

**International Mirror Class Association of Tasmania  
State Championships 2010  
Deviot Sailing Club**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**DATES:** March 13th and 14th 2010

**HOST CLUB & ORGANISING AUTHORITY:** Deviot Sailing Club in conjunction with the International Mirror Class Association of Tasmania

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The special regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the International Mirror Class of Australia will apply.
- 1.4 All sailors shall wear approved buoyancy aids at all times afloat. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification without protest. This changes rule 63.1.
- 1.5 Delete RRS 61.1(a)(2) "if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres she need not display a red flag".

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Deviot Sailing Club clubhouse.

**3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, or at least one hour before the scheduled warning signal for the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club house.
- 4.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pendant, with two sound signals, (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered. The time delay between lowering of AP and Warning signal of 30 minutes applies only when the signal is made ashore. Boats are requested not to leave the shore until the signal is lowered.
- 4.3 Code flag "B" fully hoisted with one sound signal means "Protest time has begun". When lowered half way it means, "There are less than 15 minutes remaining before protest time ends". When lowered, it means "Protest time has ended".

**5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Race times listed are the earliest time of the warning signal.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday	13/03/09	Briefing	0930
		Race 1	1030
		Subsequent races sailed back to back	
Sunday	14/03/09	1st Race of the day	0930
		Subsequent races sailed back to back	

The **Trophy Presentation** will be approximately one hour after the completion of the last race on the final day of the series.

All races will be sailed back to back with a break for lunch at the discretion of the PRO signalled by code flags AP over H displayed on the committee boat. No warning signal will be made after 1630 hrs on Saturday or 1400 hrs on Sunday.

- 5.3 When races are scheduled to be sailed "back to back" the warning signal for the next race will be made not less than five (5) minutes after the last boat has finished the previous race or after the time limit for the previous race has elapsed.
- 5.4 Boats that have finished the first race of the day should remain in the vicinity of the committee boat but must keep clear of the finishing line.
- 5.5 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will be held soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four (4) minutes before a warning signal is displayed

**It is planned for races to be around 45 minutes in duration.**

#### 6. CLASS FLAG:

The class flag of the Mirror Class Association will be used. This is a black M on a red background.

#### 7. RACING AREA

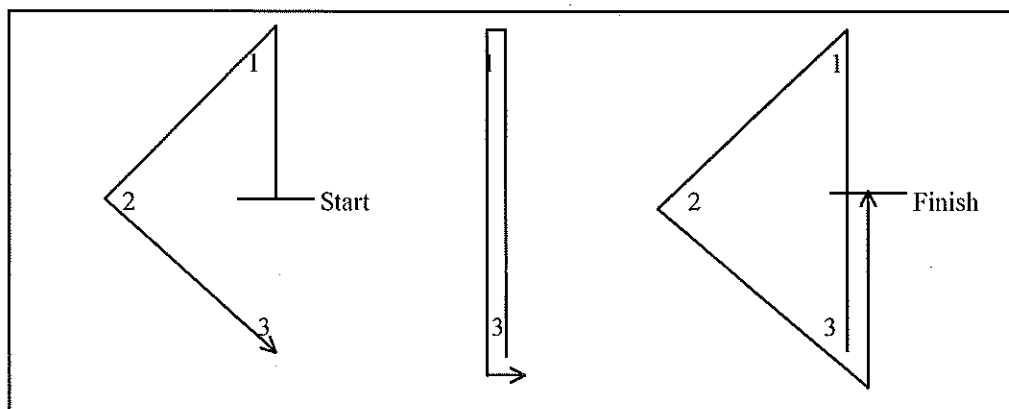
The racing area will be on the Tamar River in the vicinity of the Deviot Sailing Club.

#### 8. THE COURSE:

8.1 Courses will be triangle, windward-leeward, triangle and windward to finish. The start/finish line will be located part way up the windward leg and will be approximately perpendicular to the imaginary line joining the windward and leeward marks.

Marks are to be rounded in the following order: **Start - 1 -2 - 3 -1 - 3 -1 -2 -3 - Finish.**

**A port course is illustrated below.**



8.2 Courses will only be shortened at a rounding mark in accordance with Rule 32.2(a)

#### 9. MARKS:

Marks and replacement marks to be advised at briefing.

#### 10. START:

10.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the start boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

**11. THE FINISH:**

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat on the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

11.2 When the course is shortened at a mark, a race committee boat near the mark on the outside of the course will display code flag S and boats shall finish by sailing between the blue on - station flag flown by the committee boat and the mark.

**12. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit will be **80** minutes for the first boat. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

**13. PROTESTS:**

Protest requirements are as per RRS 61 except where modified by these sailing instructions.

13.1 Protests by competitors must be lodged in writing with the race secretary or PRO. Protest time will end 45 minutes after the finish time of the last boat in the last race of each back-to-back set of races.

13.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

13.3 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the end of protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named a witness. Parties to the protest must remain in the vicinity of the club until a time and date of hearing is announced by the sailing committee.

13.4 Rule 66 is changed by adding the sentence: 'On the last day of racing, a *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than thirty minutes after being informed of the decision.'

**14. SCORING:**

The Low-Point scoring system, Appendix A4 of the RRS will apply with a minimum of two (2) races completed to constitute a series. If seven (7) or more races are completed, a boats two worst scores shall be discarded, five (5) or six (6) races are completed a boats worst score shall be discarded. If two (2), three (3) or four (4) races are sailed, all races will count.

**15. SIGN ON AND OFF DECLARATIONS:**

All helmsmen intending to start in a race shall sign the starting roster at the Clubhouse prior to the warning signal. All helmsmen must sign the finishing roster within 45 minutes after the finishing time of the last yacht of the last race in a group of back to back races. This item is further clarified by noting that there will be a separate sign off sheet for each race and these must be signed off in either the "all clear" or the "retired" column. Failure to comply with this requirement may lead to **disqualification** from the race.

## 16 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 100 metres from all competitors while racing and shall obey all instructions from official boats.

## 17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio or telephone communications while racing.

## 19. BRIEFING:

A briefing for competitors will be held at 0930 at the Deviot Sailing Club Clubhouse on Saturday 13th March.

## 21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the helmsperson and crew of the following:

Overall: First, Second, Third      Junior: First      Sub Junior: First

Division B: First

Junior is Skipper and Crew 16-19 years as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010

Sub Junior is Skipper and Crew under 16 as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010

1<sup>st</sup> Rookie division and as determined by IMCAT.