

YMCA of Canberra Sailing Club



ACT Dinghy Championships 2020-2021

(Incorporating 53rd ACT NS14 Championships)

Sailing Instructions

Saturday 31 October 2020 to Sunday 1 November 2020

Organising Authority – The YMCA of Canberra Sailing Club

Venue: Yarralumla Bay, Lake Burley Griffin, ACT

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing Inc will apply.
- 1.3 The class rules of competing classes will apply.
- 1.4 For calculation of a boat's corrected time the Australian Sailing Dinghy Yardsticks 2019-2020 will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS AP – see SI 5.
 - RRS 26 – see SI 11.
 - RRS A4 & A5 – see SI 11.
 - RRS 35, A4 & A5 – see SI 13.

2 COVID 19

- 2.1 While the COVID-19 situation is in place, the Race Committee and all competitors must, while supporting or participating in this series, maintain and enforce complete compliance with:
 - all current and applicable COVID-19 related Government health directions and guidance;
 - all applicable COVID-19 related Australian Sailing guidance; and
 - the YMCASC COVID-19 Risk Management Plan ([click here](#)) as extant at the time.
- 2.2. The onus is on individual competitors and the Race Committee to be aware of how the above guidance is to be applied to themselves and to their boats.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sailors' Room at the YMCA Sailing Club.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it is to take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast on the west side of the YMCA Sailing Club clubhouse or on the YMCASC race committee boat *Westen* (if anchored at the clubhouse jetty).
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Dates of racing:

	1 st warning signal	Number of races
<i>Saturday 31st October 2020</i>	<i>1227 hrs</i>	<i>up to 4 races</i>
<i>Sunday 1st November 2020</i>	<i>1057hrs</i>	<i>up to 3 races back to back</i>
- 6.2 The Championships will comprise five races.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no first warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs.

7 DIVISIONAL FLAGS

- 7.1 Boats will compete in five divisions as follows:

Division 1	Sharpies
Division 2	Dinghies with AS yardsticks under 117, Flying Fifteens
Division 3	Dinghies with AS yardsticks of 117 and over
Division 4	2.4mR
Division 5	Bic's, Opti's, Hansa Dinghies

- 7.2 The divisional race flags will be the numeral pennant of the division number.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the location of racing area.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the course including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course designation.
- 9.3 A red flag displayed on the race committee boat instructs boats to leave marks to port, a green flag instructs boats to leave marks to starboard.

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10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2 Marks 4, 5 and 6 will be black and yellow wheel buoys flying a blue flag.
- 10.3 The start mark will be a yellow pencil mark displaying code flag R.
- 10.4 The finish mark will be a black and white pencil mark displaying a blue flag.
- 10.5 The race committee boat distance mark will be a red conical buoy.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started as follows: This changes RRS 26.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Divisional flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, Z, U or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Divisional flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat shall not pass between the race committee vessel and the distance mark. The penalty for a breach of this sailing instruction is that the boat shall take a one-turn penalty after her starting signal but not before starting.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored *Did Not Start* without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the division sails the course and finishes will be scored *Did Not Finish* without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protests forms are available at the race office located in the Sailors' Room at the YMCA Sailing Club. Protests shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For each division the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the YMCA Sailing Club clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Competitors shall sign that it is their intention to race, at least 60 minutes prior to the start of the first race they intend to compete in each day.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee.
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

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18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected or measured at any time for compliance with the class rules.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

19.1 Official boats will be marked with: 'YMCASC', 'YACT' or 'CYC'.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

20.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Trophies and prizes for the regatta will be awarded at the discretion of the YMCA Sailing Club.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 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.

