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Rules: The AYC TSR racing rules are set up in accordance with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (2013 - 2016) & the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC) simplified by AYC instructions. There will be a briefing for crews each race day at 09:00 hours. The races may consist of traditional start and finish lines, target sailing or a combination of both.

The rules basically are:

1. Boat on PORT tack gives way to boat on STARBOARD tack
2. Overtaking boat KEEPS CLEAR
3. Windward boat GIVES WAY to leeward boat
4. Outside boat gives inside boat ROOM AT THE MARK
5. Obstructions (e.g. islands and rocks). When an inside boat at an obstruction hails for room to tack, the outside boat must give room IMMEDIATELY by changing course or tacking/gybeing. This overrides Rules 1-4 above. However, if the inside boat did not have an overlap approaching the obstruction, a penalty may be incurred.
6. Give way to avoid collisions and also to all other users of the water (ferries, fishing boats etc.).
7. PENALTIES. A boat touching the ends of the start/finish line, a mark or breaking another rule may take a one-turn penalty as soon as possible but after the start and before finishing. Otherwise they may be disqualified.
ANY boat to boat collisions will result in BOTH boats being disqualified.
8. TIME LIMIT at the Race Officer's discretion, a time limit of about 20% of the first boat's elapsed time may be applied
9. Changes to the course, start times or other changes after the morning briefing will be communicated on the regatta VHF radio channel (normally Channel 11).
10. SCORING and HANDICAP The Low Points system will be used for scoring and breaking ties. If four or more races are sailed, one result is discounted. Elapsed times will be adjusted by a Yardstick system for boats of different classes.
11. Do not take it too seriously
12. The decisions for the Race Committee are FINAL

Race Signals for Line Starts:

FLAG SIGNAL	Flag up or down	Sound signals when raised	Sound signals when lowered	DESCRIPTION
				Races not yet started are postponed.
PREPARATORY SIGNAL				
				Normal preparatory signal. A boat over the line at the start can return through the line or round an end but must keep clear of boats not returning. If they fail to return through the line they will be scored OCS.
START SIGNAL				
Fleet A	Fleet B	Fleet C	These signal flags are used in the pre-start procedure for fleets A, B and C. Fleet starts will be 10 minutes apart, so the warning signal for Fleet B will be 5 minutes after the start for Fleet A. The AYC flag will be used as the Elan 431 (Fleet B) class flag.	
				
				Warning Signal. 5 minutes to race start when class flag raised.
				
				Preparatory signal. 4 minutes to start when P flag raised.
				
			 Long	Preparatory signal. P flag lowered 1 minute before start.
				Start Signal. Race start when class flag lowered.

FLAG SIGNAL	Sound signals when raised	Sound signals when lowered	DESCRIPTION
INDIVIDUAL RECALL			
			One or more boats did not start correctly and must return and do a proper start. The X flag is displayed until the earliest of the following: all boats over the line early have returned correctly, 4 minutes from the start or until one minute before the next start. (The sound signal is in addition to the start sound signal.)
GENERAL RECALL			
			All boats are to return and then a new start sequence will begin. Signalled when there are unidentified boats over the line or subject to one of the starting penalties, or there has been an error in the starting procedure. The new warning signal for the recalled class will be made 1 minute after the 1st substitute is removed. (The two sound signals when the first substitute is displayed are in addition to the start sound signal).
SHORTENED COURSE			
			When displayed at a rounding mark the finish is between the nearby mark and the mast displaying the S flag. When displayed at a line that boats are required to cross at the end of each lap the finish is that line. When displayed at a gate the finish is between the gate marks.
ABANDONMENT SIGNAL			
			All races that have been started are abandoned. Return to starting area for a new start. the first warning signal will be made 1 minute after the N flag removed.
			All races are abandoned. No more racing today.
OTHER SIGNALS			
			When displayed afloat means: Come within hail range or follow this boat.
			When displayed the race committee boat is in position at the finishing line.