

# **Dolphin National Championships 2017**

**INCORPORATING THE**

## **Finn Tiger Cup 2017**

### **Dolphin Class SAS National Class Championship 2017**

**18 / 03 / 2017 to 21 / 03 / 2017**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**The Regatta is organized by the Dolphin Class Association in conjunction with the Pretoria Sailing club under the auspices of South African Sailing (SAS).**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020.**
- 1.2 **The South African Sailing (SAS) Requirements for National Championships** will apply.
- 1.3 **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017 – 2020, the Class Rules of the Dolphin Class, Finn Class,** the **Notice of Race** and these **Sailing Instructions** will apply.

### **2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the club house.

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

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club house.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less 15 minutes" in the race signal AP.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

### **5.1 Dates of racing:**

Date

18/03/2017	Warning signal for the first race of the day at 11:00
19/03/2017	Warning signal for the first race of the day at 10:00
20/03/2017	Warning signal for the first race of the day at 10:00
21/03/2017	Warning signal for the first race of the day at 10:00

5.2 Number of races: A maximum of 12 are scheduled for the regatta.

5.3 A maximum of 5 races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the class becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.4 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more (classes) (fleets)) will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, Flag "L" will be displayed before a Warning Signal is displayed. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Flag "L".

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 13:00.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be as follows:

Dolphin Class	Pennant 1
Finn Class	Pennant 2

## **7. RACING AREAS**

Racing will take place in the area described by the Pretoria Sailing Club course card and map displayed at the clubhouse.

## **8. THE COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in the Addendum show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The three marks used will be the fixed marks at Rietvlei dam if the mark numbers are shown on the committee boat otherwise white movable buoys will be used.

8.2 Should the Race officer decide the use of a Pretoria Sailing Club course would better suit the racing, the course number will be displayed on the committee boat. The club course as indicated on the Addendum represent one lap. A Club course race consists of two laps.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 Placed Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be round orange buoys if club marks are used alternatively white buoys will be used. Club buoys are large round buoys with numbers on them.

9.2 The starting mark is a Yellow buoy marked "PSC" and the finish mark is a nearby mark of the course at the finish line.

9.3 A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided for in Paragraph 12.

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions: Areas described on the map in the clubhouse.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby start mark.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4. Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made should avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will indicate the new buoy number if fixed club marks are used or move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position if white moveable buoys are used.
- 12.2. The direction of the changed leg shall be indicated according to RRS 33(a)(2) .

## **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby finish mark.

## **14. SHORTENING COURSE**

Triangle - Windward – Leeward – Triangle and Windward – Leeward courses:

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the Race Committee may shorten the course before the leading boat of the class reaches mark 3. The shorten course signal shall be displayed at the finish line. Boats shall then round mark 3, which remains a mark of the course, and thereafter proceed directly to the prescribed finish line, crossing the line from the direction of mark 3.

Pretoria Sailing Club course:

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the Race Committee may shorten the course before the leading boat of the class reaches any mark of the course. The shorten course signal shall be displayed at the finish line. Boats shall then round that mark, which remains a mark of the course, and thereafter proceed directly to the finish line, crossing the line from the direction of the last mark rounded.

## **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 applies.
- 15.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

## **16. TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 For each (class) (fleet), the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and times thereof in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at the club house.
- 17.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the (Protest Committee) (jury) will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 17.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 17.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 18.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3
  - (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 19.2 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- 19.3 Youth category competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- 19.4 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!
- 19.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **22. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not discard trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

## **23. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organising Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organisation of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

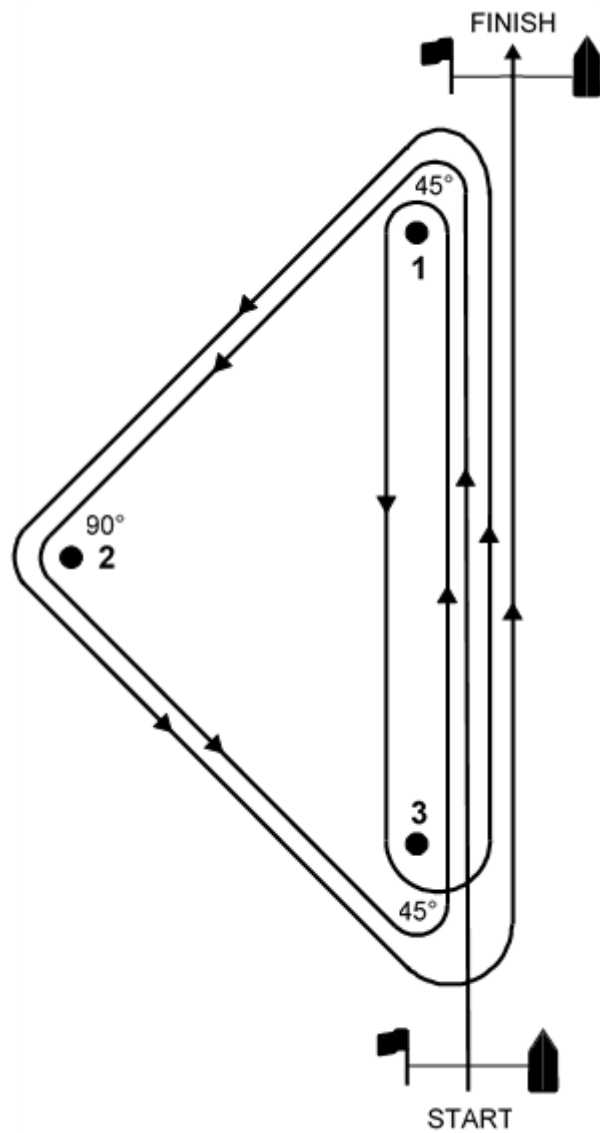
## **25. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

