

Adelaide Radio Control Yacht Racing Club Inc.
Club Championships 2011
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Championships.

1.1 The Adelaide Radio Control Yacht Racing Club (the Club) conducts club championships over a number of rounds(events) during the calendar year of 2011 at the scheduled times and dates of the published Racing Calendar 2011 in the following classes;
International Ten Rater, Marblehead, IOM.

2. Rules

2.1 The championship rounds will be governed by The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS) as changed by Appendix E of the RRS - Radio Controlled Boat Racing Rules, these Sailing Instructions (SI), International Class Administration Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and the respective International Class Rules, the ARYA Standard Sailing Instructions including the ARYA standard Sailing Instructions Appendix A and these ARCYRC Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Protests and requests for redress may be made verbally to the PRO. This modifies RRS 61.2 & 62.2

2.3 These ARCYRC Sailing Instructions shall prevail in the event of conflict with any of the rules mentioned in 2.1.

2.4 All skippers must comply with the ARCYRC Code of Conduct.

3. Eligibility of competitors

3.1 Competitors must be financial members of the Club.

3.2 Boats must be registered and continue to comply with class and all other relevant rules. However an unregistered boat may be used in up to two rounds before it must be registered to be eligible to compete in subsequent rounds. If such a boat is not subsequently registered in that season then that skipper shall score DNC for each round in which that boat was used.

3.3 An unregistered boat must at least have temporary sail number or other identification on at least one sail. Boats without a sail number or other identification will not be scored.

3.4 A skipper may not change boats during a round. A skipper can only score points sailing one boat per round.

3.5 If a skipper changes boats during the season a boat sailed in an earlier round which has been replaced can not be re-used.

3.6 An unregistered boat must comply with class rules.

4. Racing System

4.1 HMS 2007 will be used should conditions and entrant numbers on the day require splitting the fleet into multiple heats. The maximum number of boats per heat may exceed 20. This overrides HMS 2007 1.1. The actual maximum number of boats per heat will be determined by conditions such as wind direction and velocity so as to not unduly increase congestion and result in unfair or exceedingly difficult conditions for competitors and officials.

4.2 A minimum of 2 boats must start a race for that race to count toward the championship.

4.3 There shall be no minimum number of races. One completed race is sufficient to constitute a round.

4.4 Only one boat need finish a race for that race to count.

5. Scoring and Discards

5.1 Race points for a skipper who competes in the round.

5.1.1 Each race shall be scored using the Low Points Scoring System (RRS A4)

5.1.2 Points for DNF, DNS, RET, DSQ etc. shall be the number of skippers who have competed in that round plus one. The number of competitors in a round shall be defined as the number of individual skippers who have brought their yachts the starting area during the round.

5.1.3 Points for DGM and DNE the number of competitors in that round plus two.

5.1.4 Points for a competitor given DGM for the round as per 11.5.3 shall be the number of competitors having competed in the championship plus two.

5.2 The finishing place (not the actual score) at the end of each round shall be the points for that round. For example, a skipper who wins a round shall have a round score of 1 point. Second place scores 2 points etc. This overrides RRS A2.

5.3 Round points for a skipper who does not compete in a round shall be one point more than the highest last place round points of all rounds for 2011 Championships.

- 5.4 Discards for each round shall be; 4 or more races sailed...1 discard, 8 or more...2 discards, 16 or more...3 discards and so on at the rate of 1 additional discard for every 8 additional races.
- 5.5 Discards for the championships shall be; 4 or more rounds completed...1 discard, 7 or more rounds completed...2 discards, 10 or more rounds complete...3 discards.
- 5.6 In the event of a round result being lost that round shall be declared abandoned unless the missing results are found prior to the end of the season. The committee may amend the overall results should reasonable evidence of the results of the missing round prior to the end of the season. The end of the season is defined as the Club Championship presentation day which is usually the end of year BBQ.
- 5.7 The championship shall be awarded to the skipper with the lowest points after all round scores are tallied minus discards (as per 5.5) at end of the last round.
- 5.8 Where a skipper has had round scores omitted due to non eligibility of a boat or for any other reason that may be decided by the committee, then that skippers round score shall be DGM and scored as per 5.1.4.

6. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 The committee may change SI at any time. Verbal announcements to all competitors shall be made to call attention to the change on the day of a round. However any such SI change shall be posted or emailed to all members prior to the next round.

7. Courses

- 7.1 Rule J2.1 (4) does not apply. A course board showing the course and the limits of the control area and launching area(s) may be located within the control area with information clearly visible to competitors while racing.
- 7.2 When the course board is not used, the course shall be verbally described to **all** competitors in that race prior to the preparatory (one minute) signal.

