

SOUTH LAKE MACQUARIE AMATEUR SAILING CLUB INC

DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021 / 2022

1. RULES

All races will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located inside South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200hrs on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff.

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

Schedule of races will be as published in the SLMASC club program.

5.1 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club will conduct a Club Championship for each class of dinghy (except miscellaneous) sailing within the Club. Where appropriate the fleet will be divided into senior and junior classes.

Five Heats will be scheduled in the club program. The last heat will be sailed no later than 1st March 2022.

5.2 POINT SCORE COMPETITIONS

A Presidents Trophy, Spring, Summer, and Annual Point Score competition will be conducted for each class as indicated in the program.

6. COURSES

6.1 The course to be sailed on any day will be advised at briefing.

7. ROUNDING MARKS

Rounding marks for the various classes will be advised at briefing.

8. THE START

8.1 Scratch Starts

Races will be started by using Rule 26. The starting line will be between the signal mast of the starting boat carrying an orange flag and a mark or as advised during briefing and will be crossed in the direction of the first mark of the course.

8.2 Handicap Starts

The starting line will be between the countdown lights on the clubhouse and the home buoy. Boats will start after their handicap minute changes to the next lower minute on the countdown lights

8.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting line area during the starting sequence of other races. Failure to observe this may result in the boat being scored DSQ however it is not grounds for protest by a competitor.

9. THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line will be between the home buoy and the judge's position in the clubhouse or between the signal mast of the committee boat carrying a blue flag and a mark.

9.2 When separate finishing lines are being used, no boat shall sail through the finishing line of another division. Failure to observe this may result in the boat being scored DSQ however it is not grounds for protest by a competitor.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be three (3) hours. Should one boat complete the course within that time, all other boats which finish the same course within thirty minutes of the expiration of the time limit will be considered as finishing. Time to be taken from the start of the scratch boat.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available at the Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the club, within one (1) hour of the finish of the last boat. The time and place of the hearing of the protest and the personnel of the protest committee will be posted on the notice board within one (1) hour of the lodgement of a protest. No other notice of hearing will be given.

12. SCORING

12.1 Points will only be allocated to skippers and then only if they sail the same boat. A skipper changing boats will only hold the points for individual races in each boat. Under exceptional circumstances, application in writing may be made to the sailing committee for exemptions to this rule.

12.2 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

When five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.3 POINT SCORE COMPETITIONS

Points will be awarded as follows;

1 st	9 points
2 nd	7 points
3 rd	6 points
4 th	5 points
5 th	4 points
6 th	3 points
7 th	2 points

One (1) point will be scored for a start and one (1) point for a finish in other places.

13. HANDICAPPING

13.1 Handicaps will be at the discretion of the handicapper(s), using such systems as may be approved from time to time, and subject to review by the sailing committee.

13.2 Any change of crew or gear must be reported and will result in review of handicap.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in club races entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club Inc. will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a club race.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 000 000.