

**CHERUB ASSOCIATION OF NSW
NSW STATE TITLES 2009/2010**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISATION:

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is the Cherub Association of NSW
- 1.2. The Conducting Authorities are the following clubs on their respective dates as shown in Clause 7, being: -
Abbotsford SC
Drummoyne SC
Belmont 16' Sailing Club
Toronto SC
Lane Cove Sailing Club
Yarra Bay 16ft SC
- 1.3. The Championship is conducted under the authority of the Yachting NSW

2. RULES:

The Championship shall be governed by the following: -

- 2.1. 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (R.R.S.) as amended.
- 2.2. The rules of the Cherub Class International Association, except as amended by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3. The rigs of boats, which wish to be eligible for the Sprint Rig trophies, shall comply with the Rules and restrictions of the Sprint Rig as issued by the Technical Officer of the Cherub National Council of Australia
- 2.4. The Notice of Race, except as amended by the Sailing Instructions, and
- 2.5. The Sailing Instructions as amended from time to time
- 2.6. The Championship will be classified Advertising Category A in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.7. Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4 - Fundamental –Decision to Race.

3. SKIPPER AND CREW

- 3.1. The skipper and crew shall be financial members of a sailing club affiliated with their respective National yachting body and a financial member of a Cherub Association.
- 3.2. The skipper and/or crew nominated on the entry form shall not be changed without prior written permission of: -
- The NSW Race Secretary, if the application is made prior to the day of the race, or
 - The Race Committee, if the application is made on the day of the race.
- 3.3. The Race Committee may accept a change of skipper or crew upon receipt of a written application from the boat owner, submitted no later than two (2) hour before the scheduled start of the race for which the change is requested. The boat shall only be helmed by a member of the nominated crew from the series entry form

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board as advised at the Race Office.

5. NOTICES AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 5.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be in writing and posted on the respect Official Notice Board at Sailing Headquarters two (2) hours before the scheduled start time of the race.
- 5.2. A change to the Sailing Instructions may be accompanied by one sound signal and code flag "L" shall be displayed ashore.
- 5.3. Changes to the Schedule of Races shall be posted on the respective Official Notice Board before 5.00pm on the day before the race/s it affects.
- 5.4. General notices (non-race information) will be posted on a separate Notice Board.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the respective club's flagpole.
- 6.2. In the event that the Answering Pennant (AP) is flown ashore at the Regatta Site, there shall be at least 30 minutes between the start of the race and the lowering of the AP flag ashore. This amends RRS - Race Signal 'AP'

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

State Heats: -

Heat	Date	Warning Signal – not before	Venue
1 & 2	17th October, 2009	1300 hrs - (2 short races)	Abbotsford 12' Sailing Club
3	18 th October, 2009	1300 hrs - (1 long race)	Drummoyne SC
4 & 5	28th November, 2009	1300 hrs - (2 short races)	Belmont 16' SC
6	29th November, 2009	1300 hrs – (1 long race)	Belmont 16' SC
7 & 8	13th February, 2010	1300 hrs – (2 short races)	Toronto SC
9	14th February, 2010	1300 hrs – (1 long race)	Toronto SC
10	6th March, 2010	1300 hrs – (1 long race)	Lane Cove 12ft SSC
11	7th March, 2010	1300 hrs – (1 long race)	Yarra Bay SC

8. CLASS FLAGS:

- 8.1. The Class flag will be a red heart shape on a white background or a white heart on a red background

9. RACING AREA:

- 9.1. The racing area for each heat will be displayed on the venue Official Notice Board 2 hours before the heat start time.

10. THE COURSE:

10.1. Courses shall be triangular unless triangular courses cannot be sailed in the area associated with the host club.

10.2. A short race will be approximately six (6) nautical miles depending on conditions. A long race will be approximately ten (10) nautical miles depending on conditions. A course length calculator has been provided to assist PRO's in creating a course length (based on forecast wind values) that will ensure the majority of boats finish within the time limit. The Excel spreadsheet will be made available to clubs organising events.

10.3. Diagram "A" shows the triangular course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.4. Mark 1 will be approximately (1) nautical mile from Mark 3 for a race. The Finish line will be approximately 100 metres to windward of Mark 1.

10.5. The long course shall be: -

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish.

Note: Mark 3 on 1st leg and Mark 1 on last leg has NO required side

10.6. The short course shall be: -

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

PORT – Round all marks of the course to port.

STARBOARD – Round all marks of the course to starboard.

Prior to or at the Preparatory Signal, the Start Boat will display either: -

- Red Flag meaning pass all marks to port, or
- Green Flag meaning pass all marks to starboard.

Note: Mark 3 on 1st leg and Mark 1 on last leg have **NO** required side to pass on.

The angles shown in Diagram "A" are approximate only and may be altered to allow for course location and prevailing conditions.

11. MARKS:

11.1. Start, finish, course and change of course marks will be described in Amendments to the Sailing Instruction issued at each venue in accordance with Sailing Instructions clause 5.

