



Hunters Hill Sailing Club

2019 Pleasant Sunday Morning Winter Series

5th May – 4th August 2019

Organising Authority:

**Hunters Hill Sailing Club Inc.
Merrington Place Woolwich NSW 2110**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing, and class rules will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the western wall of the boatshed.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions (SI's) will be posted at least 60 minutes before the warning signal of any race affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 17:00 the day before the next scheduled race day. Race Management may additionally notify changes by email.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the HHSC flag-mast located to the east of the ramp.
- 4.2 When flag AP is flown ashore prior to the scheduled time for the first warning signal, the first warning signal will be made no earlier than 30 minutes after removal of the AP flag (amends Race Signals).

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing are shown at Attachment A.
- 5.2 Number of races:

Class

All classes

Maximum races per day

4

The race committee intends to conduct 2 or 3 windward – leeward races per day plus a river course race, weather permitting, though may replace the river course race with additional windward leeward races at its sole discretion.

- 5.3 A briefing will normally be held not before 08:25.
- 5.4 The first warning signal will be displayed not before 09:00.
- 5.5 No warning signal may be made after 11:30.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The following table describes the class flags. In the case a specified flag is unavailable, an appropriate substitute may be used.

Class / Fleet	Flag
Junior Race Fleet (Optimist)	White flag with Gold diamond
Mixed Fleet including but not limited to Laser (all), Flying 11, Spiral, RS Quest, Mirror, Tasar	White flag with Laser emblem

Class / Fleet	Flag
29er / NS14 / Cherub / Nacra 15 etc	29er class flag

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in the vicinity of HHSC.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are described in Attachment B.
- 8.2 Courses may be varied to suit conditions of the day, in which case details will be provided at the briefing.
- 8.3 Numbered flags, boards, numeral pennants, letters or flags indicating the course to be sailed will be displayed at or before the warning signal for each race.
- 8.4 For windward-leeward courses, a green flag or green board will be displayed at or before the warning signal for each race to indicate marks (except at a gate) are to be rounded to starboard, otherwise marks (except at a gate) are to be rounded to port.
- 8.5 River courses may be shortened before the start by displaying code flag 'S' at the warning signal (amends RRS 32.2).

9 MARKS

- 9.1 **Shore based starts** - the starting and finishing marks and the inner distance mark will be poles with orange flags.
On water starts - the starting mark will be a pole with an orange flag. The finishing mark will have black and white check markings.
- 9.2 Mark 1 will be a pole with an orange flag.
- 9.3 Other course marks will be poles with green and yellow flags.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall not race in the area between the shore and the outermost line of permanent moorings.
- 10.2 Boats shall not race in Naval Prohibited Waters.
- 10.3 After starting, boats shall not sail across the finish line in either direction except when finishing.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.2 The starting sequence will normally be:
Junior Fleet, Mixed Fleet, 29er etc Fleet.
- 11.3 Not used.
- 11.4 Not used.
- 11.5 **On water starts:** The starting line will be between the flag-mast on the Start boat and the starting mark at the port end of the line.
- 11.6 **Shore based starts:** The starting line will be between the HHSC flag-mast and the starting mark. The starting mark may be mounted in a boat. An inner distance mark may be laid, in which case the starting line will be between the inner distance mark and the starting mark.

- 11.7 **Shore based starts:** A pole mark displaying a red flag may be laid approximately south of the starting mark. When this mark is laid, boats shall not conduct any pre-start manoeuvring between the mark and Cockatoo Island.
- 11.8 **3 minute sequence:** If code flag 'F' is displayed with the warning signal, the starting signal will be made 3 minutes after the warning signal, (2 minutes after the preparatory signal) (amends RRS26).
- 11.9 **Handicap starts:** Code flag 'P' will be displayed 5 minutes before the start of the handicap starting sequence, and a sound signal may be made. One minute before the starting time of each boat, her starting numeral (equal to her handicap as previously declared by Race Management) will be exhibited for one minute. The lowering of her starting numeral will be her signal to start.
- 11.10 In addition to the actions required by RRS29.1, the race committee may inform boats that they are subject to Individual Recall by hailing their sail number (amends RRS29.1 and RRS 41).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 **Shore based:** the finishing line will be between the HHSC flag-mast and the finishing mark.
- 13.2 **On water:** the finishing line will be between the flag-mast on the Start boat and the finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (amends RRS44.1).

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for Windward Leeward races is 40 minutes.
- 15.2 The time limit for river course races is 90 minutes.
- 15.3 For handicap starts the time limit will be calculated from the start time of the boat with the least handicap.
- 15.4 Boats failing to finish within 150% of the elapsed time of the first boat to finish will be scored a finishing time of 150% of the elapsed time of the first boat to finish, without a hearing (amends RRS 35 and A4).

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the HHSC committee room. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee has completed all race management and safety duties, and the PRO is ashore.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Noticeboard within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of SI's 11.1, 11.7, 22 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 A boat that registers late will be eligible for races completed after her entry has been accepted.
- 17.2 Each boat shall nominate a skipper prior to her first race. The nominated skipper may act as skipper or crew. A boat shall be eligible to score points only when her nominated skipper is aboard.

- 17.3 At least 3 boats must start at least 50% of the races to constitute a series.
- 17.4 RRS A9 Race Scores in a Series longer than a Regatta will apply. The number of boats entered in the series will be the number of registered boats that have completed at least one race.
- 17.5 Each boat shall discard her worst 25% (rounded down) scores.
- 17.6 Scratch results will be calculated by adjusting elapsed times by reference to each boat's yardstick. For example, Laser Standard has a yardstick of 114; Laser Radial has a yardstick of 118.5; Laser 4.7 has a yardstick of 125.
- 17.7 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee, consistent with the spirit and intent of friendly, relaxed winter racing.

