



TROON CRUISING CLUB

AUTUMN SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2017



In order to compete in the Autumn Series, Skippers confirm understanding of the Club Racing Standing Orders and agree to be bound by them.

The Autumn Series Champion will be determined on the Low Point System of their best **THREE** results in the Qualifying Events.

Should no boat record the required number of results the Race Committee may at its sole discretion reduce the number of results needed.

If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used.

If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next to last race and so on until all the ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

Qualifying Events (All Sundays):

August

27th - Autumn Series 1

September

17th - Autumn Series 2

24th - Autumn Series 3

October

1st - Autumn Series 4

8th - Autumn Series 5

15th - Reserve day to hold any postponed day race or Autumn Series.

* Note that races not taking place due to weather or other circumstances may be run on a later Autumn Series date at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Pre-race Briefing

A briefing will be conducted by a member of the Race Committee or nominated deputy in the clubhouse one hour before the Starting Signal of the first race of the day, all Skippers or representative **MUST** attend as notification of entry to the race. At the briefing the Start Boat(s) and Course Card Number(s) will be agreed between competing skippers and any intentions not to fly a spinnaker must be declared. A record of start boats will be kept to ensure even spread across the series.

Harbour Movements

Whilst ferry movements are no longer scheduled during racing, large vessels may still manoeuvre into and around the harbour, this will be signified by the Harbourmaster illuminating a flashing light at the harbour entrance. During the time the light is flashing, boats shall not cross the harbour entrance. Failure to do so could not only be very dangerous but could result in Skipper prosecution and suspension of club racing activities by the Harbourmaster.



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Start Times and Signals

All sound signals will originate from the Start Boat agreed at the Briefing for the first race as follows.

Warning Signal:

12:20 Hours Three long blasts will be sounded

Preparatory Signal:

12:25 Two long blasts will be sounded

Starting Signal:

12:30 One long blast will be sounded

David Hutton
Honorary Racing Secretary

Start / Finish Line

The START and FINISH will be on a line from the Dolphin at the harbour mouth, to the Mill Rock buoy.

Courses

Marks and roundings to be followed as per the Course Card.

Shortened Course

If a Shortened Course has not already been declared at the Briefing, the full course will be sailed unless the lead boat doesn't reach the Mill Rock buoy for rounding within 90mins of starting. In such cases a Shortened Course is deemed to be declared and the lead boat shall Finish and drop her sails.

Finish Times

Boats should note own finish times on GPS crossing the line and record it on the noticeboard in the clubhouse, as soon as possible after the race.

Second Race

If there is a second race scheduled for the day the start time shall be approximately 45 mins after the last boat has finished the first race. Boats should hail each other and determine the next start time.

Late Starters

Any starters who miss the starting signal may motor to the start area (i.e. Near the Mill Rock Buoy), shut off their engine, and then carry out a 360 degree turn under sail prior to crossing the start line.

Lone Yacht at the Start

In the event of only one yacht appearing at a Start Line no race will take place and no points will be awarded.

Handicaps

Full CYCA handicaps will be used unless the boat does not hold one in which case the Race Committee will determine one based on similar vessels.

Spinnakers

On a race by race basis, should a boat not wish to fly a spinnaker, it may gain a no spinnaker allowance (2.4mins/hr) but ONLY if declared at the pre-race briefing, otherwise normal CYCA handicap will be used.

Time Limit

All racing will cease at 17:30.

VHF Channel

A listening watch should be kept on VHF channel 16.