



# 40<sup>th</sup> Australian Minnow Championships

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

20 - 26 January 2019

**Organising Authority:**  
Minnow Sailing Association Inc. (Victoria)  
and  
Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc. (GLYC)

## GOLD SPONSORS



## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, Prescriptions and Regulations of Australian Sailing, the Minnow Sailing Association Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Novice Fleet will sail under the *World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing* (refer Attachment B).
- 1.3 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T of the RRS.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Regatta Office.

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 As below:

Date	Event	Time
Sunday, 20 January	Registration & measurement	1000hrs – 1800hrs
	Coach & support boat registration	1000hrs – 1800hrs
Monday, 21 January	Registration & measurement	0900hrs – 1100hrs
	Coach & support boat registration	0900hrs – 1100hrs
	Volunteers briefing	1100hrs – 1200hrs
	Competitors briefing	1300hrs
	Invitation race	1400hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
	Welcome dinner	1800hrs
Tuesday, 22 January	Race session 1	1200hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Wednesday, 23 January	Race session 2	1030hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
	Race Session 3	1430hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
	Food van and movie night	1800hrs
Thursday, 24 January	Lay day	May be used for resails
Friday, 25 January	Race session 4	1030hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
	Race session 5	1430hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Saturday, 26 January	Race session 6	1200hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
	Presentation dinner	1800hrs

- 5.2 A maximum of 12 races will be sailed.
- 5.3 A maximum for 3 races will be sailed in each Race Session.
- 5.4 Under normal sailing and weather conditions, it is not expected that more than 4 races will be sailed on any race day. An additional race may be sailed, provided the fleet does not become one race ahead of schedule and the change is made to the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.5 The Lay Day may be used for resails or to bring racing forward if forecast weather for subsequent day(s) is considered unsuitable for sailing.
- 5.5 On the last day of scheduled racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

## 6 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted on separate courses for the Open (incorporating the Junior Division) and Novice Fleets.
- 6.2 Junior eligibility - any Minnow sailor under twelve years of age on the day of the first scheduled race of the championships, and who is not competing as a Novice.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flag for the **Open Fleet** will be a black Minnow emblem on a blue background
- 7.2 The Class Flag for the **Novice Fleet** will be a black Minnow emblem on a green background

## 8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 The racing will be on the waters of the Lake Victoria, adjacent to Paynesville.

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed using numeral pennant 1 (Course 1), and numeral pennant 2 (Course 2).

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 For the **Open Fleet** Marks 1, 2, 3 will be Orange Inflatable Marks. The start pin will be a mark with an Orange Flag.
- 10.2 The **Open Fleet** finishing mark will be a Checkered Black and White Inflatable Mark.
- 10.3 For the **Novice Fleet** Marks 1, 2, 3 will be Orange Teardrop Marks and the start/finish pin will have an Orange Flag.
- 10.4 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be Orange Inflatable buoys with a black band.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1** The starting line will be between a staff (flag pole) displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end pin mark with an orange flag.
- 11.2** A Clearance Buoy may be attached to the stern of the Race Committee Vessel and is considered to be part of the vessel.
- 11.3** The Open Fleet will have a 5 minute sequence and the Novice Fleet a 3 minute sequence. This changes rule 26 for the Novice Fleet only.
- 11.4** A boat starting later than her five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1** 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.
- 12.2** There will be no course change for the novice Fleet.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1** **Open Fleet:** The finishing line will be between a staff (flag pole) displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2** **Novice Fleet:** The finishing line will be between a staff (flag pole) displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1** **Open Fleet:** The target time for the first boat to complete the course will be 30 - 40 minutes and the time limit for the first boat to complete the course will be 70 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2** **Novice Fleet:** The target time for the first boat to complete the course will be 20 – 30 minutes and the time limit for the first boat to complete the course will be 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.3** Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.4** Boats, at the Race Committee's discretion, may be allocated a finishing position and be directed to return to the starting area or other location without crossing the finishing line. The changes rule 28.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1** No protest or request for redress will be accepted unless the protesting boat notifies (and receives acknowledgement from) the finish boat on the water, immediately after finishing. (immediately infers, prior to consulting coach or support boat). The protesting boat shall declare her intention to protest or seek redress and identify the boat(s) being protested or the redress being sought. Once the Blue Flag indicating the end of the Finish window is lowered no more protest notifications will be acknowledged. The only exemption from this clause is for boats that retire from the race. This changes rule 63.1.
- 15.2** Protest forms are available at the race office located in the Clubhouse foyer. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3** For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the division has finished the last race of the day, after instruction 14.2 has been applied to that race, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.4** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6** Breaches of class rules, instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7** On the last scheduled day of racing 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 on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 15.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16 ARBITRATION**

