

**DOUBLE BAY SAILING CLUB
LASER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2020/2021 SEASON**

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing a Laser at Double Bay Sailing Club Inc. (**DBSC / the Club**) will be governed by:
- (a) the *Racing Rules of Sailing (Racing Rules)* (www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/racing-rules) except where amended by these Sailing Instructions;
 - (b) the rules and by-laws of the International Laser Class Association (Class Rules) (www.laserinternational.org/rules/classrules) except where amended by these Sailing Instructions; and
 - (c) these Sailing Instructions, including Annexures 1 – 5 where applicable.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing apply.
- 1.3 In the case of inconsistency, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted to:
- (a) the DBSC website at www.dbsc.com.au; and
 - (b) the official notice board located within the DBSC clubhouse (the Clubhouse).
- 2.2 If there is any inconsistency between notices on the website and the notice board, the notice board will prevail.
- 2.3 General communications to members / competitors (e.g. the racing program, the calendar, volunteer rosters and other useful information) will be via the DBSC website, DBSC's newsletter or email).
- 2.4 Members are to communicate with the Club via email to the Secretary at secretary@dbsc.com.au.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions may be made verbally at the pre-race briefing that day. Boats not represented at the briefing will have no redress.
- 3.2 A change to the Sailing Instructions may also be made by notice published in the newsletter or by updating these instructions on the Club's website (without notice).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Clubhouse flag mast (located at the southern/park end of the Clubhouse). It shall be the responsibility of any boat launching from other sites to observe signals displayed.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, racing is postponed by not less than 30 minutes.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITORS AND PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

- 5.1 The eligibility requirements for competitors are:
- (a) They are financial members of DBSC (except as provided in paragraph 6 of these Sailing Instructions);
 - (b) In respect of a competitor's boat:
 - (i) It complies with the Class Rules and regulations and is seaworthy;
 - (ii) It has a sail number that is unique in the DBSC fleet displayed on its sail in accordance with Class Rules (except that, at the discretion of the Management Committee, the sail number is not required to match the hull number);
 - (iii) Its sail number has been registered in advance with the handicapper (such requirement being satisfied by email to the secretary or by record of the sail number on the sign-on the sheets provided in the Clubhouse (**Sign-On Sheets**) or via the sign-on form on the DBSC website at www.dbsc.com.au/remote-signonoff (**Sign-On Form**); and
 - (iv) It is insured as required in paragraph 23 of these Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2 Competitors must, at all times, when afloat wear an Australian certified personal flotation device, except when briefly changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes Racing Rule 40. A breach of this rule will result in disqualification and, at the discretion of the Management Committee, suspension from future races.
- 5.3 On each race day (except for Sprint series races) competitors are requested to sign-on and sign-off on the Sign-On Sheets or via the Sign-On Form. Failure to comply with this requirement may, in the discretion of the handicapper, result in the competitor scoring "Did Not Compete" without redress.
- 5.4 Competitors are requested to display clearly on their boat's stern, the boat's name, the boat's hull number, the letters "DBSC" and the Club's burgee.

6. VISITORS

- 6.1 Visitors may sail any Winter Championship series races and up to three other races in any one season at no cost without becoming members of the Club, but only after:
- (a) reporting on shore to a Flag Officer in person; or
 - (b) reporting to the Race Officer on the Race Committee boat before racing starts and after racing finishes.
- 6.2 Visitors are requested to sign-on and sign-off on the Sign-On Sheets or via the Sign-On Form. For the Winter Championship, failure to comply with this requirement may, in the discretion of the handicapper, result in the competitor scoring "Did Not Compete" without redress.
- 6.3 Except for the Winter Championship, visitors are requested not to cross the finish line when finishing and will not have their finishing positions recorded nor be allocated points.
- 6.4 Visitors who sail for more than three races are expected to join the Club.

7. CLASSES

- 7.1 Races will be conducted for the following Laser classes:
- (a) Standard;
 - (b) Radial; and
 - (c) 4.7.

- 7.2 Radial and 4.7 classes may have a combined start, depending on fleet size. There will not be a separate start for 4.7s unless there are at least six boats in that class competing.

8. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 8.1 There will be four primary categories of racing series held in any one season:
- (a) Club Championship;
 - (b) Point Score (divided into separate Spring and Autumn series);
 - (c) Winter Championship; and
 - (d) Sprint.
- 8.2 In addition to the above, there may be one-off race categories, including the Vaucluse Challenge and the Tyrell and Roussos races (**One-Off Categories**).

