
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2007/08 ILLAWARRA YACHT CLUB FLYING ANT SKIFF SERIES

1. Rules and Organising Authority.

The race series will be organised by the Illawarra Yacht Club and governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-08, the prescriptions and special regulations of the YA, the rules of the classes and by the sailing instructions. The race series is designated as a Category A Event.

2. Eligibility and Entry. Sign On and Sign Off.

The Race Series is open to boats which meet the safety, measurement and crew age limit requirements of the classes and are accepted by the IYC Race Committee. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry. Eligible boats may enter the series on the attached entry form and accompanied by the required fee. Entries will remain open throughout the series. Membership of IYC is a requirement to enter a series. All crew shall be members of IYC in club championship heats. A visitor may sail in three (3) pointscore heats in a series. Boats or skippers shall be required to carry a valid third party liability insurance of a minimum of \$5 million. The Sign on/off sheet will be located at the Canteen. Failure to sign on before starting or sign off within 30 minutes of the finish time of the last boat for each race by the helmsperson will incur a 5 minute penalty for each occurrence.

3. Notices to Competitor.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard in the eastern window of downstairs IYC.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions.

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore.

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast at the end of the club jetty.

6. Schedule of Races.

Races will be as scheduled in the IYC 2007/08 Sailing Program and comprise the following series:

A. Club Championship Series of 7 Heats. **B.** Pointscore Series of 15 Heats. **C.** 'First Half' Pointscore Series of 8 Heats. **D.** 'Second Half' Pointscore Series of 7 Heats

Starts at IYC will be in five divisions – 29er, Flying Ant, Opens, Trailable Yachts and 16' Skiffs in that order at 5 minute intervals. First Warning Signal time will be 1310 hrs , handicap starts – 25 minute board will fall at 1315 hrs.

7. Class Flag.

The class flag will be a red or white flag with a black Flying Ant symbol.

8. Racing Area and Courses.

Races will be conducted on Lake Illawarra on courses as described in Appendix A attached, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Boats shall not sail inside the reef Cardinal Marks.

9. Marks.

For PS and CC races: Marks 1, 2, 3 will be cherry or yellow buoys which will carry a Flying Ant Class Flag. Mark "K" will be a cherry buoy which will carry a white flag with a black "K". The starting mark will be a cherry buoy which will carry a red/orange flag with a black "S".

10. The Start.

Races will be started using Rule 26. The course will be indicated by a flag "N", "NE" etc (which may be accompanied by a red or green flag) raised and the location of the start mark. Boats will start together except for races designated as Handicap Start (boats will start at the fall of the board bearing their handicap). The starting line will be between the signal mast on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the port-end starting mark.

11. Recalls.

Racing Rule 29 will apply. General recalls will be restarted after other divisions start with the warning signal raised at the last division start time.

12. Shortened Course.

As an alternative to shortening the course using Race Signal "S", the following alteration can also apply: Race Signal 'S' over 'H' when displayed near a mark means the race is shortened. Boats shall, after rounding the mark, proceed directly to mark "K" to starboard and then to the finish line.

13. The Finish.

The finishing line will be between the judges position at the Canteen window with a checkered flag displayed nearby and the finish mark at the starboard end.

14. Time Limit.

The time limit will be 2.5 hours except for Handicap Starts where the time limit for the scratch boat will be 2.5 hours. Boats shall not start after 10 minutes from their starting signal.

15. Protests.

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Canteen and delivered there within 1 hour after the time of the last boat's finish. Protests must be handed to a member of the Race Committee. Protests will be heard in approximate order of receipt and 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.

16. Scoring.

The Low Points System Appendix A. will apply to the Club Championship series. The high points 16' skiff system (500, 334, 223 etc) will apply to each pointscore. A minimum of 4 races are required to constitute a series. Each boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores except the Club Championship which will discard a boat's worst score when seven (7) races are completed and. Ties will be broken according to the IYC Sailing Constitution Section 8, Article 17.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. IYC and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after competing in the races.

APPENDIX "A" IYC RACING AREA AND COURSE MAP

Sailors are advised to give good clearance to a well marked reef in the northern area of Lake Illawarra. The lake has shallows marked by green conical buoys on its eastern shore and south of the channel in front of the club. Boats shall not sail inside the cardinal marks of the Reef.

COURSE NOTES; IYC courses are essentially a triangle, windward return, a triangle, then follow the course to finish in front of the club. Legs to and from mark 1 include Kicker mark "K" which shall be passed on its northern side in each leg of the course.

IYC FLYING ANT COURSES 2007/08.

PORT COURSES - RED FLAG (ROUND MARKS 1,2,3 TO PORT)

S, SE: Start near 2 thence 3, K (stbd),1, K,2,3,2,3, K (stbd),1,K,2,3, K (stbd) >>>> Finish

N, NE: Start near 3 then K (stbd),1,K,2,3, K (stbd),1,K,3, K (stbd),1,K, 2,3,K (stbd) >>>> Finish

W: Start near K thence 2,3, K (stbd),1,K,2, K (stbd),1,K,2,3, K (stbd), >>>> Finish

STARBOARD COURSES - GREEN FLAG (ROUND MARKS 1,2,3 TO STARBOARD)

SW: Start near K thence 3,2,K,1,K (port),3,K,1, K (port),3,2, K >>>> Finish

NW: Start near 3 thence 2,K,1, K (port),3,2,3,2,K,1, K (port),3,2, K >>>> Finish

E: Start near 2 thence K,1,K(port),3,2,K,1,K(port),2,K,1, K(port),3,2, K >>>> Finish

NB. POSITION OF MARKS IS APPROXIMATE ONLY.