18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Competitors may replace one boat during the series and transfer to the replacement boat any accumulated points for the Point Score and Club Championship.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 If required by class rules, boats shall hold a valid class measurement certificate.
- 19.2 Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 ADVERTISING

- 20.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

On-water coaching is permitted, subject to approval in advance by the race committee (amends RRS 41).

22 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 22.1 Racing will be supervised by an officer of the day (OOD), nominated by the Commodore. The OOD will appoint a principal race officer (PRO) and on-water and shore-based assistants. The Commodore, Vice Commodore, OOD, PRO and nominated assistants shall be the race committee.
- 22.2 Competitors shall attend briefings whenever possible.
- 22.3 Boats leaving from HHSC shall sign on prior to going afloat.
- 22.4 Boats that are not leaving from HHSC shall, prior to their first warning signal, sign on by SMS'ing their sail number to the OOD (0404 854 834), and shall not start until they have received a confirmation SMS in return.
- 22.5 Any boat that retires shall notify a member of the race committee as soon as possible.
- 22.6 Boats returning to HHSC shall sign off as soon as possible after returning to shore.
- 22.7 Boats that are not returning to HHSC shall sign off by SMS'ing their sail number to the OOD (0404 854 834) within 30 minutes of returning to shore.
- 22.8 A boat that does not sign on may be scored DNC for her first race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
- 22.9 A boat that does not sign off may be scored DNF for her last race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
- 22.10 Racing may be abandoned at an average wind speed of 25 knots or above.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 While racing, and except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any other telecommunications device.
- 23.2 A boat may carry a GPS tracking device, to be used solely for passive data recording.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RISK WARNING

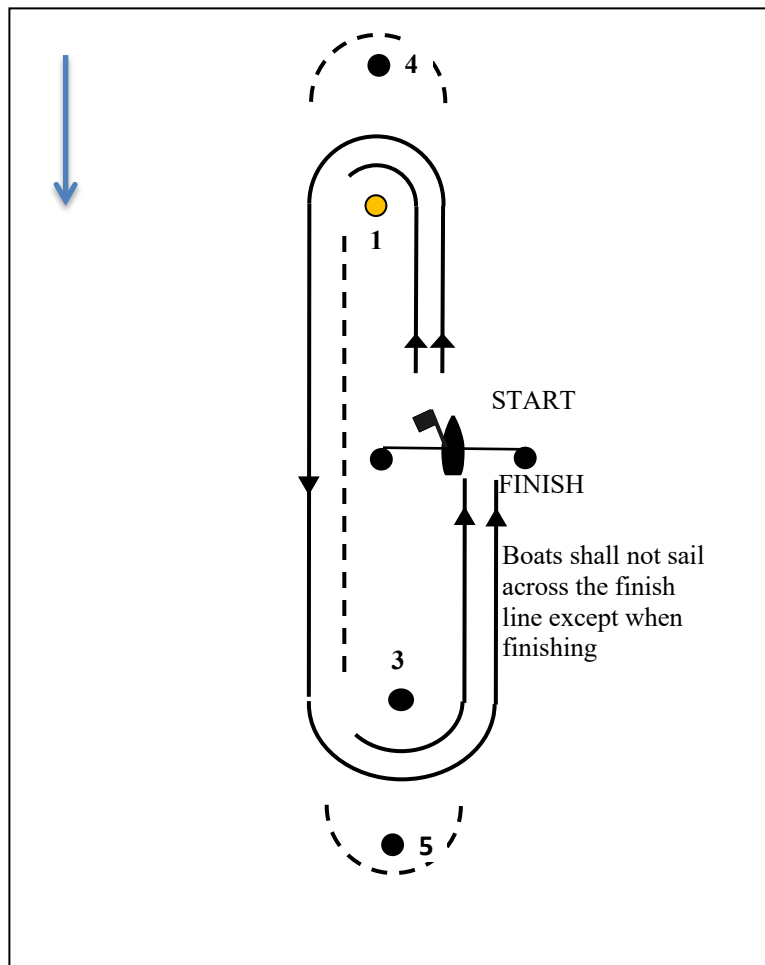
- 24.1 This Risk Warning is issued jointly by HHSC and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in this event.
- 24.2 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. RRS 4, Decision to Race states “the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 24.3 The Organising Authority, NSW Maritime, their directors, officers, volunteers and sponsors:
- (a) will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event; and
 - (b) shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted, the adequacy of its equipment or its insurance arrangements.
- 24.4 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. 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 collisions;
 - the sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard;
 - 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.
- 24.5 The Organising Authority and NSW Maritime jointly warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress.
- 24.6 Participants are warned to consider all risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event.

25 INSURANCE

- 25.1 Participants are advised that HHSC's third party liability insurance cover does not extend to participants. Participants must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.
- 25.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000. Confirmation of such insurance must be provided prior to a boat's first race.

Attachment B – Courses

WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSES



COURSES

All Classes except 29er

Course W1	Start-1-3-Finish
Course W2	Start-1-3-1-3-Finish
Course W3	Start-1-3-1-3-1-3-Finish
Course W4	Start-1-3-1-3-1-3-1-3-Finish

29er / NS14 / Cherub etc

Course W1	Start-4-5-Finish
Course W2	Start-4-5-4-5-Finish
Course W3	Start-4-5-4-5-4-5-Finish
Course W4	Start-4-5-4-5-4-5-4-5-Finish

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