



# Sail Mooloolaba 2017 Match Racing Championships

**6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Organising Authority:  
Mooloolaba Yacht Club

## **1. RULES:**

The event shall be governed by:

### **1.1**

- a) The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 with Australian Sailing Prescriptions (RRS), including Addendum C
- b) All competitors are required to wear an approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) which complies with AS SR Part 2. R 5.01 whilst afloat (this amends RRS 40).
- c) The rules for the handling of boats (Sailing Instruction Addendum C), which shall also apply to practice sailing.
- d) Class rules will not apply.
- e) When there is conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail over the NoR (Amends RRS 63.7).

1.2 RRS31 is changed to read: While racing, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of a course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing. In addition, while racing, a boat shall not touch an RC vessel that is also a mark.

1.3 If one boat has finished a match and the other boat has a penalty outstanding, the umpires may signal under RRS C5.5 that the penalty is cancelled. (Changes rule RRS C7.4)

1.4 Add after the first sentence of Appendix A5: When one boat, but not two, fails to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1, she shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

1.5 A boat may not request redress under RRS 62.1(a). The protest committee may consider giving redress under that rule if it believes that an error has been made. The RC or match umpires may request the protest committee to consider this.

1.6 Add to RRS41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

1.7 Delete RRS C6.3 and replace with: A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise while she is racing or in the finishing area, shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.

## **2. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY**

As per Notice of Race

## **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at MYC Clubhouse.

3.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flag pole located adjacent to the MYC pontoon.

3.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

3.4. All Skippers shall attend the meeting at the MYC Clubhouse, which will be at 0830 on 7 October 2017.

3.5. Each day there will be a meeting at the MYC Clubhouse at 0830.

3.6 There will be an umpires meeting at the end of each day's racing. Competitors may attend.

#### **4. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

4.1. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted at least one hour before the start of any race affected and will be signed by the Race Committee and/or the Jury representatives.

4.2. Flag "L" over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed each day from the shore flag staff until the boats have departed for the race course.

4.3. Amendments made afloat will be signaled by the display of the 3rd substitute with three sound signals. An umpire may communicate these either verbally or in writing.

#### **5. BOATS AND SAILS**

As per the Notice of Race and:

5.1. The sail combination to be used will be signaled from the Race Committee boat with or before the attention signal. The signals shall have the following meanings:

Signal Sail Combination to be used

No signal Full sails (Main, Jib & Spinnaker)

"T" Main and Jib only

5.2. Other restrictions or instructions given by the Race Committee may be relayed to the boats verbally by an umpire. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.

5.3. The Race Committee will decide which boats are to be used for each stage and when they decide a boat should not be used, the skipper assigned that boat may be given the temporary use of another boat.

#### **6. IDENTIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS**

6.1. Boats will be identified by their number.

6.2. For the Round Robins boats will be drawn each day at the morning meeting.

A draw for boats in the Semi-Finals will be held prior to the commencement of racing in the Semi-Finals Stage. Skippers shall retain these boats for the Semi Final and Final Stages.

#### **7. CREW MEMBERS, NUMBER AND WEIGHT**

As per the Notice of Race

#### **8. EVENT FORMAT AND STARTING SCHEDULE**

8.1. The event format is detailed in SI Addendum A. The matches to be sailed in a flight will be displayed in order of starting on the RC boat.

8.2. The racing days and intended schedules are as per the Notice of Race.

8.3. The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the Race Committee.

8.4. The Race Committee may vary or terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

8.5. The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1500 hrs.

8.6. Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as possible after the previous flight. The alert signal (International Code Flag F) for a flight may be made before all competitors in the previous flight have finished.

8.7. When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signal and starts of the following matches will remain as originally scheduled, leaving a blank start for the pair not starting. The Warning Signal for a blank start will be a Pink flag and there will be no other signals for the blank start.

## 9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in close proximity to MYC on the Mooloolah River.

## 10. COURSE

10.1. a) Course Configuration (not to scale)

- Mark W
- Mark L

Start/Finish Line      SP ----- RC

b) Course signals and course to be sailed.

Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat, at or before the warning signal.

Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard

Signal	Course
No signal	Start- W - L- W - Finish
"S" S	Start - W - Finish

c) Description of marks

The RC boat will be identified by the MYC burgee.

The starting/finishing line mark will be a Yellow pencil inflatable mark.

Mark W will be a Black and white-checked inflatable mark. This mark is the default mark for all races.

Mark L will be a Black and white-checked inflatable mark.

The replacement or alternate Mark W's will be a Green inflatable mark.

## 10.2. Starting/Finishing Line

- a) The starting/finishing line will be a line between the course side of the starting/finishing mark (as per 10.1c) and a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Start boat.

## 10.3. Abandonment and Shortening

- a) RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: 'After the starting signal the Race Committee may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical.
- b) Abandonment of a match which has started will be signaled by an official boat displaying flag N, or the match umpires approaching the two boats concerned and hailing. (Alters Race Signals)
- c) The course may be shortened after the start whilst boats are in the general vicinity of Mark W. A shortened course will be signaled by a Race Committee boat approaching the two boats concerned, displaying flag S and making a repetitive sound signal. Boats shall round Mark W if they have not already done so and proceed directly to the finish at the start/finish line. (Alters Race Signals)
- d) A shortened course may affect one, or more than one of the matches in progress.

## 11. BREAKDOWN AND TIME FOR REPAIRS

11.1. Before the alert signal of the next flight, or within two minutes of finishing, or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display their Green flag signal breakdown (including damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew) and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to close to leeward of the Race Committee Start boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.

11.2. The time allowed for repairs shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11.3. After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdowns or the display of a breakdown signal unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by Sailing Instruction 11.1.

11.4. Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## 12. STARTING PROCEDURE

12.1. The attention signal will be displayed 6 minutes before the first starting signal in each flight. This changes RRS C3.

12.2. Match warning signals will be numerical pennants.

12.3. The next flight number will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee Start boat for at least one minute prior to the attention signal. The warning signal for the second match of every flight will be the starting signal of the first match.

### **13. CHANGE OF COURSE**

13.1. Changes to the course will be made by setting a replacement mark W. Changes may alter the course distance and/or direction. Changes may affect one or more than one of the matches.

13.2. Subsequent changes will revert to the original mark.

13.3. Change of Course Signals and Signaling Vessel

- a) When a change of course after starting only affects some matches, these shall be designated by the appropriate numeral pennant and the colour of the mark.
- b) When a change of course is made for the first leg, the signal shall be displayed from the Race Committee boat with the preparatory signal for each match affected. The preparatory signal shall be followed by a series of repetitive sound signals and the colour of the mark
- c) When a change of course is signaled after the first leg it shall be displayed from a boat in the vicinity of mark L.
- d) If no change of course is signaled they will revert to the default mark.

### **14. TIME LIMIT**

A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5

### **15. COACH BOATS**

Due to traffic congestion in the river coach boats will not be allowed during the racing period.

### **16. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

The Organising Authority may require television personnel and equipment to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The Organising Authority shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

### **17. PRIZES**

17.1 The principal prize for first place will be a perpetual trophy

17.2 Other prizes may be given.

### **18. CODE OF CONDUCT**

18.1. Competitors shall comply with Australian Sailing Competitors Code of Conduct including any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.

18.2. Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with SI Addendum B and C.

18.3. The penalty for breaking this SI is at the discretion of the Jury and may include exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of prizes or the withholding of damage deposits

## **19. DISCLAIMER**

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The Organising Authority, its associated and appointee accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever used.

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.”***

## **ADDENDUM A – EVENT FORMAT**

The event will consist of:

### **STAGE 1 – Round Robin**

- (a) Each skipper is scheduled to sail each other skipper twice.
- (b) The top 4 skippers will progress to Stage 2.

### **STAGE 2 – Placings 5-8**

- (a) For positions 5-8, each skipper in positions 5-6 & 7-8 will sail each other.
- (b) The first skipper to score two wins in each of these matches will be awarded the higher overall place.
- (c) The highest placed skipper from the Round Robin Stages in each match will be starboard entry first.

