



# WYAC – Sailing Instructions

**SAS Mpumalanga Hunter Provincial Championships 2012**  
**Witbank Yacht Aquatic Club, Witbank Dam, Mpumalanga**  
From **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

The organizing authority is WYAC (Witbank Yacht Aquatic Club) in association with the Hunter Class association under the authority and sanction of SAS

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES.

The Regatta will be governed by the CURRENT;  
"Rules" as defined in the ISAF racing rules of sailing (RRS), 2009-12.  
Rules of the competing class as defined in the notice of race,  
SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships,  
Notice of Race, unless specifically amended by these sailing instructions,  
Sailing instructions and any amendments thereof.

### 2. Advertising

In keeping with ISAF Regulation 20 – Advertising Code, boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.

### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Any changes to the SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be posted on the notice board no later than 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races / schedule starting time of the first race of the day will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole located in front of the clubhouse.

Flag **AP** "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP

Flag **B** Hoisted to the yardarm with one long sound signal means that PROTEST time has begun.  
Lowered to the dip with one long sound signal means that 10 minutes remain to Protest Time Limit.  
Lowered completely with one long sound signal, shall mean that the protest time limit has ended.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

#### 5.1.SCHEDULE

5.2. Registration on the day: Saturday 3 March 2012 From 8h30 to 10h30

5.3. Measurement and inspection: 3 March 2012 randomly

5.4. A Non Compulsory Briefing will be held on 10h00 3 March 2012 in the WYAC clubhouse

5.5. Dates of racing: The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 11h00 on the 3 March 2012.

On subsequent days the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 9h00.  
Alternatively Times of succeeding races will be displayed on the Regatta Notice Board, not less than 30 minutes before the start of any race, except that the race Committee vessel on station at the finishing line is displaying code flag L while yachts are finishing a race, it will signal that the next race will start shortly and competitors should proceed to the starting area.

To alert yachts that the next race will begin soon, the postponement signal, which will be made 1 minute after code flag L is lowered, will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

- 1.1. Number of races for the regatta is 4 minimum, 5-9 (One discard). 10 maximum (2 Discards)
- 1.2. No race will be started after **14h30** on the last scheduled day of racing, unless a four race series has not been constituted. In this event the fourth race will not be started after **15h30** on the last scheduled day.

## **6. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS.**

In To qualify as a Provincial Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- 1.1. A minimum of six valid entries have been received before the scheduled starting time of the first race
- 1.2. At least six finishers in any one race of the series.
- 1.3. At least four races completed.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flag will be; - HUNTER BURGEE – White flag with black letter H and Red triangle alongside.

## **8 RACING AREA**

Racing will take place on the Witbank Dam.

## **9 THE COURSES.**

Attachment A, diagrams "A" , "B " & "C" shows the courses. The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board at the stern of the committee boat.

## **10 MARKS.**

Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be large round shaped buoys.

The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee boat displaying an ORANGE FLAG and a small buoy.

## **11 THE START.**

Races will be started using RULE 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The start line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag/shape and a small buoy at the port end.

**A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DID NOT START. This changes rule A4.1.**

## **12 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK.**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although a new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be re-located without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## **13 THE FINISH.**

The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the finishing mark at the port end.

When the course is shortened at mark no 3 ( leeward mark) a race committee boat near the mark will display FLAG "S" and boats shall finish by rounding the mark and finishing at the prescribed Finish Line. This changes Race Signal S.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM.**

A boat has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken rule 42.

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns (720 degree) Penalty apply.

## **15 TIME LIMIT**

Time limits are as follows

Class	Mark 1 time limit.
HUNTER	30 minutes.

If no boat has passed MARK 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

**Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes** will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and a4.1.

## **16 PROTESTS.**

Protests forms are available at the race / regatta Secretary's office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

The protest time limit is 60 (sixty) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

Notices will be posted as soon as possible 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 place stated on the protest notice beginning at the time stated therein.

Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

The list of boats that, under the instruction "Penalty System : rule 67" have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit. For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the "authority responsible" is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

## **17 SCORING.**

The low point scoring system, RRS A4 will apply.(page 45)

When four races or fewer have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

When five or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one worst score for every five races.

The applicable categories within the Class National Championships shall be scored in the open event and the overall order in which they finish in this event shall determine their position in each category with the best placed finisher in the overall results being awarded first place. Class categories will not be scored separately.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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

Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

Competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht when so signalled.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee and protest committee.

Each yacht shall race with her correct registration number displayed on her sail, with the sail/s used in the first race and only the scrutinised and certified approved equipment. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests in writing for substitution shall be submitted to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Such replacement equipment may be scrutinised for compliance with class rules before such approval is given.

## **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 to a designated area for inspection.

## **21 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

Support boats shall be marked with a Yellow Flag, such flag to measure no less than 600mm x 600mm and to be hoisted at such a height so as to be visible from all points. Support boats shall provide their own flags.

## **22 HAULING OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Yachts shall not be hauled out after the scheduled starting time of the first race except in accordance with the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee

## **23 DIVING EQUIPMENT & PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the starting signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **24 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

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.

## **25 WARDS, PRIZES AND TROPHIES.**

25.1 The prize giving and closing ceremony will be held at the WITBANK club house as soon as possible after the last race. Prizes will be given as follows:

Prizes will be presented to competitors in accordance with the SA Sailing WYAC requirements for Provincial Championships in accordance with the following table and subject to the class qualifying for Provincial Championship status:

### **No. of finishers in any one race Medals**

Mpumalanga Hunter Provincial Championship Trophy

Sailing WYAC medals

Handicap Prizes

Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

## **26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

Neither the Organizing Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization 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.

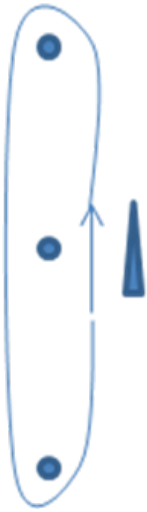
The Organising Authority including all persons, organisations and their agents concerned with conduct of the regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **27 INSURANCE**

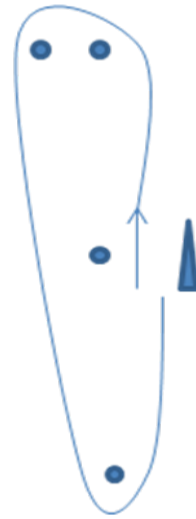
Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

## **28 ATTACHMENTS**

**A. Course.**



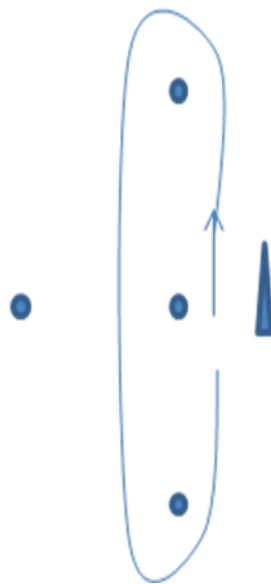
**B. Course**



**C. Course**



Lap 1  
Lap 3



Lap 2