- 16.1** The Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix T shall apply with the Post Race Penalty being amended as follows:
- T1 (b) A Post Race Penalty is 20% of the difference between a boat's finishing place and the score for a DNF rounded up to the nearest whole number. The scores for other boats shall not be changed. The penalty shall not cause a boat to be scored worse than DNF.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1** A minimum of four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2** When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

- 17.3** When six to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4** When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.5** Junior Fleet shall be scored within Open Fleet.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1** Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must "sign on" before leaving the shore and "sign off" after returning to the shore. The sign off period will close at the conclusion of protest time.
- 18.2** Sign On/Off shall be completed adjacent to the Regatta Office.
- 18.3** Failure to Sign On/Sign Off in accordance with SI.18.1 will result in that boat being scored a DPI (Discretionary penalty imposed) of 50% of their finishing place in the first race of the day without hearing. This changes Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 18.4** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and sign off as soon as returning to shore.
- 18.5** A supplied whistle must be attached to a competitor's lifejackets, to be used only in an emergency situation to attract attention of Race Management.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1** All competitors shall use only one sail.
- 19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Minnow Sailing Association Rules of Measurement and Construction 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.
- 20.2** Lifejackets in accordance with Special Regulation Part II for Off the Beach Boats (2017-2020 RRS), must be of suitable condition and weight appropriate for the competitor. These will be checked at measurement.

## **21 EVENT ADVERTISING**

- 21.1** Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

## **22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 22.2** Official boats will be marked with a Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Burgee.

## **23 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

**23.1 Open and Junior Division.** Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall register with the GLYC at the time of Registration specified in the Schedule. Support boats shall carry a VHF radio and monitor VHF 77. They shall also comply with all local safety rules in accordance with Victorian Marine Regulations, and the instructions of the Race Committee. Approved Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by an official from the race committee. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of all competitors associated with the infringement.

**23.2 Novice Division.** The above Open and Junior Division regulations apply. Race Management boats under direction of the RO can provide on course support with no penalty to the competitor. This changes RRS 41.

**23.2** All support boats must provide assistance if requested by the Race Officer.

## **24 RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

**24.1** Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **25 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**25.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **26 PRIZES**

**26.1** Trophies to be awarded include:

Open Fleet 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

Junior 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>

Female 1<sup>st</sup>

Novice 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

President's Award

Most Improved Award

Sportsmanship Award

Additional prizes may be awarded at the Committee's discretion.

