

HENLEY MIDMAR YACHT CLUB 2011 / 2012 SAILING SEASON

Organising Authority: Henley Midmar Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING

1 RULES

The races will be governed by the:

- 1.1 Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-12.
- 1.2 Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009-12 and the relevant Class Rules
- 1.3 This combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The racing is open to all sailing boats.
- 2.2 Boats may enter by completing an entry form and paying the required entry fee at the HMYC Committee Room up to 1 hour prior to the start of the race.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Required entry fees are as follows:
 - Club Racing: R10-00 per day
 - Mini Regattas: R30-00 per day or R60-00 for 2 days

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the blackboard located on the Clubhouse veranda.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the start of the race in which it will take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast adjacent to the club house.
- 6.2 When Flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 6.3 When Flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times when afloat. Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while afloat.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The schedule of races is as displayed in the calendar on the HMYC website at: www.hmyc.org.za.

- 7.2 The scheduled number of RACES PER RACING DAY is as indicated below:

Series or Race	Races Per Day
Class Championships	3
Dam Bottle Sprints	6
Club Mini Regattas	4
All Other series or races	1

8 FLEET FLAG

Flag T will be used as the Fleet Flag.

9 RACING AREA

Racing will take place on Midmar Dam.

10 THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be displayed on the blackboard on the Clubhouse veranda a minimum of 45 minutes before the Start.

11 MARKS

- 11.1** Marks to be used will be indicated on the blackboard on the Clubhouse veranda.

12 THE START

- 12.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2** The starting line will be between the start mark and the nearby staff displaying an orange flag.
- 12.3** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the finish mark and the nearby staff displaying an orange flag.

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 without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 SAFETY

- 16.1** Yachts shall comply with the National Small Vessel Safety Regulations, as well as their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 16.2** Youth category sailors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht. This includes all persons 18 years and younger.
- 16.3** Wet or dry suits do not constitute a personal buoyancy aid.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency 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.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1** Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 18.3** 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. Hearings will be held in the HMYC clubhouse.
- 18.4** Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.5** On the last day of a mini-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 on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 18.6** On the last day of a mini-regatta a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 SCORING

- 19.1** When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- 19.2** When 3 or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her following number of worst scores:

No. of Races	No. of Worst Scores Discarded
3 to 5	1
6 to 8	2
9 to 11	3
12 to 14	4
15 to 17	5
18 to 20	6
21 or more	7

- 19.3** Boat handicaps will be the HMYC equivalent Portsmouth Ratings.
19.4 Skipper handicaps will be at the discretion of the Race Committee
19.5 Results will be based on the following:

Series or Race	Handicap system
Class Championships Qualifying classes Open class	Level rating Boat handicap only
Class Handicap Qualifying classes Open class	Skipper handicap only Boat and skipper handicap
Dam Bottle Sprints	Boat and skipper handicap
Club Mini Regattas	Boat handicap only
All Other series or races	Boat and skipper handicap

20 CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of **four** finishers in at least **five** races is required for a Class to qualify for Class Championships.

21 PRIZES

Trophies and prizes will be presented at the HMYC Annual Prize-giving. These will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the club races 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.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Rob Bell at 073 961 8006.