

Hobie, Dart, Halcat and Adaptive Sailing Class Association
All Cat Northern Region Provincial Championships 2017,
Stilbaai Yacht Club Vaal Dam 14 to 15 October 2017
Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.**
- 1.2** The following prescriptions of the South African National Authority apply:
The South African Sailing Requirements for Provincial Championships
- 1.3** **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017-2020 and all Class Rules** will apply.
- 1.4** **Both Skipper and crew shall be paid up members in good standing of their Class Association as well as SAS. All fees (membership and entry) shall be paid before the schedule starting time of the first race. Failure to do so will result in that entry to be disregarded.**
- 1.5** Under rule 86.1(b), in the definition Zone the distance is changed from three hull lengths to four hull lengths. This changes RRS 86.1
- 1.6** All boat, crew weight, and equipment violations may additionally be protested under RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) and would be scored DNE-Disqualified Not Excludable. Whenever possible, competitors should be warned of potential equipment violations on the beach before racing when observed by other competitors, the jury, or regatta officials.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board(s) situated in the club house.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 1 hour before the first race 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 flag pole in front of the club house.
- 4.2.** When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. Boats shall not to leave the shore until this signal is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1.** The warning signal for the first race will be 11h00 on Saturday 14 October 2017.
- 5.2.** The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race on the 2nd day is 9.00am unless otherwise displayed on the notice board by 7.00pm of the previous evening.
- 5.3.** When more than one race will be held back to back, the L Flag will be flown before the first boat finishes the prior race indicated. The Warning Signal of a race where the L Flag is flying will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Flag "L". Where the Postponement is flown ashore, the Committee boat will leave shore flying flag "L" which will be lowered one minute before the warning signal.
- 5.4.** When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race (or sequence of races, 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.

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- 5.5.** On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 3.00 Pm on Sunday 15 October 2017.
- 6 CLASS FLAGS**
Class flags will be advised at the skippers briefing
- 7 RACING AREAS**
Racing will take place in an area close to Stilbaai Yacht Club.
- 8 THE COURSES**
- 8.1** Windward - Leeward courses will be sailed
- 8.2** Hobie 16 and Darts – 3 laps
Halcat, Open Class and Adaptive sailors – 2 Laps
- 9 MARKS**
- 9.1** The weather mark and gate marks will be yellow.
- 9.2** New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be green
- 9.3** The starting and finishing marks will be red.
- 10 THE START**
- 10.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2** There will be two starts
Start 1 Hobie 16 and Dart 18
Start 2 Halcat, Open Class and Adaptive sailors
- 10.3** The starting line will be to port of the committee boat, between the committee boat and the start mark starting pin which will be white.
- 10.4** Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.5** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.6** If a boat breaks RRS 30.3, (Black flag rule) the Race Committee or their designate, at or approaching 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.
- 10.7** If a "U" flag has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26
- 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 11.1** 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.
- 11.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee, or designate, signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to (port) and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1. The direction of the changed leg shall be indicated according to by RRS 33(a) (2), green to starboard, and red to port.

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12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the committee boat and the finish mark.

SHORTENING COURSE

- 12.1** Should the Race Committee shorten course, the finishing line will be at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying Code Flag "S" or at a gate between gate marks.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1** Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1
- 13.2** 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.

14 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.

15 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

- ❖ A minimum of ten 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.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2** For each (class) (fleet), the protest time limit is 60 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
- 16.3** Notices will be posted within 60 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 at LDYC Yacht Club.
- 16.4** Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5** 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.
- 16.6** 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.

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- 16.7** All boat, crew weight, and equipment violations may additionally be protested under RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) and would be scored DNE-Disqualified Not Excludable. Whenever possible, competitors should be warned of potential equipment violations on the beach before racing when observed by other competitors, the jury, or regatta officials.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

17.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18.2 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

18.3 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.

18.4 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 If a crew change is required due to injury or other special circumstances, the crew weight shall not be less than the original weight and not more than 4.5kg heavier unless approved by the race committee. Weights may be carried to maintain the original crew weight provided in the class rules

19.2 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.

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 after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 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.

24 PRIZES

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

25 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.

26 INSURANCE

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

27 The Course

