



SPEERS POINT AMATEUR SAILING CLUB INC.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Version 2009

1. RULES

All races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the Yachting Australia (YA) and the Yachting NSW (YNSW), the rules of the respective classes, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and by these sailing instructions. All races are designated Category 'C' in accordance with ISAF Reg 20.

2. ENTRIES

It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that the boat is entered by completing the appropriate entry sheet in the proper manner, and that the race committee is notified of any changes in crew or gear. Entries must be made before the warning signal of the first start. The race committee reserves the right to refuse an entry or withdraw a previously given acceptance of an entry.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs in the Club House.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect

5. MARKS

Marks shall normally be buoys with a flag attached. The flag shall have a distinguishing mark or colour to signify the course it represents:

- a) the home mark shall have a red and yellow flag;
- b) the inner marks at Marmong and Warners Bay shall have pink flags; and
- c) the outer marks at Marmong and Warners Bay shall red and yellow flags.

The starting and finishing marks shall consist of a buoy with code flag 'O' attached.

6. RACING DIVISIONS

6.1 Individual Classes

Any class of boat may sail as a separate class if there is a minimum of six boats of that class registered with the Club.

6.2 Miscellaneous Divisions

Where there are insufficient boats to form a class those boats will form a Miscellaneous Monohull Class and a Miscellaneous Multihull Class and compete with each other on yardstick.

Boats of all classes will be allocated to a start at the discretion of the Race Committee. Allocation may reflect the size or speed of craft, and the skippers' experience and ability.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Macquarie. All races, other than the marathon, will generally be sailed in Cockle and Warners Bays.

8. COURSES

8.1 Addendum A describes the courses.

8.2 Courses may be shortened by displaying code flag 'S' at a rounding mark. Boats shall round the mark on the correct side and then proceed to the finish line.

9. THE START

9.1 A: Scratch Starts – Club House

Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26, modified as follows:

Title	Signal		Minutes before starting Signal
Warning	class/division indication lights no. 5, 4, and 1 displayed	1 sound	5
Preparatory	light no. 5 removed	1 sound	4
One Minute	light no. 4 removed	1 sound	1
Starting	light no. 1 removed	1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding class/division shall be made with the starting signal for the preceding class.

The warning signal will be made at 1.55pm on Saturdays.

Scratch starts – Club House will normally apply for Club Championship heats and the President's Cup.

B: Scratch Starts – On Water

Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

C: Handicap Starts

A handicap start means that boats will start off a handicap which is based on a back-calculated yardstick on an estimated race time of 100 minutes, rounded to the nearest minute, with the limit boat starting first and the scratch boat starting last. All handicap starts will be from the Club House. The preparatory signal for the start time shall be in accordance with **9.1 A: Scratch Starts – Club House**. The extinguishing of the last light shall be the starting signal for the start time. Boats will start in accordance with their handicap times as displayed in the clubhouse before the start.

The time of the next start will be displayed on a board at the front of the clubhouse; and one light will be displayed for each minute prior to that start, to a maximum of five lights; one light will be extinguished after each minute, and the extinguishing of the last light will signal that start.

This procedure will be repeated for subsequent starts.

Handicap starts will normally apply for Point Score races.

9.2 The starting line will be either:

- a) between the starting lights on the Club House and the starting mark (for starts in accordance with 9.1 A and 9.1 C); or
- b) between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark (for starts in accordance with 9.1 B).

9.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

9.4 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

10. RECALLS

10.1 Individual recalls shall be signalled in accordance with rule 29.1.

10.2 General recalls will be signalled by the display of the First Substitute flag with two sound signals. The recalled class/division will have as its preparatory signal the start of the last starting class.

This amends rule 29.2.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Club House or Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be three hours for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class/division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. If no boat in their class/division finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race. This changes rule 35.

13. PROTESTS

13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 60 minutes after the time of the finish of the last boat in the class. There is no protest fee.

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

13.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

14. SCORING – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

14.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Rule A9 will apply, modified so that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series at the time of the race.

14.2 Seven races are scheduled, of which four races shall be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.4 Financial members only will be allotted Club Championship points.

14.5 Race placings for Miscellaneous Divisions will be obtained by using the Speers Point yardstick.

15. SCORING – POINT SCORE COMPETITION

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Rule A9 will apply, modified so that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series at the time of the race.

15.2 All Point Score races on the sailing program count in this competition.

15.3 The Back-Calculated Yardstick System (BCYS) shall be used.

15.4 In races with a handicap start, competitors' places shall be determined by the order in which they cross the finish line.

16. RISK & RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in races under Club control do so at their own risk and responsibility. Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Inc. is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its skipper or crew. Attention is drawn to 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.'

17. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All competitors shall wear Standards Australia approved personal flotation devices, of either PFD1, PFD2 or PFD3 type, in accordance with RRS YA Specific Regulations Part 2, Specific Regulations 5, at all times whilst racing.

18. WIND SPEED LIMIT

Racing will be abandoned for all classes when the average wind speed exceeds 25 knots for a minimum of 30 seconds or a gust of 30 knots or above is observed, or at the discretion of the Race Committee.

19. MEASURING

All boats, including gear and safety equipment, may be subject to measuring or inspection by the race committee at any time.

20. VISITING BOATS

Visiting crews and boats may take part in any race conducted by the Club, to a maximum of three race days, or at the discretion of the Race Committee. Visiting boats shall not be entitled to score in either Club Championship or Club Point Score competitions.

21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Unless approved by the Race Committee, a skipper and boat combination must stay constant throughout the season to accumulate points in Club Championship and Point Score competitions.

