

2008-2009
St George Sailing Club
International Moth Division

Race Booklet



2008-2009 Moth Division Positions

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2008-2009 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

All events will be governed by the provisions of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2004-2008, the Yachting Australian Addenda to the RRS and the rules of the Moth Class Association (as applicable), all as modified by these Sailing Instructions and the By-laws of St George Sailing Club Ltd.

The safety prescriptions of Yachting Australia Addendum "A", Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats, will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Events are open to all boats registered as International Moths.

All sailors must be current members of St George Sailing Club Ltd, the St George Sailing Club International Moth Division and Yachting New South Wales.

The St G.S.C. Moth Division membership fee for 08-09 season is \$40.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Moth Division Whiteboard, which is located in the corridor next to the entrance to the boat shed.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the noticeboard before 1pm on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 10:30am on the day it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on one of the flagpoles on the southern side of the upstairs deck of St George Sailing Club.

Flag 'AP', Answering Pendant, raised with two sound signals and lowered with one sound signal means "The race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after the AP is lowered." This changes RRS Race Signals.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag for the International Moth Division is a white flag with black International Moth logo.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races will be conducted by St George Sailing Club, as shown in the International Moth Division program (page 7).

8. COURSES AND MARKS

Courses will be sailed, as shown in the International Moth Division course map (page 9).

All boats shall keep to the seaward side of Commons Reef Pile at all times. Failure to comply with this requirement, may lead to disqualification from that race.

The course to be sailed will be indicated by a black flag with yellow lettering (eg. "SE" will indicate a South East course), displayed on the starter's boat.

All marks of the course will be large red conical inflatable buoys.

9. STARTING & FINISHING

Races will be started as follows;

- The Warning Signal (indicated by the raising of the Class Flag accompanied by one sound signal) shall be given 5 minutes before the Starting Signal. The Warning Signal will normally be made at approximately 14:20 hrs. During daylight saving start times might be moved 1/2 hour earlier.
- The Preparatory Signal (blue flag with a white rectangle in the middle, accompanied by one sound signal) shall be made 4 minutes before the Starting Signal. Code Flag "I" (yellow flag with a black dot) or the Black Flag may be raised at the same time. Code Flag "I" indicates that any boat on the course side of the starting line (or its extensions) during the minute before her starting signal, she shall sail to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting. The Black Flag indicates that no boat shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

- All flags, except the Class Flag shall be dropped, accompanied by one long sound signal, 1 minute before the Starting Signal.
- The Start shall be signalled by the dropping of the Class Flag, accompanied by one sound signal.
- An individual recall for boats over the start line prior to the starting signal shall be signalled by the raising of Code Flag "X" (white flag with a blue cross), accompanied by one sound signal. A general recall for all boats shall be signalled by the raising of the First Substitute (yellow pennant with blue edging), accompanied by two sound signals. The new starting procedure will commence from the Warning Signal, which shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered.

The starting line shall be between a flagstaff displaying a yellow flag with the black letter "S" on the starter's boat, at the starboard end and a buoy displaying an orange flag with the black letter "S", as the port end starting mark.

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'.

Handicap starts will be as follows;

- Numbered boards (signifying 'minutes' of handicap) will be displayed from the starter's boat. Each board shall be displayed during the final minute of starting time for boats on that handicap. Boards will be changed every minute until the boat with the lowest handicap has started.
- The starting signal and the simultaneous lowering of a numbered board (displaying the handicap number of the boat with the largest handicap in that race) shall be the start of that race for that boat.
- The start of the race for subsequent boats, shall be the lowering of the board displaying their handicap.

The finishing line shall be between the flagpole directly over the top of the finishing box and a large yellow or pink conical inflatable buoy, positioned directly in front of the club.

Unless a boat is on its last lap and finishing, it must not sail through the finishing line. Failure to do so might result in disqualification.

10. TIME LIMITS & CORRECTED TIME

The time limit for the first boat to cross the finish line shall be 2 hours from the start of the race. For handicap races, this time limit shall be from the start time of the "scratch" boat. If no boat completes the course within the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

Boat failing to finish within 45 minutes of the first boat finishing, shall be scored as “Did Not Finish”.

11. SHORTENING, POSTPONING OR ABANDONING A RACE

The Race Committee may shorten the course during the race, by displaying code flag “S” (white flag with blue rectangle) from a committee boat stationed at a mark of the course. All boats shall after rounding this mark, proceed directly to the finishing line. The line shall be crossed in an east to west (heading towards the bridge) direction, except when coming from the bridge mark, when boats shall cross in the opposite direction.

