**DON McLACHLAN ETCHELLS REGATTA**

**22nd & 23rd April 2017**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the following:

* The rules as defined in the 2017 - 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations
* Boating Regulations (Safety Equipment) of NSW
* The Don McLachlan Etchells Regatta Sailing Instructions

1.2 When there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, these Sailing Instructions (SI) will prevail.

**2 RESPONSIBILITIES**

2.1 All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

2.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of her equipment.

2.3 The owner of a boat entered shall have a Public Liability and Third Party Property insurance policy with respect to the boat in an amount of not less than $10,000,000 for any accident.

2.4 Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 which states: -" The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

**3 ELIGIBILiTY**

3.1 Yachts must be able to comply with International Etchells Class Rules pertaining to one-design control. While a measurement certificate is not required, the Race Committee at its sole discretion, shall be able to disqualify a yacht where it can be shown there is a significant deviation from the Rules.

3.2 In addition yachts must be coated with antifouling paint beneath the waterline for the duration of the Regatta.

3.3 Yachts must have a current YA Category 7 Safety Certificate, Yacht Racing Insurance Policy and NSW Maritime registration.

3.4 All Yachts that wish to compete must have completed the Entry Form and paid the prescribed Entry Fee.

3.5 All Yachts shall display their correct registration numbers on their mainsail. Rule G1.3d pertaining to identification on spinnakers shall not apply.

**4 NOMINATION OF HELMSPERSON**

4.1 The helmsperson of each boat contesting a series shall be nominated on the Registration form.

4.2 No change of boat or helmsman will be allowed without the prior approval of the Race Committee and re-assessment of their handicap. Application to change boat or helmsman must be received by 11:00 on each day of the race.

**5 REPORTING OF STARTERS**

Prior to the start of each race, yachts must report to the Start Officer at the start line by sailing past the stern of the Committee Vessel while on a starboard tack and calling the sail number and yacht name.

**6 RETIREMENT**

On retiring from a race, each yacht must advise the Start Officer aboard the Committee Vessel either by hailing, VHF radio or phone. The phone number will be posted on the Notice Board in the ASC Clubhouse by 11:00 on each day of the race.

**7 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

Racing rule 44 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**8 PROTESTS**

8.1 All protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 and 62 and shall be delivered to the Race Committee of the Avalon Sailing Club within Ninety Minutes of her third finish of the day. A boat not finishing shall submit a protest or request for redress within Ninety Minutes of the incident.

8.2 Initially protests may be heard by “mediation” held as soon as possible after lodgement of a protest. The mediator will meet with the protestor and protestee and conduct a mediation hearing as fully described in Sailing Instructions 9.

8.3 Protests will be heard at the Clubhouse in the order of receipt if practical.

**9 PROTEST MEDIATION**

9.1 A mediation hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61, which allege an infringement of RRS Part 2 or Part 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

9.2 The time and place of the hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which the testimony is given.

9.3 The mediator will be appointed by the Protest Committee and may be a member of a subsequent Protest Committee. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be called as a witness at that hearing.

9.4 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:-

 a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

 b) The protest shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because RRS other than Part 2 or Part 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator)

 c) There was no infringement and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

 d) There has been an infringement by one or more boats involved, the Infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to the finishing place midway between the boats actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted).

9.5 A mediation hearing shall not be reopened. Conclusions of a mediator shall not be subjected to appeal nor be grounds for redress.

9.6 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing after mediation then the protestor must, prior to such a hearing, submit three bottles of wine for the Protest Committee’s consumption. The wine must be of a quality approved by the Protest Committee.

**10 SCORING**

The boat’s handicap shall not be grounds for redress. The Low-Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply. 6 races are scheduled. 2 races are required to constitute a series. Each boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**11 COURSES**

Sailed on Pittwater between Scotland Island and Barrenjoey Head. See Attachment “A”.

**12 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in Sailing Instructions, including course changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 11:00hrs on the day it will take effect.

**13 START LINE**

The Start Line will be located at the leeward mark of the course. The Start shall be an imaginary line between the signal mast of the Committee Vessel flying the Avalon Sailing Club Blue and Yellow Pennant and an orange inflatable leeward mark of the course. Yachts shall not sail between the Committee Vessel and any clearance buoy attached to it.

**14 FINISH LINE**

14.1 The Finish Line will be located at the leeward mark of the course. The Finish shall be an imaginary line between the signal mast of the Committee Vessel flying the Avalon Sailing Club Blue and Yellow Pennant and an orange inflatable leeward mark of the course. Yachts shall not sail between the Committee Vessel and any clearance buoy attached to it.

