



The Hunter 19 Class Mpumalanga Championship 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority is Witbank Yacht and Aquatic Club, and The Hunter 19 Class Association under authority of South African Sailing Northern Region
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-12.**
- 1.3 The following prescriptions of the South African National Authority apply: **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009-12 and all Class Rules, The Notice of Regatta and these Sailing Instructions** will apply.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the WYAC Clubhouse

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the yardarm of the mast in front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "**not less than 30 minutes**" when the race signal AP is lowered.
- 4.3 Flag B Hoisted to the yardarm with one long sound signal will mean the PROTEST time has begun. Lowered to the dip with one long sound will mean 10 minutes remain to lodge a protest. Lowered completely with one sound signal shall mean the protest time has ended. The protest time will end as per RRS 61.3, Two hours after the last boat finishes.
- 4.4 When Flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:

Date
Saturday 6th March
Sunday 7th March

Racing
Warning Signal Not before 11:00
Warning Signal Not before 09:00

- 5.2** Number of races:
(a) A maximum of 10 races shall be held
- 5.3** The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is shown above in 5.1
- 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. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, Flag "L" will be displayed before a Warning Signal is displayed. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Flag "L".
- 5.5** A Voluntary Briefing will be held for all competitors at 10:00 on Saturday the 6th of March in the clubhouse.
- 5.6** On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 16:00

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Hunter Class Burgee will be used at the warning signal.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1** Racing will take place on Witbank dam normally adjacent to the club shore, but may vary at the discretion of the race officer

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** The diagrams in Addendum A 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.
- 8.2** No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course number 1 or 2 indicating which course is to be sailed.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be large yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys
- 9.2** New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be large yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 9.3** The starting and finishing marks will spherical pink/orange buoys and the race committee boat.
- 9.4** A Race Committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided for in Para. 13.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:
The breakwater on the club's shore.
The club's northern boundary fence.

11 THE START

- 11.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given **5 minutes** before the starting signal.
- 11.2** The starting line will be between the committee boat displaying the warning signal at the starboard end and a spherical orange/pink buoy at its port end.
- 11.3** Boats that have retired from the race shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.4** A boat starting later than **4 minutes** after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

- 11.5** If a boat breaks RRS 30.3 (Black flag rule), the Race Committee at Mark 1 will point flag X at her, make a sound signal and hail her sail number. The hailed boat shall immediately leave the course area. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. This changes RRS A5.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1** To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the 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.
- 13.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of the next leg (Code flag C) and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to (port) and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the race committee boat displaying a solid blue flag at its starboard end and an orange/pink buoy at its port end.

The start and or finish line is not intended as a gate during roundings of the course on laps other than the start or finish.

15 SHORTENING COURSE

Should the Race Committee shorten course, the finishing line will be:

- 15.1** at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying Code Flag "S" or
- 15.1** at the finish line after a reduced number of laps when the committee boat displays the "S" flag. This will also be signaled by a race committee boat displaying an S flag prior to the leading boat reaching mark 3. Mark 3 shall be rounded and the boats will proceed to the finish

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1** RRS 44.2 will be changed as follows: so that all reference to "720deg turns" is replaced by "360 deg turns.
- 16.3** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 16.4** As provided in RRS 67, the (protest committee) (jury) may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42.

17 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.

18 CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- ❖ A minimum of eight valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race.

- ❖ At least ten finishes in any two races of the series;
- ❖ At least four races completed.

19 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1** Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 19.2** The protest time limit is **120 minutes** after the last boat 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
- 19.3** 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 in the clubhouse.
- 19.4** Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 19.5** A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the (Protest Committee) (jury) will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 19.6** 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.
- 19.7** 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.

20 SCORING

- 20.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 20.2** 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.3(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.

21 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and fill out the retirement declaration form.
- 21.3** Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 21.4** All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht, when signaled to do so. Flag Y.
- 21.4** Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

- 22.2** 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 Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

23 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.

24 SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1** 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 or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to action under RRS 69.
- 24.2** Support boats shall be marked with yellow flag Q

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

26 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

27 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

28 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 28.1** 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.

29 PRIZES

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

30 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, nor any of its personnel, 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.

31 INSURANCE

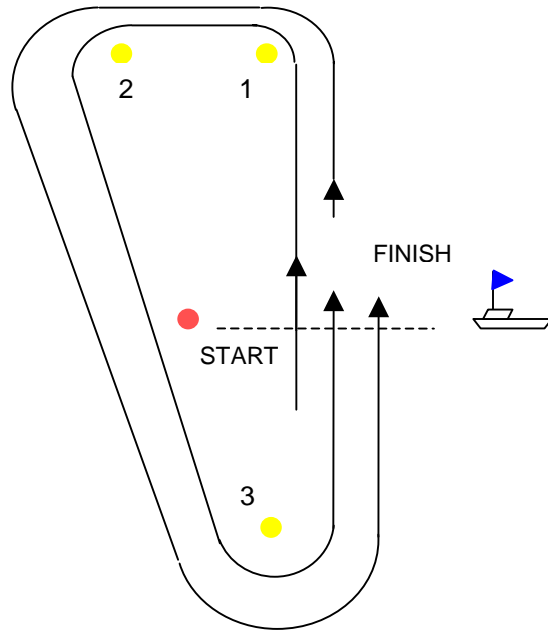
Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

Addendum A

COURSE 1

Windward Leeward, with offset

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



COURSE 2

Triangle – Windward Leeward - Triangle.

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