24 INSURANCE

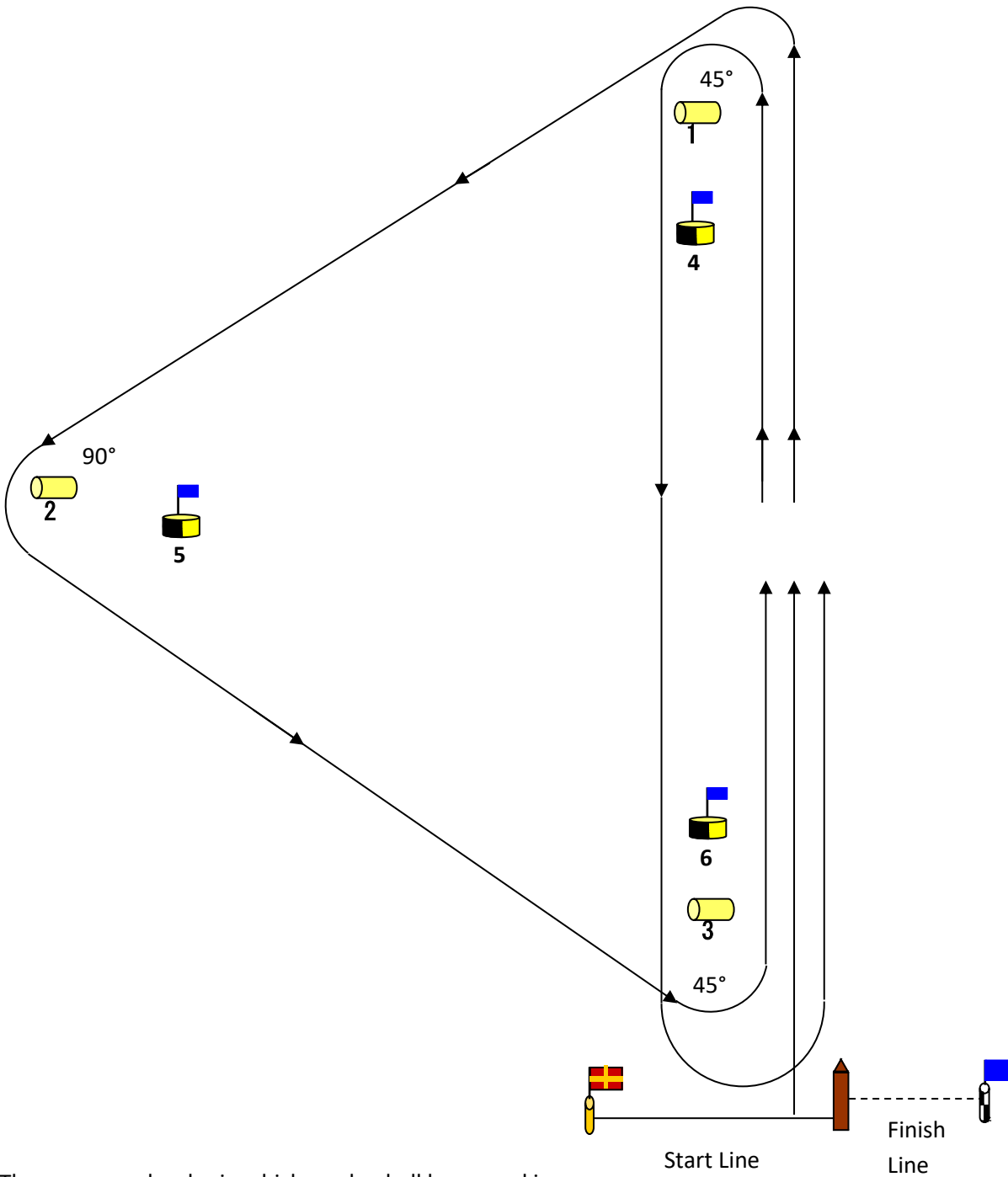
24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A: RACING AREA



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ATTACHMENT B: COURSE DIAGRAM



The course and order in which marks shall be passed is:

- Division 1: start-1-2-3-1-3-1- finish
- Division 2: start-1-2-3-1-3-4- finish
- Division 3: start-1-2-3-4- finish
- Division 4: start-1-3-1- finish
- Division 5: start-4-5-6-4-finish