9. SERIES TO WHICH THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

- 9.1 These Sailing Instructions apply in full to Club Championship and Point Score series.
- 9.2 These Sailing Instructions apply in full to Winter Championship series, except where in conflict with Annexure 5, in which case Annexure 5 prevails.
- 9.3 Only paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 of these Sailing Instructions apply to Sprint series. Other instructions related to Sprint series will be published in DBSC's newsletter or provided verbally at the pre-race briefing.
- 9.4 Only paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 of these Sailing Instructions apply to One-Off Categories. Other instructions related to One-Off Categories will be published in DBSC's newsletter or provided verbally at the pre-race briefing.

10. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 10.1 The schedule of all Series / races will be published on the DBSC website as part of the calendar. The schedule of races may be amended by the Management Committee from time to time.
- 10.2 Number of races:
- (a) A maximum of two races per day will be held for Club Championship and Point Score series, with the second race to start as soon as practical after the first race has been completed;
 - (b) A maximum of three races per day will be held for Winter Championship series, with the second and third races to start as soon as practical after the previous race has been completed;
 - (c) There is no maximum number of races per day for Sprint series; and
 - (d) The number of races for One-Off Categories will be published in DBSC's newsletter or provided verbally at the pre-race briefing.
- 10.3 The times for racing are as follows (except for One-Off Categories, the times for which will be published in DBSC's newsletter):

| | Club Champ, Point Score | Sprint | Winter |
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| Pre-race briefing | 1:00pm | 1:00pm* | 7:45am |
| First warning | 2:00pm | 2:00pm* | 8:30am |

* In August, the pre-race briefing for Sprint series races will be 12.00pm and first warning will be at 1.00pm.

- 10.4 No warning signal for a particular event will be made more than 3 hours after the published time for the first warning signal for that event (and, if separate times are published for individual fleets, the word "event" as used in this sub-paragraph 10.4 shall be read instead as "fleet").

11. CLASS FLAGS

- 11.1 Class flags for each fleet will be:

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| Laser Standard | Red Laser class insignia on a white background |
| Laser Radial | Red Laser class insignia on a green background |
| Laser 4.7s | Red Laser class insignia on a yellow background |

12. RACING AREA

- 12.1 The course area will be in the vicinity of Clarke and/or Shark Islands, on Sydney Harbour / Port Jackson.

13. THE COURSES

- 13.1 The diagram in Annexure 1 shows the course for Club Championship, Point Score and Winter Championship series.
- 13.2 The diagram in Annexure 2 shows the course for Sprint series.
- 13.3 All marks are to be rounded leaving the mark on the port side.
- 13.4 As a courtesy to the Race Officer, competitors not finishing are requested not to pass through the finish line when other boats are finishing. There is no penalty for breach of this rule.

14. MARKS

- 14.1 The marks for the course will be:

| Mark | Shape | Colour |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Start Mark | Conical | Orange with white band |
| Finish Mark | Conical | Orange with blue band |
| Mark 1 | Conical | Orange |
| Mark 2 | Conical | Orange |
| Mark 3 | Conical | Orange |
| Mark 1a | Spherical | Red |
| Mark 2P | Conical | Orange |
| Mark 2S | Conical | Orange with blue band |

- 14.2 Alternative mark shapes and colours may be substituted without notice.

15. THE START

- 15.1 Except for Sprint series races, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the Start Mark at the port end.
- 15.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 15.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Compete without a hearing.
- 15.4 The Race Committee boats may hold position by using engines, and any disadvantage caused to competitors will not be grounds for granting redress. This alters Racing Rules 60.1(b) and 62.
- 15.5 For Sprint series races, the start line will be between the two leeward marks (Mark 2P and Mark 2S).

16. THE FINISH

- 16.1 Except for Sprint series races, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat at the port end and the Finish Mark at the starboard end.
- 16.2 For Sprint series races, the finish line will be between the two leeward marks (Mark 2P and Mark 2S).

17. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE, SHORTENING THE COURSE AND ABANDONING A RACE

- 17.1 When a mark of the course is moved, a power boat will be positioned near the preceding mark flying Code Flag C and will make repeated sound signals.
- 17.2 When the course is shortened at a mark, a power boat will be positioned near that mark flying Code Flag S and will make two sound signals. Boats shall finish by sailing between that mark and that power boat from the direction of the previous mark.
- 17.3 When a race or races are to be abandoned, the following will occur (and the race will be deemed not to have been completed for the purpose of scoring):
 - (a) When a race of an individual class is abandoned, the Race Committee boat will fly Code Flag N over the relevant class flag and will make two sound signals;
 - (b) When all current races are abandoned, the Race Committee boat will fly Code Flag N and will make two sound signals; and
 - (c) When all racing for the day is abandoned, the Race Committee boat will fly Code Flag N over Code Flag A and will make two sound signals.

18. TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

- 18.1 The target time for each Club Championship and Point Score series race is 45 minutes. The target time for each Winter Championship series race is 30 minutes. The target time for Sprint series races and One-Off Categories will be advised in DBSC's newsletter or verbally at the pre-race briefing.
- 18.2 The time limit for all races is 75 minutes (other than for Sprint series and One-Off Categories).
- 18.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Racing Rule 35.

- 18.4 During Club Championship series races, the Race Committee, in its discretion, may identify boats unlikely to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat, and after notification from a member of the Race Committee, may be finished at the mark of the course last passed by that boat prior to such notification.

19. MODIFIED PENALTY SYSTEM

- 19.1 The penalty for an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules shall be a one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except for an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules occurring within the Zone (as defined in the Racing Rules), where the penalty shall be a two-turns penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes Racing Rules 44.1 and 44.2.
- 19.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the penalty for hitting a mark shall be a one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction).

20. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

- 20.1 The provisions relating to protests and disputes are set out in Annexure 3. The provisions in Annexure 3 change Part 5 of the Racing Rules.

21. SCORING

- 21.1 The scoring systems for Club Championship, Winter Championship and Point Score series are set out in Annexure 4.
- 21.2 Club Championship series races are scratch events.
- 21.3 Winter Championship series races are both scratch events and handicapped events. The handicap system that applies will be as prescribed by the Management Committee from time to time.
- 21.4 Point Score series races are handicapped events. The handicap system that applies will be as prescribed by the Management Committee from time to time.
- 21.5 Sprint racing is informal racing where no results are scored.
- 21.6 One-Off Categories will be scored as advised in DBSC's newsletter or verbally at the pre-race briefing.
- 21.7 If a competitor changes sail number, they must inform the handicapper of the change in writing in accordance with paragraph 5.1(c)(iv) of these Sailing Instructions.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded as determined by the Management Committee.
- 22.2 A prize will not be awarded in respect of a Laser class in a series unless there are at least three boats in that Laser class which each competed in at least 67% of the races completed in by that Laser class in that series (rounded down to the nearest integer).
- 22.3 For this purpose, a competitor will be deemed not to have competed if he or she did not compete or did not start (as defined in paragraph 30.1(b) of these Sailing Instructions) or was awarded average points (in accordance with paragraph 30.1(c) of these Sailing Instructions).
- 22.4 In determining the number of races completed by a Laser class in a series, a race will be deemed to have been completed if a class flag for that Laser class was displayed during the start sequence of that race, and that race was subsequently completed, whether or not any boats in that Laser class actually sailed.
- 22.5 For Point Score series, Radials and 4.7s may, at the Management Committee's discretion, be handicapped and scored as one class for the purpose of results and prizes.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 Competitors may not be covered by DBSC insurance for:
- (a) loss or injury they may sustain while participating in DBSC racing; or
 - (b) damage to persons or property suffered by third parties caused by the competitor.
- 23.2 Each competitor must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident. A competitor must provide evidence of such insurance if requested to do so by the Management Committee.

24. HARBOUR SAFETY

- 24.1 Competitors must give way to commercial ferries displaying an orange diamond shape and to all seagoing ships. Competitors must maintain a minimum distance of 500 metres from the bow of any seagoing ship and 200 metres from the bow of any ferry (including commercial vessels such as the James Craig) and no less than 30 metres from the side or stern of any ship or ferry underway.
- 24.2 Competitors must keep clear of vessels greater than twenty metres in length that are navigating in or near the vicinity of a narrow channel.
- 24.3 Competitors must not navigate between moorings while competing.
- 24.4 All vessels navigating in the vicinity of the safe water mark, 350 metres from Bradleys Head, should pass to the north of the buoy when proceeding westward and should pass to the south of the buoy when proceeding eastward.
- 24.5 As required by law, competitors must stop and give assistance that may be necessary if a boating accident occurs. Where an accident results in serious injury, or damage in excess of \$5,000 to a vessel or any other property, a written report must be lodged with Roads and Maritime Services within 24 hours.
- 24.6 If all racing for the day is abandoned, it is the individual responsibility of all competitors to return to shore as soon as possible. Competitors who are able to do so are requested to assist fellow competitors in need of assistance to return to shore safely.

25. RISK WARNING

- 25.1 This Risk Warning is issued by DBSC, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002, to all persons wishing to participate in sailing activities conducted by DBSC.
- 25.2 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.
- 25.3 As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
- (a) the extremes of weather and sea conditions;
 - (b) the potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels;
 - (c) the sudden movement of the vessel at any time, and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in injury or drowning;
 - (d) the possibility that participants may be injured or killed by equipment on the vessel;
 - (e) the absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available; and
 - (f) exposure to the elements for extended periods.