## ILLUSTRATIVE COURSES

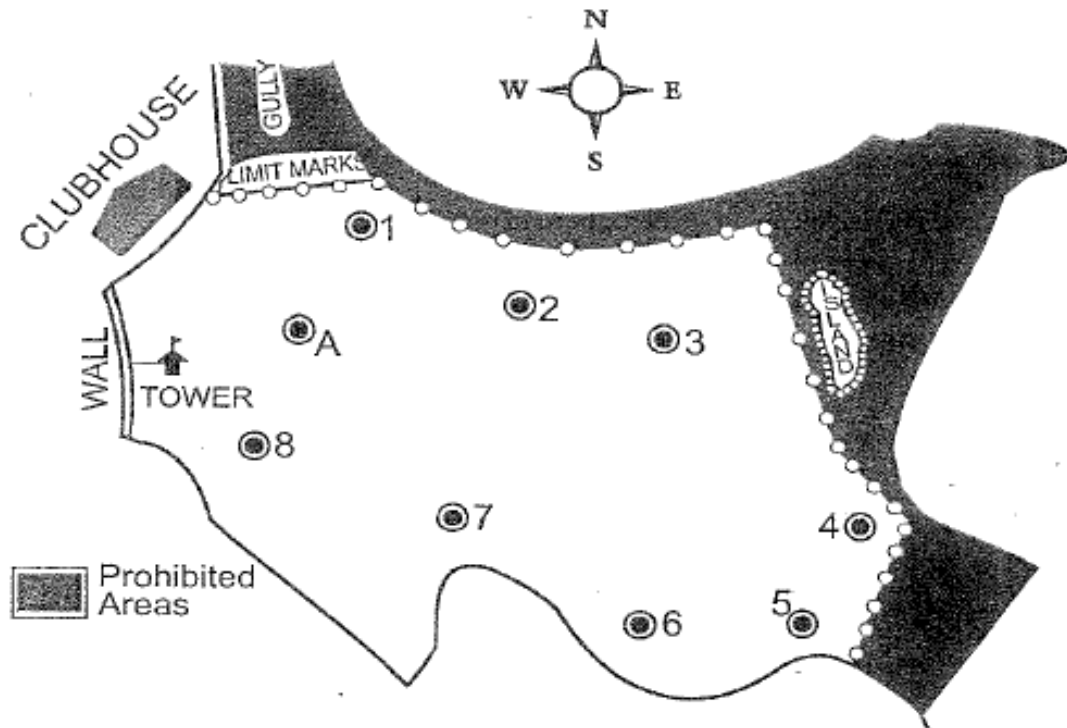
### A Triangle-Windward-Leeward-Triangle Course

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish



## A PLAN OF RIETVLEI DAM

Showing mark positions and prohibited areas



<b>PRETORIA SAILING CLUB</b>	
1	1 · A · 5 · 3 · <u>6</u> · 2 · 7
2	2 · 5 · 4 · 6 · 3 · 8 · A · 7
3	3 · 6 · 4 · 8 · 1 · 7
4	4 · 1 · A · 8
● 5	5 · 1 · 7 · <u>2</u> · 6 · 3
● 6	6 · 1 · 8 · 2 · 7 · 3
● 7	7 · 2 · 8 · A · 5 · 3
● 8	8 · 4 · 7 · A · 3
9	A · 5 · 1 · 7
● 10	1 · 6 · 8 · 4
● 11	4 · 8 · 7 · 1
● 12	A · 4 · 8 · 7 · 2 · 3
13	1 · A · 6 · 2 · 7
14	2 · 8 · 1 · 6 · 3 · 7
15	3 · 8 · 2 · 7
● 16	5 · 1 · 7 · 3
● 17	6 · 2 · 7 · 3
● 18	7 · 2 · 8 · 3

Underlined marks to be left to Starboard

Start at 3