

DART 18 SAS National Class Championship 2014

08 August 2014 to 10 August 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sanctioned 10 July 2014

The Regatta is organized by the Dart 18 class in conjunction with the Stilbaai Yacht Club 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) 2013 - 2016**.
- **The South African Sailing (SAS) Requirements for National Championships** will apply.
- **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013 – 2016, the Class Rules of the Dart 18 class, the Notice of Race** and these **Sailing Instructions** will apply.
- Racing rules(s) 44.1 will be changed as follows: the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the SYC Club House.

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 at the SYC Club house flag pole.
- When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- Dates of racing:

Date

09/08/2014

Warning signal for the first race of the day at 08h30

10/08/2014

Warning signal for the first race of the day at 08h30

- Number of races:

A maximum of 10 are scheduled for the regatta.

- When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more (classes) (fleets)) will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, Flag "L" will be displayed before a Warning Signal is displayed. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Flag "L".
- On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 14h00.

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 on the Vaal Dam in front of Stilbaai Yacht Club.

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 yellow buoys.
- The starting and finishing marks will be a small pink buoy.
- A Race Committee boat signalling 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 nearby start mark.
- 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 nearby finish mark.

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 red 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 mark (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 mark 3a or 3b.

14. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 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. 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 jury room, located at Stilbaai Yacht 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.

17. **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 boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!
- A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

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

20. **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.

21. **TRASH DISPOSAL**

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

22. **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.

23. **PRIZES**

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

24. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organising Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organisation 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.

25. **INSURANCE**

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

Addendum A (page 1) COURSE DIAGRAM

Rounding

Order

1p,2p,Gate (3a/3b)

1p,2p,Gate (3a/3b)

1p,2p,Gate (3a/3b), F



