# LAKE BOGA EASTER REGATTA

1. **RULES**

All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of the various class Associations and by these sailing instructions.

1. **ENTRIES**

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing a registration with the registrar located at the Club House and paying the required fee.

1. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at the Lake Boga Yacht Club clubhouse.

1. **CHANGE IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in sailing instructions will be posted on the briefing board at least 1 hour prior to the start of any race where it will take effect.

1. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Lake Boga Yacht Club Clubhouse.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

1. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Race Dates and First warning signal.

Good Friday — First warning signal 2.00 p.m.

Easter Saturday — First warning signal 10.00 a.m.

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Easter Sunday — First warning signal 10.00 a.m.

Easter Sunday — First warning signal 2.00 p.m.

Easter Monday — First warning signal 9.45 a.m.

The first warning signal will be at the above times and the following starts at 3 minute intervals.

**The starting order will depend on entries and will be advised at briefing**

1. **CLASS FLAGS**

Division 1 Numeral Pendant No. 1 Catamarans Yardstick 77.9 and below

Division 2 Numeral Pendant No. 2 Catamarans Yardstick 78 to 86.9

Division 3 Numeral Pendant No. 3 Catamarans Yardstick 87 & above

Division 4 Numeral Pendant No. 4 Mono Hulls Yardstick 105 and below

Division 5 Numeral Pendant No. 5 Mono Hulls Yardstick 105.1 to 125

Division 6 Numeral Pendant No. 6 Mono Hulls Yardstick 125.1 to 150

Division 7 Numeral Pendant No. 7 Mono Hulls Yardstick above 150.1

1. **RACE AREA**

The waters of Lake Boga.

1. **SHORTEN COURSE**

MONO HULLS Divisions. The race committee may shorten the course by finishing a race at mark “A” or “B” (in accordance with rule 32) boats will be notified by a race committee boat flying code flag S, and the appropriate division flags**, OR** boats will be notified by a race committee boat flying code flag “S” and the appropriate division flags, at the gate, these flags will also be flying on the finish boat. Boats are then to proceed through the gate to the **finish line**

**In the event of a shortened course for the Catamaran Divisions.** The standard procedure rule 32 will apply if shortened at mark “ T “or 1. **Or** boats will be notified by a race committee boat flying code flag “S” and the appropriate division flags, at the gate, these flags will also be flying on the finish boat. Boats are then to proceed through the gate to the **finish line**.

1. **RECALLS**
	1. Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with racing rule 29.1.
	2. General recall signals will be in accordance with racing rule 29.2. Except when a general recall has been signalled the recall signal will remain aloft for 1 minute, this division will then start last. If more than one division have received a general recall they will start in original order. Note: Race rules 26. Visual starting signals to govern.
	3. All restarted races will start at 3 minute intervals after the final scheduled start.
2. **THE COURSE**

The diagram shows an example of a port course. (The angles between legs being approximately 60 degrees) the order in which marks are to be taken. All courses are to be sailed to port unless the Race Committee Boat is flying a green flag, indicating a starboard course, in which case the direction of travel and the finish line will be a mirror image of that shown in the diagram.

**The Mono Hull course**, finish line. See **15.1 Finish**, for details. **The** **finish line for the Catamaran course**. See **15.2 Finish,** for details

**Catamaran Windward- return course**

Division 1, -- Marks T, L & R (Tall Orange Cone Marker Buoys) With a maximum of 4 races per day

**Catamaran Triangle course**

Division 2,3, - Marks 1 & 2 ( Tall Yellow Cone Marker Buoys) Marks L & R ( Tall Orange Cone Marker Buoys) With a maximum of 4 races per day

**Mono Hull course**

Division 4,5,6, & 7 - Marks A & B -Orange Post Marker Buoys with a Blue band around the top of them

 Marks C & D - Red Cylindrical shaped Buoys.

With a maximum of 4 races per day.

1. **THE START**
	1. Races 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.

Any time before first start warning signal — Course flag raised.

1 minute before first warning signal --- the Orange starting line flag raised --- 1 sound

3 minutes to first start — Warning signal — First start’s division(s) flag(s) raised. — 1 sound.

2 minutes to first start — Preparatory signal — Code flag “P” raised — 1 sound.

