

# **Dunedin Boat Club - Racing Instructions 2009**

## **”Bay” and “Gulf” Series**

### **1. RULES**

The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005 - 2008 (RRS).

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Dunedin Boat Club.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 900 hours on the day of racing.

3.3 Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least two hours before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

4.1 The Race Calendar will be posted on our website and the official notice board.

### **5. CLASS FLAGS**

5.1 Classes will be as defined in the Notice of Race.

### **6. RACING AREA**

6.1 The racing area will be in the areas as designated in the Notice of Race (NOR).

6.2 The racing areas shown are approximate locations and may be changed at the discretion of the race committee.

### **7. COURSES**

7.1 The course will be displayed on the race committee boat before the warning signal of each race. Each boat should check for the course designation immediately after checking in with the committee boat.

7.2 The starting line will be positioned to present a windward leg to the first designated mark. The finish line will remain positioned to present a finish on the windward leg.

7.3 The starting and finishing marks are marks of the course only when starting or finishing.

### **8. MARKS**

8.1 The starting and finishing marks will be an inflated round Orange buoy or a Yellow can buoy and an orange flag on the committee boat.

8.2 Marks A through D will be Yellow Can Buoys.

## **9. THE START**

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. RRS 26 definition is found in attachment No. 2 of this SI.

9.2 A long courtesy sound will be given approximately 5 minutes before the RRS countdown (i.e. 10 minutes before the start)

9.3 Starting order will be posted on the official notice board and announced at the skippers meeting.

9.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

9.5 All rounding marks are to be taken to port unless a green flag is raised on the committee boat.

9.6 The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern of the race committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the race committee boat. A boat that touches the trailing mark violates RRS 31.

9.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area after the first warning signal of a race and shall not interfere with boats that are in their starting sequence.

9.8 No race will be started in less than 4 knots of sustained wind as determined by the race committee.

## **10. RECALLS**

10.1 When individual recalls are made, the race committee will promptly display the "X" flag with one sound. The race committee will attempt to hail the recalled boat by number. Failure of the race committee to hail or failure of a boat to hear the hail of its sail number will not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly. To start correctly the "Round the End" rule (30.1) applies.

## **11. SHORTENING OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

11.1 When a course is shortened after the start, the race will be finished at a rounding mark. The committee boat will be positioned at the new finishing mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby mark.

### **13. TIME LIMIT**

13.1 The time limit for any race is three hours.

13.2 If a boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, only those boats in the same class finishing within the time limit or within 60 minutes of the first finisher in the class, whichever is later, will be counted as finishing. All other boats will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

### **14. PROTESTS**

14.1 A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the finish line race committee boat of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

14.2 Protests shall be written on WFPHRF protest forms available from the race committee and shall be delivered to the race committee or protest committee within 45 minutes after the race committee boat docks.

14.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

### **15. SCORING**

15.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 The number of races that constitute a series will be as stated in the Notice of Race (NOR).

### **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

### **17. PRIZES**

17.1 Prizes will be awarded as indicated in the Notice of Race.

### **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

18.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Dunedin Boat Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

### **19. INSURANCE**

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured by its owner with valid third-party liability insurance.

## **Attachment A: Starting Races per RRS 26**

Races shall start by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from visual signals; the absence of a sound shall be disregarded.

<b><u>Signal</u></b>	<b><u>Flag</u></b>	<b><u>Sound</u></b>	<b><u>Minutes to Start</u></b>
Warning	Class (White)	1 Short	5
Preparatory	P Flag (Blue with White square inside)	1 Short	4
Preparatory Flag removed.	P Flag (blue with White square inside) removed	1 Long	1
Start	Class Flag (white) removed.	1 Long	0

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