



AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL A-DIVISION CATAMARAN ASSOCIATION Inc.

RONSTAN 2017 A Class Catamaran Australian Championships

McCrae Yacht Club, 690 Point Nepean Road, McCrae, Victoria
Saturday December 31st 2016 – Friday January 6th 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2017 Australian A Division Catamaran Championships (The Regatta) will be held at McCrae Yacht Club, Victoria, Australia.

The Organising Authority for this Regatta is the Australian International A Division Catamaran Association Inc. (AIADCA) in conjunction with the McCrae Yacht Club.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) which take effect on 1st January 2017, the special regulations of Australian Sailing and the class rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA), except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board situated at the Race Headquarters located at the McCrae Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect and schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located at McCrae Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF REGATTA

5.1. Schedule

Saturday 31st December 2016

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Inspection | 0900 – 1700hrs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration | 1400 – 1700hrs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Function | 1830hrs – 2100hrs |

Sunday 1st January 2017

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Inspection | 0900 - 1100hrs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skipper Briefing | 1100hrs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Race(s) | From 1400hrs |

Monday 2nd January 2017

- Racing

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

- Racing

Wednesday 4th January 2017

- Racing

Thursday 5th January 2017

- Racing

Friday 6th January 2017

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Racing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Function | 1900hrs |

5.2. Up to 12 races are scheduled of which 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

5.3. Heats not sailed as scheduled may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5.4. On the last day of sailing, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs, subject to the discretion of the Principal Race Officer, who may extend this time.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the A Division Catamaran Class insignia, with Numeral Pendant 1 as substitute.

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

8. THE COURSE

8.1. The attached Course Description shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

- 8.3. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat will display the course to be sailed. Course 2 will be designated by Numeral Pendant 2. Course 3 will be designated by Numeral Pendant 3.
9. MARKS
- 9.1. Mark 1 will be an Pink inflatable buoy. Mark 2 will be Blue tube inflatable buoy. MARKS 3S and 3P (gate marks) will be Pink inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. A new mark as provided in Instruction 11, will be an Orange inflatable buoy or a boat displaying an M flag.
10. THE START
- 10.1. Races will be started as per RRS Rule 26
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end of the start line and a staff buoy displaying an Orange flag at the Port-end.
- 10.3. An "anti-barging" buoy may be permanently streamed from the Race Committee boat for the start sequence of all or any races. The buoy is taken to be a permanent part of the committee boat and any competitor boat touching the buoy, or passing between it and the Race Committee boat, is taken to have touched the Committee boat.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A5 and 63.1.
- 10.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
12. THE FINISH
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee boat at the Port end, and a staff buoy displaying a Blue flag at the Starboard end.
13. PENALTY SYSTEM
Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty. The One-Turn penalty requires one tack and one gybe in the same direction.
14. TIME LIMITS
- 14.1. Each race will have an expected target time of 30-40 minutes.
- 14.2. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 75 minutes.
- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing, or at the discretion of the Race Officer a finish place may be awarded. This changes Rules 35, A5 and 63.1.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the McCrae Yacht Club race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be delivered to the Principal Race Officer or his delegate within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. If the last race of the day has been abandoned or postponed the time limit will be 1 hour from the signalling of the abandonment or postponement.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room located at the McCrae Yacht Club.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing must be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on the last scheduled day. This changes Rule 66.
- 15.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision must be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 15.7. Breach of Sailing Instruction 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 or 25 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a).
- 15.8. A competitor may not protest on a question of measurement or equipment control later than the normal protest time applying to Race 1 except on the ground that there has been a subsequent alteration to the boat or its equipment.
- 15.9. Appendix T of the World Sailing RRS (Arbitration) shall apply.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring as per RRS Appendix A4 will apply.
- 16.2. When 7 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4. For the Super Grand Master Division (sailors 65 years and above) results will be tabulated for a boat's series score excluding the 3 worst results when more than 8 races have been completed.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Competitors must Sign On before each race on the forms provided at McCrae Yacht Club. If races are sailed 'back to back', Sign On must be done before the first race to be sailed.
- 17.2. Competitors must Sign Off on forms provided at McCrae Yacht Club immediately on their return to shore and within 60 minutes of the last boat to finish the race, or, if races have been sailed 'back to back', Sign Off immediately on their return to shore and within 60 minutes of the last boat to finish the last of those races.
- 17.3. Boats failing to sign on/off may be scored a non-excludable penalty of 4 places in their first resulted race.
- 17.4. Any competitor retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and Sign Off immediately on returning to shore.
- 17.5. Skippers shall wear approved personal flotation devices whilst afloat.
- 17.6. Sailors are advised to carry sufficient water on board to cover each day of racing.
- 17.7. Bow numbers may be provided and shall be attached as near as possible to the outside front of both bows
- 17.8. No races shall be started or continued if the average wind (measured over the previous 15 minutes) is less than 5 knots nor more than 22 knots. The Race Committee should also take into account the wave conditions to ensure safe sailing conditions.

18. REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITOR OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors or boats will not be permitted.
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Officer or his delegate. Requests for substitution must be made in writing at Race Headquarters at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.3. Batten changes are permitted.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

The Measurer may spot check boats at any time during the Regatta.
A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee. Boats failing to measure in accordance with the rules will be scored DSQ from all race heats prior.

20. ADVERTISING

- 20.1. The regatta will be Category C in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 and Rule 80. Competitors must carry sponsors advertising materials in positions on the boat that are defined in the Equipment Regulations.
- 20.2. The forward 25% of the hull is reserved by the Regatta Organising Authority for display of advertising by event sponsors and bow numbers. Boats intending to carry advertising should provide details of their sponsors on the entry form. Entrants will be advised if they are in conflict with the event sponsor(s). Tobacco advertising shall not be permitted.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS
Official Race Management boats will be marked as displaying the McCrae Yacht Club burgee.
22. SUPPORT BOATS
22.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel must stay at least 100 metres away from the Race Committee boat and any other Official Race Management boats, at all times unless requested to approach; and outside any area where boats are racing or may race from the time of the preparatory signal for a race until all boats have finished that race or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
23. RUBBISH DISPOSAL
Competitors must not dispose of trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support or Race Committee boats.
24. PRESIDENT'S CUP
Skippers are eligible for the President's Cup category if they compete on a boat not equipped with foiling centreboards.
25. PRIZES
Prizes will be awarded to the first 5 overall places.
The winner will receive the Perpetual Trophy.
Prizes will also be awarded for the first 5 places in the President's Cup division.
Age division trophies will also be awarded to the highest placed sailor in each of the Junior (under 25), Masters (45-50), Grand Masters (51-55), Great Grand Masters (56-64) and Super Grand Master Division (65 and above) divisions. Prizes will be awarded as deemed appropriate by the organising committee. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA depending on number of entries.
26. ENTRY DISCLAIMER
A competitor agrees to be bound by the World Sailing RRS; the prescriptions and Racing Regulations of Australian Sailing, the IACA & AIADCA Class Rules, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions of this Regatta.

Attention is drawn to World Sailing RRS Fundamental Rule 4 (Decision to Race), which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

The Organising Authority, the Host Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury, loss, or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the event, or howsoever arising in connection with the event.
27. INSURANCE
Skippers must hold and present at registration, evidence of a current valid insurance policy including a minimum AUD\$5 (five) Million public liability cover.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course 2: Start, 1, 2, 3s/3p (gate); 1, 2, Finish

Course 3: Start, 1, 2, 3s/3p (gate); 1, 2, 3s/3p (gate); 1, 2, Finish

Marks 1 & 2 to be left to Port, Mark 3s to Starboard or Mark 3p to Port.

Approximate Distances

Gate to Mark 1		0.7—1.2 Nm
Mark 1 to Mark 2	0.1 Nm	
Gate 3s to Gate 3p	0.05 Nm	
Gate to Finish		0.1--0.3 Nm

