

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE/SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NOTICE OF RACE

Chelsea Yacht Club invites all eligible sailing boats to compete in races at the Chelsea yacht Club as set out in the 2016 2017 Sailing program.

1. Rules

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in “The Racing Rules of Sailing” and the rules of the appropriate Classes, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions.

2. Alterations of Racing Rules

The Racing Rules may be modified in accordance with Rule 86.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The Club sponsors series racing for adopted classes, provided the number of Boats does not drop below 3. Members and/or visitors in other classes may race in a mixed fleet division. The Placings in each division to be determined by handicap yardsick and C.Y.C handicap.
- 3.2. Series entry is available only to boats on the C.Y.C register, sailed by financial Members of C,Y.C. Day entry is available to Members and Registered Visitors who are members of a M.Y.A. Refer to Sailing Instructions for method of entry.
- 3.3. To be eligible for Club Championship and Handicap series points, Skipper and Crew (s) must be financial members of Chelsea Yacht Club.
- 3.4. Championship series, points are awarded to the Skipper, not the boat. Skippers can only be awarded finishing points for races in which they have sailed. The Skipper of a boat may apply in writing to the Race committee to replace the registered boat with another of the same class without loss of points to the skipper. Boats entered in the Club Championship series must be registered before their first race.
- 3.5. Handicap series, points are awarded to the boat, as the skipper may be varied with the permission of the Race officer. If a boat changes owner, points are not transferable and the boat immediately receives points as a non-starter for all races previously sailed. Prizes are awarded to the Owner, although the used Skipper may be nominated.

- 3.6. Boats/Skippers which miss a scheduled race due to Official Club Duties, or another sailing commitment such as Yachting Victoria or National events may apply to the race committee, prior to the event, for approval to be granted average points for the race (s) missed. Average points for each boat, if approved, will be awarded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward) and based on average points of the top 5 boats in the race division of the scheduled race held that day (Excluding Disqualifications).
- 3.7. Classes which sail at events outside of Chelsea Yacht Club may transfer their Point scores to the Chelsea handicap and/or championship series – Provided.
 - 3.7.1. A majority of the eligible members of the class approve the transfer Prior to the race And,
 - 3.7.2. The Race Committee is notified in Writing.
 - 3.7.3. Official results for the race from which points are to be transferred must Be made available to the Chelsea Yacht Club Race Committee before the Start of the next race for that class. There can be no exceptions from this rule.

4. Schedule Of Events

- 4.1. The schedule of events shall be as per the Chelsea yacht Club Sailing Calendar 2016 – 2017.
- 4.2. Start shall be by Divisions. Classes will be allocated Divisions on the Course board one hour prior to the race.

5. Measurements

Boats sailing within a class shall hold a valid measurement or rating certificate as supplied by their Class association or comply with Class rules.

6. Racing Area

The Racing Area shall be the waters off Chelsea Yacht Club, as shown on the Course Board of the Chelsea Yacht Club.

7. Courses.

- 7.1. The Course shall be as displayed on the Course board of the Chelsea Yacht Club.
- 7.2. The direction of the course to be sailed shall be signalled on the Start Boat Before or with the first Warning Signal. A Red flag shall indicate all buoys to port and a Green flag all buoys to starboard, unless otherwise notified on the Course Board.

8. Scoring

- 8.1 A class requires a minimum of 3 boats on the register in order to constitute a Recognized class.
- 8.2 In Club racing for a recognized Class three or more boats will be awarded points.
- 8.3 For the Club Championship, a minimum of 10 races shall be completed to Constitute a series.
- 8.4 Low point scoring system, appendix A 4.1 shall apply, as modified by A 9. Each Competitor's score will be the total of the race scores, with the worst scores discarded as follows:-
 - For the Club Championship series and the Club Handicap series,
 - If 10 Races or More are sailed, drop the worst 2 scores.
 - If 20 Races or More are sailed, drop the worst 4 scores.
 - If 30 Races or More are sailed, drop the worst 6 scores.

