

Sailing Instructions

2025 IOM OCEANIA CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lake Pegasus, Canterbury, New Zealand

29th September to 4th October 2025

1. NOTICES TO SAILING COMPETITORS

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the **Official Notice Board** located near the Race Office. For convenience, copies may also be posted on the event website; however, in the event of any conflict, the Official Notice Board shall take precedence

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The International Jury and the IOMICA event delegate shall approve changes in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Except as permitted by RRS E1.3(d) any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall take effect from the first heat of a new race. However, changes to the Control Area, Launching Area, Marshalling Area and Practice Area shall take effect from the next heat. When a notice is posted the Race Committee shall make two sound signals followed by a hail announcing that a change has been posted.
- 2.3 Any change to the scheduled first warning signal of the day shall be posted by 19:00 or earlier on the day before it shall take effect.

3. COMPETITORS AS OBSERVERS

- 3.1 The race committee may appoint competitors as observers by pre-allocation for each heat.
- 3.2 A competitor unable to serve as an observer for a heat may appoint a substitute observer who shall report to the umpires prior to the Warning Signal notifying them they are a substitute. The competitor appointing a substitute shall be responsible for the substitute reporting and may be penalised under Sailing Instruction 3.3 below.
- 3.3 An observer appointed for a heat who is not present in the control area from the Warning Signal unless released by the Race Committee, or who fails to act diligently as an observer may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be two (2) One-turn penalties taken according to RRS E7(b). This changes rules RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1

4. RACING AREA

- 4.1 The Racing Area and any Practice Areas shall be located as shown on the Official Notice Board.
- 4.2 Boats may be launched and sailed at any time in the Practice Area except when a boat is being marshalled for a heat at which time the boats must remain in the Marshalling Area. Boats practicing shall remain within the practice area. The limits to the practice area shall be posted on the official notice board.

- 4.3 (a) A boat that is not racing in the current heat shall keep clear of the course area.
- 4.3 (b) For the purpose of this instruction, the *course area* is defined as being 20 metres beyond the windward sailing area required by any fleet and extended by 20 metres beyond each mark.
- 4.3 (c) Boats not racing shall remain outside this course area from the warning signal until the last boat has finished or the Race Committee signals otherwise.
- 4.4 Changes to the Practice Areas shall be posted on the Official Notice Board according to Sailing Instruction 2.2.
- 4.5 A boat infringing Sailing Instruction 4.2 or 4.3 may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn penalty to be taken according to RRS E7(b). This changes rules RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1.

5. CONTROL AREA AND LAUNCHING

- 5.1 The limits to the Control Area shall be marked by tape. Competitors shall not leave this area when controlling boats that are racing, except briefly to handle and then release or relaunch the boat (This changes RRS Appendix E3.1).
- 5.2 The Launching Area and Marshalling Area will be defined by a notice posted on the Official Notice Board. (This changes RRS Appendix E3.2).
- 5.3 Boats scheduled to sail in a heat shall not enter the Marshalling Area unless authorized by the Race Committee. Boats shall not enter the Launching Area from the Marshalling Area unless authorized by the Race Committee.
- 5.4 A boat infringing Sailing Instruction 5.3 may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn penalty to be taken according to RRS E7(b). This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1.
- 5.5 Launching and relaunching
 - (a) A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held in the Launching Area, taken ashore or relaunched at any time during the heat. However she shall not be launched for the first time during a heat after the first boat has finished.
 - (b) While ashore or within the Launching Area, boats may be adjusted; drained of water; repaired; have their sails/rigs changed; have entangled objects removed; or have equipment repaired or changed
- 5.6 Changes to the Control Area, Launching Area and Marshalling Area shall be notified as required by Sailing Instruction 2.2

6. COURSES

- 6.1 The course, including a description of the marks, starting and finishing line, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left shall be displayed on the Course Board as provided in RRS E3.3 before the warning signal of each heat.

7. HEAT COMPOSITION

- 7.1 The heat composition shall be pre allocated and posted on the Fleet Board located in or near the Control Area.
- 7.2 The heats for finals shall be posted on the Official Notice Board
- 7.3 For convenience, copies may also be posted on the event website; however, in the event of any conflict the Fleet/Notice Boards shall take precedence

8. THE START

- 8.1 The Race Committee shall hail the heat and race number of the next heat. It is the competitor's responsibility to hear this call and for the boat to compete in her assigned heat. Failure to hear and comply with the Race Committee's hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61
- 8.2 Following a general recall the warning signal shall be made as soon as possible.
- 8.3 The Race Committee may supplement sound signals with visual signals such as flags or countdown clock displays. At all times, however, RRS E3.4 and E3.8 shall apply and the absence of a visual signal shall be disregarded.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 No boat shall start after the first boat in the heat has finished.
- 9.2 Boats starting more than one minute after the starting signal shall hail and receive acknowledgement from the Race Officer that they have started.
- 9.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish after having sailed the course in accordance with RRS 28 shall be 30 minutes.

10. TIME OUT LIMIT

- 10.1 The Time Out Limit after the first boat has finished shall be 5 minutes.
- 10.2 Boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, DNS or DNC in that order, as appropriate.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest or to request redress about an incident during a heat shall promptly inform a member of the jury of that intention after the last boat in that heat finishes. This changes RRS E6.4.
- 13.2 Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. This changes RRS 60.3 and RRS 61.2. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- 13.3 Parties to a protest shall be informed orally by hailing that a protest hearing is opening. It is the responsibility of the parties to come to the hearing without delay accompanied by any witness. No other notice of the hearing shall be given. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 13.4 Appendix T shall be used, when applicable, before a formal protest hearing is opened.
- 13.5 Protests may be heard under RRS N1.4(b). The time limit for requesting a hearing by a full International Jury is 5 minutes after the parties have been informed of the panel's decision.
- 13.6 For the purposes of RRS 60.5(d) the 'authority responsible' is the IOMICA Technical Sub-Committee or its official delegate at the event.
- 13.7 Decisions of the International Jury shall be final as provided in rule 70.5.

14. SCORING SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Simple Heat Racing System (SHRS) 2023-2, clause 3.2 shall apply.
- 14.2 SHRS 2023-2 section 4.5 will not apply. All finals fleets must complete the same number of races to be included in the finals score.
- 14.3 Five races are required to be completed to constitute an event.
- 14.4 A boat finishing in a heat to which she has not been assigned shall be scored DNS for the heat to which she was assigned. She shall not sail in her assigned heat.

15. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1 The Race Committee shall perform the functions of the Technical Committee.
- 16.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

17. PRIZES

Prizes to be awarded:

The Perpetual Trophy for IOM Oceania Continental Champion

Medals for the top ten places in Gold Fleet. Medals for the top three places in the remaining Fleets.

18. CONDUCT

- 18.1 Major regattas offer significant public exposure to our sport however inappropriate competitor behaviour can reflect negatively on our sport. All participants are advised that their actions shall be under scrutiny, not only by the public, but also by the race officials. Kindly behave with dignity and respect.

Any behaviour that breeches good manners or sportsmanship or that brings our sport into disrepute shall result in a hearing under RRS 69 (Allegations of gross misconduct).

Penalties may include umpire-given penalties (under URS 5.1), disqualifying a boat from the race in question or subsequent races, exclusion from the regatta, or other action within the International Jury's jurisdiction.