



SOUTHERN CHARTER Classic NO. 3

3 and 4 February 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Regatta is organized by the SOUTH AFRICAN SAILING (Western Cape) and the Organising Committee of the Hermanus Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020**
- 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.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Club Notice Board situated in the front of the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 45 minutes before the schedule start of the day's races.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of 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.
- 4.3 When flag "V" is displayed ashore with one sound signal, boats may NOT leave the shore. The warning signals will be made on the respective Committee Vessels not less than 30 mins, after the flag is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The first race is scheduled to start at 11h30 on Saturday 3 February 2018.
- 5.2 The start times of subsequent races will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start. To indicate that the next race is about to start and that competitors should proceed to the vicinity of their starting areas, the orange flag for course 2 and a yellow for course 1 will be flown 5 minutes before the start. Racing ends with the flying of the AP over A signalled after the first finisher of the last race of the day.
- 5.3 No starting signal will be made after 14h00 on the final day.
- 5.4 The Starting order of the first race of each day will be shown on the Regatta Notice Board at least 45 mins. before the start. The Starting order of subsequent racing will be indicated the

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relative Class Flags flown from the starting vessels and it may not be necessarily the same as the first Race.

- 5.5 Number of races: A maximum of 08 are scheduled for the regatta.
The intention is that there will be no more than 4 races a day. However, the race committee may decide that additional races will be sailed in order to complete the programme.
- 5.6 When there has been a long postponement, the Warning Signal for the next race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, Orange Flag for course 2 and a Yellow flag for course 1 will be displayed 5 minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.
- 5.7 Any class not mustering 5 entries by the first race will sail in the "O" Class. "O" Class results will be calculated on a **SCRATCH** basis.

6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 Refer to the attached course diagrams A and B.
- 6.2 The courses sailed by each Class will be displayed on the Regatta Notice Board not less the 45 minutes before the start of the first race.
- 6.3 All marks are to be rounded as per course Addenda

7. MARKS

- 7.1 Course 1 Marks will be red triangular, inflatable marks.
Course 2 Marks will be yellow inflatable marks.
Mark changes will be a white club Mark.
- 7.2 The starting and finishing marks will be small, orange or red marks.

8. THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 8.2 The starting line Course 2 will be between the mast displaying the Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby start mark. The starting line Course 1 will be between the mast displaying the yellow Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby start mark.
- 8.3 Boats not starting shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 8.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Compete. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 8.5 The Start marks and Start Vessels are only marks of the course for boats starting.
Competitors shall not cross the start or finish line unless they are starting or finishing

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CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line), and will remove the original mark as soon as practically possible. When in a subsequent change the mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 9.2 Boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 9.3 The direction of the changed leg will be indicated according to RS 33(a) (2) (red/ green flags).

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line for Course 2 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 a Blue Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby finish mark (same as the start mark).
- 10.2 The finish marks and finishing vessels are only marks of the course for Boat finishing.
- 10.3 The finish marks and finish Vessels are only marks of the course for boats finishing. Competitors shall not cross the finish line unless they are finishing

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Discretionary Penalties: The penalty for breaches of Class Rules, Sailing Instructions 4.3 11.3 and 15.4 and Notice of Race 3.1, 3.2 and 15 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.
- 11.2 Rule 44.1 applies.
- 11.3 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.

12.0 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 12.2 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.

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13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available from a member of the Race Committee. Protest shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.5 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 13.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day.
This changes RRS 66.
- 13.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 14.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 15.2 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- 15.3 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!
- 15.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee (regatta secretary) as soon as possible.
- 15.5 Outside help: RRS 41: "A boat shall not receive help from any outside source unless:" is changed by the addition of the following clause: -
(e) Assistance from a rescue boat provided the competitor does not gain any advantage compared to its position prior to the incident requiring assistance from the rescue boat.



16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. 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 Measurer to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a **White Flag** and shall remain no less than 50m from areas where boats are racing, between the Preparatory Signal and the last competitor finishing the race. Failure to comply shall result in action from the Protest Committee.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not discard trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organising Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organisation of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

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ADDENDUM A

Course 1: Optimist A, Optimist B, Mirror, Topaz, Dabchick, Tera

Dabchick Start, A, B, C, A, C, A, B, C, Finish

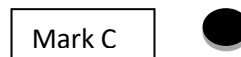
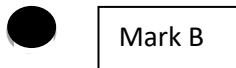
Topaz & Tera Start, A, C, A, B, C, Finish

Mirror Start, A, C, A, B, C, Finish

Optimist A Start, A, B, C, A, C, Finish

Optimist B Start, A, B, C Finish

Optimist B fleet to fly a danger tape streamer on no more than 1 metre from the mast



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Addendum B

Course 2 : All dinghies not specified on Course 1

Classes:

Lasers (all rigs)

Start, A, B, C, B, C, B, C, Finish

Sonnets

Start, A, B, C, B, C, B, C, Finish

'O' Class (all other classes)

Start, A, D, A, D, A, B, C, Finish

Hobie 16

Start, AA, z, D, AA, z, D, AA, B, C, Finish

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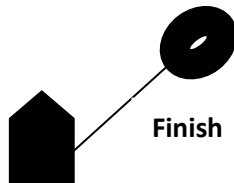
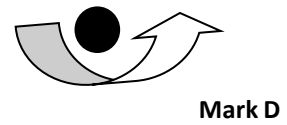
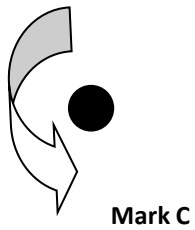
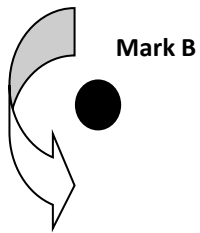
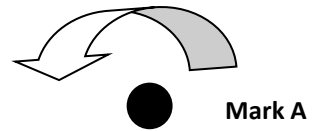
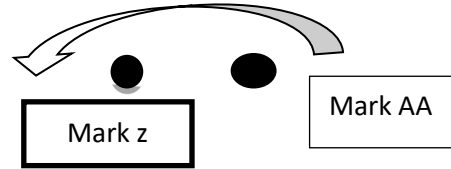


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`Starting Order:

Course 1 start

- 1 Dabchicks**
- 2 Mirrors, Topaz & RS Teras**
- 3 Optimist 'A' & 'B'**

Class flags

- Dabchick class flag**
Mirror class flag
Optimist class flag

Course 2 start

- 1 Lasers**
- 2 Sonnets**
- 3 'O' Class (all other classes)**
- 4 Hobie 16**

- Laser class flag**
Sonnet class flag
'O' class flag
Hobie class flag

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