



## Wallagoot Lake Boat Club

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# Sailing Instructions for 2018-19 season

### 1) Rules:

- a) The Club races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current [Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- b) The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia and Class rules will apply.

### 2) Entries:

All sailing craft are eligible to enter upon paying the weekly entry fee of \$10.00, provided that they hold current WLBC membership or have sailed no more than 3 race days in the season.

### 3) Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced by the Officer of the Day at the pre-race briefing.

### 4) Schedule of Races:

- a) The season schedule is set out in the WLBC Season Program.
- b) Two races are scheduled for each day.
- c) The warning signal for the first race shall not be before 1225hrs, with race 2 following this race.
- d) There will be no warning signal later than 15:25

### 5) Class Flags:

The warning signal for each division shall be:

- a) Division One (Multihulls): Numeral Pennant 1
- b) Division Two (Dinghies & Trailer Sailors): Numeral Pennant 2

### 6) The Course:

The course to be sailed will be stated at the race briefing.

### 7) Marks:

- a) The rounding marks will be YELLOW inflatable marks. An additional wing mark may be laid for catamarans, which will be a PINK inflatable mark.
- b) The start line will be between the ORANGE at station flag on the Committee Boat and a PINK inflatable mark at the port end.

### 8) Weather Conditions:

When racing is held, the decision to race is the skipper's alone. Be aware of Rule 4 of the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) which states 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

It is generally accepted that if the wind is less than 3 knots or greater than 20 knots racing will not occur. Pending electrical storms will also be a reason not to start a race.

The decision to cancel a race can be made by the WLBC committee or the day's race officers.



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### 9) The Start:

- a) Pointscore Races will be started using Rule 26, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- b) In a Handicap Start Race;
  - i) The first boat to start will have a starting sequence using Rule 26
  - ii) The Officer of the Day will assign each boat a handicap.
  - iii) Each boat shall start when their handicap number is displayed.
- c) Boats who are not close to starting shall stay clear of the starting area.

### 10) The Finish:

- a) The finish line will be between the BLUE at station flag on the Committee Boat and a PINK inflatable buoy.
- b) When the BLUE at station flag is flying from the finish boat, no boat shall cross the line unless they are finishing. Failing to observe this rule could lead to disqualification without a hearing.
- c) If the Committee Boat is not on the Finish line, boats shall finish by sailing past the starboard side of the finish buoy and record the time that they cross the line.

### 11) Penalty System:

Following an infringement in part 2 of the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#):

After getting well clear of other boats, a boat shall take a 2 turn penalty in the same direction, and include 2 tacks and 2 gybes. This is changed for catamarans and trailer-sailors, so that only 1 turn with 1 tack and 1 gybe is required.

### 12) Time limits

Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

### 13) Protests:

Protest forms are available from the Race Officer. They shall be delivered in writing, within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing that race.



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### 14) Scoring for the Pointscore & the Handicap Series:

- a) Results in Pointscore Series will be based on corrected time, calculated from Yardsticks. The WLBC reserves the right determine a boat's yardstick.
- b) Results for the Handicap Series will be as the boats cross the finish line.
- c) 1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points, each place thereafter add 1 point.
- d) Did Not Finish (DNF); number of boats that finished plus 1.  
All boats that have presented to WLBC to sail, noted their name on the competitors list and paid their entry fees but did not start shall be scored a DNF, regardless of whether they were on the start line. This is to reward those who have presented, but could not sail for any reason, such as broken gear, unsure of their ability in the conditions or other engagements.
- e) Did Not Start (DNS) = Did Not Compete (DNC); number of boats that scored a DNF (as above) plus 1.
- f) Officer of the Day (OOD); 2 points
- g) In a tied finish, the places shall be added together and divided equally
- h) Point system applies to each division and each race separately.
- i) Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her 6 worst scores. The boat with the lowest score is the series winner.

### 15) Scoring for the Sprint Series:

- a) Results in Sprint Series will be based on corrected time, calculated from Yardsticks. The WLBC reserves the right determine a boat's yardstick.
- b) 1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points, each place thereafter add 1 point.
- c) Did Not Finish (DNF); number of boats that finished plus 1.  
All boats that have presented to WLBC to sail, noted their name on the competitors list and paid their entry fees but did not start shall be scored a DNF, regardless of whether they were on the start line. This is to reward those who have presented, but could not sail for any reason, such as broken gear, unsure of their ability in the conditions or other engagements.
- d) Did Not Start (DNS) = Did Not Compete (DNC); number of boats that presented to WLBC to sail in the whole Sprint Series, noted their name on the competitors list and paid their entry fees, plus 1
- e) Officer of the Day (OOD); will score the average of their last (or next) 6 races for each race.
- f) In a tied finish, the places shall be added together and divided equally
- g) Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her 6 worst scores. The boat with the lowest score is the series winner.



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### 16) Safety Regulations:

- a) P.F.D.'s must be worn at all times on the water by competitors.
- b) Competitors shall sign on before and sign off after each race.
- c) Boats are required to be in a seaworthy condition and well maintained.
- d) Boats retiring from a race or deciding not to contest an event shall notify the Race Officer, either directly on water or calling from the provided on-shore CB radio.
- e) Any incident involving damage or injury should be recorded on an Incident Report Form and submitted to the Officer of the Day or Club Secretary.

### 17) Prizes:

Unless varied by the Committee, prizes will be awarded for the following:

- a) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Pointscore series
- b) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Handicap series
- c) 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Sabre Handicap series (held within the handicap series – the Morrie Lynch Trophy)
- d) 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Sprint Series
- e) For the Most Improved Skipper
- f) Best Female Sailor
- g) Best Youth Sailor

### 18) Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in each race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The WLBC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race.