



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The RACE will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- 1.2 2023 Spice Islands Darwin Ambon Race Notice of Race;
- 1.3 2023 Spice Islands Darwin Ambon Race Sailing Instructions;
- 1.4 Australian Sailing Special Regulations 2021-2024; and
- 1.5 COLREG - Preventing Collisions at Sea - between sunset and sunrise

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Supplementary Sailing Instructions and Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Ambon notice board at DBCYA and online at <https://www.dbcya.com.au/darwin-to-ambon/>

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no less than 12 hours before the first warning signal.

4. RACE BRIEFING

- 4.1 Race Briefing will be held at 1730 on Tuesday 1st August @ Dinah Beach Yacht Club. A representative from each yacht is required to attend.
- 4.2 Skippers will be required to lodge a signed DBCYA Indemnity Form (appendix 4) at Race Briefing. Failure to complete the form prior to starting will result in the vessel being declared Did Not Compete (DNC).

5. SIGNING ON

- 5.1 On the day of the RACE & prior to 0915 all vessels must contact Start Trailer on VHF 73. The Start Trailer will be open & on station from 0830.
- 5.2 DBCYA Start Trailer will conduct a time check for all vessels at 0930 on the day of the start.

6. START (appendix 2)

- 6.1 Start Times Saturday 5 August 2023
 - 6.1.1 1000 Division 1 & 2
 - 6.1.2 1005 Division 3

6.2 Start Line

- 6.2.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Start Trailer located on Stokes Hill Wharf and an orange buoy placed approximately 300m southeast of the wharf.
- 6.2.2 In the event that a ship is docked on the wharf the start line may be moved.
- 6.2.3 Vessels whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area (NP¹).
- 6.2.4 A vessel that arrives at the starting area later than 60 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

6.3 Start Signals

- 6.3.1 Division flags (appendix 1) will be the corresponding numeral pennant.
- 6.3.1 The RACE will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 6.3.2 The RACE shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Minutes before start signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Meaning
5	Division flag - up	One	Warning signal
4	P flag -up	One	Preparatory signal
1	P flag - down	One long	One minute
0	Division flag - down	One	Start

- 6.3.3 The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding division.

6.4 Postponed or Abandoned

- 6.4.1 In addition to the flags, If the RACE is Postponed or Abandoned a broadcast will be made on VHF 73 and repeated as necessary.

6.5 Individual Recall (changes RRS 29.1)

- 6.5.1 If any part of a vessel's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side (OCS) of the starting line in the last minute prior to her starting signal, and she is identified, the RACE Committee will attempt to call her on VHF 73 after the starting signal. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 6.5.2 All vessels recalled for starting prior to the official start time will return to the starting line after rounding the seaward mark. Vessels just turning around and 'dipping' the line will be awarded a Did Not Start (DNS).
- 6.5.3 After the warning signal, if a vessel crosses the starting line and is OCS at the starting signal and fails to return and start correctly, she shall receive a two-hour penalty added to her elapsed time.

6.6 General Recall

- 6.6.1 When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which RRS30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The RACE Committee will then call 'GENERAL RECALL' on VHF 73 to warn the fleet of a restart. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled division shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start. (Appendix 1)

¹ NP – Not Protestable

7. COURSE

7.1 The course is START - FINISH

7.3.1 Marks of the course are:

- The Port Pin mark approximately 300m and 150° from the start trailer.
- The start flag position on the start trailer/vessel, located at the eastern end of Stokes Hill Wharf.
- The port pin mark on the finish line,
- The eastern corner of the Amahusu wharf in Ambon

8. FINISH (appendix 3)

8.1 Finish Line

8.1.1 The finishing line will be located to the Eastern side of the Ambon Harbour at the village of Amahusu. It is between the flagpole on eastern side of the wharf & a buoy indicated by a flashing strobe light approximately 100m from the sea wall (3°43.4'S 128°08.7'E). Please note that this is inside the mooring area.

8.1.2 Vessels shall leave the light / buoy to port.

8.2 Finish Times

8.2.1 Each vessel is required to record their finish time in CST (Darwin time) on the Skipper Declaration Form (appendix 5). In the event of a major discrepancy the Race Officer's time will be used.

9. RETIRING

9.1 Vessels will be considered rally participants if they have used their engine after the start of the RACE, except in situations outlined in Section 10. The RACE Committee should be notified of a change as soon as practical **before** the vessel crosses the finish line.

9.2 When a vessel retires from the RACE it shall advise the RACE Committee at the first available opportunity, giving its position, reason for retirement, intended port of destination and ETA. See Section 13 for contact details.

10. TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE (changes RRS 41 & 42.3h)

10.1 A vessel may, after starting, use its engine for propulsion purposes to assist with anchoring and berthing when:

- Taking shelter from extreme weather; or
- Disembarking sick or injured crew who will take no further part in the race (such crew shall not be replaced) or:
- Attempting repairs being undertaken wholly on board.

