

# MINNIS BAY SAILING CLUB

## OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

1.1. Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (**RRS**), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the rules of relevant class associations and by these sailing instructions.

### 2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1. **Registration:** All competitors shall complete and sign a **Race Entry Form** in the **Sailing Club**.

2.2. **General:** The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the complete responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat. These sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, his boat and the management thereof.

2.3. **Sail numbers:** All boats shall compete under their registered sail numbers as required by the RRS Appendix G. Any entrant wishing to use a sail carrying a different number must apply in writing to the race office for permission to race. Permission will not normally be given to use the same sail number as that displayed by another boat in the same race.

2.4. **Changes in crew:** The helm of a boat shall not be changed during the series. The crew of a boat may only be changed under exceptional circumstances and must have written approval of the race committee.

### 3. SAFETY

3.1. **Personal buoyancy:** Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all crew members whilst afloat. Wet suits or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy.

3.2. **Rescue:** In an emergency (of which he shall be the sole judge) the Rescue Officer may instruct the helm and crew of a boat in need of assistance to abandon their boat so as to allow the rescue boats to fulfil its obligation to other competitors. The club cannot accept any responsibility for boats left at anchor awaiting salvage.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board at the Race Hut and /or in the Clubhouse.

### 5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the start time of the race or races concerned. Displaying code flag 'L' will indicate changes in the sailing instructions.

### 6. FLAG SIGNALS

6.1. Flag signals will be made in accordance with RRS Part 3 and these sailing instructions. Flags will be displayed from the Race Hut and / or from the Committee Boat as the race committee deems appropriate.

6.2. The warning flags for each class will be shown on the official notice board.

### 7. THE COURSE

7.1. The courses will be shown on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the start of each race.

## 8. CONDUCT OF RACES

8.1. **Starts: Races** will be started using RRS 26. The order of starts will be displayed on the official notice board.

8.2. **Individual recall:** Individual recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.1.

8.3. **General recall:** General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

8.4. **Shortening course:** The course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer. Signals will be in accordance with RRS 32.

8.5. **Time Limits:** The time limit will be two hours for all classes. Any boat failing to complete the course within 30 minutes of the leading boat will be scored DNF.

## 9. SCORING

9.1. The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System

## 10. PROTESTS

10.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the sailing club and delivered there within one hour after the last boat's finish.

10.2. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.