

# **NSW Heron State Championships**

**28-29 November 2020**

## **Sailing Instructions**

**Organized & Hosted By**  
Saratoga Sailing Club

**On Behalf of**  
National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, (RRS).
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3 This Regatta permits the use of a Genoa subject to meeting the following conditions
- Eligible to enter the Heavy Weight Division (Crew weight exceeds 135kg);
- OR
- crew weight exceeds 125kg and the boat is carrying at least the difference between the crew weight (carrying sailing gear) and 135kg as additional ballast (lead weight correctors) that are affixed under the front thwart;
- AND
- Crew intending to use the Genoa must be weighed at the competitor briefing wearing underwear, shorts and T-shirt and carrying their sailing gear. "Sailing Gear" is defined as; PFD, spray jacket, booties, and gloves;
  - crew may be reweighed at any time during the series;
  - competitors using the genoa shall do so in all races

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located within the SSC clubhouse.

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

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the official flagpole located at the SSC clubhouse.
- 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 EVENTS**

- 5.1 Up to 5 Races are scheduled.
- 5.2 No more than 3 races will be run each day.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the Blue starting line flag will be displayed with one sound not less than one (1) minute before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on the last scheduled day of racing.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Activity Time or Warning Signal</b>
Saturday	28 November 2020	Registration	1000 – 1200 hours
		Racing Day 1	1325 hours
Sunday	29 November 2020	Racing Day 2	1055 hours

## **6 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag shall be the Heron class flag.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

The racing area shall be the waters of Brisbane Waters NSW.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagram in attachment A shows the courses and the order in which marks are to be rounded.
- 8.2 The direction in which marks will be rounded will be displayed on the Committee Boat by either a Red Flag for Port rounding, or Green Flag for Starboard rounding.
- 8.3 The course to be sailed shall be indicated by Numeral pennant or Physical Number 1 or 2 displayed by the Committee Boat.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Start Boat is a White Hull with a Yellow Cabin.
- 9.2 The port-end starting mark is a white buoy with an orange serrated flag.
- 9.3 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be inflatable orange inflatable cylinder buoys, approx 1.2m high, 0.8m dia.
- 9.4 Mark 1a is a White buoy with an Orange flag.
- 9.5 New mark, as provided in SI 11 will be an orange inflatable cylinder buoy.
- 9.6 The finishing mark will be an orange buoy.
- 9.7 A clearance mark may be attached to the stern of the Committee Boat. No boat shall pass between this clearance mark and the Committee Boat.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a mast displaying a Blue flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark as soon as is practicable, the mark need not be in its new position before boats commence the leg to the mark.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff mast displaying a Blue flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

## **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<b>Time Limit</b>	<b>Mark 1 Time Limit</b>	<b>Target Time</b>
80 minutes	15 minutes	40 minutes

- 14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.  
Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Office at SSC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices regarding protests will be posted on the Regatta Noticeboard in SSC within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b).

- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;  
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed on the previous day;  
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 There will be a maximum of Five (5) races. A minimum of three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 All skippers are required to sign-on on the provided sheet at SSC prior to the starting of the first race of the day. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being scored as a DNC for the first race of the day. This changes RRS Appendix A4.1
- 17.2 All skippers are required to sign off on the provided sheet at SSC within 60 minutes of the last competitor finishing the last race of the day. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being scored as a DNC for the last race of the day. This changes RRS Appendix A4.1
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

## **18 COVID 19**

- 18.1 The racing competitors, support staff, coaches, racing officials and all other people involved in these regattas must comply with the current Government, Australia Sailing and the Club's COVID-19 restriction and regulations that are applicable at the time of the regatta.
- 18.2 Failure to comply with these restrictions and regulations may result in the offending party(ies) to be asked to leave the regatta area immediately. The sailors connected to the offending party(ies) may be awarded DNS for that days racing, as agreed by the Club's Racing Committee for the regatta.
- 18.3 The club holding the regatta, will within 24 hours before the regatta communicate to all competitors the current COVID-19 restriction and regulations that are applicable for the regatta.
- 18.4 The current Sailing Club Covid 19 regulations/policy affecting an event will be available at registration and sign on and will be reiterated at the competitor briefing

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the Race Committee. The nominated Helm shall not be substituted.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. A boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21 ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS**

Boats may be required to display advertising and or bow numbers supplied by the organising authority. The position of these will be advised at registration and displayed on the official notice board.

## **22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be flying a SSC club burgee

## **23 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres away from areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **25 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **26 PRIZES**

Prizes shall be awarded as follows.

