

2006 PACER SAILING RULES

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These Rules are based on the ISAF Equipment Rules and Racing Rules of Sailing

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PART I OVERVIEW

Section A – GENERAL

A.1 INTRODUCTION

- A.1.1 For all National Title and National/State Body or Association sponsored events
- A.1.2 National Titles are conducted with due consideration to the Pacer Australia Incorporated ideal of fostering competitive, fun and family sailing

A.2 ABBREVIATIONS

- A.2.1 ISAF International Sailing Federation
- A.2.2 ERS ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing
- A.2.3 RRS ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing
- A.2.4 YA Yachting Australia

A.3 AUTHORITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ADMINISTRATION

- A.3.1 The authority of the class is Pacer Australia Incorporated.
- A.3.2 Pacer Australia Incorporated and its Committee Members are under no legal responsibility with respect to these Sailing Rules.
- A.3.3 Pacer Australia Incorporated administers the Class.
- A.3.4 Pacer Australia Incorporated may delegate part or all of its functions, as stated in these Sailing Rules, to an affiliate.

A.4 INTERPRETATION

- A.4.1 The Pacer Sailing Rules shall be read in conjunction with Appendix A: The Pacer **Class Rules**, the ERS, the RRS and the special regulations of YA and interpreted in accordance with these rules
- A.4.2 Any interpretation of the Pacer Sailing Rules required at an event shall only be valid during the event and the organising authority shall, as soon as practical after the event, inform Pacer Australia Incorporated.
- A.4.3 Amendments to the Pacer Sailing Rules shall be approved by Pacer Australia Incorporated in accordance Appendix A: The Pacer **Class Rules**, with the ISAF, YA regulations and the Pacer Australia Incorporated Constitution.
- A.4.4 Association events are defined as being such events as may be organised by the Committee or by sub-committee appointed in accordance with this constitution:
- A.4.5 On behalf of Pacer Australia Incorporated, the Committee shall preside on matters relating to policy and adopt the role of peak governing body for administering all Association Events.

- A.4.6 The Committee shall determine and/or approve the timing and location of all Association Events.
- A.4.7 On behalf of Pacer Australia Incorporated, the Committee shall appoint one or more representatives to officiate at all Association Events.
- A.4.8 The Committee may delegate the role of Organising Committee to an appointed sub-committee, with responsibility for an Association Event including event proposals, agreements, schedules and financial arrangements with the Host Organisation.
- A.4.9 The Organising Committee shall appoint a minimum of three experienced, participating Association members to form an Association Event Committee. The Association Event Committee shall adjudicate on any rules or issues that may arise at an Event, and shall be the means of communication to the Host organisation during the event.

PART II EVENT ORGANISATION

Section B - EVENT ORGANISATION and MANAGEMENT:

- B.1 The Committee shall develop and maintain current guidelines for use by Organising Committees of Association Events and Host Organisations:
- B.2 Formal Event Agreement with Host Organisation detailing:
 - (a) Number of races.
 - (b) Daily computerised results to be available.
 - (b) Social Functions.
 - (c) Amenities required by the Association.
 - (d) Financial considerations.
 - (e) Notice of Race to be approved in conjunction with Host Organisation.
 - (f) Sailing Instructions to be approved in conjunction with Host Organisation.

PART III SAILING RULES

Section C - PACER SAILING RULES:

- C.1 Appendix A: The Pacer Class Rules of Pacer Australia Incorporated are based upon the ISAF “*Closed Rules*” definition. “*Anything not specifically defined or permitted is prohibited*”
- C.2 The organizing Pacer Association shall nominate for each regatta an “*Association Event Committee*” consisting of a minimum of three participating Pacer Association Incorporated members to adjudicate on any rules or disputed issues that may arise at a particular regatta. This Committee or its individual members shall communicate with the Host Organisations representative on all matters pertaining to the event.
- C.3 All boats shall, present at registration, a valid measurement certificate.