- 25.4 DBSC warns participants that regardless of the best intentions of the Club and the Race Committee, the Club and/or the Race Committee may be unable to render assistance in a timely manner or at all to participants who are in distress.
- 25.5 DBSC also warns all participants, and in particular participants who sail to and from the race course from a destination other than the Clubhouse, that DBSC is unable to monitor their safe passage to and from the race course.
- 25.6 Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing activities conducted by DBSC.
- 25.7 Participants are also advised that, although DBSC is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover may not extend to participants. The obligation of participants in DBSC activities to carry insurance is dealt with in paragraph 0 of these Sailing Instructions.

26. USE OF DBSC VESSELS

- 26.1 Without limiting any other provisions of these Sailing Instructions, any person (including members, members' guests and visitors) who charters or uses (including as crew or passenger) any DBSC charter boat or support vessel (**DBSC Vessel**) for any purpose (including racing, support for racing, sailing lessons, practice or leisure) agrees:
 - (a) they do so at entirely at their own risk;
 - (b) they have read, understood and accepted the provisions of paragraphs 24, 25 and 27 of these Sailing Instructions;
 - (c) DBSC is an amateur sailing club run by volunteers, and DBSC does not warrant the condition, repair or suitability for purpose of any DBSC Vessel, or any of the equipment on any DBSC Vessel, and it is the responsibility of the person using any DBSC Vessel to satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of its condition before using it;
 - (d) DBSC does not accept any responsibility for any loss damage or injury which may be sustained by any person:
 - (i) as a result of the authorized (or unauthorized) use of any DBSC Vessel; or
 - (ii) caused directly or indirectly by the failure of any equipment on any DBSC Vessel;
 - (e) to the full extent permitted by law they release DBSC and its office bearers and members from any liability, including liability for negligence, for any loss damage or injury they may suffer however caused as a result of the use of any DBSC Vessel; and
 - (f) to the extent that DBSC has authorized the use of any DBSC Vessel by that person, that authorization is given in consideration of the person giving the acknowledgements and releases in this paragraph 26.
- 26.2 The following requirements and restrictions apply to use of any DBSC support vessel:
 - (a) No person under the age of 16 may drive any of the DBSC support vessels; and
 - (b) Any person who drives a DBSC support vessel who does not hold a general boating licence must not exceed a speed of 10 knots (10 knots is about the speed at which an accelerating boat will start to plane).

27. LIABILITY AND RELEASE

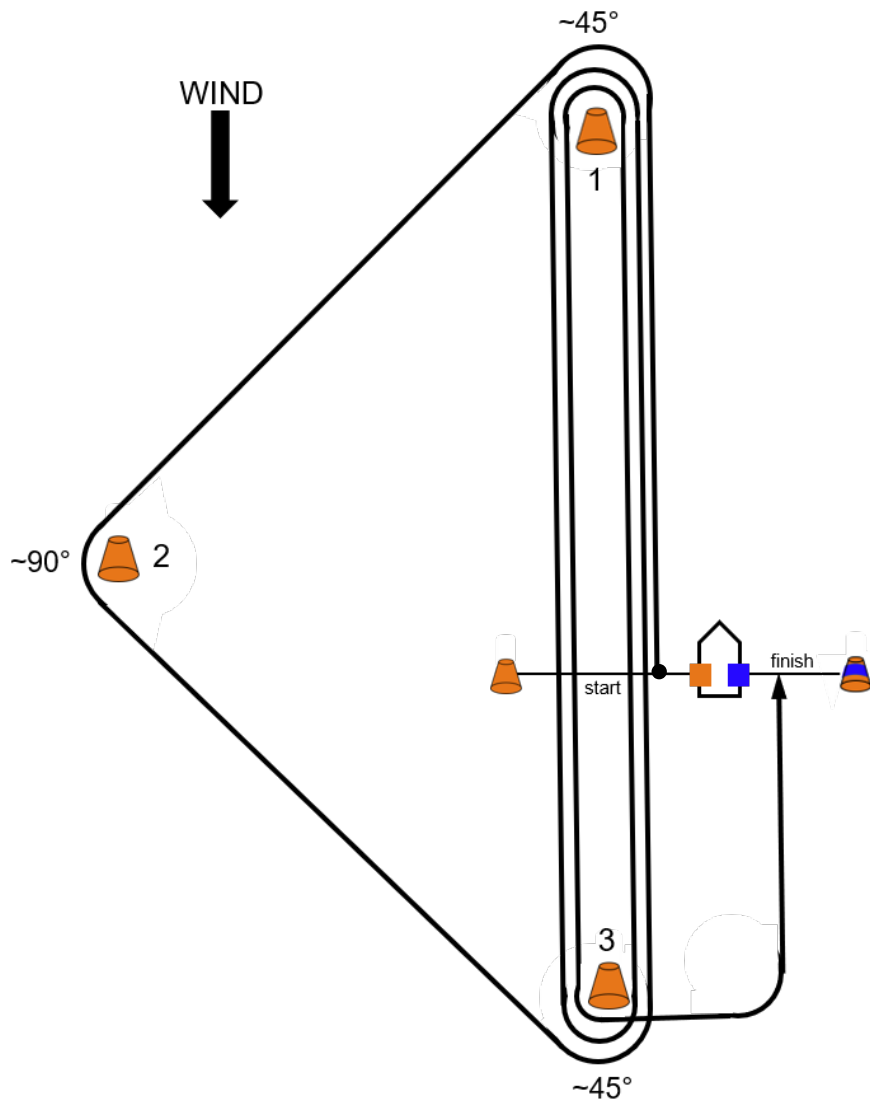
- 27.1 The attention of all participants in DBSC sailing activities is drawn to:
 - (a) Harbour Safety in paragraph 24 of these Sailing Instructions, the Risk Warning in paragraph 25 of these Sailing Instructions and the Use of DBSC Vessels in paragraph 26 of these Sailing Instructions;

