



**L26 Class Western Cape Provincial Championships 2009 Sailing**  
**Instructions**  
**Royal Cape Yacht Club, 14-15 August 2010**

**RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2009/2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the L26 class, SAS W Cape Requirements for Provincial Championships, the Notice of Race, unless specifically amended by these sailing instructions, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereof.

**NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board in the foyer of the Royal Cape Yacht Club

**CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than sixty minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the affected race, except that any change to the schedule of races or scheduled starting time of the first race of the day will be posted by 18h00 on the day before it will take effect.

**SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the mast located adjacent to the clubhouse.

Flag AP: "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

Flag D with a sound signal: The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the harbour until this signal is made.

**SCHEDULE OF RACING**

A voluntary briefing of competitors will take place at 12h00 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

The First Race of the championship is scheduled to start at 14:00 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August. The scheduled starting time of the first race on each subsequent day will be 10h00.

If the Race Committee vessel on station at the finishing line is displaying code Flag L while yachts are finishing a race, it will signal that the next race will start shortly and competitors should proceed to the starting area.

To alert yachts that the next race will begin soon, International Code Flag "L" will be lowered with a long sound signal one (1) minute before the Warning Signal is made.

No race will start after 15h00 on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

**PROVINCIAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

In order to qualify as a Provincial Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied;

- A minimum of eight valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries two hours before the scheduled starting time of the first race;
- at least eight finishers in any two races of the series;
- at least four races completed.

**CLASS FLAG**

The L26 Class flag will be Flag G

**RACING AREAS**

Racing will take place in Table Bay

**THE COURSE**

Attachment A, diagram 1, shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate weather leg distance will be 1, 5 nautical miles. No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat at the starting line will display the approximate compass bearing to Mark number 1.

## **MARKS**

Marks of the course will be advised on the notice board.

## **THE START**

Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

The starting line will be between the mast of Race Committee boat flying the SAS WC Burgee and the starting leeward mark lying to its port side. The finishing mark must be left to starboard.

A boat starting later than ten minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.1.

## **CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled in terms of RRS 33 (a) (2) (red or green flag for change to port or starboard respectively) before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

## **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the mast on the Race Committee boat flying the SAS – WC Burgee and the finishing mark.

## **SHORTENING COURSE**

The course may be shortened as specified in RRS 32.2 (a). The finish line will be between the mast on the Race Committee boat flying the SAS – WC Burgee and the nearby mark of the course.

## **PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the 720 ° turn is replaced by a 360 ° turn which shall include one tack and one gybe.

## **TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

## **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protest forms will be available at the race / Regatta Secretary's office. Protests shall be advised to the Race Committee boat at the end of the race in question and delivered to the race office within the protest time limit.

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the place stated on the protest notice beginning at the time stated therein.

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

For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the L26 Class Association.

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

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

## **SCORING**

The Low-Point Scoring System as provided in the RRS A4.1 will apply.

When four races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race

scores.

When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one worst score.

### **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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

Yachts shall comply with the L26 Class safety requirements at all times. The carrying of VHF radios is obligatory.

### **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written request and approval of the race committee.

Each yacht shall race with her correct registration number displayed on her sail, with the sail/s used in the first race. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests in writing for substitution shall be submitted to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Such replacement equipment may be scrutinised for compliance with the class rules before such approval is given.

### **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the L26 Class rules and these sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection after the completion of a race.

### **HAULING OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Yachts shall not be hauled out after the scheduled starting time of the first race except in accordance with the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

### **DIVING EQUIPMENT**

Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used around keel boats between the starting signal of the first race and the end of the regatta without written permission of the Race Committee.

### **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

All yachts shall maintain radio communication on VHF Channel 6 at all times. Within the harbour it is a requirement that yachts listen on VHF Channel 14. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones which may only be used in emergencies. Any such use shall be declared in writing to the Race Committee.

### **AWARDS, PRIZES AND TROPHIES**

The prize giving and closing ceremony will be held at Royal Cape Yacht Club on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at a time to be advised. SAS W Cape Sailing Medals will be awarded as follows:

8 - 9 yachts finishing at least 2 races	Bronze
10 - 11 yachts finishing at least 2 races	Silver and Bronze
12 or more yachts finishing at least 2 races	Gold, Silver & Bronze

Other prizes may be presented at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

The Organising Authority including all persons, organisations and their agents concerned with the conduct of the regatta 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.

**INSURANCE** It is recommended that each participating yacht carries valid insurance including third party cover.

# ATTACHMENT A

## Courses

### L26 CLASS WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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#### Attachment “A”

#### Course

All races will be sailed on Windward/Leeward courses as follows:

*Windward Mark 1* \*

*Start/Finish Mark* \* -----^ *Committee Boat*

**Course to be sailed:**

***All marks to be left to Port, other than finishing mark***

- Start (mark to port)
- Windward Mark
- Start/Finish mark
- Windward Mark
- Start/Finish Mark
- Windward Mark
- Finish (mark to starboard)