

MOSQUITO, ARROW AND NACRA CATAMARAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sat 7 Mar 2020 – Mon 9 Mar 2020

The Organising Authority is the Loch Sport Boat Club (LSBC)
in conjunction with the Victorian Mosquito Catamaran Association (VMCA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located out the front of the Loch Sport Boat Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the LSBC Flag Mast.

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 OF RACES

5.1	Sat 7 March 2020	Information session	11:00	
		Race Session 1	13:30	Warning Signal
	Sun 8 March 2020	Race Session 2	09:30	Warning Signal
		Race Session 3	13:30	Warning Signal
	Mon 9 March 2020	Race Session 4	09:30	Warning Signal

5.2 A maximum of 8 races will be sailed. No more than 3 races will be sailed per session.

5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 1 minute before a warning signal is made.

5.4 If another race is to be started in the current race session code flag L will be displayed at the finish of the preceding race.

5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 12:30.

6 CLASS FLAGS

<i>Division</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
1	Mosquito MkI	Pennant 1
2	Mosquito MkII	Pennant 2
3	Mosquito Spinnaker	Pennant 3
4	Arrow	Pennant 4
5	Nacra	Pennant 5

7 RACING AREA

On the waters of Lake Victoria adjacent to Loch Sport Boat Club.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, 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.

9 MARKS

Start mark will be a small round red float.

Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be inflatable yellow cones.

Finish mark will be a float with a stick.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made **3 minutes** before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of boats that are starting and, within the last minute of another start, shall keep clear of the start line. [DP]

10.4 Any boat starting later than 2 minutes after her designated start shall not interfere with or impede the starting of any boat with a later designated start.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. All marks need not be in position at that time. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the finish mark at the port end.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
<i>90 min</i>	<i>15 min</i>	<i>45 min</i>

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 min after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.3 If a boat is still to finish, an official boat can direct them to proceed directly to the start area and they will be counted as a finisher with an allocated time, without having to complete the course. This changes RRS 28.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at LSBC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.3 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 at LSBC, beginning at the time posted.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 Breaches of SIs 10.3, 17, 21, and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 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 redress based on 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 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must “sign on” before leaving the shore and “sign off” as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session’s racing.

The Sign Off period will close 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.

17.2 Failure to Sign On or Sign Off in accordance with SI 17.1 may result in that boat being scored DSQ in her first race on the day of the omission without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5. [DP]

17.3 Competitors that did not start or do not finish, or have finished and wish to indicate retirement shall sign the declaration sheet provided within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore, indicating DNS or DNF. [DP]

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Ashore, the race committee may request equipment be inspected or measured for compliance with class rules at any time.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats may display the LSBC burgee.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay 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 retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. [DP]

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be given at the discretion of the relevant class association.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$10M per incident or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM A

COURSES

Div 1, 2, 4, 5	Start, 1, 2, 3 - 1, 3 - 1, 2, 3, Finish
Div 3	Start, 1, 3 - 1, 3 - 1, 3 - 1, 3, Finish