- (b) The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 and, in particular, Part 1, Fundamental Rules, which at Rule 4 provides that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.
- 27.2 By participating in any activities conducted by DBSC, each participant acknowledges that he or she:
- (a) has read and accepted the provisions contained in Harbour Safety in paragraph 24 of these Sailing Instructions, the Risk Warning in paragraph 25 of these Sailing Instructions and the Use of DBSC Vessels in paragraph 26 of these Sailing Instructions;
 - (b) participates in such activities entirely at his or her own risk and responsibility;
 - (c) to the full extent permitted by law, releases DBSC from all liability, including liability for negligence, and indemnifies DBSC for the same;
 - (d) accepts that DBSC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted, or the adequacy of its equipment, but that DBSC reserves the right to refuse any entry; and
 - (e) indemnifies DBSC for all claims arising from any act or omission of the participant.
- 27.3 All participants in activities conducted by DBSC acknowledge and agree:
- (a) that, to the extent it may be available, the provision of on-water support to participants by DBSC support vessels is a voluntary facility provided by DBSC and operated by volunteers and that such support may not be available in a timely manner or at all to participants in distress or otherwise;
 - (b) that the exclusions from liability and releases provided in this document apply to and bind all members, visitors and guests in the event that any of them sustain any loss, damage or injury while participating in such activities, including without limitation while being rescued, or seeking to be rescued, or while they are in need of being rescued; and
 - (c) that they automatically grant to DBSC the right in perpetuity to make, use, show and publish at its discretion and without compensation to them (a) their name, (b) their sailing results, (c) any information about their involvement in the club, (d) any information about them that might be interesting to members of the club, and (e) any photography, audio and/or video recordings of them made at DBSC or during any activities of DBSC, and any reproductions of the same.

ANNEXURE 1

Club Championship, Point Score and Winter Championship series course

| Course | Rounding order |
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| 1 | Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, Finish |

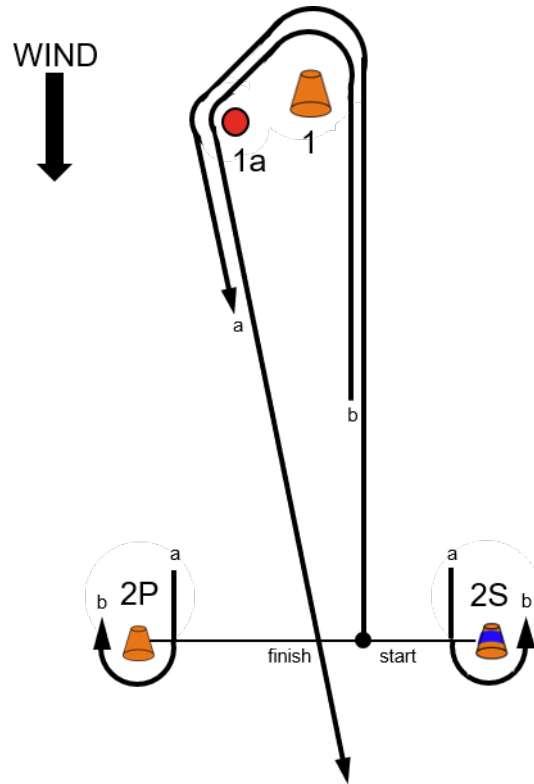


All marks are to port.

ANNEXURE 2

Sprint series course

| Course | Rounding order |
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| 2 | Start, 1, 1a*, Gate (2P or 2S), 1, 1a*, Finish |



All marks are to port.

