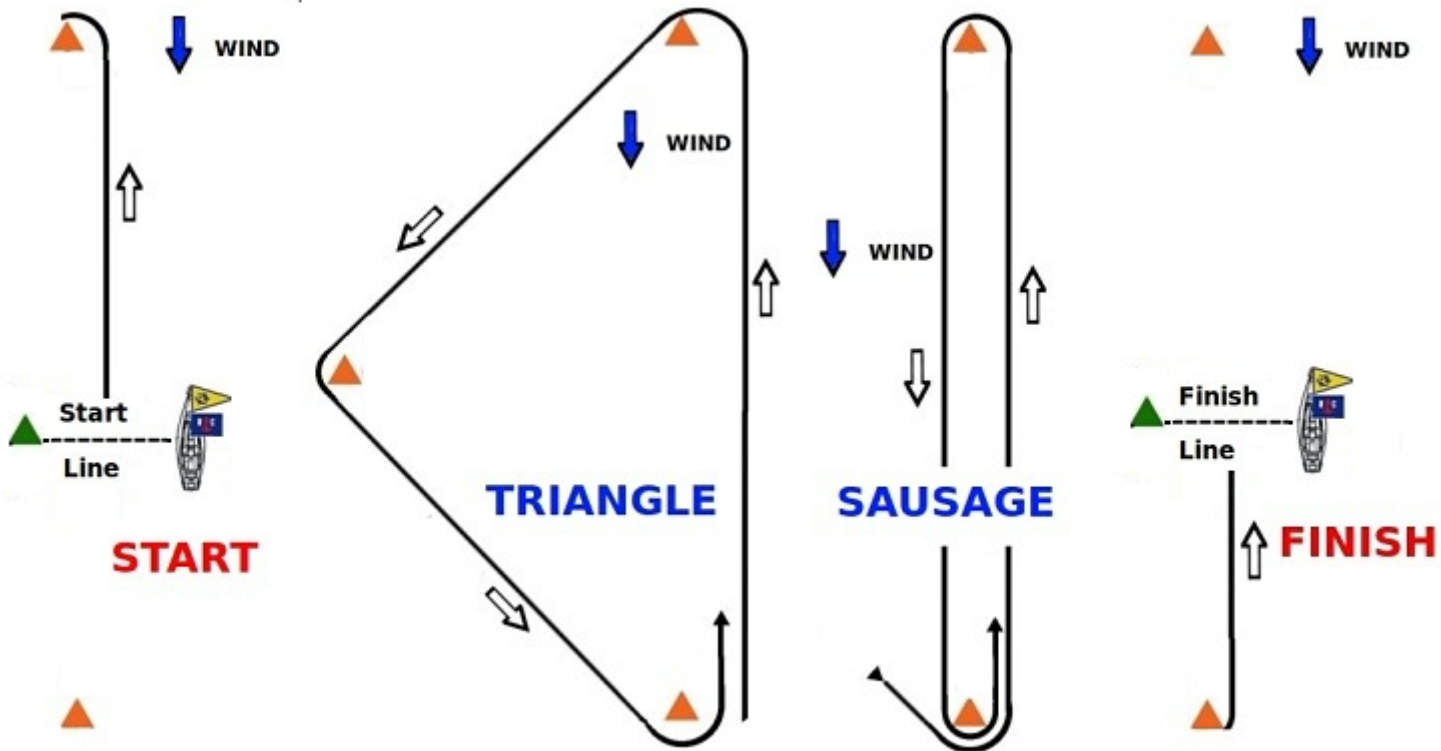
27. INSURANCE

A boat and its crew shall comply with the insurance requirements of the Notice of Race – clause 16.

28. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, radio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue.

APPENDIX A



The Club runs three series throughout the season using various courses:

Common Courses - Olympic Triangle with **Port** rounding's as shown in diagram).

Championship (scratch start)

=> **Start-Triangle-Sausage-Triangle-Finish**

Sprint (scratch start, several races back-to-back each day after Championship)

=> **Start-Triangle-Sausage-Finish**

Point score (handicap start - minutes advantage)

=> **Start-Triangle-Sausage-Triangle-Sausage-Finish**

Note: Any long-term changes in the courses will be posted on the website. Course changes on the day of racing will be notified at the briefing.

RACING AREA

