

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Patterson Lakes Radio Model Yacht Club

These Sailing Instructions apply to all events organized by the Patterson Lakes Radio Model Yacht Club unless specific instructions are handed out for that event.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 **The regatta will be governed by the latest ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Appendix E of the RRS, these Sailing Instructions, the class rules of the classes being sailed.**
- 1.2 **Racing is fun and all sailors are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times.**
- 1.3 It is every sailor's responsibility to avoid collisions.
- 1.4 Mark Room (Rule 18).  
All references to the 'Zone' shall be taken to be 6 hull lengths (approximately 3 metres) for MMs, DFs and RG65s and 4 hull lengths for all other classes.
- 1.5 For RCLasers, MMs, DFs and RG65s a boat's hull or rigging may touch a mark of the course provided that mark has been rounded correctly on the course side.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be given verbally at the briefing.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be given verbally at the briefing, or at a skippers meeting called by the race officer during the event.

### 4 SCHEDULES OF RACES

Race times shall be posted on the PLRMYC web site. Races will start at 1pm and finish approximately 4pm unless notified for that day.

### 5 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be notified to competitors at the competitor's briefings.

### 6 THE COURSE

The course will be verbally described by the Race Officer.

### 7 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) or finished on the water. (PROs discretion).

### 8 SCORING

- 8.1 Sailwave or HMS is used for scoring in club day events.
- 8.2 All classes shall have 1 discard at race 4, 8, 16, 24 and so on.
- 8.3 A series score shall allow for 2 discards in a 10 event calendar.
- 8.3 A minimum of 5 boats in each class will be required for the days racing/heat score to count for the overall series results.

- 8.4 Any ties will be resolved in favour of the boat with the most first places. If the tie still exists, the most second places and so on. If this does not resolve a tie then the last race result will be used to break a tie.

## **9 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the sailing entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority and any other party involved in the organization of the regatta will not accept any liability whatsoever for loss, material or personal damage (including but not limited to death, injury, consequential damages etc.) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **10 INSURANCE**

Each entrant shall have valid third-party liability insurance obtained by being a member of an ARYA affiliated club.

## **11 TABLES AND SEATS**

Due to health and safety issues there will be no standing on seats, tables or elevated platforms.

## **12 PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER**

- 12.1 The Principal Race Officer (PRO) will be either appointed for the day or be on rotation. In either case it is expected that the PRO will not sail and that he/she will receive average points.
- 12.2 Where the PRO is appointed for the day their duties include
- Coordinating the setting of the course
  - Starting the race
  - Calling boats that start early
- 12.3 Where the PRO is appointed for one race he has the same duties except for setting the course.
- 12.4 The start line is between the ends of the bouys and the finish is between the start of the bouys.
- 12.5 Where the PRO calls contact between boats one boat must do a 360 degree turn. If this does not happen immediately the PRO will repeat the call and make certain that offending boats have heard the call. If neither boat does a turn the PRO will record the boat he feels breached the rules (or both boats if this cannot be determined) as a DSQ for that race. No discussion will be entered into.
- 12.6 The same procedure as in 12.5 applies when the PRO calls a boat for contact with a mark, if applicable.

## **13 ELIGIBILITY**

Entry will be denied to anyone who has been expelled or currently serving a suspension.

## **14 PROTESTS**

Shall be by arbitration system only, and with the PRO or person delegated by the PRO on the day, decision being final.

## **NOTES**

1. It is assumed that all sailors will sail in the spirit of fair play and do turns when they infringe the rules.
2. Sailors will not argue with the PRO as this is a breach of the rules.
3. **By entering the event it is deemed that you accept these conditions.**

