

Sanctioned 12 September 2012

FIREBALL Class National Sailing Championship 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-12.**
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the South African National Authority apply: **The South African Sailing (SAS) Requirements for National Championships**
- 1.3 **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009-12, all Class Rules, the Notice of Race** and these **Sailing Instructions** will apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the sailing centre, Pine Lake Marina.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10h00 on the first day of the regatta or before 09h00 on subsequent days. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole outside the sailing centre, Pine Lake Marina.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:
Date

<i>15.12.2012</i>	Saturday	Racing	at 11h00
<i>16.12.2012</i>	Sunday	Racing	
<i>17.12.2012</i>	Monday	Racing	

5.2 Number of races: *No more than 12 races will be sailed.*

5.3 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race on the first day is 10:55.

5.4 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, Flag "L" will be displayed before a Warning Signal is displayed. The Warning Signal will be made 1 minute after the lowering of Flag "L".

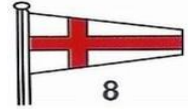
5.5 On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 15:00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as follows:

Class Fireball

Flag: Numeral Pennant 8



7. THE COURSES

The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

The course to be sailed will be displayed on a black board on the Committee Boat no later than the warning signal for the start of the race.

8. MARKS

8.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be red

8.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 10.1, will be yellow

8.3 The starting and finishing marks will be pink

8.4 A Race Committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided for in Paragraph 10.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between the mast on a committee boat displaying an orange flag and a pink buoy on the port side.

9.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2 Boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to (port) and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 10.3 The direction of the changed leg shall be indicated according to by RRS 33(a)(2)

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the mast on a committee boat displaying an orange flag and a pink buoy on the port side.

12. SHORTENING COURSE

Should the Race Committee shorten course, the finishing line will be at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying Code Flag "S"

13. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- A minimum of ten valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for registration.
- At least ten finishes in any two races of the series;
- At least four races completed.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and times thereof in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the Sailing Centre.
- 15.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 15.5 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 15.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day.

This changes RRS 66.

- 15.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - When 10 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 17.3 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- 17.4 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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 Measurer to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 150 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to action under RRS 69.

20.2 Support boats shall be marked with a self-supplied white flag.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not discard trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, nor any of its personnel, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

