

DART 18 SASKZN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

18th November 2017 to 19th November 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Regatta is organized by the Dart 18 class in conjunction with the RNYC under the auspices of South African Sailing (SAS).

1. RULES

- The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020**.
- **The SASKZN Requirements for Regional Championships** will apply.
- **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017 – 2020, the Class Rules of the Dart 18 class, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions** will apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the RNYC Clubhouse and at the DSB Clubhouse

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 07h30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- Signals made ashore will be displayed on the beach-site flag pole at DSBC.
- When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal A

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- Dates of racing:
Date
18/11/2017 Warning signal for the first race of the day at 11h00
19/11/2017 Warning signal for the first race of the day at 10h00

A maximum of 8 are scheduled for the regatta.

- To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.
- To alert boats that a further race will be held, Code Flag "L" will be displayed before the first boat finishes the previous race. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Code Flag "L" with a sound signal

- 5.1 On the last day of the regatta, no Warning Signal will be made after 13h30, unless 4 races have not been sailed for the event. In this instance, racing will continue until 4 races have been sailed for the event, with the cut off time for the warning signal for the last/fourth race now extended to 16:00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- Class flags and the order of starting will be as follows:
Dart 18 Flag "D"

7. RACING AREAS

- Racing will take place offshore Durban beach front between the harbour North Pier and Virginia Airstrip.

8. THE COURSES

- The diagrams in Addendum A 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

- Marks 1, 2, 3a and 3b will be large red cylindrical buoys.
- The starting and finishing marks will be a small pink spherical buoys.
- 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

- Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- The starting line will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the start mark on the pin end.
- A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. THE FINISH

- The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the finish mark on the pin end..

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 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 possible. The new mark will be a "yellow cylindrical buoy".
- If mark 1 is changed after the start of the race, there will be no offset mark (mark 2).
- The direction of the change of the leg shall be indicated according to RRS 33(a) (2) except that a green rectangular flag will be used instead of a green triangular flag.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

- In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the Race Committee may shorten the course before the leading boat of the class reaches the gate marks (3a and 3b). The gate marks remain a mark of the course. Boats shall continue through the gate and thereafter proceed directly to the prescribed finish line, crossing the line from the direction of the gate.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. After the incident as soon as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making the required turn, the turn includes one tack and one gybe. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail
- A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or RRS 44.1 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. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or when racing is abandoned for 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.
- 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 committee room, located at the Beach Club.
- Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the (Protest Committee) (jury) will be posted before the protest time limit.
- On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
 - within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day.
 - This changes RRS 66.
- 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

- Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 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

- a. Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- b. All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- c. Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!
- d. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- e. All skippers are required to sign out before leaving shore and sign back in after returning ashore in a register with the Regatta Secretary.

20 SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND BOATS

20.1 (a) Support Persons

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 150 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished racing, unless the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to action under RRS 64.4

(b) Support Boats

Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a Yellow Flag

- 20.2 A Race Committee support boat flying a white flag dictates that a competitor shall change course so as not to sail between the support boat and the following/adjacent commercial shipping in order to facilitate shipping movement. Failure to react will result in the competitor being protested by the Race Committee for not complying with this instruction, with resultant DSQ.

21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- a. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- b. 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 Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- a. 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

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

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. 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

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

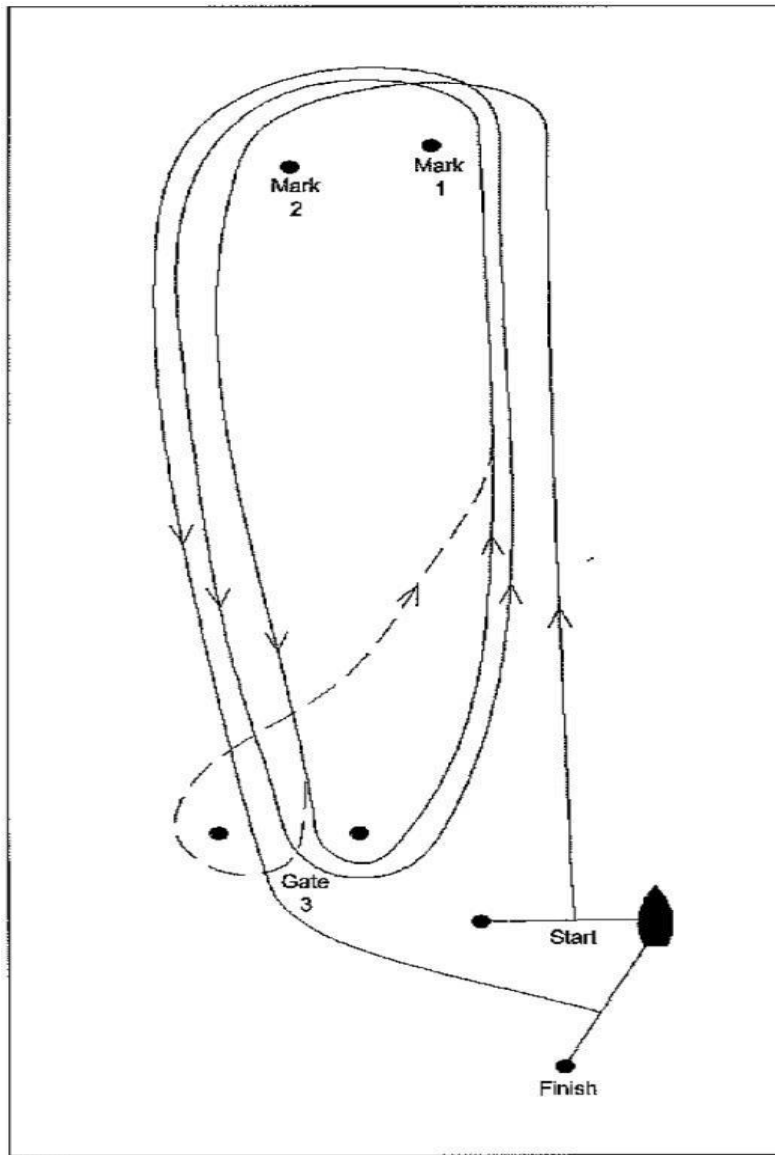
26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization of the event will 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

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

ADDENDUM A - COURSE and DIAGRAM



Start – 1 Port – 2 Port – 3P3S – 1 Port – 2 Port – 3P3S – 1 Port – 2 Port – Gate- Finish.