* Mark 1a may or may not be placed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

ANNEXURE 3**28. PROTESTS**

- 28.1 Except where permitted as a result of paragraph 28.16 of these Sailing Instructions, DBSC does not permit formal protests, as the adversarial environment this can create is inconsistent with our culture, and the time commitment this can require is unreasonable for our volunteers.
- 28.2 The success of our racing depends on an “honour system” based on the principles of good sportsmanship and adherence to the Racing Rules and these Sailing Instructions by all participants.
- 28.3 Where a participant (the “Infringer”) has infringed the Racing Rules (as qualified by these Sailing Instructions), the Infringer must observe the principles in paragraph 28.2 and to perform the penalty required in accordance with paragraph 19 of these Sailing Instructions. This must occur whether or not the infringement was observed by other participants and whether or not other participants hail “protest” or otherwise make a complaint.
- 28.4 Where a participant (the “Aggrieved”) believes the Infringer has infringed the Racing Rules (as qualified by these Sailing Instructions), but the Infringer has not complied with its obligations under the Racing Rules (as qualified by these Sailing Instructions) and therefore has breached the principles in paragraphs 28.2 and/or 28.3 of these Sailing Instructions, the Aggrieved is encouraged real-time, on-the-water to raise the issue with the Infringer, and to seek informal support from observers (the “Observers”).
- 28.5 In response to this, the Infringer is expected to make an honest assessment as to whether or not an infringement has occurred, with such assessment to be made on the balance of probabilities, after taking into the account the perceptions of the Aggrieved and the Observers as to the facts of the matter (as those perceptions relate to the Racing Rules (as qualified by these Sailing Instructions).
- 28.6 If, based on the assessment required by paragraph 28.5 of these Sailing Instructions, the Infringer believes an infringement has occurred, the Infringer must perform the penalty required in accordance with paragraph 19 of these Sailing Instructions.
- 28.7 If the Infringer breaches the requirements of paragraphs 28.3 or 28.6 of these Sailing Instructions, there will be no penalty on the Infringer, except in accordance with paragraphs 28.10, 28.11, 28.12, 28.13, 28.14 and 28.15 of these Sailing Instructions or where permitted as a result of paragraph 28.16 of these Sailing Instructions. Except where permitted as a result of paragraph 28.16 of these Sailing Instructions, the Aggrieved will not be entitled to redress.
- 28.8 The Aggrieved and the Infringer are encouraged to discuss the matter further upon returning to shore, calling upon the Observers and/or third party “experts” to provide advice and/or opinions if desired, and are encouraged to reach agreement among themselves as to whether or not an infringement occurred.
- 28.9 Regardless of whether such agreement is reached, if (in relation to the alleged infringement) the Infringer did not perform the penalty required in accordance with paragraph 19 of these Sailing Instructions, and the Aggrieved wishes to seek to have a penalty imposed upon the Infringer, the Aggrieved may refer the matter to the Management Committee to request consideration and determination, but may only do so if the Aggrieved made reasonable attempts as soon as practicable after the alleged infringement occurred to raise the issue with the Infringer.
- 28.10 In the circumstances set out in paragraph 28.9 of these Sailing Instructions, the Management Committee may decide in its discretion to consider and determine the matter. Except where permitted as a result of paragraph 28.16 of these Sailing Instructions, there will be no right of review or redress in relation to such decision.

- 28.11 Where the Management Committee agrees to consider and determine the matter referred to in paragraph 28.10 of these Sailing Instructions, it may delegate the consideration and determination of the matter to a panel comprising one or more Management Committee members and/or one or more third parties (the “Reviewers”).
- 28.12 The Reviewers may make such enquiries, may consult with such parties and/or may seek such advice or opinions as they deem appropriate (if any), and may make a binding determination in their discretion. Except where permitted as a result of paragraph 28.16 of these Sailing Instructions, there will be no right of review or redress in relation to such determination.
- 28.13 The determination may stipulate:
- (a) That no infringement occurred;
 - (b) That an infringement occurred, but no action is required; or
 - (c) That an infringement occurred, and a penalty is to be applied.
- 28.14 Where the findings are in accordance with paragraph 28.13(c) of these sailing instructions, the penalty will be determined by the Reviewers in their discretion. Except where permitted as a result of paragraph 28.16 of these Sailing Instructions, there will be no right of review in relation to such penalty.
- 28.15 Should an Infringer be a repeat infringer, the Management Committee reserves the right to impose penalties and/or sanctions in its discretion (irrespective of the other provisions of this paragraph 28). Except where permitted as a result of paragraph 28.16 of these Sailing Instructions, there will be no right of review in relation to such penalties and/or sanctions.
- 28.16 Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph 28, the Management Committee may determine in its discretion to suspend the operation of this paragraph 28 in relation to particular circumstances and instead to apply the provisions of Part 5 of the Racing Rules to those circumstances. There will be no right of review in relation to the exercise or failure to exercise such discretion.

