

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2020/2021

1. RULES

1.1. All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) until 31 Dec 2020, thence the 2021-2024 RRS from 1 Jan 2021, the prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), except as any of these that are changed by these sailing instructions. Where the RRS is referenced in these instructions and differs between editions, the rule will be prefixed with "2017." or "2021." as appropriate.

1.2. All boats should comply with their Class Rules; any infringement may result in disqualification for the race or races affected.

2. ENTRIES

2.1. Eligible boats may be entered by writing the boat's sail number, name, names of skipper and crew on the sign-on sheet for its class, made available in the Clubhouse. Eligibility requirements for monohull boats are that they be less than 4.86 metres in overall length (multihulls less than 4.31 metres in overall length), and comply with the YA safety regulations. Boats must be insured for a minimum \$10 million Public Liability. Competitors must be a 'Sailing' or 'Temporary Crew' member of the Concord and Ryde Sailing Club Inc. (CRSC), or a current member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club. A Temporary Crew membership may be obtained at the club free of charge, and be used a maximum of three race days per season. Visitors from other clubs must pay the visitors fee.

All entrants agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2. Entry to the Cadet Class is restricted to persons under the age of sixteen as at 1 September 2020

2.3. Entry to the Junior Heron Class is restricted to persons under the age of eighteen as at 1 September 2020

2.4. Entry to B-Division shall be restricted to monohulls with a yardstick slower than a Heron, unless prior approval is given by the Race Committee.

2.5. The CRSC Inc. reserves the right to refuse the entry of a competitor.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Any notices to competitors will be posted on the Club notice board and adjacent to the sign-on sheets.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the warning signal of the scheduled race to which it applies, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the day before it will take effect and sent to each member at the email address if held by CRSC.

4.2. A scheduled handicap start may be changed to a scratch start by notifying competitors on the sign-on sheets prior to 1345 hours on the day of the race, and verbally in the rigging area.

4.3. Change to the sailing instructions may also be made by being communicated to each boat on the water before its warning signal.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club's flagpole.

5.2. Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after the AP is lowered."

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Races are scheduled as set out in the program annexed to these sailing instructions. The time of the warning signal on each race day shall be at 1405 hours, except for:

6.1.1. Junior Heron, Cadet and Intermediate Spiral races whose warning signal shall be at 1215 hours with the first starting signal at 1220 hours.

6.1.2. Short Course races whose warning signal shall be at 1405 hours. The second race on a day for each class will

commence after the last boat for that class has crossed the finish line or withdrawn.

6.2. All Club races, except Junior Heron, Cadet and Intermediate Spiral races, Festive and Challenge series and any winter series, shall be considered as pointscore events for the purposes of SI 16.13.

6.3 Spring, Autumn and Club Championship races which are not sailed, or are abandoned, may be re-scheduled to be scored in conjunction with another event, or re-sailed, at the discretion of the Race Committee

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Class Association flags shall be used for the start unless otherwise notified on the Clubhouse notice board.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. A map, not to scale, of the racing area is annexed to these sailing instructions.

9. THE COURSE

9.1. The schedule of courses annexed to these sailing instructions show the courses, the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. Boats shall not pass between the lateral marks and the adjacent shore.

9.2. Boats shall not sail among permanent NSW Maritime moorings.

9.3. Boats shall not collide with, or cause collisions with, moored craft.

10. MARKS

10.1. All marks will be orange buoys bearing flags as below:

No. 1 Reynolds	All Boats	
No. 6 Walkers	Code O and Q	
No. 2 Majors	Monohull boats	Multihull boats
No. 3 Fishers	Code O	Code Q
No. 4 Bridge		
No. 5 Brays		
No. 7 Pre-finish	All Boats Code F	
Finishing	All Boats Code L	

10.2. All marks shall be laid in the proximity of the places shown on the schedule of courses.

10.3. When the Marathon is sailed the Race Officer may place an additional mark to be rounded prior to the first mark shown on the course map to provide for the race to start on a work. Competitors will be notified of the additional mark when briefed on-shore prior to the start.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started from the Committee boat.

11.2. Scratch starts

11.2.1 The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

11.2.2 The order of class' starts shall be Catamaran, Tasar and NS14, Spiral, Heron, Firebugs and B-Division, then

A-Division. For Junior Heron, Cadet and Intermediate Spiral race the order of start shall be Heron, Intermediate Spiral and Cadet.

11.2.3 In the event of a general recall the fall of the class flag of the abandoned start shall be the preparatory signal for the new start. After two general recalls for one class Rule 11.2.2 may change so that the offending class shall start last. This changes RRS 29.2.

11.2.4 After the preparatory signal for the first class to start, no boat shall sail within 10 metres of the starting line until the preparatory signal for its class has been made.

11.3. **Handicap starts.** This changes RRS 26.

11.3.1 Five minutes before the start of the first boats the warning signal shall be made. The signal shall be the flying of the CRSC Inc. Club flag. A sound signal may also be made. One minute before the start of each boat, her preparatory signal shall be made. This signal shall be the display of a numeral board bearing the boat's handicap. The fall or removal of that numeral board shall constitute the starting signal for that boat.

11.3.2 After the warning signal has been made no boat shall maneuver within 10 metres of the starting line until her preparatory signal has been made.

11.4. The starting line shall be between the mast of the Committee boat and the monohull mark of the course indicated as the start on the Schedule of Courses.

11.5. The course may be notified by the Race Officer prior to the Committee boat leaving the shore, but the course number flag will be displayed on the Committee boat when it is on station at the starting line.

11.6. If the on water wind velocity is in excess of 25 knots for a 30-second period a start may be abandoned or postponed or otherwise at the Race Committee's discretion.

12. **SHORTENED COURSE**

12.1. The course may be shortened by flying Code Flag S from the Committee Vessel or other craft designated by the Principal Race Officer and each competitor being informed of the course before the first boat crosses the finishing line. This changes RRS 32.2

13. **THE FINISH**

13.1. The finishing line shall be between the designated point on the western side of the Clubhouse and the finishing mark.

13.2. Boats shall only pass between Mark No. 7 and the Clubhouse or between the finishing mark and the Clubhouse when approaching the finishing line to finish.

13.3. Boats not completing the course must indicate that on the sign-on sheet. Writing D.N.F. or D.N.S. is sufficient. Failure to do this will cause the boat to score points for D.N.C. This changes RRS 2017.A9 (2021.A5.3).

13.4. Boats that sign-on but do not leave the shore should record D.N.C. on the sign-on sheet as soon as possible after they reach the decision not to sail. This is a safety issue for other Club members.

14. **TIME LIMITS**

14.1. For scratch starts the time limit will be two and a half hours for each class. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or after the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored D.N.F.

14.2. For handicap starts the time limit will be two and a half hours from the starting signal for the scratch boats. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or after the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored DNF.

14.3. For short courses, the time limit for the first race shall be 80 minutes from the starting signal. There shall be no time limit for the second race.

15. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1. Protests shall be written on the forms available at the Clubhouse and lodged there with a member of the race committee within 30 minutes of the finish of the protesting boat or, should she not finish, within 30 minutes of her

return to the rigging area. In addition, the finisher shall be notified of the existence of a protest within the same period.

16. SCORING

16.1. Handicaps will be calculated by the "ECHO" method, as used by the race results program "sail 100" and detailed at https://www.sailing.ie/Portals/0/documents/A-Note-on-ECHO-Progressive-Handicapping_web.pdf

The progressive factor used will be 25%: new handicap = (75% original handicap) + (25% ECHO).

For handicap starts, a handicap based on an elapsed time of 100 minutes for all classes will be used. Handicaps will not be adjusted based on the results of a handicap start race.

The Festive Series will use a single handicap for all races.

The handicapper, with the approval of the Race Committee, may exclude a boat or fleet from the handicap calculation, if, in his opinion, the result is considered unusual.

16.2. Only members of the Concord and Ryde Sailing Club who have paid membership and racing fees in full by 30th September 2020 shall be eligible to score points. A member who has not paid their membership and racing fees by 30th September 2020 shall score D.N.C. for all races until their fees are paid. Points for the next boat finishing and all following places will be adjusted accordingly.

16.3. New members shall be eligible to score points from and including the date of lodging a membership application, either online or paper form, provided that application is finalised within 30 days of lodgment. The fact that an application has been lodged must be entered on the sign-on sheet for the class. If the application is not finalised within 30 days the applicant shall be declared a non-member and all points shall be awarded to the next boat finishing and all following places adjusted accordingly.

16.4. All races are handicap events and points will be awarded for the handicap result of each boat. The Club Championship will also be a scratch event and points will be awarded for the scratch result of each boat. A class yardstick will be applied to different classes in "A" or "B" Division and to the Catamaran class to obtain their scratch results.

Yardsticks will be posted prior to the first race of the season.

16.5. The Schedule of Races shows each series or event, one race shall be completed to constitute a series or event.

16.6. In a series or event where three races or less are completed each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.7. In a series where four to seven races are completed each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded.