1 minute to first start — One-minute signal — Code flag “P” lowered — 1 long sound.

First start — First start’s division(s) flag(s) lowered — 1 sound.

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

* 1. The starting line for the **Mono Hull Yachts** will be between the 1st committee boat and “D” buoy. An anti barging buoy may be positioned near the committee boat. If a 2nd race is to be run, ie back to back, the finish boat will fly the L flag when the first yacht finishes the first race, and will be lowered and the Orange flag raised with one sound signal at 1 minute before the first warning signal is made. **The start line for the** **Catamarans** will be between the 2nd committee boat and “R” buoy. An anti barging buoy maybe positioned near the committee boat, and yachts shall not pass between this buoy and the committee boat.
	2. If a second race is to be run ie back to back, the L flag will be flown when the first yacht finishes the first race, the L flag will be lowered and the Orange flag raised with one sound signal at 1minute before the first warning signal is made.
	3. Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.
	4. A yacht shall not start later than 10 minutes after their start time.
1. **MARK BOATS**

Mark boats will not be used.

1. **CHANGE OF COURSES AFTER THE START**

The course will not be changed after the start other than a shortened course.

**15 THE FINISH**

15.1 The **Mono Hull Course finish line**, will be between the 1st committee boat flying a Blue flag and “F” buoy displaying a black and white check flag, positioned at approx. 90 degrees to their start line, ie a Hollywood finish. 15.2 **Catamaran** **Divisions finish** **line** will be between the 2nd committee boat flying a Blue flag and “F” buoy displaying a black and white check flag, positioned at approx. 90 degrees to their start line. ie a Hollywood finish.

16. **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

16.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

***Time Limit First Mark time limit Target Time***

 90 min 15 min 45 min

If no boat has passed the First Mark within the First Mark time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)

**16.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 min after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**16.3** If a boat is still to finish, an official boat can direct them to proceed directly to the start area and they will be counted as a finisher with an allocated time, without having to complete the course. This changes RRS 28

**17. PROTESTS**

17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at Lake Boga Yacht Club club house and lodged there within 30 minutes of the last yachts finish accompanied by a fee of $25.00

17.2 The protest committee will hear protests in approximate order of receipt as soon as possible.

17.3 Protest notices will be announced within 30 minutes of the protest time limit informing competitors where and when the hearings will be held.

**18. SCORING**

* 1. The “Low- Point scoring system, Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.

 18.2 Races sailed - 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
 Races to count 9 8 7 6 6 5 4 4 3 2 1

**19. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

The 2 turn’s penalty rule 44.1 & 44.2 are changed for all Catamaran Divisions only so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required

**20. SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats are banned from the racing area during the race.

**21. HAULING OUT RESTRICTIONS**

A yacht shall be afloat and off moorings at her preparatory signal.

**22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Radio communication is not permitted.

**23. PRIZES**

As published in notice of race.

**24. MAXIMUM WIND SPEED**

If the wind mean velocity as measured by the wind speed instrument in the start boat exceeds 40 km/hour (25mph or 22 knots), the race will not start.

**25. SIGN ON SIGN OFF**

All skippers shall sign on before the warning signal for the race. Skippers or his agent shall sign off within 30 minutes of finishing or retiring from the race declaring whether they “DID NOT FINISH”, “DID NOT START”, “RETIRED” or completed the race without any infringements to the rules.

**26. CHANGE OF SKIPPERS OR SAIL AND SPARS**

The changing of Skippers, crew numbers, sail or spars is not permitted without permission from the sailing committee.

**27. STARTING PENALTIES**

Rules 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 & 30.4 may be used at any start (I flag rule, Z flag rule, U flag rule & black flag rule)

**28. INDEMNITY**

* 1. All those taking part in the series do so at their own risk.
	2. The Lake Boga Yacht Club inc. is not responsible for the sea worthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment
	3. The Lake Boga Yacht Club inc. reserves the right to refuse any entry.
	4. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 which states “It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue to race”.
	5. Attention is also drawn to [www.org.au/sport-services/safety/special](http://www.org.au/sport-services/safety/special)-regulations/

**29. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $10,000,000 per event

 or the equivalent.