10.2 Crew intending to continue to race may go ashore solely for the purpose of making fast and shall immediately re-embark. No outside assistance shall be accepted by the vessel or the crew other than as provided in RRS 41.

10.3 All vessels may use their motor for propulsion when their vessel or crew is in imminent danger. The incident must be reported to the RACE Committee as soon as practical. The vessel may re-join their division provided it does not place itself in a more favourable position whilst the motor is being used for propulsion. A panel set by the RACE Committee will adjudicate the validity of the incident and remedial action to re-join their Division. The panel may take no action, set a time penalty/reduction or class the vessel as a rally participant.

- 10.4 A vessel complying with RRS 1.1 (Helping those in Danger) rendering assistance (except to its own crew), which sustains damage or depletes its stores, may accept outside assistance to make good the damage equipment or stores provided that such assistance shall not be provided over a cumulative period exceeding 24 hours in total.

11. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Ambon Race Office within 12 hours after the protesting vessel finishes. Protest forms will be available at the Ambon Race Office (appendix 6)
- 11.2 Breaches of instructions marked NP will not be grounds for a protest by a vessel (changes rule 60.1(a)).
- 11.3 All protests will be heard and judged by an independent three-person panel appointed by the RACE Committee in Ambon. Their decision is final.

11.4 Redress involving RRS 1.1

In the event of a request for redress for loss of time being claimed under RRS 1.1 (Helping Those in Danger), whether the propulsion engine was used or not, the loss of time shall be supported by logged details of course changes, distances, times, etc. The logged details shall be submitted with the request for redress.

12. PENALTIES

12.1. Penalties Offshore

- 12.1.1 RRS 44.3 scoring penalties shall apply in respect of an infringement of a Rule or Instruction occurring Offshore.

12.2. Penalties Inshore

- 12.2.1 When not Offshore RRS 44.2 Two -Turns Penalty shall apply for an infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2. Instead of disqualification, the Protest Committee may, at its absolute discretion, impose a time percentage penalty for each incident.

- 12.3. A boat penalised which is competing in more than one division shall have the percentage penalty and adjustment of points applied to each of its racing divisions independently and separately.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 Trackers

- 13.1.1 Issued at the Australian Outward Clearance on Friday 4th August.
- 13.1.2 Vessels failing to turn the device on will be scored a Did Not Start (DNS).

13.2 Cell Phone

- 13.2.1 The Ambon Race Officers can be contacted by cell phone at any time from 08:30 5 August until the last vessel has finished. The contact number is +61 0448 886 065

13.3 Radio Frequencies

- 13.3.1 The primary race frequencies for all traffic are VHF 73.
- 13.3.2 Ambon Race Office will monitor VHF 73 from 0600 on 6th August until the last vessel has finished.

13.4 Position Reporting

- 13.4.1 This is "opt in". All vessels must advise their participation at RACE Briefing.

14. RESULTS

- 14.1 Results will be available from Monday 14th August online at <https://www.dbcya.com.au/darwin-to-ambon/>

15. PRESENTATION

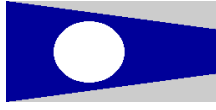
- 15.1 A Presentation Ceremony will take place on Saturday 12th August 2023 at the Tirta Kencana Hotel at Amahusu. The time and final details will be advised upon arrival in Ambon.

Appendix 1 – Flags

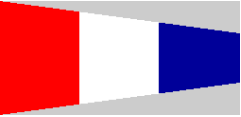
Numeral Pennant 1
(Division 1)



Numeral Pennant 2
(Division 2)



Numeral Pennant 3
(Division 3)



P Flag (Provisional flag)



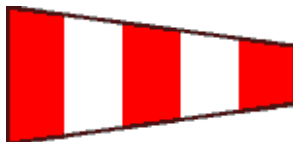
I Flag (Start flag)



First Substitute (General Recall)



AP Flag (Start Postponed)



Appendix 2 – Start Line

Approximate Start Location (Stokes Hill Wharf)



DBCYA Start Trailer



Appendix 3 – Finish Line

Approximate Finish Line Location



Finish Line Wharf & Buoy in Amahusu



Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Association
Indemnity Form

To: The Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Association Incorporated ('the Association'); the RACE Committee for the 'Spice Islands Darwin Ambon Yacht Race' (RACE) to begin on Darwin Harbour on 5th August 2023.

