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2018 Ron Tough Yachting Foundation Pacer Racing Challenge

Organising Authority:
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

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Sailing Instructions

The Ron Tough Yachting Foundation Pacer Challenge, supported by Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and WAIS, aims to provide high quality races in a larger fleet for high performance sailors in WA. The Ron Tough Yachting Foundation has been a major supporter of WA sailors for many years and the Pacer Challenge is yet another great example of their contribution to WA's yachting community. It also opportunity for up and coming younger sailors to crew for and learn from these more experienced athletes. The event aims to simulate big fleet regatta racing for those planning to compete in their respective World and National titles.



1. RULES AND RULES CHANGES:

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS).
- 1.2 Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for off the Beach Boats will Apply.
- 1.3 Addendum Q (version June 12, 2017) – Umpired Fleet Racing will apply to all races. (Addendum Q is reproduced at the end of this document)

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1 RRS 60.1(b) is changed so that the pairing of skipper and crew combinations and allocation of specific Pacer Dinghies to each crew will not be grounds for request for redress by a boat.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the wall outside the Regatta Office at the RFBYC Junior Clubhouse.

4. DAMAGE:

- 4.1 RFBYC Pacer Fleet Captain will inspect boats for damage prior to racing.
- 4.2 All Skippers must complete a damage form after racing. Any damage occurring to allocated Pacer dinghies will be required to be reported on the damage form and costs associated with repairing damage will be the responsibility of the sailors concerned. Damage costs shall be capped at a maximum of \$150 per incident.
- 4.3 If damage to an allocated boat or any of its attachments occurs, the skipper and crew must not sail the boat in a manner that may promote further damage.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than one hour before the scheduled start time of the race for which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1030 on the day it will take effect.
- 5.2 Flag 'L' will be displayed from the mast in front of the Junior Clubhouse when a notice is displayed. It shall be the responsibility of each boat to obtain any instructions. This flag shall be displayed until the start time of the first race to which the change applies.
- 5.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) using the following procedure a) Flag 'L' to be displayed with a sound signal. Competitors should come within hailing distance of the Committee Boat. b) Instructions may be given orally from the Committee Boat. c) Instructions may additionally be given by other official boats on the course area. d) It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have received the change in its entirety.
- 5.4 When postponement signal flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. SIGNING ON/OFF:

- 6.1 All helms shall sign on, on the sheets provided at the Junior Clubhouse, prior to going afloat for racing in any session.
- 6.2 All helms shall sign off within 30 minutes of completing racing or retiring for that session.
- 6.3 Boats failing to comply with Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 shall receive a 5-point penalty in the race held closest to the indiscretion without a hearing. This changes A 4.2 (SP)

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

7.1 Sunday 30th September

12:30 Arrival

13:00 Competitor Briefing, Crew and Boat Allocation - Junior Club House

14:00 First Warning Signal- Subsequent Races to Follow

After Racing – Presentation of Results

7.2 Up to 5 races may be sailed.

7.3 No warning signal will be made after 17:30 on Sunday, 30th September 2018

8. CLASS FLAG:

The Class flag will be Naval Numeral 'O'.

9. RACING AREA:

The racing area will be within Freshwater Bay and surrounding areas.

10. COURSES:

10.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course configuration, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

11. SCORING:

11.1 The low points system of Appendix A will apply.

11.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A maximum of 5 races will be sailed.

11.3 A boats series score will be the total of her race scores and no race scores will be excluded.

12. STARTING:

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 (5, 4, 1, 0)

12.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat at the starboard end and start pin buoy at the port end.

12.3 The colour of the start pin buoy will be black & white chequered.

13. FINISH:

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

14. MARKS:

14.1 Marks 1, 2P and 2S will be red inflatable buoys, this is subject to change at the briefing.

14.2 Start and finish pin will be a black & white chequered buoy.

15. TIME LIMIT:

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat which sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS35 and A4 and A5.

16. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS:

16.1 RRS Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, shall apply.

16.2 Q2.1 is changed so that the raising of a red flag is not required by a boat intending to protest. A loud, audible hail accompanied by a clear and obvious raise of the arm is sufficient to signal a protest. (NP)

16.3 The Race Committee may apply a Standard Penalty (SP) without a hearing for some breaches of the rules. These standard penalties will be identified in these Sailing Instructions and any additional items which may be subject to Standard Penalties may be identified verbally by the Race Officer at the briefing.

16.4 RRS 60.1A is changed so that (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.

17. SUPPORT BOATS:

Unless otherwise advised or requested by the Race Officer, Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the area where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment. This restriction does not apply to coaches or other support boats which are serving as Umpires for the purpose of Addendum Q. (NP)

18. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS AND PRIZES:

18.1 The Ron Tough Yachting Foundation will award cash prizes as follows.

1st Place Boat - \$300

2nd Place Boat - \$150

3rd Place Boat - \$76

4th Place Boat - \$50

5th Place Boat - \$24

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee or WAIS coaches.

18.2 Presentations will be held on the lawn adjacent to the RFBYC Junior Clubhouse as soon as possible after racing.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

19.1 Competitors participate in the training session entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

19.2 The organizing authority its associates and appointees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death or inconvenience sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. MEDIA DISCLAIMER:

20.1 Competitors agree to grant the Organising Authority, The Ron Tough Yachting Foundation, and WAIS, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

21. WARNING:

21.1 Sailing and activities associated with it involve risks of personal injury, loss and damage and even death. The risks include but are not limited to, the risk of injury from collision, capsizing, falling overboard, being trapped under the sail or boat after capsize and impact with equipment. Any of these events can also result in death.

ADDENDUM Q

This addendum has been approved by World Sailing in accordance with rule 86.2 and Regulation 28.1.3. It applies to all medal races and all pre-race or post-race activities related to them.

Version: June 12, 2017

Marginal marks indicate important changes from recent versions.

These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70 and B5.

Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5.

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2 and Part 4

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'
- (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Instruction Q1.1(b) does not apply to boards.

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

- (a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42.'
- (b) For boards, the One-Turn Penalty is one 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe.
- (c) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1 and Q2.4.'
- (d) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted. Rule B5 is deleted.

- (e) Rules 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted. In a race where this addendum applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.
- (f) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.
- (g) Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.

Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

Q2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision. However, a board need not display a red flag.

Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.

Q2.3 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while flag B is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made.

Q2.4 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instruction Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

Q2.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.4.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

Q3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

Q3.2 (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2.

- (b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

Q4.1 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

Q4.2 The last sentence of rule 28.2 is changed to 'She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or *finished*.' A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c).

Q4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under

rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Q5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

Q5.2 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires. A party to a hearing may not base an appeal on the decision of the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

- Q5.3**
- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
 - (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.
 - (d) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with instruction Q5.3 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

Q5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat.

Q5.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or rule 28, a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Attachment A

Course: Start - 1 - 2P/S - 1 - 2P/S - Finish

