



TSC – THE PLACE TO BE

INTERNATIONAL MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION (IMCA)

2015 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

28th December 2014 – 9th January 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. The following documents shall apply: *Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013 - 2016*, the *Class Rules of the International Mirror Class*, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. Under Racing Rule 87, rule 9.2 of the International Mirror class rules is changed for this regatta to allow cameras and electronic tracking devices provided by the organising authority.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the lean to shed (afdak) north of the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at TSC bridge hut mast.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. DATES OF RACING

5.1. Mirror African Championship

29 th December, 2014	Practice Race
30 th December, 2014	Racing
31 st December, 2014	Racing
1 st January, 2015	Lay Day / Reserve Day
2 nd January, 2015	Racing

5.2. World Championships

4th January, 2015	Practice Race
5th January, 2015	Racing
6th January, 2015	Racing
7th January, 2015	Racing
8th January, 2015	Racing
9th January, 2015	Racing

5.3. Number of Races

Regatta	Total Scheduled	Maximum per day
African Championship	8	4
World Championship	12	4

5.4. Scheduled time of warning signal for the first race of the day is 12h00.

except

African Championship Practice Race	14h00
World Championship Practice Race	14h00

5.5. 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.

5.6. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15h30.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flag will be: Red flag with black Mirror insignia.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1. Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, 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.

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will signal the course number.

9. MARKS


9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 (including gate marks and offset mark) will be yellow inflatable marks.

- 9.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be square yellow marks.
- 9.3. The starting mark and finishing marks will be a Race Committee signal boat at the Starboard end and a RIB at the port end displaying a TSC Burgee.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the mast on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag and a mast on the pin boat displaying a TSC Burgee.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.



- 10.3. If flag U  has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the mast on the race committee boat displaying an blue flag and a mast on the pin boat displaying a TSC Burgee.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Appendix P will apply. Appendix P will be changed as follows: delete P2.3. P2.2 shall apply for Second and Subsequent penalties.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>	..
90 minutes	30 minutes	50 minutes	

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

14.2. Boats failing to finish within (20) twenty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the caravan in front of the TSC bridge hut. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the jury secretary there within the appropriate time limit. The regatta secretary will be the jury secretary for the African championships.

15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

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. Location and time of hearings will be posted with the notification.

15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5. A list of boats that, under instruction 14.2, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

15.6. Breaches of instructions 17, 20 and 21 or rule 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

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

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

This changes rule 66.

15.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15.9. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

16. SCORING

16.1. 4 races are required to be completed to constitute the African Championship and the World Championship.

16.2. African Championship and World Championships

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

(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of 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.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1. There will be a mandatory tally system. Details will be posted on the official notice board prior to the competitors meeting. The Tally board will be at the event caravan.

17.2. At the end of each day's sailing each boat must be parked on its launching trolley in the designated regatta parking area so that the safety officer can check that all boats are on shore.

17.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.4. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. JIB NUMBERS

20.1. Boats shall display numbers on the jib as supplied by the organizing authority as instructed.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1. Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority as instructed.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1. Official boats will be marked as follows: Jury boats will carry a yellow flag.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

23.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23.2. Supporter and coach boats shall be marked with a white flag. Press boat shall be marked with a red flag

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1. Except in an emergency, 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.

