



# Sailing Instructions

2011 VICTORIAN MINNOW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sorrento, Victoria

5/6 March, 2011

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club (SSCBC)

in conjunction with

Minnow Sailing Association

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia will apply.
- 1.3. The Minnow Class rules will apply.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located under the deck of the clubhouse.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes before the scheduled start time of first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole situated to the east of the clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| Date                           | Race                                     | First Warning Signal |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March | Registration, measurement and inspection | 0800-1100            |
|                                | Information session                      | 1130                 |
|                                | Session 1                                | 1400                 |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March   | Session 2                                | 1000                 |
|                                | Presentation                             | o/c racing           |

Table 1

- 5.1. Race sessions will consist of up to four races back-to-back.
- 5.2. A maximum of seven races shall be conducted.
- 5.3. After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound on the Race Committee start boat for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1600.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flag will be the Minnow class flag.

### 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of SSCBC.

### 8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3p and 3s will be yellow cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2. A new mark, as provided in SI 11.1, will be a black conical mark.
- 9.3. The starting marks will be a Race Committee boat at either end. The finishing marks will be a committee boat at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end.
- 9.4. A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 11.2

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at either end.
- 10.3. A clearance buoy may be streamed from the stern of the Race Committee start boat. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Race Committee start boat at any time.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing mark) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and a black and white checkered cylindrical buoy at the port end.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1. The target time and time limit are 45 minutes and 70 minutes respectively.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.
- 13.3. When boats fail to finish in accordance with SI 13.2, the Race Committee may allocate them score points on the basis of their rounding position at the last mark and instruct them to go directly to the next start, or return to shore as the case may be.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. Protest forms will be available from the SSCBC Control Room. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located adjacent to the Control Room, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5. Breaches of Instructions 16, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this Instruction will be 'DPI'.
- 14.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

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- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day
- This changes Rule 66.

- 14.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 66.

### **15. SCORING**

- 15.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score ("one drop").

### **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1. For each race or race session each boat intending to race shall personally sign-on in the area below the club deck prior to the warning signal of the race or race session, and shall sign-off as soon as practicable upon returning to shore, but no later than the end of protest time for that day. Failure to comply with this Instruction may result in a boat being protested by the Race Committee.
- 16.2. All competitors shall wear whilst racing, personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by Yachting Australia. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2.
- 16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore and before the end of the protest time limit.
- 16.4. Boats retiring from racing in accordance with Instruction 16.3 shall complete a retirement declaration form at the race office before the end of the protest time limit.

### **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

### **19. ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display advertising material supplied the Organising Authority

### **20. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will fly the SSCBC burgee.

### **21. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1. 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 retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.2. During any start sequence support boats shall stay at least 100 metres below the starting line and its extensions.

## **22. ELECTRONIC TRACKING EQUIPMENT**

- 22.1. Boats may be required to carry electronic tracking equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 22.2. The following procedure shall be followed:
  - 22.2.1. A list of boats required to carry electronic equipment will be posted on the official notice board before 1800 hours on the day before they are required to be carried.
  - 22.2.2. Each race day the skipper of each boat specified shall personally collect their electronic equipment at the registration desk before leaving shore to race.
  - 22.2.3. The electronic equipment will be made available at the registration desk from two hours before the scheduled time of the first warning signal and up to the starting signal of the first race of the day.
  - 22.2.4. When returning ashore after racing, the skipper shall personally return the electronic equipment to the registration desk. The opportunity to return electronic equipment will be available up to the expiry of the protest time limit.

## **23. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **24. BOAT STORAGE**

Boat storage is available on the beach in front of the club. Boats are not to be stored on the hard stand.

## **25. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

## **26. RACE RESULTS**

- 26.1. Race results will be posted on the official notice board as they are finalised. Final results will be posted on the Club web site ([www.sscbc.com.au/results](http://www.sscbc.com.au/results)).
- 26.2. Where mark roundings are posted they are indicative only, and are not included in results.

## **27. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 28.1. Competitors who participate in SSCBC races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 28.2. The Minnow Sailing Association and SSCBC, its officers, officials, members, servants and agents accept no liability with respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of competitors' participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

## **29. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of A\$5 million (recommended A\$10 million) per event.

## **ATTACHMENT**

1. Course Diagram

**COURSE DIAGRAM**

Course 1 Start – 1 – 2 – 3s – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish

Course 2 Start – 1 – 2 – 3s – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish

