



# INTERNATIONAL TORNADO CLASS 2007 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Swan River, Perth, Western Australia

3 to 10 March 2007

## **Sailing Instructions**

The Organising Authority is

Nedlands Yacht Club (Inc)

in conjunction with the

Western Australian International Tornado Association (WAITA)

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced into the International Tornado Class Rules.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the front window of the NYC Training Centre.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the first race it will affect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm adjacent to the NYC Start Box.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

***Invitation Race***

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Time of Warning Signal</b>	<b>Number of Races Scheduled</b>
Saturday, 3 March 2007	1625	1

***Championship Races***

<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Time of Warning Signal</b>	<b>Number of Races Scheduled</b>
Sunday, 4 March 2007	1225	2
Monday, 5 March 2007	0915	3
Tuesday, 6 March 2007	0915	2
Wednesday, 7 March 2007	Lay Day	
Thursday, 8 March 2007	0915	3
Friday, 9 March 2007	0915	3
Saturday, 10 March 2007	0915	1

5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the Postponement Signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.

5.3 Extra races may be run (to a maximum of 4 in one day) to get a maximum of 1 race ahead of schedule.

5.4 Where 3 or more races are scheduled the Race Committee will endeavor to allow for a lunch break during the days racing.

5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1200 on Saturday, 10 March 2007.

**6 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be the Tornado Class Flag.

**7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be Melville Water East and Melville Water West.

**8 THE COURSES**

8.1 The diagram below shows the course, 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.

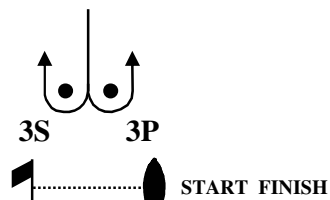


**Course 1 – Numeral Pennant 2**

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - Finish

**Course 2 – Numeral Pennant 3**

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - Finish



8.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Committee Boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

8.4 Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

## **9 MARKS**

Marks 1, 3S and 3P will be orange inflatable buoys. Mark 2 will be a stick buoy flying a T flag. Any new marks, used in accordance with instruction 11, will be yellow inflatable buoys. The starting and finishing mark will be a white buoy flying an orange flag.

## **10 THE START**

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee Boat at the port end and the starboard end finishing mark.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit will be 120 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office, located in the NYC Training Centre. Protests shall be delivered there within 1 hour of the last boat's finishing time or, where multiple races are held, the finishing time of the last boat in its last race of the day.

15.2 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

15.3 Breaches of instructions 13.2, 18 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). As an alternative to protesting, the Race Committee may provide a written report to the Protest Committee alleging a breach of these instructions, in which case the Protest Committee shall penalise the boat by adding 5 points to her score without a hearing. A boat may dispute the report contents by requesting redress, in which case a hearing will be held and if the report contents are upheld then the penalty will be a further 5 points added to her score. The penalty will apply to the first race in the session for a breach of instruction 18.1, the last race of a session for breaches of instructions 18.2 and 18.3 and will apply to all boats associated with the infringing support personnel in instruction 20.

15.4 On the last day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered

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

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

## **16 Mediation**

16.1 A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

16.2 The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

- 16.3 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- (a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing.  
(This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
  - (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.)
- 16.4 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 16.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2
- (a) When fewer than 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from 9 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Race Office.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Boats intending to start shall report to the Committee Boat prior to the Warning Signal of the first race in that session. They shall hail the Committee Boat with their sail number and receive verbal acknowledgment.
- 18.2 All boats shall sign the Sign Off sheets located in the Race Office within 1 hour of the last boats finish time in the last race of that session.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and sign the Retirement Sheet located in the Race Office within 30 minutes of beaching their boat.

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

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Officer. Requests shall be made on forms available at the Race Office.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity on forms available at the Race Office. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race conditional upon written permission being requested before the end of protest time on the same day and approved by the Race Officer.

## **20 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

**21 PRIZES**

Prizes shall be awarded for first, second and third place. The WAITA may award additional prizes.

A presentation function will be conducted on Saturday 10 March 2007 at 1800.

**22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing like some other water sports have an inherent danger of drowning and other injuries. NYC and WAITA, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage of property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or how so ever arising in connection with the Regatta.

**23 INSURANCE**

*All competing helmspersons shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) for any one accident.*

**24 DISPLAY OF EVENT SPONSOR'S LOGOS**

Competing boats will be required to display the event sponsor's logos on each side of their boom or mast and on the outer side of each hull.