- First Place: Perpetual Trophy and First Placed Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- Second to Sixth Place: Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- First Lady Skipper and Crew: Perpetual Trophy and Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- First Junior Skipper and Crew: Perpetual Trophy and Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- First Unplaced Masters: Skipper and Crew Trophies
- First Unplaced Family Combination: Skipper and Crew Trophies
- First to Third Handicap: Skipper and Crew Trophies

Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

## **27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

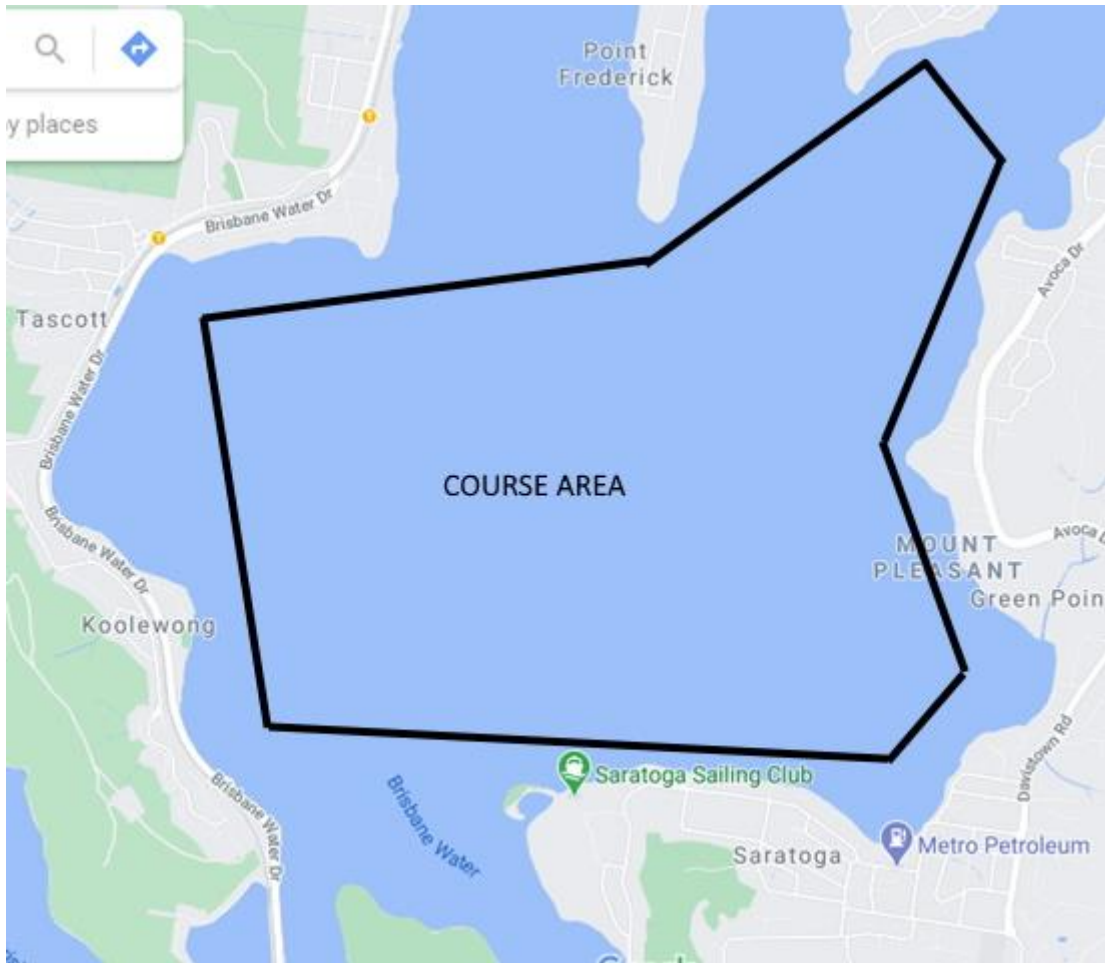
27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

27.2 The Organising Authority and any other party involved in the organisation of the Championship will, to the extent permitted by law, accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the Championship.

## **28 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$10,000,000 for the event. All owners / competitors who enter this event are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

Approximate Course Area locations and Course Area Allocations

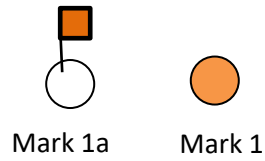


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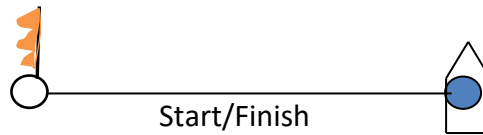
## THE COURSE

The indicative course layouts are shown below. The diagrams are approximate only, are not to scale, and do not override any other Instructions. The Course port rounding layout is shown. The Course starboard rounding course will be the mirror image, except the Start and Finish lines shall remain in the same position as displayed in these diagrams.

Course	Description
1	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3 – 1 – 1a – 3 – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3 – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – 1 – 1a – 3 – Finish



Mark 2 



Mark 3 