9. Alternative Penalties

Rule 44.2 shall apply except that for multi hull yachts, a single 360 degree turn shall be used in place of a 720 degree turn.

10 Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2016-2017

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules Of Sailing.
- 1.2 Class Rules will apply.

2. Notices To Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is located beside the course board.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any Change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted a minimum of 2 hours prior to the race for which it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast beside the Race Control Tower on the Clubhouse.

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 Schedule of races will be as per the sailing calendar.

5.2 When more than one race is to be held in a session the warning signal for each subsequent race will be made as soon as practical after the completion of the preceding race.

6. Class/Division Flags

The Class/Division flags will be Numeral Pennants 1 through 0 as required, or as advised on the course board. Divisions shall be allocated on the course board.

7. Racing Area

The Racing Area will be the waters off the Chelsea yacht Club or as displayed on the course board.

8. Courses

8.1 Courses will be as displayed on the course board.

8.2 Courses may be Shortened or Abandoned in accordance with Rule 32.

8.2.1 When Shorten Course is signalled at the Last mark of a lap and a "Club" finish is indicated on the Course board boats will after rounding that Mark sail directly through the finish line.

8.2.2 When Shorten Course is signalled at any other Mark boats will finish in accordance with Rule 32.2.(a).

8.3 Code Flag S flown on its own means the Shorten Course applies to all Classes/Divisions. A Class/Division Flag flown with Code Flag S indicates the Shorten Course applies to the Signalled Classes/Divisions only.

9. Marks

Marks will be as shown on the Course Board.

10. The Start

10.1 Races will be Started by using rule 26 with the Warning signal made 3 minutes before the Starting Signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the Starboard end and the staff on a Port end starting mark displaying a flag as described on the course board.

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

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4

11. Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course.

Any change made will be as per Rule 33

12. The Finish

12.1. When a Club finish is shown on the Course Board the Finishing Line will be between a Mark displaying a flag as described on the course board and the Race control Tower.

12.2 When an On Course Finish is shown on the Course Board the Finishing line will be between the staff displaying a Blue Flag on a Race Committee Boat and a Mark displaying a flag as described on the Course Board.

13. Time Limits

13.1. The race Time Limit will be 90 Minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to Finish within 15 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.

13.3 When a course is indicated on the Course Board as 'LONG COURSE' the time limit in 13.1 is modified to be 180 minutes. The finishing time limit in 13.2 is modified to be 30 minutes.

14. Protests And Requests For Redress

14.1 Protest forms are available from the race Control Tower. Protests and Requests for Redress or Reopening will be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each Class/Division the Protest Time Limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 Protest Notices will be posted no later than 30 Minutes after the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.4 All Junior parties to a Protest may be accompanied by an Adult Representative (Other than immediate family). This Representative may be used as a referral and will not converse with the Protest Committee.

15. Sign On/Sign Off Procedure

15.1 All boats intending to race will Sign On on the race Entry sheet at the Course Board.

15.2 Visitors Entry is available by Payment of a Race Entry Fee. Visitors entries are available at the Race Control Tower. Visitors will also sign on and off as per 15.1 and 15.3.

15.3 All Boats will Sign Off whether they have completed the course or Retired by Signing Off on the Race Entry sheet at the Course Board as soon as possible after returning to shore.

15.4 A Boat which comes to the Start Area or Starts but Fails to Sign On will score points as Did Not finish.

15.5 A Boat that fails to Sign Off within 30 minutes of returning to shore will score points as Did Not Finish.

16. Equipment and measurement Checks

A boat and/or equipment may be inspected at any time for Compliance with the Rules, Class Rules or Sailing Instructions. On the water a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee official to Proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

17. Official Boats

Unless otherwise notified, the Race Committee Vessels will be the Chelsea yacht Club Rescue Boats.

18. Right of Refusal

Chelsea Yacht Club reserves the right to refuse an entry for any event.

19. Disclaimer Of Liability

Competitors participate in all Sailing events held entirely at their own risk.
See Rule 4, Decision to Race.

The Chelsea Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.