29. DISPUTE IN RELATION TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 29.1 Where a participant wishes to dispute the interpretation and/or application of these Sailing Instructions, that participant must submit particulars of the dispute in writing to the Commodore within one week of the occurrence of the circumstances giving rise to the dispute or within one week of the participant becoming aware of such circumstances, whichever is the later.
- 29.2 Following receipt of such particulars, the Commodore will decide in his or her discretion (with or without consultation) whether or not to consider and determine the dispute. There will be no right of review in relation to such decision.
- 29.3 If the Commodore decides to consider and determine the dispute, the Commodore may delegate the consideration and determination of the dispute to a panel comprising one or more Management Committee members and/or third parties (which panel may also include the Commodore) (the “Reviewers”).
- 29.4 The Reviewers may make such enquiries, may consult with such parties, and/or may seek such advice or opinions as they deem appropriate (if any), and may make a binding determination in their discretion. There will be no right of review in relation to such determination.

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| ANNEXURE 4 |
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30. SCORING, DISCARDS AND AVERAGE POINTS

- 30.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply for the Club Championship series, each Point Score series and the Winter Championship series, except that:
- (a) A competitor who is on course side or black flag disqualified, or who did not finish, will be scored the number of boats competing. For this purpose:
 - (i) “on course side” or “black flag disqualified” means recorded as such on the Race Committee’s score sheets; and
 - (ii) “did not finish” means (A) recorded as such on the Race Committee’s score sheets or (B) recorded as signed-on on the Sign-On Sheets or via the Sign-On Form, but not recorded on the Race Committee’s score sheets;
 - (b) A competitor who did not compete or who did not start will be scored the number of boats competing plus two. For this purpose:
 - (i) “did not compete” means not recorded as signed-on on the Sign-On Sheets or via the Sign-On Form, and not recorded on the Race Committee’s score sheets; and
 - (ii) “did not start” means recorded as such on the Race Committee’s score sheets. Note, competitors who are signed-on on the Sign-On Sheets or via the Sign-On Form, and who wish to be recorded as “did not start”, must notify the Race Committee and ensure this is reflected on the Race Committee’s score sheets;
 - (c) For each Point Score series or the handicapped element of the Winter Championship series, a handicapping system will be applied using the method the handicapper determines in his or her discretion to be appropriate, provided that method is determined at the start of the applicable series and is applied consistently throughout that series. The scores that are recorded will be the scores determined after application of the handicapping system;
 - (d) A competitor may be awarded average points only in accordance with paragraphs 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions; and
 - (e) For the purpose of this paragraph 30.1, the number of boats competing is calculated as the number of boats in the mathematical union of (A) the set of boats recorded as signed-on on the Sign-On Sheets or via the Sign-On Form and (B) the set of boats recorded on the Race Committee’s score sheets.
- 30.2 Average points will be awarded to a competitor, subject to paragraph 30.3 of these Sailing Instructions, where the competitor notifies the handicapper (and the handicapper accepts, subject to review by the Management Committee in its discretion) that:
- (a) The competitor performed race management or other on-water official duties at DBSC for that race in accordance with the volunteer roster or otherwise as agreed in advance by the Commodore in his or her discretion (note that if the competitor who performed race management or other on-water official duties at DBSC for that race was not rostered or the Commodore does not agree in advance then (A) if that competitor is recorded as signed-on on the Sign-On Sheets or via the Sign-On Form, that competitor is recorded as Did Not Finish or (B) otherwise, that competitor is recorded as Did Not Start); or
 - (b) The competitor competed in (or attended with the intention of competing in) a designated Laser Class Association race which was scheduled to be held on the same day as the DBSC race (or, where the designated Laser Class Association race was not in Greater Sydney, was scheduled to be held the day before or the day after the DBSC race).

30.3 If:

- (a) a competitor claims average points under paragraph 30.2(a) of these Sailing Instructions, the maximum number of races in a series for which average points may be awarded under that paragraph is two for the Club Championship series and each Point Score series and three for the Winter Championship series. For the avoidance of doubt, this is in addition to any entitlement under paragraph 30.3(b) of these Sailing Instructions; and
- (b) a competitor claims average points under paragraph 30.2(b) of these Sailing Instructions, the maximum number of races in a series for which average points may be awarded under that paragraph is as follows:

| Number of races completed in the series | Maximum number of races in the series for which average points may be claimed |
|---|---|
| 10 | 2 |
| 11 and not more than 16 | 3 |
| More than 16 | 4 |

For the avoidance of doubt, this is in addition to any entitlement under paragraph 30.3(a) of these Sailing Instructions.

