

2019/20 GREEN FLEET SPRING & SUMMER POINTSCORES

Tackers Opti Green Fleet
21st October 2018 - 24th March 2020

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Organising Authority
Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club



Introduction

The Green Fleet Racing is an important next step in the Tackers Learn to Sail program as it contributes significantly to the skill-development of sailors and allows them to improve their independence overall both on and off the water.

The program also aims to bring parents into the activity whereby they assist their sailor(s) with rigging & preparation and unrigging & pack-up at the end of the day's activities. The sailors are now responsible for their boats, it is no longer the instructor or coach's job to get the boats ready or pack them away! Boat & equipment preparation is an important skill for a racing or cruising sailor.

The aim of the on-water sailing program is to facilitate Green Fleet sailors' exposure to competitive racing, in an environment that is not overwhelming for them. A pre-race briefing will be held prior to launching each week. Their coach will be on the water providing support and coaching them through the course, maximising their learning and development.

After each sailing session a "Boat of the Day" certificate shall be awarded by the NCYC Coach. This may be awarded for getting around the course without capsizing, for getting a great start, for most race wins or for sailing correctly around the course!

This Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions covers the racing aspects of the Green Fleet program.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The World Sailing *Introductory Rules of Sailing* will apply, as shown in Attachment 1
- 1.3 On-water coaching by NCYC appointed personnel for all Green Fleet sailors is permitted.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all NCYC Junior Members
- 2.2 All competitors shall comply with rule 46 and 55
- 2.3 Entry to the series shall be lodged with the NCYC Sailing Academy by registering online via the RevSport system:
 - 2.3.1 Spring Series - <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/ncyc/events/49768/>
 - 2.3.2 Summer Series - <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/ncyc/events/49769/>
- 2.4 There is no entry cut-off date; competitors may enter the event mid-season if places are still available.

3. FEES

- 3.1 The series entry fee is \$160

4. VENUE & RACING AREA

- 4.1 Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, 95 Hannell Street, Wickham with racing on Newcastle Harbour and Throsby Creek.
- 4.2 Rigging & launching will take place from the NCYC Pontoon on F-Arm.
- 4.3 The Racing area will be either Area A, B or C as per Attachment 2, depending upon the scheduled activity and the wind direction. The Passage/Navigation races may utilise Area D as per Attachment 2. Racing area will be advised at the daily pre-race briefing.

5. BOATS

- 5.1 Boats will be supplied by the NCYC.
- 5.2 A maximum of 12 boats will be available
- 5.3 All participants must comply with NCYC Boat Borrow Policy

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The schedule of races is as per the Green Fleet Sailing Program Attachment 4
- 6.2 There will be a Spring Series and a Summer Series.
- 6.3 Up to five (5) races, back-to-back may be sailed on a Pointscore Racing day.

- 6.4 Longer passage/navigation races may be sailed on the nominated dates.
 6.5 Racing will commence at 10:00am (The first Warning Signal shall be 1000hrs).

7. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 7.1 All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after coming ashore.
 7.2 The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore.
 7.3 The Sign On/Sign Off sheets will be in the Sailing Academy Barge or with the NCYC Coach.

8. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Sailing Academy door and emailed direct to participants.
 8.2 Instructions may also be communicated verbally on-water by the NCYC Coach.

9. CLASS FLAG

- 9.1 The Green Fleet class flag is code flag F (white flag with red diamond).

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the Start Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
 10.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a Warning Signal is made.
 10.3 The starting sequence (of flags) is described in Attachment 3

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed are described as follows
 11.2 To indicate which course is to be sailed, the Start Boat will display a board with the course code

| CODE | COURSE |
|------|--|
| T1 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish |
| T2 | Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish |
| T3 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish |
| T4 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 - - 3 - 1 - 2 – 3 - Finish |

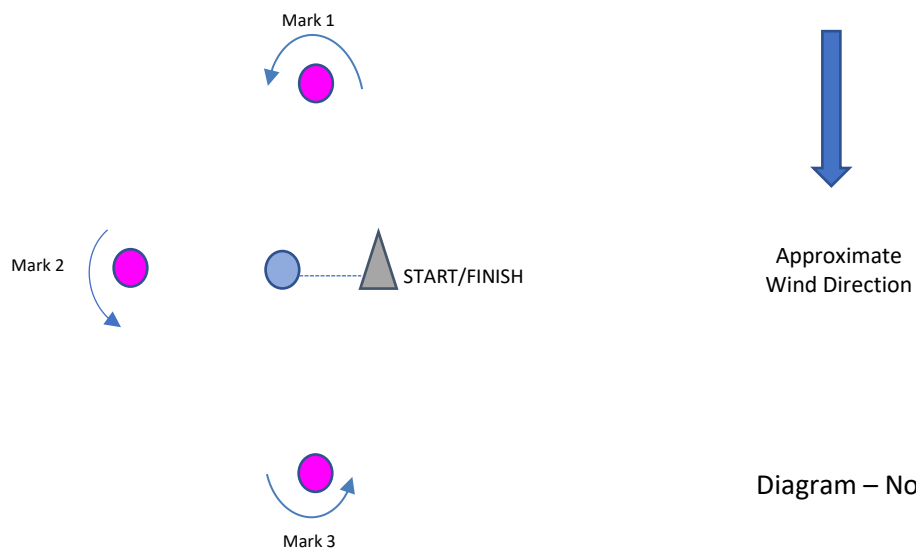


Diagram – Not to scale

12. MARKS

12.1 The marks (buoys) to be used are desc

| MARK | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Course Marks – 1, 2 & 3 | Round blue balls |
| Start & Finish Mark | Round pink ball |

13. SCORING

13.1 Up to five races will be conducted on a Pointscore Race Day. The worst race result will be dropped from the calculations, and an overall daily place awarded.

