



Zeekoe Vlei Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021-02-16

These Sailing Instructions are applicable to all sailing races held at ZVYC as noted in the 2021 ZVYC Club Calendar excluding National or Provincial Championships, Cape Classic Series and the Bone of Contention Tri-Sail-Thon

1. **RULES:** All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Notice to competitors will be posted on the official sailing notice board located in the clubhouse.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board not later than 30 minutes before the start of any race.
4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast in front of the clubhouse. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signals AP.
5. **STARTING TIMES AND SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The start of the first race of the day is as scheduled in the current ZVYC Club Calendar <http://zvyc.co.za/zvyc-calendar/>. Two races are planned for each morning session. Subsequent afternoon start times will be posted on the notice board not less than 30 minutes before the start time. Two races are planned for each afternoon session.
6. **CLASS FLAGS:** will be in accordance with the illustrations displayed on the notice board.
7. **COURSES:** The course number as per the official course card and/or special courses will be indicated on the notice board not less than 30 minutes before the start of each session of races. Alternately courses may be amended or displayed on a board at the stern of the committee boat prior to the warning signal for that race.
8. **MARKS:** Standard club rounding mark locations are shown on the club course card. Other rounding marks will be indicated and described on the notice board at least 30 minutes before the start of each session of races. Alternately other rounding marks may be displayed on a board at the stern of the committee boat prior to the warning signal for that race.
9. **THE START:**
 - 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The order of starting for the first race of a session shall be displayed on the notice board at least 30 minutes before the race. Boats whose warning signal have not been made shall avoid the starting area.
 - 9.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
10. **STARTING LINE:** The starting line will be a line between the mast of the Committee Boat and a nearby start mark.
11. **FINISHING LINE:** The finish the line will be between the mast on the Finish Boat and a nearby finish mark.



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12. **TIME LIMIT:** Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes, or in the case of 'O' class racing, within 20 minutes after the first boat in its class that sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4. These times may be adjusted for "All" class racing and races involving long courses, at the discretion of the race officer.
13. **CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finish line to a new position.
14. **PROTESTS:**
- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. The time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the session or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
 - 14.2 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 Barry Barbour room, or virtually on Zoom, at the time posted.
 - 14.3 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
 - 14.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
 - 14.5 Appendix T will apply (Arbitration)
15. **SCORING:** When 4 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
16. **OFFICIAL DUTY:** All skippers shall be given their average points of the series for the particular race(s) that has been missed when they have been scheduled to do, and have done, Race Officer Duty, Safety Duty or Novice training. To claim their average points, they must inform the results secretary accordingly.
17. **SKIPPER HANDICAPS:**
 Skipper handicaps apply to all races covered by ZVYC NOR excluding Class Series regattas.
 Skipper handicaps apply to both class racing and all-class racing ("O" Class).
 Skipper handicaps will be allocated to club members on request and will be posted on the Notice board.
 Skipper handicaps take the form of the letters "A", "B" and "C" in a specific sequence as allocated by the club handicapper e.g., Jo Brown - "BBC". The letters indicate the marks that a skipper is to round in the allocated sequence as he sails the course for the race.
 Mark "A" represents the windward mark of the course that has been set for the race. Marks "B" and "C" will be laid in close proximity to the windward mark (mark "A") but to leeward of it with mark "C" being furthest from mark "A". Marks "B" and "C" are to be rounded in the same direction as that indicated for mark "A"
 Skippers who do not have a skipper handicap allocated are defaulted to a handicap of "AAA".

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