

Point Yacht Club Easter Regatta 2017

(Open to all sailboats/catamarans under 20 foot in length)

INCORPORATING THE

505 SAS National Class Championship 2017 Dart Single Handed SAS National Championship 2017 Hobie 14 KZN Provincial Championship 2017

14th April 2017 to the 17th April 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Regatta is organized by the 505, Dart and Hobie 14 class associations in conjunction with the Point Yacht 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 and Regional Championships** will apply.
- 1.3 **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017 – 2020, the Class Rules of the participating classes,** 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(s) located at the PYC Beach Site Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08h30 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 on the PYC Beach Club Flag Pole
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag D raised with one sound means the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the beach until this signal is made.

Flag D lowered with one long sound signal means that there are 15 minutes left for competing boats to tally in.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Date

14/04/2017	Warning signal for the first race of the day at 14h00
15/04/2017	Warning signal for the first race of the day at 11h00
16/04/2017	Warning signal for the first race of the day at 11h00
17/04/2017	Warning signal for the first race of the day at 11h00

5.2 Number of races:

A maximum of **12** are scheduled for the regatta.

5.3 Schedule of races:

14/04/2017	2 races
15/04/2017	4 races
16/04/2017	4 races
17/04/2017	2 races

5.4 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race 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.

5.5 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 displayed

5.6 To alert boats that a further race will be held, Code Flag "L" will be displayed before the first boat finishes the previous race. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Code Flag "L" with a sound signal

5.7 On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 13h00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags and the order of starting will be displayed on the official notice board by no later than 12 pm on 14 April 2017.

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will take place offshore the PYC Beach Site, Durban.

7.1 Addendum #1 shows the location of the racing area and race courses.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Addendum #1 show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be red and cylindrical in shape.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be cylindrical in shape and yellow.
- 9.3 A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided for in Paragraph 13.

10. THE START

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

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 11.3 The direction of the changed leg shall be indicated according to by RRS 33(a)(2)

12. THE FINISH

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

13. SHORTENING COURSE

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the Race Committee may shorten the course immediately after the leading boat of the class reaches mark 3. 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. This changes RRS 32

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. 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.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in its class 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.
- 16.3 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 PYC Beach Club.
- 16.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.6 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.

- 16.7 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.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 17.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 (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.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 18.2 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- 18.3 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!
- 18.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.5 Tally system will apply as follows:
- (a) A tally system will be in place and each competing boat will be assigned a tally number.
 - (b) TALLY OUT - Before launching, a crew member of each boat shall remove the tally from the board and place it in the box provided.
 - (c) Whilst the boats are at sea, all tallies will be replaced on the board by the beach master after noting the numbers of tallies that have not been removed from the board by competing boats that have launched.
 - (d) TALLY IN - Upon returning to shore after the last race of the day, a crew member from each boat shall again remove the tally from the board and place it in the box provided.
 - (e) Failure to TALLY OUT, by any competing boat, will result in disqualification, without a hearing, for all races sailed and completed without having tallied out. This adds to RRS 64.
 - (f) Failure to TALLY IN, by any competing boat, will result in disqualification, without a hearing, from the last race of the day sailed and completed by that boat. This adds to RRS 64.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 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.

20. 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.

21 SUPPORT PERSONAL AND BOATS

21.1 (a) Support Persons

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 150 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished racing, unless the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to action under RRS 64.4

(b) Support Boats

Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a Yellow Flag

- 21.2 A Race Committee support boat flying a white flag dictates that a competitor shall change course so as not to sail between the support boat and the following /adjacent commercial shipping in order to facilitate shipping movement. Failure to react will result in the competitor being protested by the Race Committee for not complying with this instruction, with resultant DSQ**

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1** 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.

24. PRIZES

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

25. 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.

26. INSURANCE

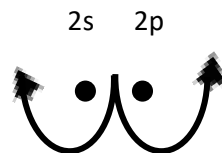
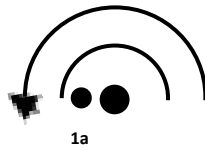
Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

ADDENDUM #1

COURSE 1 – NUMERAL PENNANT 1 / NUMBER 1

A Windward-Leeward Course

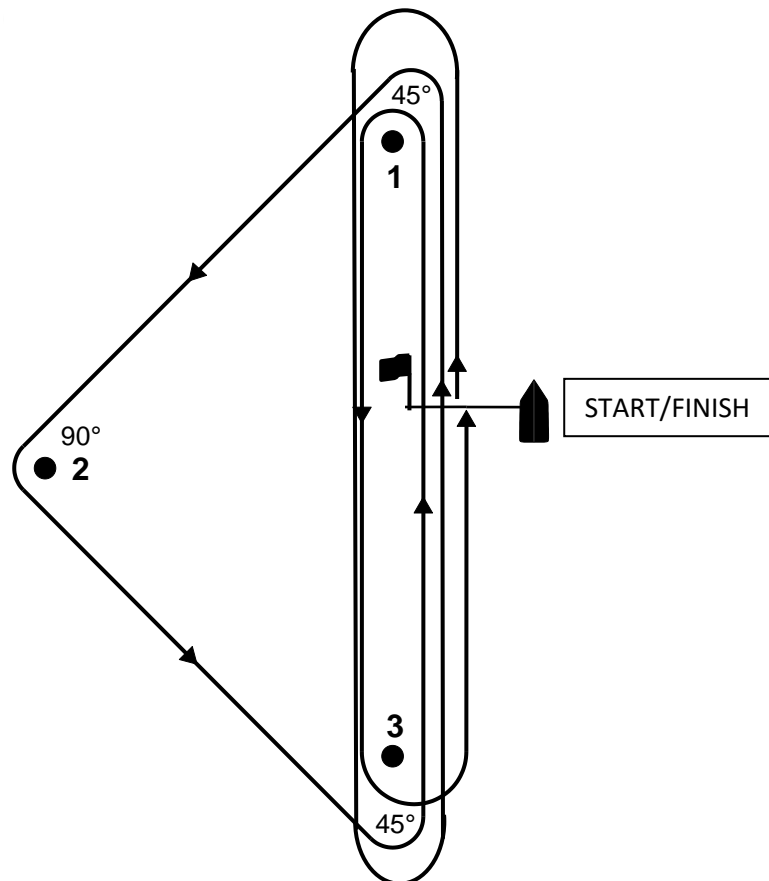
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COURSE 2 – NUMERAL PENNANT 2 / NUMBER 2

A Windward-Leeward-Triangle-Windward/Leeward Course

Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish



Race area