## **27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**27.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

## **28 INSURANCE**

**28.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

## **29 BOAT STORAGE**

**29.1** There is storage for road trailers for the duration of the regatta, subject to space being available.

**29.2** Minnows are permitted to be left within a fenced area of the car park adjacent to the Club for the regatta.

**29.3** Storage is at the owner's risk.



# Attachment A – Course Diagram

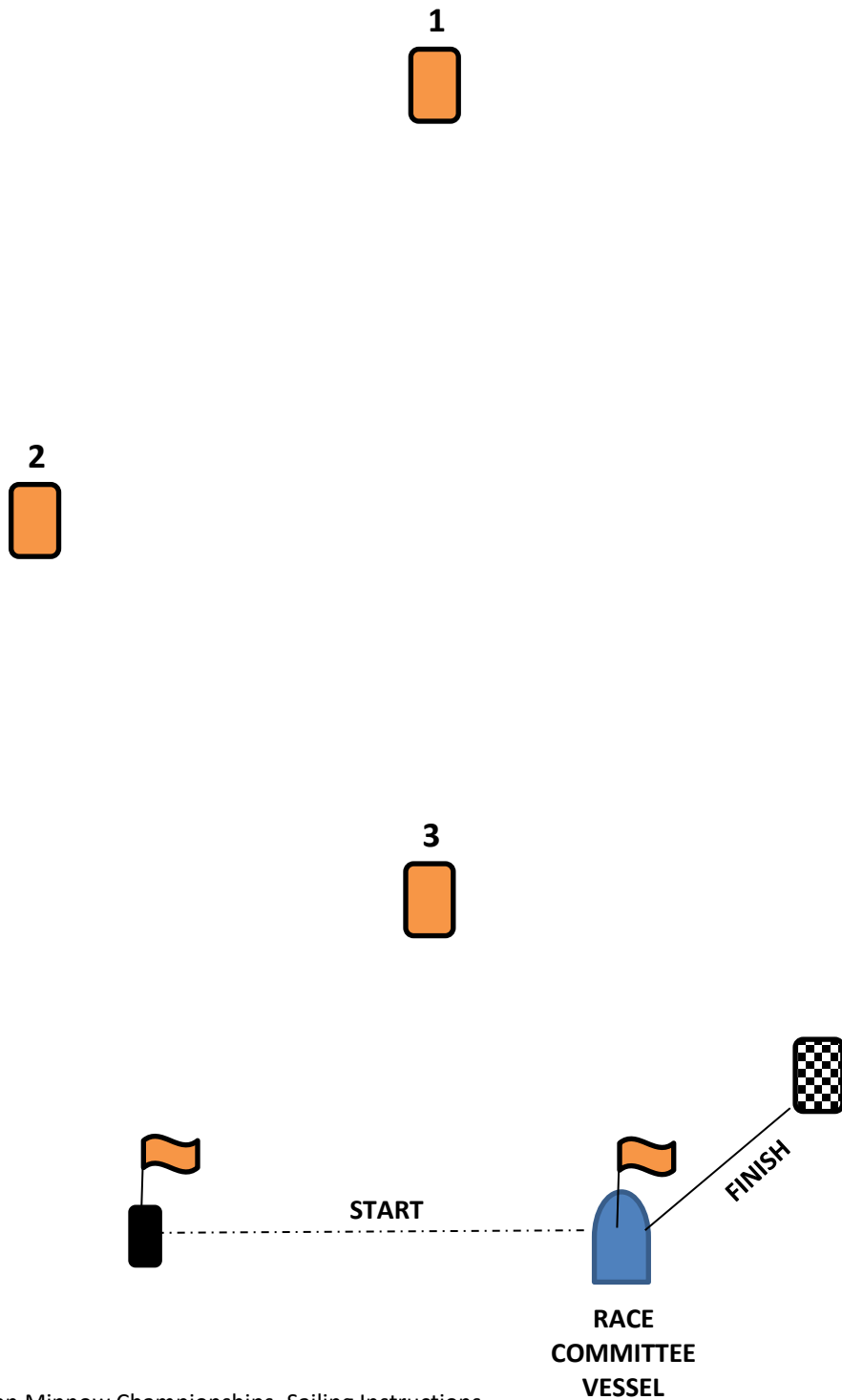
This diagram shows the relative positions of the marks of the course, but the distances between them are not necessarily to scale.

## Open Fleet

**Course 1:** Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

**Course 2:** Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish

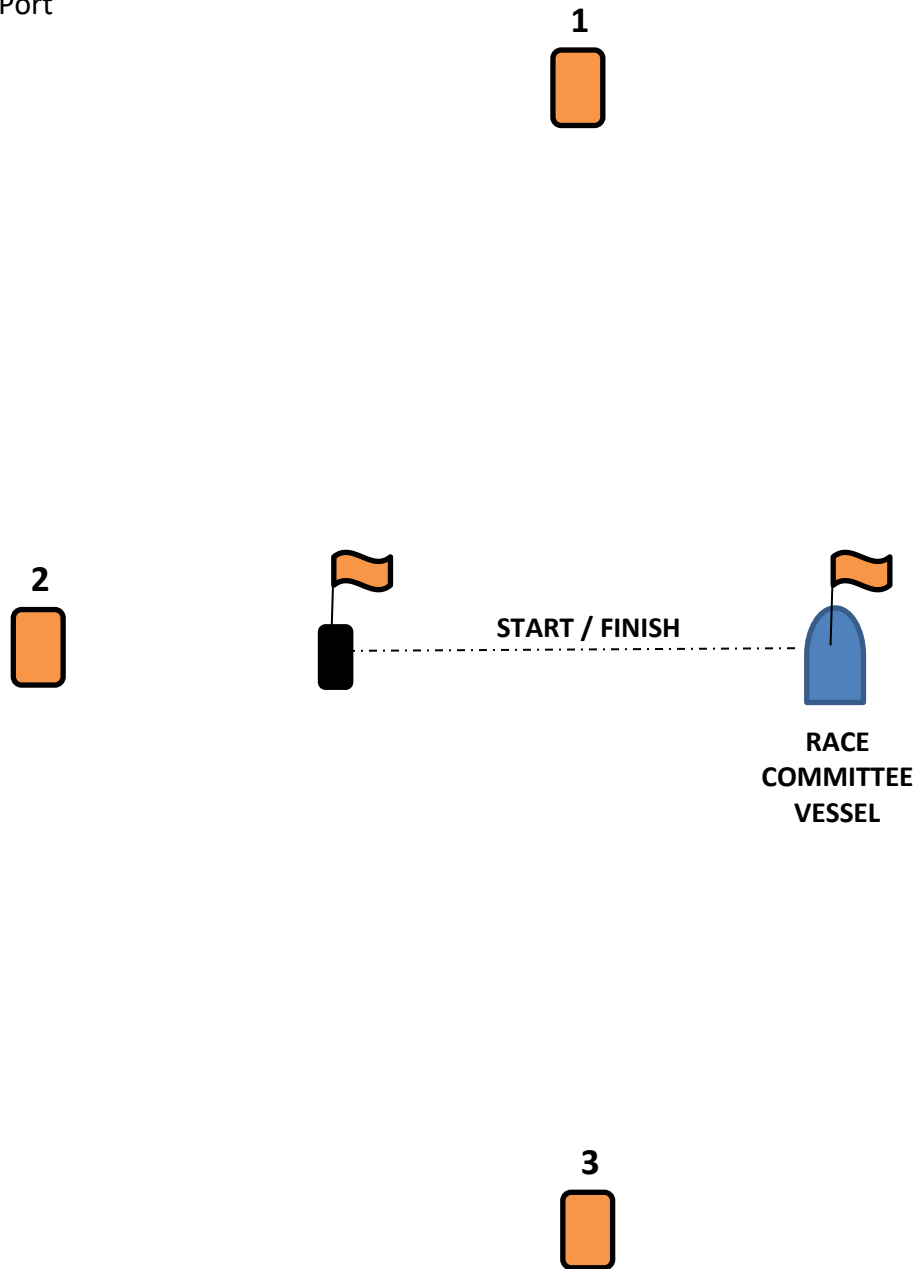
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## Novice Fleet

**Course:** Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

All buoys to Port



# Attachment B –World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing



## Introductory Rules for Racing

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### Some Explanations

*Windward and Leeward:* The *leeward* side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The *windward* side is the other side.

*Port and Starboard tack:* You are on *port* or *starboard tack* according to your *windward* side.

*Advisor:* A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

### Basic Rules

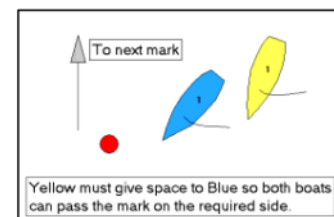
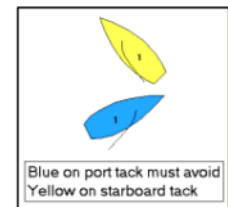
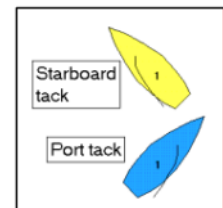
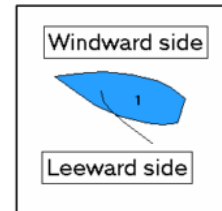
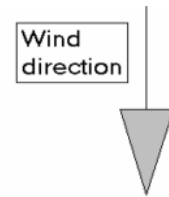
1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

### Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite *tacks*, if you are on *port tack* you must avoid the boat on *starboard tack*.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same *tack*, you must avoid the other boat
  - (a) if she is in front of you, or
  - (b) if she is on your *leeward* side.
5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite *tacks* at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.

### Other Rules

7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the *advisor* after the race. The *advisor* may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the *advisor* may add extra points to the boat's score.



## Responsibilities of Race Organizers

- (a) To run fair, enjoyable and safe races.
  - (b) To inform all the competitors about the sequence of starting signals, the starting and finishing lines, the course to be sailed and the marks to be rounded.
  - (c) To score each boat points equal to her finishing position, after adjusting for handicaps when appropriate.
  - (d) To appoint an *advisor* on the rules and procedures for racing.
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## **Introduction and Use**

These rules are designed to stand on their own so that sailors who are starting to race can compete using only these few rules and without the need to learn the many details of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). They are appropriate for small boats in sheltered waters; they are not intended for boats over 6 metres (20 feet) long when an experienced person should be alongside and able to instruct the novice helm. These rules are compatible with the principles and fundamental rules in the RRS. However, they are neither a guide to nor an abbreviated form of the RRS.

The rules are intentionally minimalist and they omit as many complications of the RRS as possible. They are written for sailors who are starting to race and with no more than 2 years of racing experience. After this period these sailors should be encouraged to sail races under the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Boats racing under these rules should race on their own course and should not share the course area or marks with boats racing under the RRS.

Unlike normal racing, there is an obligation on the race organisers to verbally brief all competitors about the marks, the course and all relevant race management matters.

The role of rules advisor is a vital part of teaching the rules. Ideally the rules advisor should be afloat and should watch the racing but, as a minimum, the advisor must be available for discussion immediately the sailors return ashore. The rules advisor may be the same person as the race officer.

The standard penalty for breaking a rule is necessarily small at this learning stage and the difficulties of penalty turns are avoided. As it is only the advisor that imposes a penalty, possible pressure on a less confident competitor while racing is avoided. Note this two place penalty applies to all errors (including starting and course errors) although there is provision for increasing the penalty to avoid any advantage being gained from the error.