

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Season 2024 – 2025 commencing 1 July 2024

## 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 Sailors are reminded of the RRS Basic Principles: Sportsmanship and the Rules.

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of *rules* that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when a boat breaks a *rule* and is not exonerated she will promptly take an appropriate penalty or action, which may be to retire.

1.5 Sailors arguing with the Race Officer is a breach of RRS 2.

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 SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### 4.1 Schedule of Races

4.1.1 The schedule shall be posted on the PLRMYC web site Calendar. Scheduled races will start at 1pm and no racing shall be conducted after 4pm.

4.1.2 In the event of a forecast temperature for Melbourne in excess of 33 °C, races for the day may be started at 10 am and will conclude by 1pm. In this case, notice will be given via email and on the Club Facebook before 6pm on the previous day.

4.1.3 Attention is drawn to RRS 3 "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

#### 4.2 Event Management

4.2.1 For a Handicap event, the Race Officer will set the initial handicaps using 10 second intervals.

4.2.2 The Race Officer may choose to run Heat 1 as a scratch heat to assist in setting handicaps.

4.2.3 After each heat, the handicaps of individual sailors will be adjusted as outlined on the Club's Handicap Board:

0-5 boats, the first finisher has their handicap increased by 10 seconds

6-8 boats, the first 2 finishers have their handicap increased by 10 seconds

9-12 boats, the first 3 finishers have their handicap increased by 10 seconds

13+ boats, the first 4 finishers have their handicap increased by 10 seconds

4.3 Where possible all races (Scratch/Handicap) should be sailed as listed in the Club's calendar.

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. (Race Officer's discretion).

## 8 SCORING

8.1 All classes shall have 1 discard when 4 races have been completed. For each subsequent 4 completed races, an additional discard will be available.

8.2 A series score shall allow for 2 discards in a 10 event calendar.

8.3 A minimum of 4 boats in each class will be required for the days racing/heat score to count for the overall series results.

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 RACE OFFICER

12.1 Race Officer (RO) will be appointed for the day and shall be responsible for finding a replacement should they be unable to attend. It is expected that the RO will not sail and that he/she will receive average points calculated as the average of the placings achieved excluding DNC events in that series.

12.2 The duties of the RO duties include - Coordinating the setting of the course - Starting the race - Calling boats that start early and recording the order of boats as they finish. The results sheet is to be provided to the class rep, who is responsible for publication of the results to members.

12.3 The start line and finish lines are imaginary lines between the outer edges of the start and finish buoys, on the course side in each case.

12.4 Where the RO calls contact between boats one boat must do a one turn penalty. If this does not happen immediately the RO will repeat the call and make certain that offending boat(s) have heard the call. If a boat does not complete the penalty, the RO will record the boat as DSQ for that race.

12.5 The same procedure as in 12.4 applies when the RO 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 RO or person delegated by the RO on the day, decision being final. This changes RRS 61.