30.4 Where average points are awarded:

- (a) the score will be calculated by applying in “Sailwave” (or such other software fit for purpose as the handicapper elects to use) the method the handicapper determines in his or her discretion to be appropriate, provided that method is determined at the start of the applicable series and is applied consistently throughout that series;
- (b) for the avoidance of doubt, the method referred to in paragraph 30.4(a) of these Sailing Instructions will stipulate that average points include all of a competitor’s scores in the applicable series, including scores that are discarded in accordance with paragraph 30.6 of these Sailing Instructions, except that average points will not include scores determined in accordance with paragraph 30.1(b) of these Sailing Instructions (i.e. did not compete or did not start) (whether or not such scores are discarded);
- (c) for the reporting of scores throughout the Club Championship series or the scratch element of the Winter Championship series, average points will be calculated and recorded using an arithmetic average of a competitor’s applicable scores in that series. At the end of such a series, the average points awarded to any competitors in contention for first, second or third place in that series will be re-calculated and amended to reflect the average of that competitor’s relative position versus boats finishing in each race in that series (for example, in a three race series, if such a competitor finished 3rd out of 10 boats finishing in the first race and 6th out of 8 boats finishing in the second race, then, if average points was to be awarded to that competitor in the third race in which there were 15 boats finishing, that competitor would be awarded average points equal to 7.5th place $((3 + 6) / (10 + 8) * 15)$; and
- (d) for the reporting of scores throughout each Point Score series or the handicapped element of the Winter Championship series, average points will be calculated and recorded as the number of boats competing, divided by 2 (in order to reflect the “middle boat”). There will be no adjustments made at the end of such a series.

30.5 For the Club Championship series and each Point Score series, ten races are required to be completed to constitute a series. For the Winter Championship series, 15 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

30.6 A competitor’s score for the series will be calculated as follows:

- (a) When 6 to 8 races in a series have been completed, a competitor’s score will be the total of his or her race scores (including all scores referred to in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions), but discarding the lowest score;

- (b) When 9 to 11 races in a series have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of his or her race scores (including all scores referred to in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions), but discarding the lowest 2 scores;
- (c) When 12 to 14 races in a series have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of his or her race scores (including all scores referred to in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions), but discarding the lowest 3 scores;
- (d) When 15 to 16 races in a series have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of his or her race scores (including all scores referred to in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions), but discarding the lowest 4 scores;
- (e) When 17 to 19 races in a series have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of his or her race scores (including all scores referred to in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions), but discarding the lowest 5 scores;
- (f) When 20 to 22 races in a series have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of his or her race scores (including all scores referred to in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions), but discarding the lowest 6 scores;
- (g) When 23 to 25 races in a series have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of his or her race scores (including all scores referred to in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions), but discarding the lowest 7 scores;
- (h) When 26 to 28 races in a series have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of his or her race scores (including all scores referred to in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions), but discarding the lowest 8 scores; and
- (i) When 29 or more races in a series have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of his or her race scores (including all scores referred to in paragraphs 30.1 and 30.4 of these Sailing Instructions), but discarding the lowest 9 scores.

30.7 In order to be eligible to place first, second or third in a series, a competitor must compete in at least 67% of the races completed by that competitor's Laser class in that series (rounded down to the nearest integer). For this purpose, a competitor will be deemed not to have competed if he or she did not compete or did not start (as defined in paragraph 30.1(b) of these Sailing Instructions) or was awarded average points (in accordance with paragraph 30.1(c) of these Sailing Instructions). The number of races completed by a Laser class will be determined in accordance with paragraph 22.4 of these Sailing Instructions. Where a competitor who would otherwise have placed first, second or third in that series is ineligible as a result of this paragraph 30.7, that place will be awarded to the next competitor and so on.

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| ANNEXURE 5 |
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31. WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- 31.1 This Annexure 5 prevails to the extent of any inconsistency between it and the remainder of these Sailing Instructions.
- 31.2 The starting sequence will be 5 minutes, with the 4.7s and Radials to start after 3 minutes and the Standards to start after 5 minutes as follows:

| Signal | Flag and/or sound | Countdown | Fleet start |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|------------------------|
| Warning | All Class Flags 1 sound | 5 | |
| Preparatory Code Flag | Code Flag P or Black Flag 1 sound | 4 | |
| Three minutes | 1 sound | 3 | |
| Two minutes | 1 sound Radial and 4.7 Class Flags removed | 2 | 4.7s and Radials start |
| One minute | Code Flag P or Black Flag and 1 sound | 1 | |
| Starting | Standard Class Flag removed 1 sound | 0 | Standards start |

- 31.3 If there is general recall in any class that has not yet started, the sequence for all classes that have not yet started commences again. The black flag must be used for the restart immediately following a general recall, whether or not the restart involves more than one class.