

# PARKDALE YACHT CLUB Inc

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2006-2007 SEASON

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Yachting Australia, the rules of the participating classes, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, will apply.
- 1.3 The Yachting Australia Special Regulations, Part 2 For Off The Beach Boats will apply.

#### **2 Registration and Declaration Procedures**

- 2.1 All boats intending to race shall be registered in full by the skipper or representative on the sign on sheet provided at least five minutes prior to the scheduled starting signal for that race.
- 2.2 All skippers or their representative shall complete the sign off sheet as to whether or not a yacht completed the course within 30 minutes of returning to the beach. Retiring boats and boats which enter but do not start shall also complete the this sign off sheet. Failure to comply shall result in that boat being disqualified.

#### **3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs on the Northern wall of the clubhouse.

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

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the race on the day it will take effect. International code flag 'L' will be flown.

#### **5 Signals Made Ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the clubhouse flagstaff.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### **6 Schedule of Races**

Races are scheduled according to the published Sailing Program.

#### **7 Division Flags**

Division flags will be assigned to the relevant participating division(s) using the numeral pennants of the International Code of Signals.

	YV YARDSTICK	DIVISION
CATS	95 and below	1
MONOS	95 and below	1
MONOS	above 95 and below 150	2
SAILBOARDS		3
MONOS	150 and above	4

## 8 The Course

**8.1** The course to be sailed and the number of laps (where required) will be displayed by the Race Officer (RO) or his nominated representative on the official notice board not less than 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.

### 8.3 Shorten Course

Courses may be shortened by the following methods:

1/ flying International Code Flag 'S' near a mark of the course on a Committee boat, or,

2/ flying International Code Flag 'S' on a mark of the course meaning:

Method 1 *“All boats shall round this mark in the prescribed direction with the finish line between the staff flying Code Flag ‘S’ and the mark”.*

Method 2 *“All yachts shall round this mark in the prescribed direction and sail directly to the finish line. All boats shall round the finish line mark in the same direction as they would have if the race had not been shortened “.*

Division flag(s) may also be flown; when the shorten course flag is flown accompanied by division flag(s), it shall apply to that division(s) only. The shorten course flag shall be accompanied by 2 sound signals.

## 9 Marks

**9.1** Course marks will be red or fluoro green flags. The marks to be used and their positions will be displayed with the course as described in SI 8.1

**9.2** The finish mark will be a fluoro pink flag.

## 10 The Start

**10.1** Races will be started using rule 26.

**10.2** The starting line for all courses shall be between the main mast of the race committee boat at the starboard end and the leeward mark of the course at the port end.

**10.3** A clearance mark may be laid off the race committee vessel - boats shall not pass between this mark and the committee vessel

**10.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area

**10.5** A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4 and A5

### 10.6 Stern chaser Start

When the race is designated as a “Sternchaser” each boat will be allocated a starting time. Times in one minute intervals will be displayed by the committee boat. For example, if a boats starting time is 22; the signal for its start will be the raising of a board displaying the time 22, an audible warning or both.

## 11 Recalls

**11.1** General recalls will be signalled in accordance with rule 29.2 except that a recalled division shall start five minutes after the start of the last division. This changes rule 29.2.

Should there be more than one general recall; the divisions affected shall have their starts in the same order. Subsequent recalled divisions shall start at five minute intervals as described in item 10.1 of these instructions, except that should the last division to start be recalled, the last starting signal becomes the warning signal for this restart.

## 12 The Finish Line

The finish line will be between the finish mark and the time keeper's position in the P.Y.C. committee room. A clearance buoy will be laid between the time keeper's position and the seaward end of the line, although not necessarily along the line. Yachts finishing shall not pass between this buoy and the shore.

Yachts after finishing are requested to keep clear of all yachts still competing and keep clear of the finish line

## 13 Time Limit

**13.1** The time limit for the Sternchaser series will be one hour and forty five minutes from the starting time of the first boat to start. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

**13.2** The time limit for the Commodores trophy races will be one hour and forty five minutes from the starting signal of the division. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

**13.3** The time limit for all other races will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF.. This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5

## 14 Protests

**14.1** Protests forms are available at the committee room. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest fee is \$10

**14.2** The protest time is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. (The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and 62.2.)

**14.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

**14.4** Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible in the committee room.

**14.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

## 15 Scoring

**15.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply for P.Y.C events with the following amendments; a boat recorded as **DNC** or **DNS** shall score points for the finishing place one more than the number of entrants for that series; a boat recorded as **DNF**, **RET**, **DSQ**, **OCS**, or **DNE** shall score points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats starting in the race.

**15.2** The number of races, and the number to count in each series are shown on the annual race program.

## 16 Qualifying for a Start

10 yachts of the same class may qualify for a division start. A yacht appearing at the start alone in her division will be permitted to sail the course and will be awarded points or prizes applicable.

## 17 Wind Speed

No race shall be started when the average wind speed is less than two knots or when the mean speed exceeds 22 knots, or at the discretion of the sailing committee.

## 18 Prizes

To be eligible for a trophy a boat must have competed in at least 50% of the races in a series. Championship and Handicap prizes shall be awarded to sponsored classes on the following basis:

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Number of boats having competed in at least half of the series.</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	1 - 3	Boats
1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 - 6	Boats
1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 - 12	Boats
1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	13 - 20	Boats
1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	21+	Boats

Championship and Handicap prizes shall be awarded to non sponsored classes on the same basis as to sponsored classes except that a minimum of three boats will need to have competed in at least half of the series for a trophy to be awarded.

## 19 ABBREVIATIONS FOR SCORING RECORDS

Abbreviations for scoring records shall be as provided in rule A11.

## 20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$A5,000,000.

## 21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors sail at their own risk. Parkdale Yacht Club accepts no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to any person or property, whether ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in events covered by these Sailing Instructions or otherwise. Parkdale Yacht Club and all parties involved in events covered by these Sailing Instructions disclaim any and all such liability. These Sailing Instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor for the management and care of a boat she or he may be sailing in events covered by these Sailing Instructions.

See Rule 4, Decision to Race

## 22 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Personal Flotation Devices:

All competitors shall wear, at all times whilst afloat, personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2