11.2. **Distance Mark** may be laid near the Start Boat. Yachts shall leave this mark on the same hand as the start boat when starting. After the Preparatory Signal is raised, no yacht shall pass between the Distance Mark and the Start Boat from the course side of the line.

11.3. **Clearance Mark** may be trailed astern of the Committee Boat. The Clearance Mark constitutes part of the Committee Boat and yachts shall not pass between this Mark and the Committee Boat.

12. STARTING PROCEDURE:

12.1. Races shall be started in accordance with R.R.S. 26.

12.2. The starting line will be an imaginary line between the stern of the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be crossed in the direction of the first mark.

12.3. Starting Procedure

Warning Signal:	The Cherub Class flag shall be raised - 5 minutes to start
Preparatory Signal:	Code Flag "P" or "I" or Black flag shall be raised - 4 minutes to start
1 Minute Signal:	Code Flag "P" or "I" or Black flag shall be lowered - 1 minute to start
Start Signal:	Class Flag lowered

12.4. Lead Boat: A boat may lead for the first triangle of the course in which case this boat will fly Code flag "L".

12.5. Boats failing to start within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored "Did Not Start".

13. RECALLS:

13.1. Individual Recall:

- Individual Recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.1
- The sail numbers of boats over the line at the start may be hailed, however, this shall not relieve a yacht of its obligation to start correctly RRS 29.1

13.2. General Recalls:

- General Recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.2

14. SHORTENED COURSE:

14.1. The signal to shorten the course (code flag "S") shall be made as RRS32.2.

15. MARK BOATS:

15.1. Mark boats may be stationed near each mark. At the finish, a mark boat may be stationed near the Finish Line. When on station only, each mark boat will display a Cherub Class Flag.

15.2. Failure of a mark boat to be on station and/or to display her signal shall not be grounds for redress.

16. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START:

16.1. When changing the course after the start, the race committee will lay a new mark and will lift the original mark as soon as practicable. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

16.2. A change of course will be signalled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a race committee boat that will display Code flag "C" and the approximately compass bearing to the new mark and a repeated sound signal periodically. The change will be signalled before the leading yacht has begun that leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

16.3. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

17. FINISHING PROCEDURE:

17.1. The Finish Line will be an imaginary line between a staff (or the signal mast) on the Committee Boat, displaying a blue flag or shape, on the starboard end and a finishing mark on the port end.

17.2. All yachts will finish by crossing the finishing line from the direction of the last mark.

18. TIME LIMIT:

18.1. Time limit to complete the short race shall be 1.5 hours. Boats finishing more than 30 mins after the first boat finishes, or after the time limit, whichever is the **earlier**, shall be scored "Did not Finish".

18.2. Time limit to complete the long races shall be 3 hours. Boats finishing more than 60 mins after the first boat finishes, or after the time limit, whichever is the **earlier**, shall be scored "Did not Finish"

19. PROTESTS:

- 19.1. Protests shall be in writing and shall be made not later than one (1) hour after the finish of the last yacht to finish that race or last race of day, if races are sailed back to back.. Written protests on the prescribed form are obtainable from Headquarters must be handed to a MEMBER of the Race Committee.
- 19.2. The Protest Committee shall hear protests at the earliest opportunity and in the approximate order of receipt.
- 19.3. Protest Hearing notice/s shall be posted on the respective Official Notice Board within approximately 30 minutes of the expiry of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties or named witnesses.

20. SCORING AND HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 20.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will apply. The following modification to Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) A4 will apply.
- First place in each race shall score 0.75 points (opposed to 1.0).
 - Subsequent positions Points same as finishing position
 - DNC** (Did not come to event) – Number of entrants + 1
 - DNS** (Did Not Start) - Number of starters + 1
 - DNF** (Did Not Finish) – Number of finishers + 1
 - DSQ** (Disqualified)) – Number of entrants + 1
 - DND** (DSQ for unsportsmanlike conduct) – Number of entrants + 1
 - OCS** (On course side) Number of starters + 1
 - RDG** (Redress given) Position as directed by the Protest Committee
- 20.2. Each Cherubs series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if eight (8) races have been completed in the series, and with her worst two scores discarded if nine (9) or more races have been completed in the series.
- 20.3. Eleven (11) races are scheduled and nine (9) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.4. A handicap point score will be maintained based on handicaps provided by the NSW Cherub State Handicap Committee.

21. SUPPORT BOATS:

- 21.1. The team leader/s, coach/es and/or other support personnel and/or their boat/s shall not come within 200 metres of any competing boat from the “Warning Signal” until the last boat finishes that race, without the permission of the Race Committee, except in boats provided by the Race Committee.
- 21.2. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule may be the disqualification of all Cherubs associated with the infringing team leader/s, coach/es and/or other support personnel and/or their boat/s.

22. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- 22.1. A boat and a competitor shall comply with AYF Special Regulations Addendum A Part 2.

23. SIGN ON AND OFF - YACHTS WITHDRAWING:

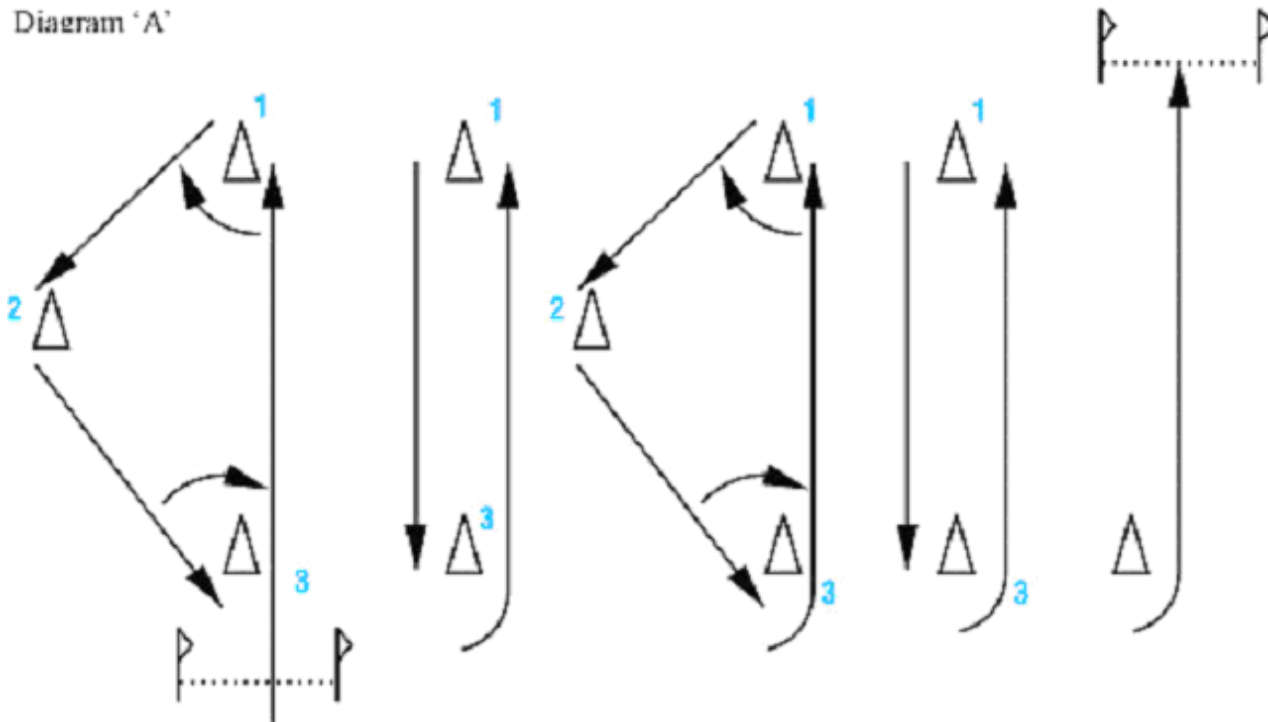
- 23.1. The helmsperson of each boat shall SIGN ON before the start and SIGN OFF after returning to the club on the sheet provided at Race Office. Boats failing to sign on will score “Did not start” without protest and boats failing to sign off will score “Did not finish” subject to the discretion of the protest committee. This amends RRS 63.1
- 23.2. The sign off sheet will close and be withdrawn by the Race Committee thirty (30) minutes after the finishing time of the last boat to finish that race or last race of day, if races are sailed back to back.
- 23.3. Any yacht withdrawing from a race shall Sign off AND contact the Race Office to advise of its withdrawal immediately on returning to the Club.

24. WIND STRENGTH:

- 24.1. If during the period fifteen (15) minutes prior to the Warning Signal, the mean wind strength on the course area is persistently three (3) knots or less, then the starting procedure shall not commence and the race may be postponed.
- 24.2. If short duration gusts above twenty five (25) knots occur before the START or any subsequent RESTART, the Race Committee may postpone the race for a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes and after two (2) attempts to start the race may postpone the race for one (1) hour, abandon or cancel the race.
- 24.3. The race may be postponed prior to the start or any subsequent restart when the wind consistently exceeds twenty five (25) knots in short duration gusts. The race may be abandoned once the race has started when the wind strength on the course consistently exceeds thirty (30) knots in short duration gusts. The race may also be postponed before the start or abandoned or shortened after the start for any other reason directly affecting the safety of the competitors or the fairness of the competition.
- 24.4. The Principal Race Officer shall be the sole arbiter of wind strength and his/her decision is not the grounds for a protest or redress.

25. Diagram 'A'

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PORT ROUNDING

STARBOARD ROUNDING, MIRROR REVERSE OF THE ABOVE COURSE.