- C.3.1 Boats that do not have a current measurement certificate may obtain a 'Measurement Declaration Form' for one event only at the discretion of the Association Event Committee which is to be signed by the Official Measurer. This Measurement Declaration Form shall be accepted in lieu of a valid measurement certificate subject to:
- C.3.1.a No relevant measurement discrepancy is identified during the event.
- C.3.1.b All measurement or certification issues at an Association Event shall be determined in accordance with Rule 37 in the Constitution of Pacer Australia Incorporated and Appendix A: The Pacer Class Rules.
- C.4 All boats shall register one set of sails for use during the regatta or use the set of sails nominated on the boats current Measurement Certificate.
- C.5 All competitors, skippers and crews, shall be members of a Member Pacer Association or Incorporated Affiliate Pacer Association and hold current YA membership.
- C.6 All skippers and crew shall wear approved PFD-2 buoyancy vests and suitable footwear. *YA guidelines require children under the age of 12 years to wear PFD-1 type buoyancy vests.*
- C.7 All boats to have a 40 mm diameter stainless steel towing ring fixed to the bow fitting.
- C.8 All boats to have a hand bailer or bailing bucket on board of not less than 1.5 litres capacity.
- C.9 Boats are permitted to carry a magnetic or electronic compass and or electronic watch or countdown timer.
- C.10 All boats shall display on the transom (in letters no smaller than 50mm in height)
- C.10.1 Class Name.
- C.10.2 Boat Name. (or compliance with YA regulations is acceptable)
- C.10.3 Sail Number.
- C.10.4 Club Name: (A member Club transom sticker is acceptable)
- C.11 All boats shall 'sign-on' and 'sign-off' for each race or racing session.
- C.11.1 For back to back heats, boats that finish the first race in the session will be automatically accepted as a starter for the next race.
- C.11.2 The Sign-off time limit shall be 60 minutes after the last eligible boat has crossed the finish line in the last heat of a session, except that in extraordinary circumstances the Association Event Committee has the discretion to extend the Sign-Off time limit as deemed appropriate.
- C.11.3 Failure to Sign-On and Sign-Off shall require a mandatory DNS to be scored for that race.
- C.12 All boats shall have on board two people while racing.
- C.13 Scoring shall be the low points system.
- C.14 Scored races in a regatta:
- C.14.1 **For a 9 Race Regatta:**
- *Min 6 races to be completed to constitute a regatta.*
 - 8 to score plus 1 drop.
- When Races are abandoned:
- 7 to score plus 1 drop.
 - 6 to score with NO drop
- C.14.2 **For a 7 Race Regatta:**
- *Min 5 races to be completed to constitute a regatta.*
 - 6 to score plus 1 drop.
- When Races are abandoned:.
- 5 to score with NO drop

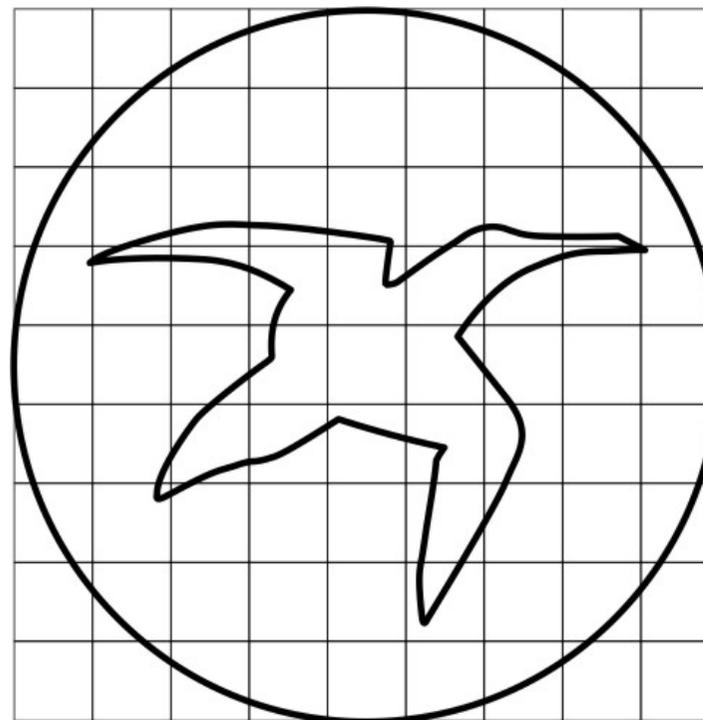
- C.14.3 **For a 5 Race Regatta:**
- *Min 3 races to be completed to constitute a regatta.*
 - 4 to score plus 1 drop.
- When Races are abandoned:.
- 3 to score with NO drop
- C.15 Divisions in a regatta:
- Open.
 - Division B.
 - Division C.
 - Non Spinnaker.
 - School/Scout Fleet.
- C.16 Boats in each division will be allocated by the Association Event Committee after 1/3 of the scheduled races have been completed based upon previous experience and current performance. Approximately 1/3 of the total fleet number will be allocated to each of divisions Open, B & C. The Association Event Committee may allocate additional divisions based upon fleet size and composition.
- C.17 **Prizes:**
- C.17.1 **Open Champion.** (National Champion) Overall winner.
Overall lowest score.
("The Polycell Prout Trophy")
- C.17.2 **Junior Champion.**
Overall lowest score by a Junior skipper.
("The Smackwater Shield")
- C.17.3 **Junior Skipper/Crew**
Overall lowest score by a Junior skipper with a junior crew.
("Trophy to be nominate")
- C.17.4 Open Division: 2nd, 3rd & 4th places
- C.17.5 Division B: 1st, 2nd, 3rd places.
- C.17.6 Division C: 1st, 2nd, 3rd places
- C.17.7 Non Spinnaker Division: 1st, 2nd places
- C.17.8 Additional prizes, trophies and or presentation may be made at the discretion of the "Association Event Committee"
- C.18 **Changing Crews:**
- C.18.1 A skipper may nominate alternate crews for races as required but must do so prior to the commencement of the regatta nominally at registration.
- C.18.2 Variations may be considered by the Association Event Committee in exceptional or unusual circumstances.
- C.18.3 Such changes shall be posted on the Regatta Notice Board not less than 30 mins prior to the race effected by the change.
- C.18.4 Changing crews without prior approval shall require the boat to be scored DNS for that race or series of races in any one session.