16.8. In a series where eight or more races are completed each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst two race scores discarded.

16.9. Scoring for the Ryde Bi-centenary Trophy series shall be across all classes, the best twenty-three race scores, less abandoned races or races re-sailed with other events shall be counted for the series score. Where average points are granted they shall count as a race result for the Ryde Bi-centenary Trophy series. The Festive Series, Short Course Races and Handicap Starts will not be counted towards the Ryde Bi-centenary Trophy Series.

16.10. Transfer of points between boats of different classes is not permitted. The transfer of points between boats of the same class may be permitted at the discretion of the Race Committee after a written request has been made. The transfer of points between boats of the same class sailed in Junior Heron, Cadet and Intermediate Spiral races is permitted without the need for written request to the Race Committee.

16.11. At the beginning of each season each boat shall nominate the skipper (who shall be the helmsman) and crew member(s). A change of a skipper shall cause a boat to score points for a D.N.S. in races concerned. A change of crew is permitted but the Race Committee may adjust the boat's handicap; Rule 16.2 shall not apply to the substitute crew.

16.12. Application to change the skipper or crew shall be made on the sign-on sheet.

16.13. Average Points for Spring, Autumn and Ryde Bi-centenary Pointscores: A skipper may apply to the Race Committee for average points for one heat in the Spring Pointscore, one heat in the Autumn Pointscore and one heat of the Ryde Bi-centenary Pointscore (when not a Spring or Autumn Pointscore Race) when:

16.13.1 they are representing the Club at an event sponsored by the association of the class they regularly sail in Club events, or

16.13.2 the boat they regularly sail has been surrendered to a junior member to allow them to compete in a class association event, or

16.13.3 the skipper is crewing for a junior member in a class association event, or

16.13.4 the skipper is unable to skipper their boat because the boat is shared with another skipper who is sailing the boat in a Club Championship scheduled by the Race Committee simultaneously with the Pointscore event in which the skipper would normally sail the boat, or

16.13.5 they are sailing in any other event approved by the Race Committee in writing before its commencement.

16.14. Average Points for Club Duty:

A skipper may apply to the Race Committee for average points for any race they are unable to sail due to performing Club duty.

16.15. Applications for average points must be lodged in writing to the Race Committee or by email to the Commodore with 6 days of the Club race for which average points are sought.

16.16. Any boat reported to the Race Committee and found guilty of using offensive language may be disqualified from that day's race. In the event of the boat being disqualified on three separate occasions in one season that boat shall not score points for any race of that season.

16.17. Only Firebug and Optimist class boats may score points for scratch placings in the Cadet class Club Championship.

16.18. Eligibility for Point Score results and prizes in the Intermediate Spiral class will be at the discretion of the Handicapper and the Class Captain.

16.19 Scoring for all series will be in accordance to RRS 2017.A9 (2021.A5.3), except as altered by SI 13.3.

17. CHANGE OF SAILING EQUIPMENT

17.1. The Race Committee shall be notified by any boat changing a sail or other substantial equipment. Notification may be made on the sign-on sheet. A boat's handicap may be adjusted because of the change.

17.2. Catamarans are required to nominate the configuration they will sail for the season on the sign on sheet of their first race. When another configuration is sailed, it will be treated as a visitor to that series, so no points are scored and the number of entries for the series is not affected. Failure to notify a change of configuration being sailed in the race will result in DSQ for that race.

18. PRIZES

18.1. Prizes will be awarded according to Management Committee policy.

18.2. At the Race Committee's discretion, an experienced sailor may be excluded from Cadet Class and Intermediate Spiral trophies.

18.32. Prizes may be awarded for the events listed below. Where a member wins multiple events only one prize may be awarded in recognition of all events won.

Event	Prizes which may be awarded
Club Championship	Scratch Placings 1st, 2nd & 3rd Handicap Placings 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Spring Point Score	Handicap Placings 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Festive Point Score	Handicap Placing 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Autumn Point Score	Handicap Placings 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Rod Walker Handicap	Rod Walker Memorial Trophy Handicap Placing 1st
Melrose Trophy	Handicap Placing 1st
Australia Day Handicap	Handicap Placing 1st
Ryde Games	Handicap Placing 1st
Marathon Race	Handicap Placing 1st
Putney Progress Association	Best Overall Trophy
Ryde Bicentenary Trophy	Handicap Placing 1st, 2nd & 3rd

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1. Competitors participate in CRSC Inc. races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 2017.4 (2021.3), 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 any CRSC Inc. event.