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## Dart 18 Class National Sailing Championship 2012

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### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-12.**
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the South African National Authority apply: **The South African Sailing (SAS) Requirements for National Championships.**
- 1.3 **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009-12 and all Class Rules** will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule 44.1 will be changed as follows: the two turn penalty is replaced with a one turn penalty.

#### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the ELYC clubhouse.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at on the clubhouse bridge mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag V with a sound means "The Warning Signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag V is displayed. Boats shall not to leave the harbour/shore until this signal is made.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Number of races: Maximum of 10t.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race on the first day is 11255yyyy. Each subsequent days racing will have a warning signal at 0955.
- 5.3 Times of the following race will be displayed on the regatta notice board except if the race start committee boat at the finish line is displaying the "L" flag which will indicate that the next race will start shortly. The start procedure will commence 1 minute after the lowering of the "L" flag.



5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 13h00.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The class flag will be "D"

## **7. RACING AREAS**

7.1 Appendix I shows the location of racing areas.

## **8. THE COURSES**

8.1 Appendix II show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 Marks 1,3 and 4 will be large yellow cylindrical in shape. Mark 2 will be large red cylindrical shape. The start and finish marks will be small pink ball shapes.

9.2 A Race Committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided for in Paragraph 13.

## **10. THE START**

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be a line between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a round pink mark at the port end.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.



## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the mast of the race committee boat displaying a blue flag and a pink round mark astern of the race committee boat.

## **13. SHORTENING COURSE**

Should the Race Committee shorten course, the finishing line will not change and is to be crossed after going through the gate. The race committee boat will signal the shortening of course before the lead boat enters the gate with short sound signals and hoisting the "S" flag.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- A minimum of ten valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race.
- At least ten finishes in any two races of the series;
- At least four races completed.

## **17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

17.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

17.2 The protest time limit is 75 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2

17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and times thereof in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located on the deck above the ELYC clubhouse.



- 17.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the (Protest Committee) will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 17.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day.

This changes RRS 66.

- 17.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply\
- 18.2 a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of races sailed
- (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her two worst scores.

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 Check-out and check-in: All boats shall take their tallies when launching and return them to the board when coming back to shore.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 19.3.1 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while at sea.

- 19.5 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.



20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection.

## **23. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not discard trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

## **24. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **25. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

## **26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, nor any of its personnel, 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.

## **27. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.