



POINT YACHT CLUB

2017 – 18 SEASON SAILING INSTRUCTIONS SIGMA SERIES 21st JANUARY & 11th FEBRUARY 2018

1. RULES

- 1.1.** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20.
- 1.2.** Boats participating in these races shall conform to the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017-20, the relevant Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Keeler notice board located at Point Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1.** 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 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the northern corner of the PYC lawn.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 1 hour' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

- **21st January 2018**, Division A, Division OD, Division B, Division C, Division D, Division E, Division A Multihull; and
- **11th February 2018**, Division A, Division OD, Division B, Division C, Division D, Division E, Division A Multihull.

5.2 Number of Races: One race will be held on each day of racing.

5.3 The schedules time of the warning signal for each day is 10h55.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Division A	FLAG W
Division OD	FLAG W
Division B	FLAG T
Division C	FLAG T
Division D	FLAG T
Division E	FLAG T
Division A Multihull	FLAG W
Division B Multihull	FLAG T

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7. RACING AREA

- 7.1.** The racing area shall be off shore Durban.

8. THE COURSES

The course shall be displayed on the Keeler Notice Board at Point Yacht Club no later than 09h00 on the day of each race.

9. MARKS

9.1 Turning marks may be yellow laid marks, virtual marks for which GPS positions are given or existing navigational marks.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 No areas are designated as obstructions.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between the pole carrying an orange flag on the committee boat and a laid conical red mark in the vicinity of the committee boat.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the pole carrying a blue flag on the committee boat and a laid conical red mark in the vicinity of the committee boat.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 Time limits will be displayed on the Keeler Notice Board at Point Yacht Club before 09h00 on the morning of the race. Time limits will be set subject to the course selection and anticipated weather conditions.

16. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Point Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 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.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Point Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. SCORING SYSTEM

17.1 A boat that is unable to sail because her crew are involved in race duty shall be awarded average points for the series.

17.2 There will be no discards.

17.3 The DRS rating system as displayed on the club notice board at least 24 hours before each race shall be used for all boats for official results.

17.4 The **ORC rating system** shall be used for comparative results where boats have valid ORC certificates.

17.5 Competitors should note that all official results for racing after the 31st December 2017 will be calculated using ORC ratings. The onus is on boat owners / skippers to ensure that their boat has a valid rating certificate.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 All boats must complete the sign in and sign out book at either Point Yacht Club or Royal Natal Yacht Club before going off shore and after returning from off shore. Failure to do this will result in the yacht being disqualified.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 Each participating boat shall carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising from their undertaking the event.

20.2 Each skipper is reminded that of Section 4 of the RRS which states that ***the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.***

20.3 Each skipper is reminded that they are sailing in the vicinity of a busy commercial harbour. At all times they shall stay clear of working vessels. All skippers must also be fully conversant and comply with all harbour rules as published by the Port Authority.