



NSW Heron Inter-Club Series 2011/12

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*, the rules of the National Heron Sailing Association and any amendments to those rules in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2** All competitors must wear a type 2 or 3 life Jacket or equivalent, and all boats must be equipped with a tow ring, and a functional bucket and paddle, both of which must be tied into the boat.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official clubhouse notice board located at the host club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at host club.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** Dates and times of racing:

Date	Venue	Event	Start Time
Sat 3 December 2011	CRSC	Briefing	13:00
	CRSC	Heat 1	14 :00
Sat 31 March 2011	DAC	Briefing	13:00
	DAC	Heat 2	14:00

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7 RACING AREAS

Racing areas will be notified at the competitors briefing.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** The Courses will be notified at the competitors briefing.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Marks will be notified at the competitors briefing.

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11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal (class flag) will be displayed 5 minutes prior to the start.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. If possible an official boat will display the compass bearing to the new position.

13 THE FINISH

The finish requirements will be notified at the competitors briefing.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The first boat must complete the course within 2 hours. If not, the race will be abandoned.

15.2 The Mark 1 time limit shall be 45 minutes. If no boat rounds mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

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

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

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

16.5 Breaches of instructions 18 and 19.2 and will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

17 SCORING

17.1 Points will be awarded to each club based on the following criteria

Points Awarded to Each Club

1 Point	For each paid entry
6 Points	For 1 st on Scratch and 1 st on Handicap
4 Points	For 2 nd on Scratch and 2 nd on Handicap
3 Points	For 3 rd on Scratch and 3 rd on Handicap
2 Points	For 4 th on Scratch and 4 th on Handicap
1 Point	For 5 th on Scratch and 5 th on Handicap

Away Clubs = A bonus 7 points for reaching 80% of sailing members competing

Home Club = A bonus 7 points for reaching 100% of sailing members competing

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** *Sign On and Sign Off:* All boats must “sign on” before leaving the shore and “sign off” as soon as practical after returning to shore at the end of the day’s racing, but no later than the end of the protest time limit. Forms will be posted in the clubhouse.
- 18.2** Any skipper not signed on at the warning signal may be scored DNC for the first race of the session. This changes rule 63.1
- 18.3** Any skipper not signed off by the end of the protest time limit may be scored DNF for the last race of the session. This changes rule 63.1
- 18.4** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical.

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21 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Perpetual Trophy for First Placed Club
- Other prizes may be given at the discretion of the Race and Management Committee of the NSW Heron Sailing Association

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$5 million per event or the equivalent.