LAKE MACQUARIE WINDWARRIOR FLEET
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2013-2014
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1.0 RULES
1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 20013-2016 of the YA AND Appendix E as amended in Annexure 1 hereto shall apply.
1.2 A boat shall comply with the Windwarrior Class Rules.

2.0 COURSES AND START PROCEDURE
2.1 Courses will be set in the vicinity of the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club Clubhouse in Belmont Bay.
2.2 The configuration of courses will be those as determined by the Race Officer (RO) to suit prevailing conditions. The RO shall announce the course configuration. The course configuration may be changed to another configuration.

3.0 RACE PROGRAM
3.1 Racing shall be conducted on Thursdays commencing at 1700 hours and during June to end August on Saturdays at 1330 hours
3.2 A program of events nominating the type of racing to be conducted shall be published.
3.3 Non pointscoreing racing will be conducted on Tuesdays commencing at 1500 hours.

4.0 POINTSCORES
4.1 The Low Point Scoring system shall be used being 1 point for first, 2 points for second and so on.
4.2 A Scratch and Performance point scores shall be conducted in addition to a prize for the overall Gun Boat in each Division.
4.3 A Combined Divisions Champion of Champions pointscore will be conducted on the first race day of each month.

5.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
5.1 Verbal changes may be made to the Sailing Instructions by the RO, and the changes are announced not earlier than 5 minutes prior to the race in which they are to take effect and the announcement is made in the onshore race competitors area.

6.0 RACE ENTRIES
6.1 Beach entries shall be accepted on each race day.
6.2 The race entry fee shall be $3.00 for a day regardless of the number of races conducted or the number of races in which the boat competes.
6.3 Race entry fees shall be paid before a boat races.
6.4 Each entry shall sign a Code of Conduct.

7.0 RADIO FREQUENCIES
7.1 The RO may direct a boat to use another frequency if the boat's usual frequency causes radio interference. The boat last to sign on shall change.
7.2 It is recommended that all boats should convert to 2.4GHz handsets.

8.0 MATCH RACING
8.1 spare

9.0 TROPHIES AND AWARDS
9.1 Prizes and Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each season's pointscore.
No Overall pointscores will be conducted.
9.2 Other prizes and Trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

10.0 DIVISIONS
10.1 Mark II design boats shall race as Division 1 and Mark I designs as Division 2.
10.2 Other divisions may be formed or disbanded as the Race Committee decides.
ANNEXURE 1
AMENDMENTS TO THE RACING RULES AND RRS APPENDIX E

1.1 MARK ROUNDING
Appendix E, E1.3(b) is amended and the Two length zone is re-instated.

1.2 TOUCHING MARKS
Rule 31 is amended so that a boat, which touches a mark while rounding
the mark on the required side, does not infringe the rule.

1.3 STARTING SYSTEM
Appendix E, E3.5 is amended as follows; the starting system shall be,
Warning signal, announced 1 minute before the start, followed by time
announcements at 45, 30 and 20 seconds before the start
Preparatory signal, 10 seconds before the start an announcement
“Round the ends or Black Flag in force, 10 seconds”, and an audible
countdown at one-second intervals.
Start, the word ‘start’ announced by the Starter.

1.4 ABANDONMENT OF A RACE
Appendix E, E3.10 is amended so that a race may be abandoned if there is
insufficient wind for a majority of the fleet to maintain steerage way which
conditions continue for a period of 3 minutes.

1.5 TIME LIMIT
1.5.1 Rule 35 is amended so that the time limit for a race shall be at the
discretion of the Starter.

1.6 ROUND THE ENDS
Rule 30.1 is amended so that Code Flag I shall be deemed displayed at
each start and a boat OCS, 10 second prior to the start shall round either end
of the start line and start.

1.7 GENERAL RECALLS
Appendix E, E3.9 is amended so that the next Warning signal to be made
after a General Recall shall be made 30 seconds after the start of the
recalled race.

1.8 BLACK FLAG
Rule 30.3 is amended so that after the first General Recall the starter shall
announce ‘Black Flag’ and the rule shall thereafter apply to a boat that is
within the penalty area, 10 seconds prior to the start, A boat identified as
Black Flagged shall immediately leave the course.

1.9 PENALTY TURNS
1.9.1 Appendix E, E4.4 is amended and the penalty turn shall be 1 Turn
being a tack and gybe followed by made in any order but in the same
direction,as soon as possible after the incident.
1.9.2 The Starter may require a penalty turn by a boat for inappropriate
behaviour or language. Amends RRS 63.1 and 64.

1.10 BALLAST
1.10.1 Appendix E, E4.7 and rule 51 Ballast are amended so that in addition
to the rules, battery packs shall not be shifted from the battery pack holder
compartment.
1.10.2 Counterweights shall only be used at the direction of the Race
Committee to bring a boat up to class rule weight. The placement of counter
weights shall be positioned as directed by the Race Committee and shall not
be shifted.

1.11 REDRESS
1.11.1 Appendix E, E5.5 (a) add no redress shall be granted for,
(a) flat or defective batteries, (b) entanglement in weed.

1.11.2 A skipper shall be given redress of average points for each race (not exceeding 3 races) that he acts as starter.

1.11.3 A boat taken off the course by a incident and unable to continue shall be granted average points for the race provided a verbal request is made and supported by the boat at fault or an independent witness.

ANNEXURE 2
COURSE CONFIGURATIONS.

COURSE 1

W2

L2

L1

W1

Start/finish between L1 and L2
Or W1 and W2 as the RO announces

Pass between gates L1 and L2 and W1 and W2 as shown refer to RRS 28.2(c).

COURSE 2

W1

FINISH

START

L1

Start at the start line
W1 to port/starboard as RO announces
L1 to port/starboard as RO announces
Finish at the finish line
GATE START COURSES AND STARTING PROCEDURE.

For the first race the Gate Boat shall be selected at random. Thereafter the Gate Boat shall be rotate between the competitors and selected by the Race Officer.

The Gate Course shall be configured as follows.

Course
Through the Start Gate to W1 to PORT then to L1 to PORT then to W 1 to PORT to finish at L. Note the finish line shall be between L 1 and the Race Officer on shore.

Starting Gate
The Race officer will announce ‘all boats to be afloat’ 20 seconds before the start

The Gate Boat will be selected by the Race Officer at random and will be a different boat for each race.

At the start signal the Gate Boat shall sail close hauled on port tack and pass L1 to port.

A boat shall be behind the starting gate and may start between L1 and the stern of the Gate Boat at any time before the Gate Boat is released.

The Gate Boat will sail and open the gate for 6 seconds. The Race Officer shall count aloud ‘Start, 1,2,3,4,5, Gate Boat Released.

At the end of that time the Gate Boat may continue its course on port or tack to starboard.

No boat shall start to windward of the Gate Boat.

The Gate Boat shall not be impeded or manoeuvred against during the period it is opening the start gate. It shall rank as an obstruction while performing the gate opening. When released the rules apply to it.