



**SOUTH AFRICAN
SAILING**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2022 Instruman Open Dinghy Mpumalanga Championship

Dates: 01 Oct 2022 to 02 Oct 2022

Venue: Witbank Yacht and Aquatic Club

Organising Authority: Open dinghy in conjunction with the WYAC with the consent of SA Sailing.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at <http://wyac.co.za> and WYAC notice board.
- 1.2 The race office is located at WYAC, telephone 071 576 3781, email manager@wyac.co.za, 076 142 1822, email admin1@wyac.co.za.
- 1.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on [the flagpole in front of the clubhouse](#).
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags [and the order of starting] will be as follows:

Pennant 1

6 RACING AREA

In front of the clubhouse

7 COURSES

The diagram(s) in SI Addendum 1 show(s) the courses, 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.

*Optimists sail a course within a course, GREEN marker for leeward

8 MARKS

A description of all marks will be posted before the close of registration.

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

9.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound [at least] five minutes before a warning signal is made.

OR

After a postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound [at least] five minutes before a warning signal is made. However, this will not apply if the postponement is signalled during a starting sequence.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark 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 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

In terms of RRS Rule 32. The Race Committee may shorten course by displaying Flag S with 2 sounds before the lead boat reaches the mark, which remains a mark of the course, and thereafter proceed directly to the prescribed start finish line, crossing the line from the direction of the mark.

OR

When a course is set with a fixed start finish line, the use of an alternative shortened course procedure may be used.

The Race Committee may signal a shortened course by displaying flag F with repeated sounds.

On this signal boats shall round the next mark as required to sail the course, and thereafter proceed directly to the start finish line. This signal shall be made before the first boat reaches the last mark to be rounded and shall continue to be made until all boats racing have passed this mark. This changes RRS32.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For the [Open dinghy](#) class(es), RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within [20](#) minutes after the first boat [in her class] sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, being penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within this time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 The protest time limit is [60](#) minutes after the last boat [in that class] finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held [in the protest room, located at [WYAC office](#) beginning at the time posted.

16 SCORING

16.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 (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 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.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device capable of supporting the competitors body weight at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.

19.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 SUPPORT PERSON VESSEL

Support person vessels shall stay outside of the course (as shown on the course diagram) and at least 100m from boats racing.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

NOTES:

SI ADDENDUM – MARKS

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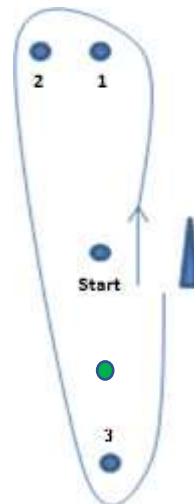
Course A – Windward/Leeward.

Start -1-2-1-2-1-2-finish



Course B - Windward/Leeward with Offset

Start -1- offset-3 -1- offset-3 -1- offset-3-finish



Course C – Olympic Course

Start -1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-finish