If however the skipper changes to another boat within the same class/division, points will accumulate with the skipper, and continue while s/he sails within that class/division, but not if s/he changes to another class/division. In the latter case all points accumulated before the change will be totalled to that point. All points accumulated after the change will become a new

competition total and will not be added to the first total.

22. AVERAGE POINTS

22.1 Average points may be awarded on written application to the race committee when a boat competes in a Club-approved Class Association event away from the Club which coincides with a Club Point Score, or at the discretion of the Race Committee, eg when performing support boat or similar “at home” duties.

22.2 The average points awarded will be the average of points scored for the Club Point Score race preceding and the Club Point Score race following the race concerned

22.3 If the Club race is abandoned, no points will be scored even though an Association race may have been sailed.

22.4 The awarding of average points will not entitle the boat concerned to a handicap change on the day concerned.

ADDENDUM A

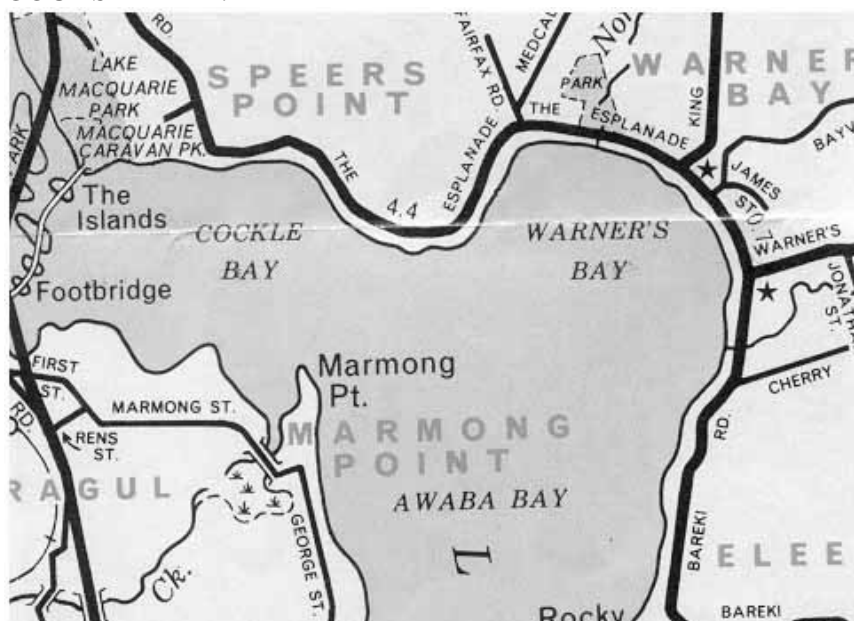
COURSES (please read together with Addendum A, SEQUENCE OF MARKS)

<i>division</i>	<i>course</i>	<i>marks</i>
Division 1	△ 0 △	Pink flags, inner course
Division 2	△ 0 △	Yellow flags
Division 3	△ 0 △	Yellow flags
Division 4	△ 0 △ △	Yellow flags
Division 5	△ 0 △ △	Yellow flags, but windward mark is pink flag, positioned outside Division 2,3,4 mark
Division 6	△ 0 △ 0 △	Yellow flags, but windward mark [leeward mark when windward mark is in Cockle Bay] is pink flag, positioned outside Division 2,3,4 mark

CLASSES OF BOAT WITHIN DIVISIONS:

- Division 1: Sabot
 Division 2: Miscellaneous multihulls with JUNIOR skippers
 Division 3: Heron, Miscellaneous monohulls with yardstick ≥ 120
 Division 4: Tasar, Miscellaneous monohulls with yardstick < 120
 Division 5: Miscellaneous multihulls < 16 feet with SENIOR skippers
 Division 6: Miscellaneous multihulls ≥ 16 feet with SENIOR skippers

COURSE AREA:



SEQUENCE OF MARKS (please read together with Addendum A, COURSES)

Location of marks:

- 1 = home buoy in Cockle Bay, off SPASC Clubhouse
- 2 = Marmong Point buoy
- 3 = Warner's Bay buoy

S = Start F = Finish

<i>Course</i>	<i>Div. 1</i>	<i>Div. 2</i>	<i>Div. 3</i>	<i>Div. 4</i>	<i>Div. 5</i>	<i>Div. 6</i>	<i>leave marks to</i>
<i>PORT 1</i>	S231 21 23F	S231 21 23F	S231 21 23F	S231 21 231 23F	S231 21 231 23F	S231 21 231 21 23F	port
<i>PORT 2</i>	S231 23 23F	S231 23 23F	S231 23 23F	S231 23 231 23F	S231 23 231 23F	S231 23 231 23 23F	port
<i>PORT 3</i>	S1* 231 31 23F	S1* 231 31 23F	S1* 231 31 23F	S1* 231 31 231 23F	S1* 231 31 231 23F	S1* 231 31 231 31 23F	port, * dummy work
<i>STARBOARD 1</i>	S321 31 32F	S321 31 32F	S321 31 32F	S321 31 321 32F	S321 31 321 32F	S321 31 321 31 32F	starboard
<i>STARBOARD 2</i>	S321 32 32F	S321 32 32F	S321 32 32F	S321 32 321 32F	S321 32 321 32F	S321 32 321 32 32F	starboard
<i>STARBOARD 3</i>	S1* 321 21 32F	S1* 321 21 32F	S1* 321 21 32F	S1* 321 21 321 32F	S1* 321 21 321 32F	S1* 321 21 321 21 32F	starboard, * dummy work (leave first mark to PORT)