

TROON CRUISING CLUB

Spring Series Sailing Instructions 2020



In order to compete in the Spring Series, Skippers confirm understanding of the Club Racing Standing Orders and agree to be bound by them. (As displayed on the club website)

The Spring Series Champion will be determined on the Low Point System of 4 sailed races(one discard)

A minimum of 2 races is required in order for the series result to stand.

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).

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):

April

19th - Race 1

26th - Race 2

May

10th - Race 3

17th - Race 4

26th - Race 5

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 race of the day, all Skippers MUST attend as notification of entry to the race. At the briefing the Course 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.

Scoring

A low score linear point system will be used- ie 1st position 1, 2nd 2 etc. In the event of only one yacht competing if they start and retire they shall be awarded 2 points for their DNF. If 2+ yachts sailing a retirement (DNF: did not finish) will be the number of starting yachts +1 and any non competing yachts will be awarded a DNC(Did not compete) to the value of either 4 if under 3 yachts starting or the number of yachts +2 if more than 3 competing.

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.

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:

14.10

Three long blasts will be sounded and VHF channel 72 time mark broadcast

Preparatory Signal:

14:15

Two long blasts will be sounded

Starting Signal:

14.20 and onwards

One long blast will be sounded

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Any yacht deemed to be over the line at their start time should return back across the line and restart. Failure to do so will result in a DNC result.

Start / Finish Line

The START and FINISH will be on a line from the Dolphin at the harbour mouth, to the Mill Rock Bouy (round red inflatable).

Finish Time

Yachts should honestly record their finish times and if complete between spring series race recording sheet on coming ashore. It is reasonable for any able person to calculate the corrected times and display this immediately on the racing notice board. (Please also post this on the TCC whatsapp page for accumulation of series results

If this is not feasible please record your finish time in the correct column on the race appropriate scoring sheet on the racing section notice board in the club house. Provisional results will first be posted to allow any feedback for 24 hours before being finalised and published

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 first course 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.

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. For TCC racing narrative and start signal mark channel 72 should be used

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