14.2 The Finish Line shall be approached from windward after passing the last rounding mark of the Course.

14.3 Boats finished and waiting for next start shall stay at least 200 metres clear of boats still racing.

**15 RECALLS**

15.1 *Individual Recalls*

Shall be in accordance with RRS 29.1 Boats on course side of the starting line MAY be identified by voice.

15.2 *General Recalls*

 Shall be in accordance with RRS 29.2

**16 PROHIBITED WATER**

The area of water between the registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline inside Pittwater including Scotland Island shall be considered as PROHIBITED WATER (i.e. continuing obstruction) for boats that are racing. All Navigational Marks shall be passed on their designated side.

**17 START TIMES**

17.1 Race 1 – Saturday, 22nd April 2017

 **PREPARATORY AND STARTING SIGNALS**

12:55 **WARNING SIGNAL** Numeral one Pennant Displayed

12:56 **PREPARATORY SIGNAL** Code Flag “P” Displayed

12:59 **ONE MINUTE SIGNAL** Code Flag “P” Lowered

13:00 **START** Numeral one Pennant Lowered

17.2 Race 2 - Saturday, 22nd April 2017

The Warning Signal for Race 2 shall be made approximately 10 minutes after the last yacht has completed Race 1 or the time at which Race 1 has been abandoned. The Preparatory and Starting Signals shall be as for Race 1.

17.3 Race 3 - Saturday, 22nd April 2017

The Warning Signal for Race 3 shall be made approximately 10 minutes after the last yacht has completed Race 2 or the time at which Race 2 has been abandoned. The Preparatory and Starting Signals shall be as for Race 1.

17.3 Race 4 – Sunday, 23rd April 2017

 **PREPARATORY AND STARTING SIGNALS**

12:55 **WARNING SIGNAL** Numeral one Pennant Displayed

12:56 **PREPARATORY SIGNAL** Code Flag “P” Displayed

12:59 **ONE MINUTE SIGNAL** Code Flag “P” Lowered

13:00 **START** Numeral one Pennant Lowered

17.4 Race 5 - Sunday, 23rd April 2017

The Warning Signal for Race 5 shall be made approximately 10 minutes after the last yacht has completed Race 4 or the time at which Race 5 has been abandoned. The Preparatory and Starting Signals shall be as for Race 4.17.4

Race 6 - Sunday, 23rd April 2017

The Warning Signal for Race 6 shall be made approximately 10 minutes after the last yacht has completed Race 5 or the time at which Race 6 has been abandoned. The Preparatory and Starting Signals shall be as for Race 4.

17.5 Any of the above starting times or procedures may be varied by notice on the Notice Board in the ASC Clubhouse posted by 11.30 on the day of the race, in which case code flag “K” (yellow / blue, vertically divided) will be flown from the Club Flag Mast or the Committee Vessel.

**18 SHORTENING COURSE**

The Start Officer may shorten course by raising Flag S signal on the Committee Vessel. Two sound signals may also be used. The shortened course will consist of the next mark of the original course that has not been rounded by a competing yacht and the Finish Line. The Finish Line, as set out in Clause 14 above, shall be crossed from the direction of the last mark of the shortened course.

**19 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit shall be 1.5 hours after the Start. Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored "Did Not Finish”. If no boat finishes within the time limit the race committee shall abandon the race. (Amends RRS 35)

**20 PRIZES**

* 1st on scratch and handicap – Series result. Presentation after

finish of racing on Sunday

* The Don McLachlan Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to 1st Place on Elapsed Time for the Series.
* The Ian Craig Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to 1st Place on Handicap Corrected Time for the Series.
* All results are provisional and subject to confirmation by the Race Committee.

**21 PRE RACE BRIEFING**

Will be conducted at the ASC Clubhouse at 11:00 Hrs

Saturday, 22nd April 2017

All queries regarding race entries, dinner or administration should be directed to Ian Craig

Phone 0419 625 298 (mobile)

 9488 7416 (home sometimes)

Email ian.craig@alleanza.com.au

**Attachment “A” – COURSES**

**Course:**

All marks to be rounded to Port

Start, W, L, W, Finish

**Legend:**

 Orange Buoy

 Yellow Buoy



ASC Blue & Yellow Pennant

Imaginary Start / Finish Line



W

1

2

3

4

L

Start / Finish

WIND

DIRECTION