

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2009 Victoria Class National Championship Regatta



1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by Appendix E and these sailing instructions.
2. The Regatta will be scored using the Promotion/Regulation System with the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A. For every eight races sailed, a boat's worst score will be excluded from her overall score.
3. The course and start/finish lines will be selected and set by the Race Director (RD) and will be announced prior to each heat. (This modifies Rule 27.1).
4. Audible starting signals shall apply, by using the AMYA 2 minute starting tape or a copy thereof per Rules 26 and E3.5. Any boat being touched by a competitor, once the 1 minute signal has sounded, must be held until after the starting bell has sounded. Boats may not be pushed or propelled after being held.
5. The RD may use an offset mark at the starboard end of the line to represent a committee boat. Boats sailing between the two marks, so designated, will be scored as DSQ per instance.
6. A boat with any part of her hull or equipment, on the course side of the starting line during the 1 minute period before the starting signal, shall be sailed to the pre-start side of the line, around either end before starting. IE: No dip starts are permitted per Rules 29.1 & 30.1. In addition to voice hails required by Rule E3.8., individual recalls may be signaled by displaying the code flag "X". (This modifies Rules E1.2 and E3.8).
7. With the exception of the start and finish marks, the RD will identify the course marks that may be touched without penalty.
8. A boat hitting a finishing mark will not be scored until the boat has returned to the course side of the line and has completed her penalty turn per Rules 31, 44.1, & 44.2.
9. Do not call out sail numbers when finishing.
10. Boats shall keep clear of the course and finish line after finishing per Rule 23.1. A boat that has finished and interferes with a boat that is racing may be assessed a penalty of four points, by the RD, without a hearing. (This modifies Rules 63.1 and 64.1(d).)
11. A 10 minute finish time limit will apply to each heat. Boats that do not finish within 10 minutes of the heat winner will be scored as DNF.
12. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31. Rule 44.1(b) is unchanged. (This modifies Rule E4.4.)
13. "A skipper protesting another boat shall twice hail "Protest" and the other boat's sail number per Rule 61.1a. Make sure the other boat knows that she is being protested. The protested boat shall reply that she acknowledges protest immediately. Boats wishing to exonerate themselves shall sail clear of other boats and complete a One-Turn Penalty, as soon after the incident as possible. Otherwise, notify the protesting skipper that you intend to go to a hearing.

14. Boats wishing to have a protest hearing shall inform the RD, after the end of the relevant heat, per Rule 61.3. Protests, not settled on the water, shall be heard immediately after the heat in which the incident occurred. The skipper losing the protest hearing will be scored last place plus 4 points, for the race, and the score is not subject to a throw out.
15. A boat may request redress for entanglement or damage sustained while having the right of way. A boat awarded redress shall be given an average of her previous, or nearest, five scores, modifying Rule 64.2.
16. A boat that has sustained damage, while having the right of way, shall be given a maximum of 15 minutes to effect repairs, unless she has been disqualified under Rule 14.
17. There will be NO skipper requested 5 minute holds.
18. The RD will monitor competitive behavior. Offensive behavior will be grounds for scoring the competitor(s) a DNF for the heat or that competitor may be eliminated from further racing. The RD has sole discretion in this matter and appeals will not be allowed.
19. The Victoria Class Rules Revision 9.0 (January 2007) apply as part of the Sailing Instructions, except for Definition 2.4. The word "lead," in that definition, shall be omitted.
20. These Sailing Instructions may be modified, by the RD, to facilitate racing.