



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

TSC SEASON SERIES 2023 / 2024

Dates:	<u>Regatta 1:</u>	21 October 2023 to 22 October 2023
	<u>Regatta 2:</u>	16 December 2023 to 17 December 2023
	<u>Regatta 3:</u>	27 January 2024 to 28 January 2024
	<u>Regatta 4:</u>	24 February 2024 to 25 February 2024
	<u>Regatta 5:</u>	9 March 2024 (9H TSC Challenge)

Venue: Theewater Sports Club

Organising Authority: Theewater Sports Club

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1 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at:

TSC Sailing
WhatsApp group



- 1.2** The race office is located at [Bridge Hut, Theewater Sports Club](#).
- 1.3** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 1.4** N/A

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at [Bridge Hut, Theewater Sports Club](#).

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

4.3 N/A

5 **CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags and initial order of starting will be as follows:

Stadt 23	`G` flag
Other Keelboats	Orange flag with yellow `K`
Hobie 18 / Hobie 16 / Hobie 18	Blue Hobie flag
Dinghies	`O` flag

6 **RACING AREA**

[Theewaterskloof Dam](#) in front of [Bridge Hut](#).

7 **COURSES**

The diagram in SI Appendix 1 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.

8 **MARKS**

Rounding marks shall be large cylindrical yellow inflatable marks. Start/Finish pin mark will be a round pink buoy.

9 **THE START**

9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

9.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishingline to a new position.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel (or at Bridge Hut - whichever is used to make signals from) at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the race committee may also signal a shortened course by displaying flag F with repeated sounds. On this signal boats shall round mark 2 as required to sail the course, and thereafter proceed directly to the finishing line. This signal shall be made before the first boat reaches mark 2 and shall continue to be made until all boats still racing have passed these marks. This changes RRS 32.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for Stadt23, Other Keelboats, Hobie 14, Hobie 16 and Hobie 18. All dinghies will adhere to the original RRS 44.1 rule with a Two-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat in her class that finished within this time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at [Bridge Hut](#), beginning at the time posted.

16 SCORING

16.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16.3 Rule 16.2 (a-c) will apply to calculate the overall results for [TSC Season Series Results 2023 / 2024](#).

16.4 Regatta 5: [9H TSC Challenge](#) will for the 2023 / 2023 series count [Double points](#) towards the overall results for [TSC Season Series Results 2023 / 2024](#).

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All competitors in Hobie 18, Hobie, 16, Hobie 14 and Dinghy classes and all Youth category competitors (under 18 in keelboat classes) shall wear a personal flotation device capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will be allowed with prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Entry forms will need to be completed for each regatta to capture all crew details participating.

18.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.

19.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 SUPPORT PERSON VESSEL

Support person vessels shall stay outside of the course (as shown on the course diagram) and at least [50m](#) from boats racing.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

APPENDIX 1

COURSE

Keelboats, Hobie 18, Hobie 16 and Hobie 14:

- A Windward-Leeward Course with an offset at the windward mark.
- Start - 1 - 1 offset - 2 - 1 - 1 offset - 2 - Finish.

Dinghies:

- A Windward-Leeward Course (no offset)
- Start - 3 - 2 - 3 - 2 - Finish.