8. Control and launching areas

- 8.1 There is no limit to walking the bank. Competitors are encouraged to stay as close to their boats as practical so as to minimise the chances of infringing other competitors.
- 8.2 Competitors are not permitted to climb on the rock bank or concrete terraces in an attempt to launch, retrieve or re-launch a boat grounded against the rock bank. In the event of a grounding outside of the designated launching area, the push off pole must be used or the boat retrieved or re-launched using the club dingy. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the competitor scoring an RET for that race.

9. Race Starts

- 9.1 RRS 30.1 (around the ends rule) will not apply for the first or second attempt to start a race or heat.
- 9.2 RRS 30.1 may apply from the third attempt to start a race where the first two attempts have been abandoned due to general recall. RRS 30.2 and 30.3 will not apply for any start.
- 9.3 RRS E4.5 (a) is amended by deletion of the second sentence. Boats may be released between the preparatory (one minute) and starting signals.
- 9.4 If in the opinion of the race officer, a yacht has crossed the start line prematurely due to the skipper not hearing the countdown because of aircraft noise, a general recall shall be called. Such a general recall does not count towards the invocation of RRS 30.1.
- 9.5 Sail Change Delay.
- 9.5.1 Skippers may request a delay in the race countdown to change sails.
- 9.5.2 The request must be made to the race officer and be made prior to the one minute signal.
- 9.5.3 The duration of the delay shall be at the discretion of the race officer and shall be a minimum of 5 minutes and shall be added to the standard race countdown.
- 9.5.4 All skippers shall be notified of the duration of the delay immediately a request is made.
- 9.5.5 There shall be no more than one delay per race countdown.
- 9.5.6 The race countdown with delay time added shall not start until all skippers who have asked for a sail change delay have retrieved their boats from the launching area.
- 9.5.7 Skippers having requested a sail change delay shall promptly retrieve their boats.

10. Racing Times and Schedule

- 10.1** Rounds will commence at 10:30 am and the last race will start before 2:30pm.
- 10.2** IOM class rounds will commence at 1:30 pm and the last race will start before 4:30pm during daylight saving.
- 10.3** At the discretion of the race committee, one or more general breaks may be called during a days racing.
- 10.4** A lunch break of at least 30 minutes shall be called and will commence between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.
- 10.5** A break between races is defined as the time between the last yacht finishing and the start of the next race.

11. Touching Marks

- 11.1** RRS 31 is changed to; While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark before clearing the finish line after finishing unless she is forced to do so by a boat which was required to keep clear.
- 11.2** A yacht which breaks SI 11.1 and does not exonerate itself as per RRS 44.2 shall be scored DNF for that race. A protest hearing shall not be required. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 11.3** Mark contacts shall not be called at the time of the incident by any race official unless a skipper who suspects they may have touched a mark asks whether contact was made.

12. Conduct of Members

- 12.1** Breaches of the club code of conduct may result in either an on the spot penalty of 2 turns or a hearing under RRS69.1. The race officer acting on behalf of the committee is empowered to issue an on the spot penalty.
- 12.2** The race officer is not obliged to issue an on the spot penalty and may instead lodge a protest in accordance with RRS 69.1. The lodgement of protest may be verbal and shall be given to the highest club official in attendance who shall initiate the protest hearing immediately after the race. In the absence of any committee members, the race officer shall initiate the hearing and shall select a jury of 3 club members.
- 12.3** The skipper is not obliged to accept an on the spot penalty in which case the matter shall be taken to protest hearing as per 11.2
- 12.4** Except as per 11.2, the jury shall be comprised of three committee members.
- 12.5** The penalty where a protest has been upheld shall be one of the following;
 - 12.5.1** Disqualification from the race in which the offence occurred. The race score shall be DGM
 - 12.5.2** Disqualification from the previous or next race if not sailing at the time. The race score shall be DGM
 - 12.5.3** Disqualification from the round. The round score shall be DGM.
- 12.6** Where a protest has been upheld under RRS 69.1 the jury shall report the matter to the full club committee for possible further action.

13. Trophies

- 13.1** Trophies may be awarded at the club "Presentations" at the end of the year to the club Champions in each class provided a minimum of 5 rounds for the class has been sailed.
- 13.2** Trophies for second place will be awarded when 8 or more members have competed in the series during the year. Trophies for third place will be awarded when 16 or more members have competed in the series.