1. I,.....Declare that
(Print full name)

I am the Owner/Skipper/Captain of the vessel named
(Print full vessel name)

and that I provide the following acknowledgements, agreements and indemnities in consideration of the Association allowing myself and my crew to participate in the RACE on behalf of myself, my heirs and assigns and vessel crew including minors attending on my vessel (crew) .
2. I acknowledge and agree that I am participating in the RACE at my own risk and that I have appropriate insurances (personal and property) to participate in the RACE and that I will abide the RACE Rules as nominated by the organizing committee.
3. I particularly acknowledge and agree that I am fully responsible for the care and safety of myself and all crew on my vessel at all times while participating in the RACE.
4. I acknowledge that some of the activities that I, my crew and/or the minor/s may undertake or become involved with during the RACE are by their nature hazardous.
5. I acknowledge and agree that except to the extent provided in any legislation implying non-excludable conditions and/or warranties into any contract between me and the Association, neither the Association nor any of its members, committees, committee members, employees, agents, subcontractors, nor the Organizing Committee, shall be liable to me, my crew or the minor/s in respect of any loss or damage of any kind arising out of or in any way connected with my participating in the RACE or any of the activities conducted in association with or as part of the RACE, whether as a result of the negligence of any person or otherwise including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any liability for or in respect of the death of or personal injury to me or to the minor/s or any other person or any damage to property belonging to me or my crew or to any other person.
6. I acknowledge and agree that the Association's liability for breach of any warranty or condition implied by statute into any contract between me and the Association shall be limited: -
 - a. in the case of any services supplied by the Association, to the supplying of the services again or payment of the cost of having the services supplied again (at the option of the Association); and
 - b. in the case of any goods the replacement of the goods, the supply of equivalent goods or the payment of the cost of replacement of or acquiring equivalent goods (at the option of the Association).
7. On behalf of myself and my crew I agree to release and indemnify and to keep indemnified the Association and any of its members, committees, committee members, employees, agents, subcontractors and the Organizing Committee from all liabilities arising out of or in any way connected with my taking part in the RACE and/or myself or my crew participating in any activities relating in any way to the RACE (with the exception of any liability for any breach by the Association of any non- excludable condition and/or warranty implied by statute) including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any liability for and in respect of the death of or personal injury to me or my crew or any other person or any damage to property belonging to me or to any other person.

Signed Witnessed by

Witness Date.....
(Print Witnesses Name)



Skipper Declaration Form

Skipper must complete this form and hand it to the Race Officer after finishing.

Yacht Name: _____

Finish Date: _____

Finish Time: _____(hours/minutes/seconds)

Was the engine used for propulsion during the race? Y N

Time declared: _____(hours/minutes/seconds)

Reason: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

REMEMBER: Return your tracker with this form

Appendix 6 – Protest Form

Received by race office: Number Date and time Signature
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PROTEST FORM – also for requests for redress and reopening

Fill in and tick as appropriate

2. TYPE OF HEARING

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| Protest by boat against boat | <input type="checkbox"/> | Request for redress by boat or race committee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Protest by race committee against boat | <input type="checkbox"/> | Consideration of redress by protest committee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Protest by protest committee against boat | <input type="checkbox"/> | Request by boat or race committee to reopen hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Consideration of reopening by protest committee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. BOAT PROTESTING, OR REQUESTING REDRESS OR REOPENING

Class Fleet Sail no. Boat's name
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Represented by Tel., e-mail

4. BOAT(S) PROTESTED OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDRESS

Class Fleet Sail no. Boat's name
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5. INCIDENT

Time and place of incident
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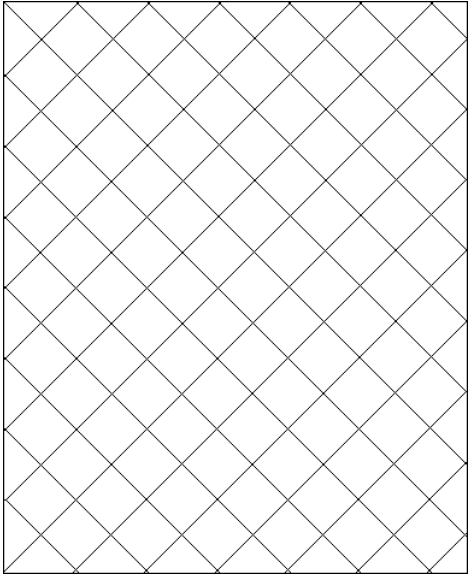
Rules alleged to have been broken Witnesses
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6. INFORMING PROTESTEE How did you inform the protestee of your intention to protest?

- By hailing When? Word(s) used
- By displaying a red flag When?
- By informing her in some other way Give detail

7. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (use another sheet if necessary)

Diagram: one square = hull length; show positions of boats, wind and current directions, marks.



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THIS SIDE FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE

Fill in and tick as appropriate

Number Heard together with numbers

Withdrawal requested Signature Withdrawal permitted

Class Fleet Race Protest time limit

Protest, or request for redress or reopening, received within time limit Time limit extended

Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by

Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by

Names of witnesses

Interpreters

Remarks

No objection about interested party

Written protest or request identifies incident

'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity

No hail needed; protestee informed at first reasonable opportunity

Red flag conspicuously displayed at first reasonable opportunity

Protest or request valid; hearing will continue Protest or request invalid; hearing is closed

FACTS FOUND

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Diagram of boat is endorsed by committee Committee's diagram is attached

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

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DECISION

Protest: dismissed Boat(s) is (are) disqualified from race(s)

penalized as follows :

Redress: not given given as follows :

Request to reopen a hearing: denied granted

Protest committee chairman and other members

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Chairman's signature

Date and time