
Eastern Cape Provincial Championships
and
Incorporating the SA Fireball and Mirror National Championships

Wriggleswade Dam
Stutterheim, Eastern Cape

from
3rd - 5th October 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the ***Racing Rules of sailing 2013-2016 (RRS)***.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice boards located at the race management office

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than thirty minutes before the starting time of the next affected race, except that any change to the schedule of races or starting time of the first race of the day will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Bridge. Flag "D" means boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is lowered.
- 4.2 When flag Y is displayed ashore, **Rule 40** (personal flotation devices) applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>		
Saturday 3 rd October 2015	09h00- 11:00	Registration
	11h00	Skipper's briefing
	12h00	Race 1
	Subsequent races per notice board or signal whilst afloat.	
Sun 4 th & Mon 5 th October 2015	As per notice board	First race of day
The "L" flag flown whilst yachts finishing a race shall signal the next race will start shortly. Min. of 4 races is scheduled to a maximum of 12 if conditions are favourable to good racing.		

- 5.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15h00.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be advised at registration.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be Wriggleswade Dam.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses will be indicated on the Regatta Notice Board. A board on the back of the committee boat will display the relevant course to be sailed and will be displayed no later than the warning signal.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks of the course will be advised at registration.

9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be advised at registration.

9.3 New marks, as provided in **rule 33** (changing the next leg of the course) will be large red or yellow marks.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using **rule 26** with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between the Committee Boat Signal Mast and a nearby start mark, as specified on the course instruction listed on the Regatta Notice Board.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

10.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes **Appendix A4 and A5**.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 **Rule 33** allows for the moving of the mark by displaying flag C with repetitive sounds, a green flag for moving to starboard, red flag if moving to port. There need not be any indication of a change in the course length (this changes rule 33(b)).

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the Committee Boat Signal Mast and a nearby finish mark, as specified on the course instruction listed on the Regatta Notice Board.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For the catamaran class(es) **rule 44** is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes **rules 35 and Appendix A4 and A5**.
- 14.2. The race Committee may schedule an extra-ordinary course and extend the time limits by posting a Notice to Competitors 30 minutes before the start of the race.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the Information Officer based in the Race Management Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 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 Clubhouse.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under **rule 61.1(b)**.
- 15.5 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in **rule 70.5**.
- 15.6 A deposit of R50 is required from the Protestor, and will only be refunded should the Protestor wins the Protest.

16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Substitution of competitors and or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee

17 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18 ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority, if any, as instructed on the Regatta notice Board.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

There is an official photographic boat which will endeavour to keep clear of competitors.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 150 m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **rule 4, Decision to Race**. Neither the organizing authority, nor any of its officers or employees accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.