



International 470 Class
Australian Championships
19-23 February 2014

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority

Sorrento Sailing & Couta Boat Club
(SSCBC)

3154 Point Nepean Rd Sorrento, Vic, 3943.

On behalf of and in cooperation with the Australian 470 Class Association

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Yachting Australia and the Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2, the Rules of the International 470 Class and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Australian International 470 Class.
- 1.2 RRS44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.3 P2.2 is changed by inserting "or subsequent time" after second in the first line.
- 1.4 P2.3 is deleted

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS / REGATTA OFFICE

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the ground floor northern wall of the SSCBC.
- 2.2 The Regatta Office is on the second floor of the SSCBC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the protest time limit or 1800 hrs. whichever is the earlier, on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Signal Mast on the western lawn of the SSCBC.
- 4.2 When code flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP
- 4.3 When code flag AP over H is displayed ashore it means; "Boats shall not go afloat. Wait for further instructions". This changes Race Signal AP/H.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Schedule of regatta and events.

DATE	EVENT	TIME/ WARNING SIGNAL (HRS)
WEDNESDAY 19 Feb	Registration & measurement Information Session Racing Session 1 Welcome Function	0900 – 1200 1200 1400 after racing; from 1730
THURSDAY 20 Feb	Racing Session 2	1200
FRIDAY 21 Feb	Racing Session 3 Couta Boat Invitational Social, west Lawn	1200 After racing; from 1600 1830
SATURDAY 22 Feb	Racing Session 4	1200
SUNDAY 23 Feb	Racing Session 5 Presentation	1200 1700

- 5.2 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 hours on Sunday 23rd February 2014.
- 5.3 The regatta will consist of a maximum of 12 races.
- 5.4 There will be no more than three (3) races sailed on any one day.

- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat with one sound for at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.6 When more than one race is to be held in a session, Code Flag “L” displayed on the Finish mark indicates that another race will be held in that session.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be the “470” class insignia in white on a blue background.

7 Course Area

The racing area shall be the waters of Port Phillip off SSCBC.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment One (1) show the courses, 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. The course to be sailed will be displayed on a course board situated on the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 8.2 The target time for a race will be 45 - 50 minutes.
- 8.3 On any course where a mark is shown as a gate, if there is only one mark in the place of a gate, competitors shall round it to port.

9 MARKS

Marks will be as follows:

Mark	Description
Start	Race Committee Signal Boat
Start pin	Black and white Chequered inflatable buoy
Marks 1 & 2	Yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy
Marks 3s & 3p	Orange Conical inflatable buoy
Marks 4s & 4p	Orange conical inflatable buoy
Finish	Race Committee signal boat
Finish Pin	Green cylindrical inflatable buoy
Change of Course	Orange conical inflatable buoy, with black band.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between an Orange flag displayed on the Race Committee signal boat Start mark at the starboard end and the Start Pin.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat Finish mark and the Finish Pin.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall make a report on the Exonerating Penalty Declaration Sheet available at the sign off registration desk before the protest time limit each day. Appendix 'P', Special Procedures for Rule 42, shall apply, as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for a race is 75 minutes.

14.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.4 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes, the race shall be abandoned. This changes RRS 35.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest, Request for redress and Scoring Enquiry forms are available from the sign-on/ sign-off registration desk.

15.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.4 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 45 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time of the first hearing. Hearings will be held in the protest room located in the committee room on the first floor of the SSCBC.

15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted before the protest time limit.

15.7 Breaches of sailing instructions 18, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; but no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 ARBITRATION

- 16.1 Where both parties agree, an arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4 and/ or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held prior to the protest hearing.
- 16.2 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing. No witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 16.3 After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
- (a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest. This changes RRS 63.1.
 - (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing.
 - (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest. This changes RRS 63.1
 - (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved. The infringing boat(s) shall accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and the protestor shall withdraw the protest. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 16.4 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 16.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing, the arbitrator may be a member of the protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When from five (5) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 When eleven (11) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All competitors shall wear whilst racing, personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by Yachting Australia. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable.
- 18.3 Before leaving the beach each boat shall sign-on at the sign on/off registration desk.
- 18.4 After returning ashore all boats shall sign-off. Sign off shall be completed within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing in the last race of the session.
- 18.5 Boats failing to sign-on before leaving shore and up to the Warning Signal may be penalised without a hearing by the addition of three (3) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the first race for which they should have signed-on. Boats failing to sign-off before the end of protest time may be penalised without a hearing by the addition of three (3) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the last race for which they should have signed off. This changes RRS 63.1.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. (This changes Class Rule C17.2)
- 19.3 Requests for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity to the Race Committee. Forms will be available at the sign on/ sign off registration desk.
- 19.4 When a crew or equipment is substituted during a series of races on the same day, the request shall be made before the protest time limit for the first race in which the substitution occurred.

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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 ADVERTISING

21.1 Competitors may be required to display the event sponsors logo. These will be provided by the organising authority at registration together with any instructions as to their fitting and display.

21.2 Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked by displaying a SSCBC Burgee.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

Support Boats shall keep at least 50 metres clear of the course area where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except when asked to assist by an official from the race committee. Support Boats shall carry a VHF radio and comply with all local safety rules in accordance with Victorian marine Regulations and with instructions of the Race Committee.

24 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats or stored on boats and disposed of ashore after racing.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

While on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications except for equipment provided by the organising authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26 PRIZES

26.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

First, second and third Australian Crew, overall,

First all female crew

First junior Crew

Perpetual Trophies will be awarded in accordance with Australian 470 Class By-Laws.

26.2 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority. All trophies will be awarded to helm and crew in accordance with Class By-Laws.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. By participating in a Race in this regatta Crews acknowledge this, and release the Organizing Authority and its officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability, howsoever arising including from negligence.
- 27.2 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is his/hers alone".
- 27.3 The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or after the regatta. By participating in this regatta each member of the crew of a boat in such races agrees to be governed by these regulations and to accept any penalties assessed thereunder or any other action as may be taken there under, subject to the appeal and review procedures as provided in the RRS as a final determination of any matter arising under these Regulations and agrees not to resort to a court or tribunal not provided herein with respect to such determination.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$5 million per event or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who submit an electronic entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

29 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

29.1 By participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

29.2 Attendance at a media/press conference each day may be required for the top three competitors as well as individual heat winners. Suitable notification will be given.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Courses

I2 Start - 1 - 4s/p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish a

I3 Start - 1 - 4s/p - 1 - 4s/p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish a

I4 Start - 1 - 4s/p - 1 - 4s/p - 1 - 4s/p - 1 - 2 - 3p -
Finish a

O2 Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/p - 2 - 3p - Finish a

O3 Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/p - 2 - 3s/p - 2 - 3p - Finish a

O4 Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/p - 2 - 3s/p - 2 - 3s/p - 2 - 3p -
Finish a

L2 Start - 1- 4s/p - 1 - 4p - Finish b

L3 Start - 1- 4s/p - 1- 4s/p - 1- 4p - Finish b

L4 Start - 1- 4s/p - 1- 4s/p - 1- 4s/p - 1- 4p -
Finish b