- C.19 **Junior Divisions:** For the Junior Divisions the nominated skipper, is deemed to be the helms person, and changing positions with the crew within the boat on occasions, to remedy faults or to undertake repairs on a temporary basis whilst racing is allowed. Changing helms person and crew functions within the boat, other than on a temporary basis, to gain a racing advantage in not allowed.
- C.20 **Wind Speed:** An average mean wind speed of greater than 22 knots, (for off-shore events) and 26 knots (for inland lake, events), as measured by the Host Organisations normal wind reading technology, on the Race course area will be grounds for the organizing Race Control Officer to postpone the race to another time. Postponement is at the discretion of the Host Organisations Race Management Officer.
- C.20.1 An average mean wind speed of greater than 18 knots, (all events) as measured by the Host Organisations normal wind reading technology, on the Race course area will be grounds for the organizing Race Control Officer to Abandon the Junior Divisions of that race. Abandonment is at the discretion of the Host Organisations Race Management Officer. Juniors who elect to sail shall have their score recorded in the divisional results only and not for Junior Awards or Trophies.
- C.20.2 An average wind speed as measured by the Host Organisations normal wind reading technology, on the Race course area of less than 3 knots for a period of 5 minutes shall be grounds for postponement of that race.
- C.21 **Race Duration:** As a guide, the Association Event Committee shall encourage, the Host Organisation to lay and or shorten courses such that:
- A long course race has a duration of not more than 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.
 - A short course race has a duration of not more than 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.
 - When back to back short course races, (two heats) are conducted in one session a total combined racing duration of 3 hours, from the start of the first race to the finish of the first boat in the second race should not be exceeded.
 - In either a short or long course race, the recommended finishing time limit is not more than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, for the last boat to be recorded as finishing the race.
- C.22 **Dispute settlement.** In the event the Association Event Committee, for what ever reason, is not be able to rule on or resolve an issue a vote by the registered skippers in the regatta shall be taken. Similarly if a written request to the Association Event Committee by a minimum of 5 registered skippers in relation to a single issue not already adjudicated on by the Association Event Committee a vote by the registered skippers in the regatta shall be taken. A proposal shall be put and a vote shall be taken at a meeting, called for by the Association Event Committee, no latter than 1 hour prior to the next race at which no less than 2/3's of the nominated skippers in the regatta are in attendance. A vote by a show of hands shall, with a 75% majority, be required to either accept or reject the proposal.

PART IV APPENDICES

Section D – CLASS INSIGNIA**D.1 CLASS INSIGNIA**

- D.1.1 The Pacer Class Insignia is illustrated in the diagram in Rule H.1.4 and it supercedes all previously recognised insignias attributed to the Pacer Class.
- D.1.2 Previously recognised class insignias shall only be acceptable when pre-existing on original mainsails, registration plates or in other acknowledged historic representations at the discretion of Pacer Australia.
- D.1.3 The Pacer Class insignia shall comprise a representational image of puffinus pacificus, the wedge tailed shearwater on a circular background of diameter 450mm in colours white on mid to dark blue or the reverse (for blue sails) scaled using a 50mm grid in accordance with the diagram.
- D.1.4 Class Insignia Diagram.



D.2 CLASS FLAG

- D.2.1 The Pacer Class Flag consists of a rectangular flag of dimensions 900mm x 600mm with the class insignia displayed on both sides of diameter 450mm in colours white on mid to dark blue scaled using a 50mm grid in accordance with the diagram.
- D.2.2 The Pacer Class Flag is to be used at Association Events on the Start Boat and /or as part of the starting procedures for racing purposes or as determined by the Event Organising Committee.

D.3 CLASS PENNANT

- D.3.1 The Pacer Class Pennant consists of a triangular flag of dimensions 600mm x 400mm with the class insignia displayed on both sides of diameter 350mm in colours white on mid to dark blue scaled using a 50mm grid in accordance with the diagram.
- D.3.2 The Pacer Class Pennant is to be used at Association Events on at least two of the Patrol Boats deployed in the race area and /or as determined by the Event Organising Committee