### **STAGE 3 – Semi Finals**

- (a) Boats may be redrawn at any time during this stage. Skippers will not exchange boats after the odd matches.
- (b) The highest placed skipper in Stage 1 shall select their opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
- (c) The highest placed skipper from Stage 1 in each match will be given starboard entry first and skippers shall alternate assigned ends for each match.
- (d) The first skipper in each match to score at least two (2) points shall proceed to Stage 4(c)
- (e) The other skippers shall proceed to Stage 4(d)

### **STAGE 4 – Petit Final & Final**

- (a) Boats may be redrawn at any time during this stage. Skippers will not exchange boats after the odd matches.
- (b) The highest placed skipper from Stage 1 in each match shall be given starboard entry and skippers shall alternate assigned ends for each match.
- (c) The first skipper to score at least three (3) points in the Final shall be the regatta winner, the other skipper shall be awarded 2nd place.
- (d) The skipper to score at least two (2) points in the Petit Final shall be awarded 3rd place. The other skipper shall be awarded 4th place.



## **ADDENDUM B – HANDLING BOATS**

### **1. GENERAL**

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

### **2. PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIONS**

Except in an emergency or to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire or the Race Committee otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1. Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2. The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3. The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the Race Committee.
- 2.4. Sailing the boat in a manner that is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5. Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6. Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7. Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the Race Committee, or, on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- 2.8. Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 2.9. Using a flattener as a reef.
- 2.10. Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 2.11. Using any other lines excluding sheets to assist with leverage.
- 2.12. Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.13. Radio transmission (including mobile phones), except to report damage or in response to a request from the RC.
- 2.14. Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 2.15. Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, jib sheet, backstay or vang.
- 2.16. Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting into the cleat.
- 2.17. The use of electronic equipment other than watches.
- 2.18. Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the foresail.
- 2.19. Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 2.20. The use of the shrouds above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard is prohibited.
- 2.21. A breach of SI Addendum B 2.20 is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by Umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.

### **3. PERMITTED ITEMS AND ACTIONS**

The following are permitted:

- 3.1. Taking a bag on board containing:

- a) Basic hand tools
- b) Adhesive tape and Velcro tape
- c) Line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
- d) Marking pens
- e) Tell tale material
- f) Watch, timers and hand held compass
- g) Shackles and clevis pins
- i) Spare flags

### 3.2. Using the items in 3.1 to:

- a) Prevent the fouling of lines, sails and sheets
- b) Attach tell tales
- c) Prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
- d) Mark control settings (including on halyards and sheets)
- e) Make minor repairs
- f) Make signals as per RRS Addendum C6.

### 3.3. Changing the number of mainsheet purchases.

## 4. MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS

The following are mandatory:

4.1. The completion of a written damage report and submitting it to the Race Committee representative before leaving a boat, even if no damage or loss is recorded. The report shall include any damage or loss of equipment, however minimal or slight, and shall include advice of matters which could potentially result in damage, danger or disadvantage to the boat in future matches.

### 4.2. At the end of each sailing day:

- a) Folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
- b) Leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day
- c) Releasing backstay tension

4.3. At the end of each day for a particular boat the crew shall clean the boat (cabin and decks), remove all trash and remove all tape and marks.

4.4. Any requests to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

4.5. Complying with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.

4.6. A breach of SI Addendum B 4.2 and 4.3 will be considered damage and the cost rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.

## **ADDENDUM C – EQUIPMENT LIST**

The following non-fixed items, provided by the Organising Authority, are to be carried on board at all times in their designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported on the daily damage report.

### **Sails and Sailing Equipment**

- Mainsail and set of battens
- Standard jib sail
- Small headsail (the Race Committee may decide to only allocate standard jib sails and store the small jibs on a Race Committee boat until required. This will be advised at the briefing)
- Spinnaker
- One spinnaker pole
- One continuous spinnaker sheet
- Two headsail sheets
- Tiller extension
- Safety Gear, Tools and Other Equipment
- One set of flags