



Sailing Instructions

Southern Charter Classic Events

for the **2019/2020** Season

Version 1: 19/08/19

Southern Charter Classic Events will be held on the following dates :

- Southern Charter Classic Event 1 at Zeekoe Vlei Yacht Club on the 7th & 8th September 2019.
- Southern Charter Classic Event 2 at Theewater Sports Club on the 31st Nov & 1st December 2019.
- Southern Charter Classic Event 3 at Hermanus Yacht Club on the 8th & 9th February 2020.

The Organizing Authorities shall be South African Sailing (Western Cape) and the above-mentioned yacht clubs for their various events.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017 – 2020, the applicable rules of the participating Classes, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official clubs notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole in front of the yacht club
- 4.2. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the shore until this signal is made.'
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>		<u>Place</u>
7 th & 8 th September 2019	Event 1	Zeekoe Vlei Yacht Club
31 st Nov & 1 st December 2019	Event 2	Theewater Sports Club
8 th & 9 th February 2020	Event 3	Hermanus Yacht Club

5.2. Number of races per event:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Races per day</u>
All Classes	8	4

5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11h30.

5.4. The start times after the first day will be posted on the regatta notice board by 09h00 on the day before the start of the first race

5.5. The Starting order of the first race of each day will be shown on the Regatta Notice Board at least 60 mins before the start. The Starting order of subsequent racing will be indicated by the relative Class Flags flown from the starting vessels and it may not be necessarily the same as the first Race. races will be as per the Sailing Instructions issued at the event.

5.6. After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.7. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 14h30.

6. CLASS FLAGS

For Class flags refer to the attached course Diagrams (Addendum A).

7. THE COURSES

7.1. Refer to the attached course Diagrams (Addendum A).

7.1.1. The courses sailed by each Class will be displayed on the Regatta Notice Board by 09h00 on the day before the start of the first race. On course 2 (Big boats), subsequent courses will be indicated on the Bridge boat.

7.2. All marks are to be rounded as per course Addendum A.

7.3. When flown by the start boat, pennant one denotes course 1, & pennant two denotes course 2

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8. MARKS

- 8.1. Course 1 Marks will be, yellow inflatable marks.
Course 2 Marks will be, yellow/blue inflatable marks.
- 8.2. The starting and finishing marks will be small orange buoys.
- 8.3. New marks, as provided in instruction 10.1, will be for Course 1 yellow inflatable marks, and for Course 2 yellow/blue inflatable marks.
- 8.4. A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 10.2.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between mast displaying orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby orange mark on the port side.
- 9.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark. This changes RRS 28.1.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line for Course 2 (Big boats) will be between the mast displaying a Blue Flag on a Committee Boat and the nearby finish mark.
The finishing line Course 1 will be between the mast displaying an orange Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby finish mark off the starboard bow

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12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Discretionary Penalties: The penalty for breaches of Class Rules, Sailing Instructions 4.3 9.3 and 15.4 and Notice of Race 2.2, 12, and 13 may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI. The protest committee should be guided by class recommendations for discretionary penalties where applicable.
- 12.2. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 12.3. For the multi hull classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. 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 RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.2. If the Race Committee, in its sole discretion, decides that it can reasonably predict the finish order of boats that have not yet finished, it may determine the race is complete and move off station or proceed with a new start sequence. In doing so it shall make a reasonable attempt to inform its intention to those boats that have not yet reached the finish line.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the regatta office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and times thereof in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the clubhouse.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5. Breaches of SIs 9.3, 16, 19, 20, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 14.6. 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 RRS62.2
- 14.7. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.8. Appendix T will apply (Arbitration)

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15. SCORING

- 15.1. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. (DP)
- 17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. (DP)

18. 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.

19. ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. (DP)

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside 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. (DP)
- 20.2. Support boats shall be marked with RED flag. (DP)

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21. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

22. 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.

23. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

25. INSURANCE

Each participating boat should be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of R2 000 000 per event.

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