

## **GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2009 of the AUSTRIAN SAILING FEDERATION for "Standard Courses"**

Changes and amendments to these sailing instructions will be displayed on the official notice board.

### **1. Rules**

The races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (2009-2012) and all prescription in the Notice of Race.

### **2. Signals made ashore:**

a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board; simultaneously, Flag "L" will be displayed and an sound signal will be given. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7pm on the day before it will take effect or within the protest time, whichever is later. Notices to competitors shall be sorted numerically and include the date and time of announcement. If they are valid throughout the series, notices to competitors shall remain displayed until the series is finished, in any other case for at least 24 hours. Flag "L" will be lowered after one hour. If posted under these circumstances, notices to competitors are mandatory and are regarded as having been published to all competitors.

b) Flag "AP" displayed with two sound signals means: race is postponed. The warning signal will not be given less than 30 minutes after flag "AP" is lowered (together with a sound signal). (Note: If Flag „AP" is displayed on the starting vessel towed to the pier, it is not regarded as having been displayed ashore), or

c) Flag "D": No boat shall leave the harbour before flag „D" is hoisted. The warning signal will not be given less than 30 minutes after this flag is hoisted (one sound signal).

d) Flag "Y": Life-jackets shall be worn at all times while afloat. Ignoring this rule may result in disqualification.

### **3. Signals made afloat:**

a) Flag "L" on the starting vessel o a race committee boat means: Come within hail or follow this boat. The flag will be lowered 1 minute prior to the warning signal together with a sound signal.

b) Flag "T" on the finishing vessel: sail to the starting vessel, another race will be sailed.

c) Flag "Q" on the starting vessel together with a sound signal, after a longer brake means: the next start will be in 10 minutes. The flag will be lowered, together with a sound signal, 6minutes before the starting signal

**4. Course:** No later than the warning signal, the designated course will be displayed on the starting vessel. Courses and designation of courses will be specified in the amendments to these sailing instructions.

**5.** Starting line will be between a pole striped red-white-red or the pole with a orange flag flying on the race committee boat and a mark. On the boat end, the starting line may be limited by another mark; in this case, no boat shall sail between the race committee boat and the inner starting mark. After the preparatory signal, the starting line must not be changed anymore.

**6.** Starting time limit: The starting vessel will remain in its position for 4 minutes after the starting signal; boats failing to start within that time can be scored as DNS.

**7.** Storm warning: In case of storm warning (or pre warning) the legal regulations have to be followed. These have to be announced before the first race. Life-jackets must be put on instantly, if flag „Y“ has not been displayed yet.

**8.** The Two-Turns penalty as stated in RRS.44.1, 44.2 and 44.4 applies. If this rule will not apply, this has to be clearly announced in the notice of race or by a notice to competitors on the official notice board. Multihulls and skiffs are to perform a one turn only. Each boat accepting a penalty has to report this to the race committee ashore; therefore, she shall complete the appropriate form within the protest time, indicating the position, time and reason for accepting the penalty (broken rule, mark, obstructed boat) .Unreported penalty turns are regarded as not having been done.

**9.** Flag „Y“: Displaying of flag „Y“ on the starting vessel means: All skippers and crew members have to wear life-jackets; if flag “Y” is displayed no later than the warning signal, non-observance may result in disqualification.(amendment to RRS 1.2).

**10.** Retirement: Boats retiring from a race, have to report this instantly to the race committee and complete the appropriate form within the protest time. Violation of this rule can result in a protest hearing.

#### **11. Time limit:**

A race in a championship or ranking regatta is only valid if the first boat finishes within the target time (tolerance –30% to +50%). All boats finishing within a time exceeding the first boat’s time by no more than 30% will be scored. All other boats shall be scored as DNF (Change of RRS 35). Shortening of the course is possible at any time in order to reach the recommended target time.

**12.** Finish: If not stated otherwise, the finish will be between a finishing vessel (with a pole striped red-white-red or with a pole with an orange flag flying) displaying a blue flag or flag “S” and a mark.

### **13. Protests:**

The protest time will be determined by the race officer. The Organising Committee has to determine the duration of the protest time with regard to local circumstances and announce it on the notice board. The protest time shall not exceed 60 minutes (amendment to RRS. 61.3). If several races are sailed on one day without a break of at least 1 hour, the protest time for all races of the day automatically changes to after the last race. Protest forms may be obtained from the race committee. Each boat intending to protest has to report this to the race committee while finishing, including information about the opponent. Protest flag: as stated in RRS 61.1(a).

### **14. 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. In case of conflict between languages the German text will prevail.