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INTERNATIONAL MOTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

Wangi, NSW
10 to 14 April 2021

**The Organising Authority is the Wangi Amateur Sailing Club in
conjunction with the Australian Moth Class Association**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

1. RULES

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

1.2 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply

1.3 The Class Rules and the Race Management Guidelines of the International Moth Class Association will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions

1.4 No National Authority Prescriptions will apply

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Wangi Amateur Sailing Club

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the timing of races, will be posted within the protest time limit the day before it shall take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the Wangi Amateur Sailing Club.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 10 th April	Measuring and Registration	From 0900
Saturday 10 th April	Competitor Briefing	at 1200
Saturday 10 th April	First race warning signal	Not before 1400
11 th – 14 th April	Racing each day unless designated as a lay day First warning signal	Not before 1200 unless advised otherwise
Wednesday 14 th April	Presentation and Prize Giving	From 1800

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be a Moth class insignia on a white background

7. RACING AREAS

Attachment B shows the location of the race area.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed. The course will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat.

9. MARKS

Mark 1p & 1s (gate)	Yellow cylindrical inflatable
Mark 2p & 2s (gate)	Blue conical inflatable
Starting mark	Red stick mark with orange flag or a race committee boat on the port end with an orange flag.
Finishing mark	Mark 2p

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

There will be no changes of course

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and Mark 2p which must be taken to port when finishing.
- 12.2 When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee signal boat at the finish will immediately display a blue flag with a sound signal. The blue flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit. When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, all boats that cross the finishing line within the finishing window time after the leading boat has finished shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their position in the race will be taken from their finishing order and the number of laps completed with those having the most laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Time limit for the first boat in each race will be 60 minutes with a target time of 30 minutes.
- 13.2 The finishing time window is 15 minutes from the time the first boat finishes.
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish one lap within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a 270-degree penalty, consisting of one gybe when on an upwind leg, or one tack when on a downwind.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available on the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit shall be posted on the jury notice board located at the Race Office. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat of each fleet has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings location will be advised when heading details are posted. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 15.4 The race committee or jury intending to protest a boat under RRS 60.2 or 60.3 will comply with RRS 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit.
- 15.5 Breaches of SIs 17, 18, 20, 21 and 23 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 16.2 Five races are required to constitute a valid championship.
- 16.3 (a) When 5 or 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When between 7 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When 11 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 [DP] [NP]

- 17.1 [SP] Competitors are required to 'sign on and signoff' each race day. **There will be a 3 point penalty applied to a competitor's overall score for failing to sign on prior to the start of the first race of the day. Similarly, there will be a 3 point penalty applied to a competitor's score for failing to sign off in within the protest time limit on the day.**
- 17.2 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.4 When Flag V is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support boats shall collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP] [NP]

- 18.1 All boats may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing.
- 18.2 A boat shall not change its rudder or dagger board or the T-foils on them whilst afloat. The change may only be made in the launching area. A boat wishing to change foils shall sail to the launching area and back without help. In case of breakage, assistance to get to and from the launching area is allowed. It is also allowed to get replacement equipment brought from the boat park or launching area
- 18.3 It is only allowed to use 2 sets of the following equipment during the regatta: Sail, mast, boom, rudder with foil, daggerboard with foil. In case of breakage, it is allowed to replace broken equipment

18.4 Attention is drawn to International Moth Class Rule 3.6 that states: "It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their boat, spars, sails and equipment comply with the rules when racing. Alterations and replacement shall be measured, when relevant, by a measurer recognised by the National Authority or its delegated representative (National Association), who will, if necessary, endorse the measurement certificate accordingly, and shall notify the National Authority or its delegated representative where this would apply".

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats shall be flying the Wangi Amateur Sailing Club burgee.

20. RUBBISH DISPOSAL [DP][NP]

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Jury and may be less than disqualification.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP] [NP]

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22. Prizes

Prizes will be as per the Notice of Race

23. IDENTIFICATION

Boats are required to affix bow stickers provided by the Organising Authority on both sides of the forward 25% of the hull, 200mm from the bow. Boats shall affix the stickers in accordance with any instructions given by the Organising Authority.

Boom stickers provided by an event sponsor shall be affixed to either side of the boom where it is not obscured by the sail, or on the sail in a prominent location when the sail obscures the boom.

24. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.

25. INSURANCE [DP][NP]

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$ 5,000,000 or the equivalent.

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