

Regatta Sailing Instructions

INTERCLUB REGATTA

Saturday 13st to Sunday 14nd February 2010

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.

The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009 – 2012, the applicable Class Rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will apply

The South African National Parks Regulations governing the Knysna Estuary will also apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the sailing notice board located downstairs at the Knysna Yacht Club entrance.

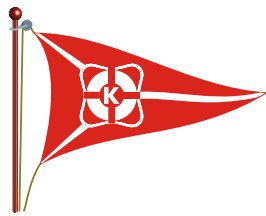
3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted on the sailing notice board not less than 30 minutes before the start of the race to which they apply. It will be the responsibility of each competing skipper to check the board for the course and any amendment before each race. These will not necessarily be advertised by means of an “L” flag.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be made from the bridge at the Knysna Yacht Club.

Flag “D” with a sound signal means boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is lowered. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag “D” is lowered.



5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

A voluntary briefing of competitors is scheduled to take place at 11h00 at the Knysna Yacht Club on Saturday 13th February 2010

The first race is scheduled to start on Saturday the 13th February 2010 at 13h00.

The first race on Sunday the 14th February 2010 is scheduled to start at 10h00. Times of succeeding races will be displayed on the Regatta Notice Board, not less than 60 minutes before the start of any race, except if the bridge is displaying the “Third Substitute” flag while yachts are finishing a race. This will signal that the next race will start shortly and that competitors should proceed to the starting area.

To alert competitors that the next race is due to commence, the “Third Substitute” flag will be dropped one minute before the warning signal is made accompanied by one sound signal.

No preparatory signal shall be made after 15h00 on Sunday the 14th February 2010.

Six races (6) are scheduled and a minimum of three (3) races are required for a regatta.

6. CLASS FLAGS

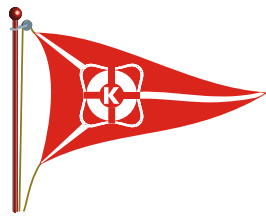
The classes and class flags are:

Class	Flag
Optimist and O'9er	O
Dinghies with a PYH 1100 or over **	G
Dinghies with a PYH below 1100 **	F
All Catamarans	T

**** Note:** Depending on number of entrants these may be combined under flag F

7. RACING AREA

Courses will be laid in the main channels of the Knysna Estuary below the railway bridge.



8. THE COURSE

The diagram in attachment “A” shows the courses.

Class	Course
All other classes	1
Optimist A & O’9er	2
Novice Optimist & O’9er	As shown

9. MARKS

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be large red buoys.

Marks 1a, 2a and 3a will be yellow barrel buoys.

The **starting line** will be between the Knysna Yacht Club Bridge mast displaying a Knysna Yacht Club Burgee and a small yellow buoy or committee boat displaying KYC burgee and small yellow buoy.

The **finishing line** will be the same as the starting line.

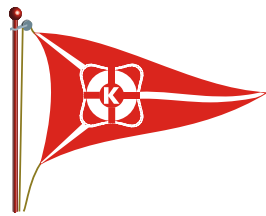
10. THE START

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

The order of starting will be displayed on the Regatta Notice Board 60 minutes before the start of the first race.

Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area!

A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” (DNS)



11. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all dinghy classes RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

For all catamaran classes, RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required

As provided in Rule 67, the Protest Committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken Rule 42.

12. TIME LIMITS

There will be no time limit for the first boat to cross the finish line but the length of the race will be at the sole discretion of the race officer. Any boat which has not finished within 20 minutes of the leading boat of its class will be scored DNF

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

For each class, 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 Rule 61.3 and 62.2

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 Knysna Yacht Club.

Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the notice board to inform boats under Rule 61.1 (b)

A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking Rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.

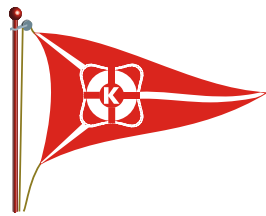
On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.

Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision of the previous day;

No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision of that day.

This changes Rule 66.

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 Rule 62.2.



14. SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. ENTRIES

Yachts may be entered by registering with the regatta secretary. The crews of competing yachts shall be members of a Yacht Club, affiliated to South African Sailing. Entries 1 hour before the scheduled start of any race.

16. SHORTENING COURSE

For finishes controlled from the fixed bridge in the clubhouse, the leading yacht shall round the next mark of the course and then finish from the direction of the last mark.

This changes Rule 32.2.

17. BACK TO BACK RACES

The Third Substitute displayed from the fixed bridge in the club house or committee boat at the finish of a race shall indicate that the next race will start as soon as possible. No sound signal will be made when hoisting this flag. It will be lowered with one sound signal one minute before the warning signal for the next race.

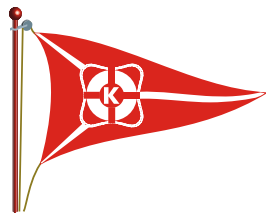
18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

Competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5kg steel weight at all times while afloat.

Wet or dry suites do not constitute adequate buoyancy.



19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the Race Committee.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. AWARDS, PRIZES AND TROPHIES

A prize giving will be held at Knysna Yacht Club as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday 14th February 2010.

Floating trophies may be awarded in accordance with the appropriate criteria. Other prizes may be presented for performance in several categories.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The attention of all competitors is drawn to the fact that participation in this Regatta is entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.

No responsibility, or liability, will be accepted for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta by the Organising Authorities, Organizing Committee, Class Associations, Host Clubs, or any person or agent of these bodies.

**See notice board
For (Courses)**