# **Gwen Slade Womens Series 2019**

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The organising authority is The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

# 1. RULES

- 1.1 As per NoR 1.
- 1.2 All competing boats must carry a functional hand held or cockpit mounted VHF radio for both safety purposes and Race Committee communication. Communication may be broadcast on VHF Channel 72.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 The official notice board is located next to the Sailing Office.

### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff, located in front of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 Code flag "AP" with two sound signals (one when lowered) when displayed ashore means "Races not started are postponed". The Warning Signal will not be made less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered ashore. This Alters RRS Part 3 Race Signals.

#### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the sailing instructions made ashore will be posted before 1000 hrs on the designated day of racing.
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag "L" accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 As per NoR 5.
- 6.2 A maximum of three (3) races shall be held in the Series.
- 6.3 One (1) races shall constitute a Series.
- 6.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.

## 7 RACING AREA

7.1 The Racing Area will be within the waters of Pittwater.

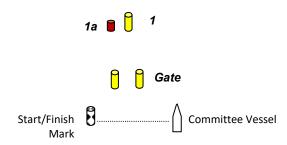
#### 8 MARKS

8.1 The Start/Finish mark will be a **black and white chequered** inflatable buoy.

- Mark 1 and Gate Marks will be **yellow** inflatable cylindrical marks and will be laid windward of the starting line. The gate marks may be laid after the starting signal. If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to Port.
- 8.3 Mark 1a (offset mark) if laid, will be a **red** inflatable cylindrical mark, to Port of Mark 1 and shall be rounded to Port after rounding Mark 1 to Port.
- 8.4 The change mark will be a **Pink** inflatable buoy.

#### 9. THE COURSE

9.1 The courses will be windward / leeward.



- 9.2 The course will be displayed on the Committee Vessel using a Course Board.
- 9.3 Courses shall be:

COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE CONFIGURATION
1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish
2	Start – 1 - 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1- 1a – Finish

### 10 THE START

10.1 The Class Flag will be:

Class	Class Flag
Etchells	Etchells Class Flag or
	Code Flag ' <b>E</b> '

- 10.2 The Start line shall be between the Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and inflatable chequered mark on the port end of the line.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 10.4 The sail combination to be used will be signalled from the start boat with or before the warning signal. The signals will have the following meanings:

SignalSail Combination to be usedNo signal displayedMainsail, Jib & SpinnakerInternational Code Flag "J"Mainsail & Jib (only)

#### 11. CHANGING AND SHORTENING THE COURSE

11.1 When changing the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a change mark(s) refer SI 8.3. Any subsequent marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. Further changes of that mark will revert to the original mark(s).

#### 12 FINISH LINE

12.1 Will be between the Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and an inflatable chequred mark laid near by. The Start/Finish mark may be relocated closer to the Race Signal Vessel after the start.

#### 13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for all races will be 1 hour from the class start time, or within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored Did not Finish 'DNF'. This amends RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 14 PROTESTS

14.1 Submission of Protests:

Protests in accordance with RRS 61 shall be delivered to the Sailing Office within 1 hour after the finish time of the last boat in the last race conducted on the day.

14.2 In accordance with RRS 64.1(a) for rules other than Part 2, the protest committee may make any determination it decides is equitable for the fleet.

#### 15 SCORING

- 15.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 A boat will be scored on its elapsed time.
- 15.3 A boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

#### 16 INSURANCE

16.1 All boats shall have current Third Party Liability Insurance with a racing cover considered by the insurer as adequate for the risks involved. Minimum AUD\$10 million or equivalent thereof for any incident

# 17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority, Host Club, their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 17.2 The Organising Authority, Host Club, their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to

- property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
- 17.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4 Decision to Race.

## 18 PRIZES AND TROPHIES

- 18.1 There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
- 18.2 The winner of the Gwen Slade Womens Regatta shall be award the Gwen Slade Womens Etchells Trophy.

