



## **J22 Mpumalanga Provincial Championships 2018**

**Witbank Yacht & Aquatic Club, Witbank Dam, Mpumalanga**

**From Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**The Regatta is organized by the SAJ22CA in conjunction with the WYAC under the auspices of South African Sailing (SAS).**

## **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 South African Sailing (SAS) Requirements for National Championships** will apply.
- 1.3 **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017 – 2020, the Class Rules of the SAJ22CA, the Notice of Race** and these **Sailing Instructions** will apply.

## **2. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION**

- 2.1 While racing, boats shall display bow numbers. The Organising Authority will supply the numbers and instructions for their use.

## **3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located within the WYAC Clubhouse.

## **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08h00 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.

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the WYAC main flag pole in front of the Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 Flag B, fully hoisted on the yard-arm of the WYAC main flag pole with one sound signal means that Protest Time has begun. Lowered, to the dip, with one long sound signal, shall mean that 15 minutes remain to the expiry of the Protest Time. Lowered completely, with one long sound signal, shall mean that the Protest Time has ended.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 Dates of racing:  
The warning signal for the first race of the regatta is scheduled for 12 noon on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March, warning signal not before 09h00  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April, warning signal not before 09h00  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, warning signal not before 09h00  
No race will be started after 12 noon on the last scheduled day of racing (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April).
- 6.2 Number of races:  
Number of races for the regatta is, 4 minimum, 5-9 (One discard), 10 maximum (2 Discards).
- 6.3 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the same day, 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. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Flag "L".
- 6.4 On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 12 noon.

## **7. CLASS FLAGS**

The warning signal will be the J22 Class Flag, code flag 'J'.

## **8. RACING AREAS**

Racing will take place in front of the WYAC on Witbank Dam.

## **9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the course, 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.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the appropriate course letter on the side of the committee boat.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks will be yellow cylindrical buoys.

- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a round red or white buoy.
- 10.3 A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided for in Paragraph 13.

## **11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

Boats at anchor or on their respective moorings in front of the WYAC.

## **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 mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby start mark.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 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.

## **14. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat and the nearby finish mark.

## **15. SHORTENING COURSE**

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the Race Committee may shorten the course before the leading boat of the class reaches the mark. Boats shall then round the mark, which remains a mark of the course, and thereafter proceed directly to the prescribed finish line, crossing the line from the direction of the mark.

## **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 16.1 Rule 44.1 applies.

## **17. TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.2 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.

- 18.3 Notices will be posted within 30 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 within the WYAC 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 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.
- 18.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from 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 Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 19.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.  
(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **20. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 20.2 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!
- 20.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 21.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 21.2 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 Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **22. 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.

## **23. TRASH DISPOSAL**

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

## **25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **26. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **27. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

27.1 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.

## **28. PRIZES**

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

## **29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organising Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organisation 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.

## **30. INSURANCE**

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



## Attachment 1 – Course Card

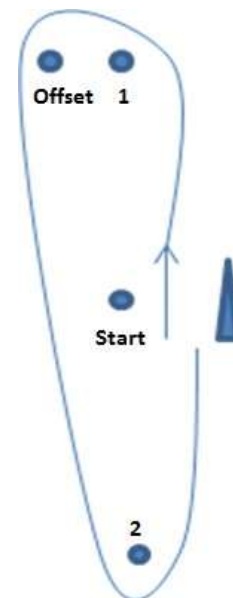
### Course A – Windward/Leeward.

Start -1-2-1-2-1-2-finish (3 rounds)



### Course B - Windward/Leeward with Offset

Start -1- offset-2-1- offset-2-1- offset-2-finish (3 rounds)



### Course C – Olympic Course

Start -1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-finish (Triangle, sausage, Triangle)

