

NSW Heron State Championship

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November 2017

Organised and conducted by

Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club

In conjunction with

The NSW Heron Sailing Association

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2016-2020, (RRS).
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3 (a) The Regatta is open to all financial "Heron Class" boats registered with the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia and class rules shall apply except as modified by these Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race.
- (b) This Regatta permits the use of a Genoa subject to meeting the following conditions
- eligible to enter the Heavy Weight Division (Crew weight exceeds 135kg);
- OR
- crew weight exceeds 125kg and the boat is carrying at least the difference between the crew weight (carrying sailing gear) and 135kg as additional ballast (lead weight correctors) that are affixed under the front thwart;
- AND
- crew intending to use the Genoa must be weighed at the competitor briefing wearing underwear, shorts and T-shirt and carrying their sailing gear. "Sailing Gear" is defined as; PFD, spray jacket, booties, and gloves;
 - crew may be reweighed at any time during the series;
 - competitors using the genoa shall do so in all races

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the Regatta Office on the upper level of the PSSAC clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted at least 2 hours prior to the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the official flagpole located on the PSSAC clubhouse balcony.
- 4.2 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

5.1 Dates of Racing

04 Nov 2017	Briefing	11.00 am
	Racing	Warning Signal not before 12.00 pm
05 Nov 2017	Racing	Warning Signal not before 10.55 am

5.2 A total of 5 races are scheduled over the 2 day period and will be normally sailed in a back to back format with subsequent races starting as soon as possible after the finish of the previous races.

No more than 3 races will be sailed in any one day.

5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00 hours.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be the Heron class flag.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area shall be the waters of Salamander Bay NSW.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in attachment A shows the courses and the order in which marks are to be rounded.

8.2 All marks are to be left to port.

8.3 The course number will be displayed on the committee vessel no later than the warning signal.

8.4 Competitors must NOT sail through the start/finish line unless starting or finishing. Whilst racing competitors may pass either side of the start/finish line.

9 MARKS

The rounding marks will be inflatable orange conical buoys.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal (class flag) will be displayed 5 minutes prior to the start.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

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

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 and remove the original mark as soon as is practicable, the mark need not be in its new position before boats commence the leg to the mark.

12 SHORTENING THE COURSE

Shortening the Course - If a race needs to be shortened the code "Flag S" will be flown at "mark 3" (see attachment A). Competitors must round "mark 3" then proceed to the finish line as instructed in Instruction 13 of these sailing instructions. This changes RRS 32.2.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 and 44.2 will apply

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit for each race is 90 minutes with a target time of 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Office at PSSAC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Notices regarding protests will be posted on the Regatta Noticeboard in PSSAC within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 There will be a maximum of five (5) races. A minimum of three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 (a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All skippers are required to sign-on on the provided sheet at PSSAC prior to the starting of the first race of the day. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being scored as a DNC for the first race of the day. This changes RRS Appendix A A4.1
- 18.2 All skippers are required to sign off on the provided sheet at PSSAC within 60 minutes of the last competitor finishing the last race of the day. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being scored as a DNC for the last race of the day. This changes RRS Appendix A A4.1
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

Boats may be required to display advertising and or bow numbers supplied by the organising authority. The position of these will be advised at registration and displayed on the official notice board.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be flying a PSSAC club burgee

23 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres away from 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.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

25 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.

26 PRIZES

26.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- First Placed Skipper and Crew (Perpetual Trophy)
- Second through to Fifth place; Skipper and Crew Trophies
- First Lady Skipper and Crew
- First Youth Skipper and Crew
- First Unplaced Veteran Skipper and Crew
- First Placed Handicap Skipper and Crew (Perpetual Trophy)
- Handicap Places Second and Third Skipper and Crew

26.2 Other prizes maybe awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

28 INSURANCE

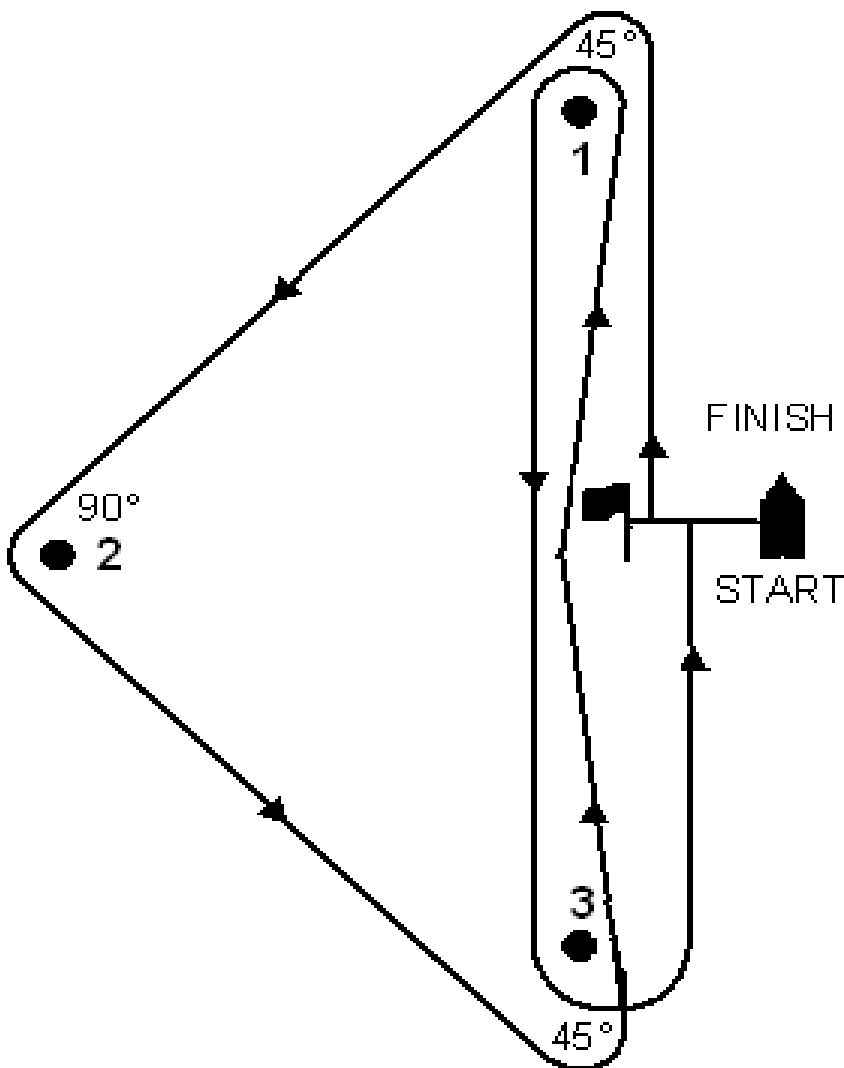
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$10,000,000 for the event.

ATTACHMENT A

Course No.	Course Configuration
1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish
3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish

THE COURSE

A Triangle-Windward-Leeward Course



Note: Competitors must NOT sail through the Start/Finish line unless starting or finishing. Competitors may pass either side of the start/finish line whilst racing (Sailing Instructions 8.4)