

NORTHVAAL PROVINCIAL 505 CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Venue

VAAL CRUISING ASSOCIATION, VAAL DAM

26 to 28 APRIL 2008

Organising Authority

VCA in association with the 505 *Class Associations*
under the authority and sanction of the Northvaal Sailing Association.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the ;

‘rules’ as defined in the 2005/2008 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
rules of the and 505 class as defined in the Notice of Race,
NSA Sailing Requirements for Provincial Championships,
Notice of Race, unless specifically amended by these sailing instructions,
Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereof.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at Vaal Cruising Association

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted *no later than 08:00 on the day it will take effect prior to the scheduled starting time of the affected race*, except that any change to the *scheduled starting time of the first race of the day* will be posted by 19:00 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 30 minutes” in race signal AP.

Flag Y: Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

Flag B :Hoisted to the yardarm with one long sound signal means that Protest Time has begun. Lowered to the dip with one long sound signal means that 10 minutes remain to the Protest Time Limit. Lowered completely with one long sound signal, shall mean that the protest time limit has ended.

SCHEDULE OF RACING

A voluntary briefing of competitors will take place a 10:30 on Saturday 26 April 2008.

The First Race of the championship is scheduled to start at: **11:00** on Saturday 26 April.

A maximum of twelve races are scheduled.

The scheduled starting time of the first race on each subsequent day will be posted on the notice board.

Times of succeeding races will be displayed on the Regatta Notice Board, not less than 60 minutes before the start of any race, except that 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, the postponement signal, which will be made 1 minute after code Flag L is lowered, will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

No race will start after *15h00 on Monday 28 April 2008*

A maximum of *twelve* races are scheduled.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

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

CLASS FLAG

Class flag will be:

Class	Flag
505	W

RACING AREAS

Racing will take place on / in Vaal Dam *from the VCA Club official venue.*

THE COURSES

Attachment A, *diagram 1* shows the courses *for each class*, 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.

MARKS

Marks *1, 2 and 3* will be *Yellow*

The starting and finishing marks will be a race committee boat displaying the *NSA or VCA* burgee and a *White* buoy.

As provided in the instruction "Change of the position of the next Mark" the following will apply:

New marks will be Yellow

A race committee boat signalling a change of course is a mark.

THE START

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

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the starting *White* mark at the port end.

A boat starting later than *Five* minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. 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 lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a

new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

Rule 33 is changed so that, instead of displaying the compass bearing, the race committee will display a green flag / shape if the direction is changed to starboard or with a red flag / shape if the direction is changed to port

THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staff displaying a *Blue* flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the *White* finishing mark at the port end.

When the course is shortened a race committee boat near the mark will display flag S and boats shall finish by rounding the mark.

PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.2,

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken rule 42.

TIME LIMITS

Time limits are as follows;

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time limit</u>
505	20 minutes

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

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available at the race / Regatta Secretary's 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 protest time limit applies to all protests by the *race committee and protest committee* and to requests for redress. This changes rules 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 rule 61.1(b).

The list of boats that, under the instruction "Penalty System : rule 67" have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.

Breaches of the following instructions will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

*The Start : boats entering the starting area,
Penalty System : failure to sign acknowledgement form,
Safety,
Replacement of crew or equipment: equipment,
Support Boats.*

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 rule 66.

SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A 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 for every five races.

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 at all times while afloat in a yacht *when so signalled*.

Youth category competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht.

REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written 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 scrutinized for compliance with the class rules before such approval is given.

EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND TROPHIES

The prize giving and closing ceremony will be held at Vaal Cruising Association *Club ASAP after the last yacht finishes the last race on 28/4/2008*

NSA Medals will be presented to the crews of the first 3 yachts if there are 10 or more finishers in any three races.

Class perpetual or floating trophies will be awarded as follows in accordance with the stated criteria;

The Provincial Championship Cup

Overall winner of the Provincial Championships

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.

ATTACHMENTS

A Courses

ATTACHMENT "A"

LEG 1

LEG 2

LEG 3

505 COURSE
FULL COURSE