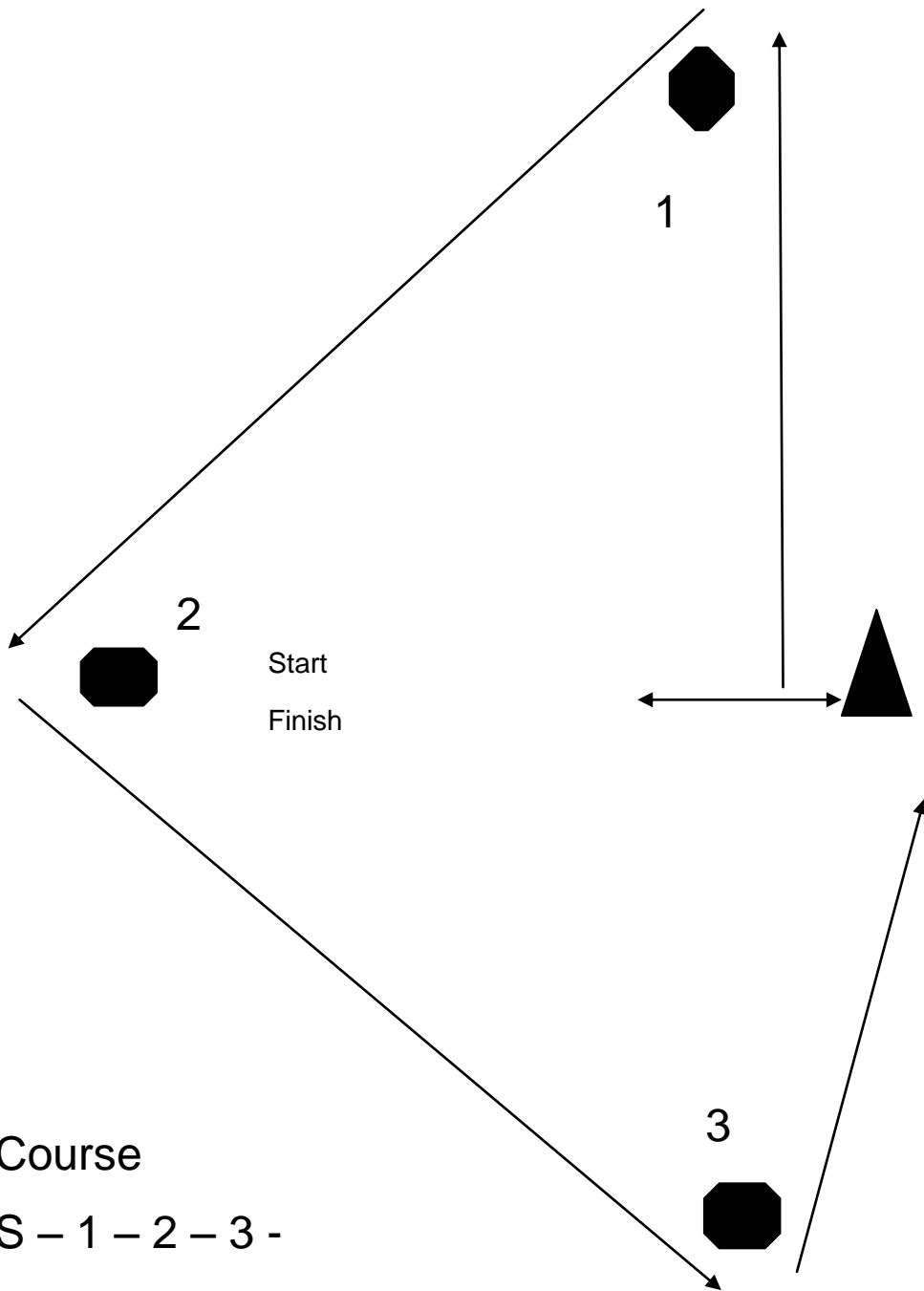
25. INSURANCE

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

SEE COURSE ADDENDUM BELOW!!

Addendum A

Course 1: Olympic Triangle



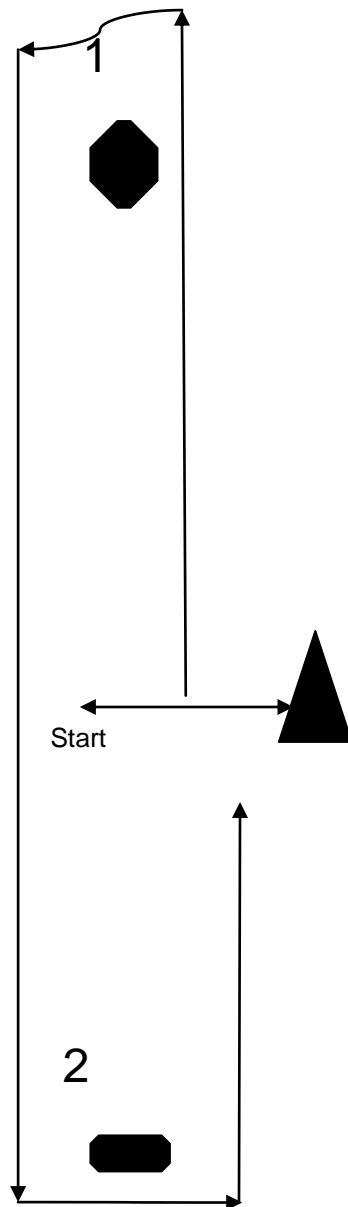
Course

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1 – 2 – 3 – F

Course 2: Windward / Leeward



Course:

S - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - F