

THE CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF WA (INC.)  
**CATALPA CLASSIC**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Saturday 16th November 2013**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Boats complying in all respects with their particular class rules may race, either as a class or in a mixed fleet, wholly within the rules of that class unless otherwise prescribed in these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10M for any one incident. By taking part in a race or event, owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

**2. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 To be eligible for points placing, all boats will be of a monohull design and conform to Category 6 as defined by YA Special Regulations, Part 1 for Racing Boats.
- 2.2 All boats shall be on the boat register of a member club and have submitted a current club Safety Declaration to their division or class representative prior to the start time, except that any visiting boat may participate in races with prior permission of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 All boats shall comply with the requirements of AYF Addendum A of the RRS.
- 2.4 All boats shall prominently display their respective division or class flag as prescribed in Sailing Instruction 7.1 or as posted by the Race Committee on the Sailing Notice Board except that boats competing in single class fleets or mixed class fleets may instead display their class emblem or insignia on their mainsail.

**3. SIGN ON AND NOMINATION**

- 3.1 The Person in Charge or a delegate shall **clearly print** and complete all fields on the nomination form not less than 1 hour before the start time of the race. That person shall indicate on the sign on sheet whether they intend to start at the earlier time or the later time as described in 10.1.

- 3.2 If the Person in Charge is not the designated Helmsperson, the name of the Helmsperson shall also be **clearly printed** on the Nomination form.

#### **4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Sailing Notice Board located in the northeast corner of the ground floor lounge.

#### **5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the start of the race.

#### **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at TCYC flagstaff in the front lawn area.

#### **7. DIVISION AND CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 Boats should fly their usual flag as per their current division at their member club as follows:

**Division 0 - Naval Numeral Number 0**

**Division 1 - Naval Numeral Number 1**

**Division 2 - Naval Numeral Number 2**

**Division 3 - Naval Numeral Number 3**

**Division 4 - Naval Numeral Number 4**

**Division 5 - Naval Numeral Number 5**

**Division 6 - Naval Numeral Number 6**

#### **8. RACING COURSE**

- 8.1 The course will be as per 8.2 unless stated otherwise at the Pre Race Sailing Brief.

- 8.2 **A.** Start Line as per 10.2

**B.** Leave Southern Flats Eastern Cardinal Marker to port

**C.** Leave FSC Mark "H" to Starboard, (32° 06.700'S 115°42.250'E)

**D.** Leave FSC Mark "S" to Starboard, (32° 05.127'S 115°41.789'E)

**E.** Finish Line - Imaginary line between FSC Committee Boat staff (as the port end) and FSC Mark "L" (32° 03.800'S 115°43.500'E)

## 9. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 9.1 Particular care shall be exercised in the following areas:  
(a) At the entrance to Fremantle Harbour  
(b) At the Northern Entrance to and in the Cockburn Sound Channel
- 9.2 Penalty  
If the Fremantle Ports lodge a formal complaint with YWA, TCYC or FSC that a boat has failed to keep clear, the race committee shall lodge a protest. RRS 61 is amended such that a hearing shall be conducted. The penalty for such an infringement is disqualification.
- 9.3 Damaging a Mark  
Any boat damaging a Fremantle Ports or DPI mark shall notify race control immediately and may be responsible for the cost of its repair.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1 The start will commence between 1400hrs and 1430hrs or as per the Race Brief. Slower boats representing the escaping Fenians will start at this time and faster boats, representing the chasing WA authorities, will start 15 minutes later.
- 10.2 The Class flag for the fleet starting first shall be:  
**Naval Numeral Number 3**
- The Class flag for the fleet starting second shall be:  
**Naval Numeral Number 1**
- 10.3 The start line shall be an imaginary line between an Orange flag displayed on the staff of the Race Committee boat and the port end Starting Mark.
- 10.4 A clearance buoy may be attached by a line from the Race Committee Vessel and must be left to Starboard. The penalty for hitting this buoy is in accordance with R.R.S Rule 31.
- 10.5 Any change to the starting line shall be posted on the Sailing Notice Board and as per the pre Race Sailing Brief.
- 10.6 The race will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal for those boats choosing to start first. This process will be repeated 15 minutes later for those boats choosing to start second.
- 10.7 The starting line will be an imaginary line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the port end starting mark. Any change to the starting line shall be posted on the sailing notice board.
- 10.8 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for preceding races.

10.9 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **11. ABANDONMENT/ POSTPONEMENT of a race due to strong winds**

11.1 Strong winds – on days of strong winds the following procedures will be carried out to determine whether a race is to be postponed or abandoned.

11.2 Prior to leaving the jetty the Start Team shall check the wind speed using an appropriate anemometer. Should the reading average over 25 knots over a 1-minute interval, the race will be postponed or abandoned and the appropriate flags flown from the flagstaff on the lawn area.

11.3 Prior to raising the “On Station” flag the wind speed will be checked on the start boat whilst positioned at or near the start line. Should the recording average over 25 knots over a 1-minute interval the race will be postponed or abandoned and the appropriate flags flown from the start boat. Flags may also be flown from the flagstaff on the lawn area.

## **12. TIME LIMIT**

12.1 The time limit for all divisions is 1800 hrs or as per pre Race Sailing Brief.

## **13. PROTESTS**

13.1 Protests shall be submitted on the correct forms and submitted to a TCYC race official not later than 1 hour after the finish of the last boat.

13.2 For protests involving class rules, the protester shall provide the Protest Committee with a copy of the class rules and regulations.

13.3 If 1<sup>st</sup> or fastest places in a race might be affected by a protest, pennants will not be presented until after the protest has been decided.

## **15. PROTEST MEDIATION**

15.1 A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61, which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

15.2 The mediator will decide the time and place of the hearing and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

- 15.3 After taking testimony the mediator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
- A. The protest does not comply with Racing Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - B. The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
  - C. No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - D. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved. The infringing boat(s) may accept the mediator's decision and retire after finishing. If so accepted, the protestor shall withdraw the protest.
- 15.4 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a Mediator shall be subject to appeal or grounds for redress.

## **16. Prizes**

- 16.1 Interpretation of the terms for which prizes are awarded is by the Sailing Committee (SC) whose decision is final. Handicaps to be used will be based on a boat's latest club handicap with a moderating factor based on past performance, aimed at normalising the different divisions. Allowance will be made for the different starting times.
- 16.2 The overall winner will be the boat with the lowest corrected time.

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 17.1 Except as permitted by Sailing Instruction 17.2, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 17.2 All boats equipped with radio communications equipment shall monitor distress, safety and calling frequencies. These are 27 MHz channel 88 and VHF channel 16 and respond to appropriate emergency or Race Committee calls.
- 17.3 TCYC call sign is **VM6CR** and race control will be conducted on 27 MHz Ch 94 & VHF Ch 72.
- 17.4 TCYC Office Phone Number **9527 5468**
- 17.5 TCYC Emergency Mobile is **0401 006 093**
- 17.6 Rockingham Sea Rescue **9528 2222**
- 17.7 **Any boat retiring from the race must notify TCYC race control**

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