13.2 The daily results will carry through into an overall pointscore for the Spring or Summer Pointscore Series.

13.3 Novelty or navigational races do not count towards the pointscore series.

14. PRIZES

14.1 A certificate for "Boat of the Day" will be awarded each week as determined by the NCYC Coach.

14.2 An overall Spring Pointscore Trophy and Summer Pointscore Trophy will be awarded to the winner of each series.

14.3 Prizes for novelty races may be awarded from time to time.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

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

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT 1

INTRODUCTORY RULES OF SAILING



Introductory Rules for Racing

Version 1.01 - February 2008

Some Explanations

Windward and Leeward: The *leeward* side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The *windward* side is the other side.

Port and Starboard tack: You are on *port* or *starboard tack* according to your *windward* side.

Advisor: A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

Basic Rules

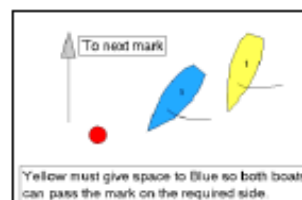
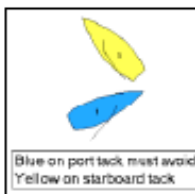
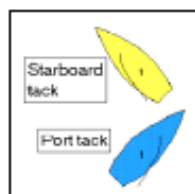
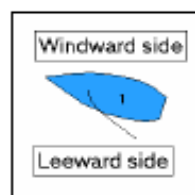
1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite *tacks*, if you are on *port tack* you must avoid the boat on *starboard tack*.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same *tack*, you must avoid the other boat
 - (a) if she is in front of you, or
 - (b) if she is on your *leeward* side.
5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite tacks at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.

Other Rules

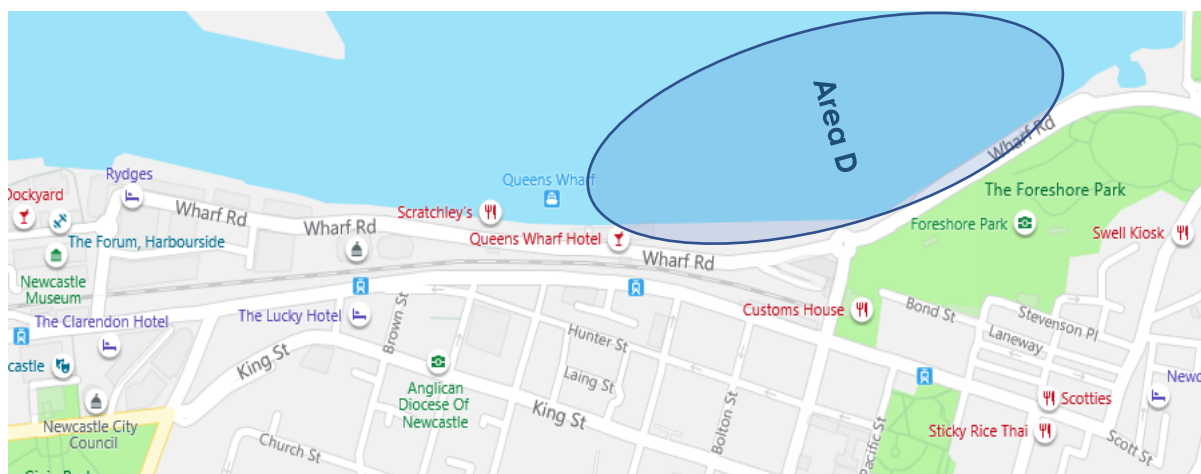
7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the *advisor* after the race. The *advisor* may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the *advisor* may add extra points to the boat's score.



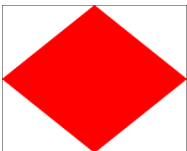








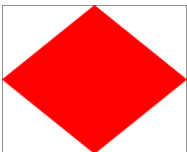


ATTACHMENT 2 VENUE & RACING AREA



Main Harbour



ATTACHMENT 3 STARTING SEQUENCE

| | FLAG | SOUND SIGNAL |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| 5 minutes to start CLASS FLAG |   |  |
| 4 minutes to start "P" Flag |   |  |
| 1 minutes to start |   |  |
| At start |   |  |

Other Signal Flags

| | FLAG | SOUND SIGNAL |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Individual Recall "X" Flag |  |  |
| General Recall "First Substitute" |  |  |
| Postponement "Answering Pennant" |  |  |

ATTACHMENT 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Spring Racing Series 2019

| Date | Race | Information |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Sunday 20 th October | Pointscore Races | Rigging & Launching from F-Arm |
| Sunday 27 th October | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 3 rd November | Pirate Adventure Day | Aargh! Dress as a pirate & follow the map to find the hidden gold treasure! |
| Sunday 10 th November | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 17 th November | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 24 th November | Navigation Passage Race | Newcastle Harbour Adventure! (Can you see & hear the Formula 500 cars?) |
| Sunday 1 st December | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 8 th December | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 15 th December | Slalom Race Day! | Christmas Party & Presentation after sailing |

Summer Racing Series 2020

| Date | Race | Information |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Sunday 2 nd February | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 9 th February | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 16 th February | Team Relay Day | Work with your team mates to complete the course the quickest! |
| Sunday 23 rd February | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 1 st March | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 8 th March | Harbour Navigation Course | We venture into the main Harbour to challenge our navigation skills |
| Sunday 15 th March | Pointscore Races | |
| Sunday 22 nd March | No Racing | <i>No racing this weekend due to NCYC hosting the National Sailing League</i> |
| Sunday 29 th March | Pointscore Races | End of Season BBQ & Presentation after sailing |