26. PRIZES

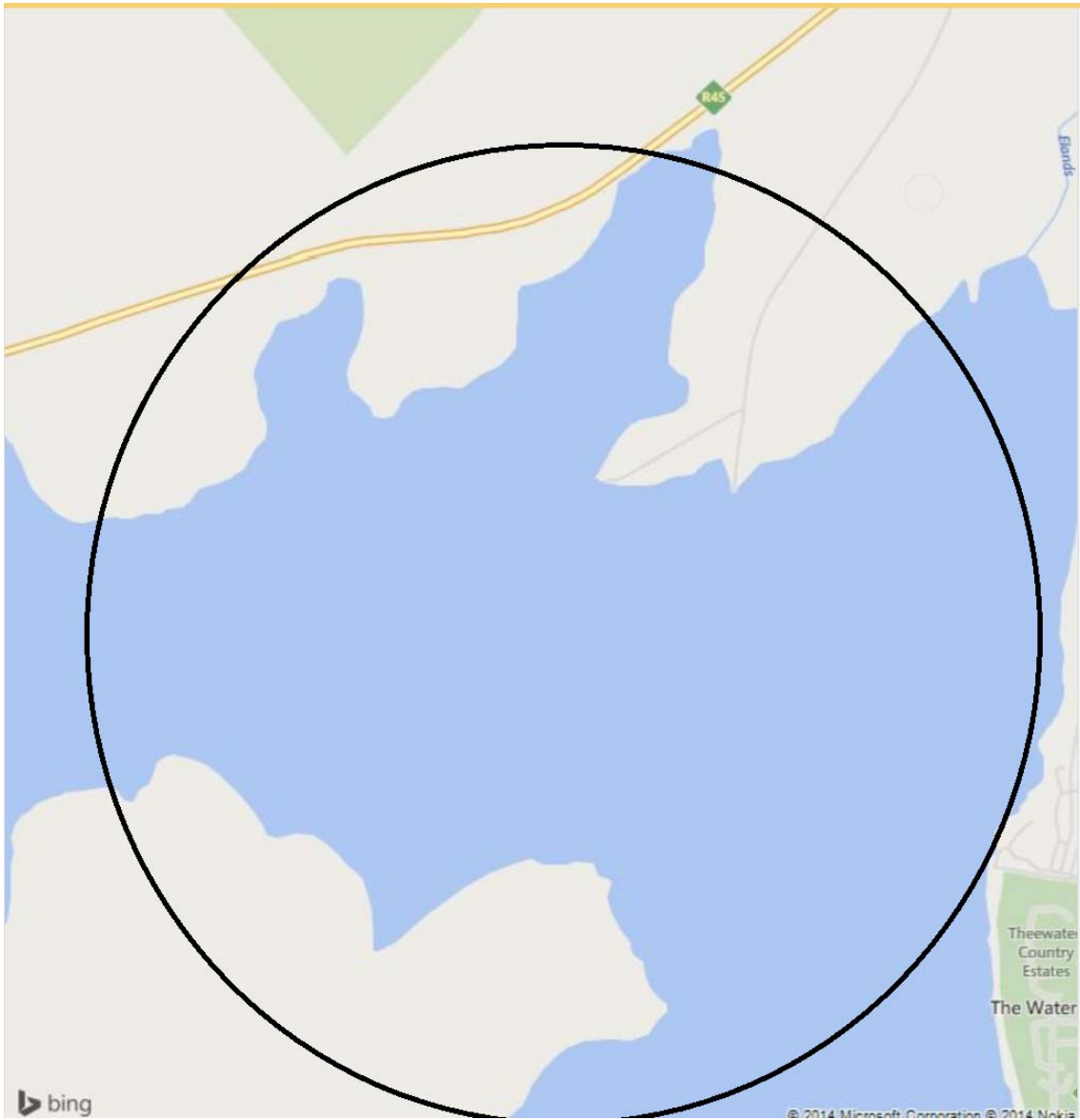
26.1. Prizes will be given as listed in the Notice of Race.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1. Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the organizing authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of rescue boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

ATTACHMENT A

Within the area bounded by the circle on Theewaterskloof

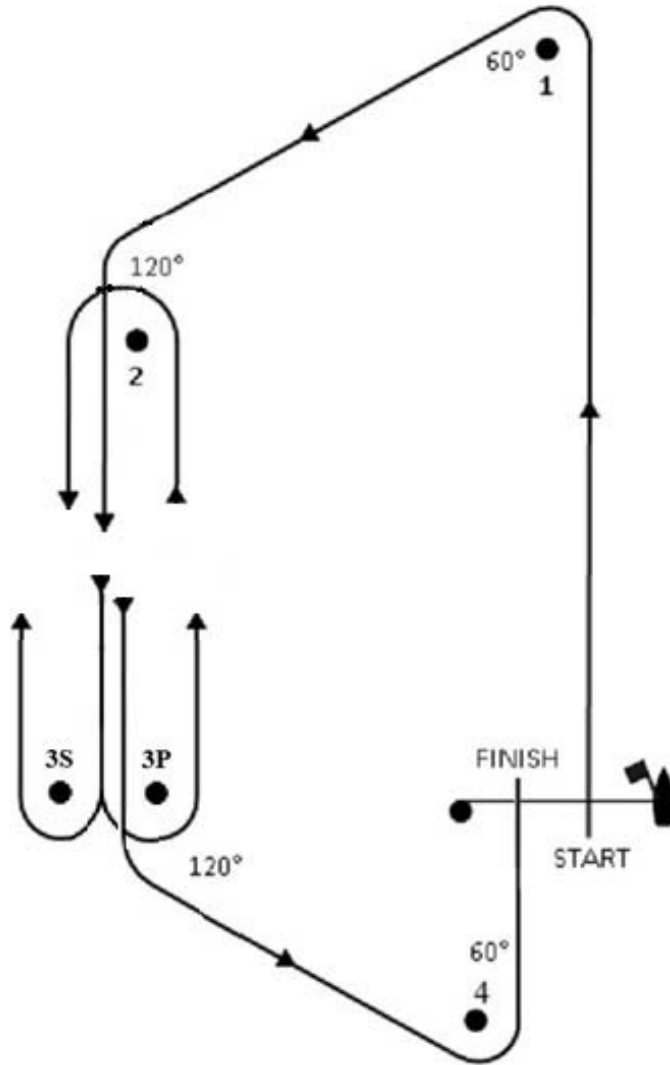


ATTACHMENT B

COURSE 1

START - 1 - 2 - 3G - 2 - 3P - 4 - FINISH

3G is a gate with either Mark 3S to be left to starboard or Mark 3P to port



COURSE 2

START - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - FINISH