Postponement of races (prior to start) will be signalled in accordance with RRS 27.3. Except when a postponement signal is made ashore, postponement of a race shall be signalled by the raising of the code flag ‘AP’, Answering Pendant, on the flag mast of the starter’s boat, accompanied by two sound signals. The Warning Signal shall be made one minute after the ‘AP’ is lowered. One sound signal shall accompany the lowering of the ‘AP’.

Abandonment of races will be signalled in accordance with RRS 32.

Abandonment of a race shall be signalled by the raising of code flag ‘N’ on the committee boat, accompanied by three sound signals. Any further which may follow will be made one minute after code flag ‘N’ is lowered. Abandoned events will not be resailed, unless the resail is required to meet the minimum number of races to constitute a series or the abandoned race is a heat of the Club Championship.

12. PROTESTS

Protests shall be lodged with any member of the race committee, within 1 hour of the last boat having finished in that race.

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of protests in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protests will be held at a time and place, set by the race committee.

13. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system (RRS A4) will apply. RRS A9 Race scores in a series longer than a regatta, shall also apply.

A minimum of 8 races are required to be completed to constitute the Yearly (Handicap) Pointscore.

Club Championship races will not be included in Yearly Pointscore Championship, but only races described in the program as CPS.

2008-2009 Moth Program

Section Organiser: Phil Stevenson			
Sept 20th	All Classes	Registration Day	No race – Practice session
Sept 27th	Moths	Club Race	PS 1
Oct 4-5th	Moths	Long weekend	No Race
Oct 11th	Moths	Club Race	PS 2
Oct 18th	Moths	Club Race	PS 3
Oct 25th	Moths	Club Race	PS4 – H/Cap Start
Oct 25-26th	Zhik Single-handed Regatta		S.L.M.A.S.C.
Nov 1st	Moths	Heat 1 Club Championship	
Nov 8th	Moths	Club Race	PS 5
Nov 15th	Moths	Interclub 1	Balmoral
Nov 22nd	Moths	Club Race	PS 6 – H/Cap Start
Nov 29th	Moths	Heat 2 Club Championship	
Dec 6th	Moths	Interclub 2/Club Race	St George/PS 7
Dec 13th	Moths	Club Race	PS8 – H/Cap Start
Dec 20th	Moths	Heat 3 Club Championship	
Jan 10th	Moths	Training Day 1	NPS/Sprint Series
Jan 17th	Moths	Club Race	NPS
Jan 19-25th	2008-2009 Australian Moth Championships – Geelong, Victoria		
Jan 24th	Moths	No Race	
Jan 26th	Moths	Australia Day Regatta	NPS
Jan 31st	Moths	Club Race	PS 9
Feb 7th	Moths	Club Race	PS 10
Feb 14th	Moths	Club Race	PS 11 – H/Cap Start
Feb 21st	Moths	Heat 4 Club Championship	
Feb 22nd	Moths	Interclub 3	Northbridge
Feb 28th	Moths	Club Race	PS 12
Mar 1st	Moths	Interclub 4	Woolahra
Mar 7th	Moths	Heat 5 Club Championship	
Mar 14th	Moths	Club Race	PS 13
Mar 15th	Moths	Training Day 2	NPS/Sprint Series
Mar 21st	Moths	Club Race	PS 14 – H/Cap Start
Mar 28th	Moths	Heat 6 Club Championship	
Apr 4th	Moths	Club Race	PS 15 – H/Cap Start
Apr 10th – 12th	NSW Championships (Woolahra S.C.)		
Apr 18th	Moths	Club Race	PS 16 (Fancy Dress)
Apr 25th	Moths	Anzac Day Regatta	NPS
May 23rd	All Classes – Presentation Night		

2008-2009 Moth Courses

NORTH EAST

Start near 2

- 5p - 8p - 2s
- 5p - 2s
- 5p - 8p - 2s (not for Lowriders)
- 8 - Finish (leave mark to port)

NORTH NORTH WEST

Start near 3

(All marks to starboard)

- 1 - 5 - 3
- 1 - 5 - 3
- 1 - 5 - 3 (not for Lowriders)
- 1 - Finish (leave mark to starboard)

SOUTH EAST

Start near 2

- 3p - 8s - 10s - 1p
- 3p - 1p
- 3p - 8s - 10s - 1p (not for Lowriders)
- 3p - 8s - 10s - Finish
- (leave mark to port)

SOUTH

Start near 8

(All marks to starboard)

- 3 - 2 - 7
- 3 - 2 - 7
- 3 - 2 - 7 (not for Lowriders)
- 3 - 1 - Finish
- (leave mark to starboard)

SOUTH WEST

Start near 7

(All marks to starboard)

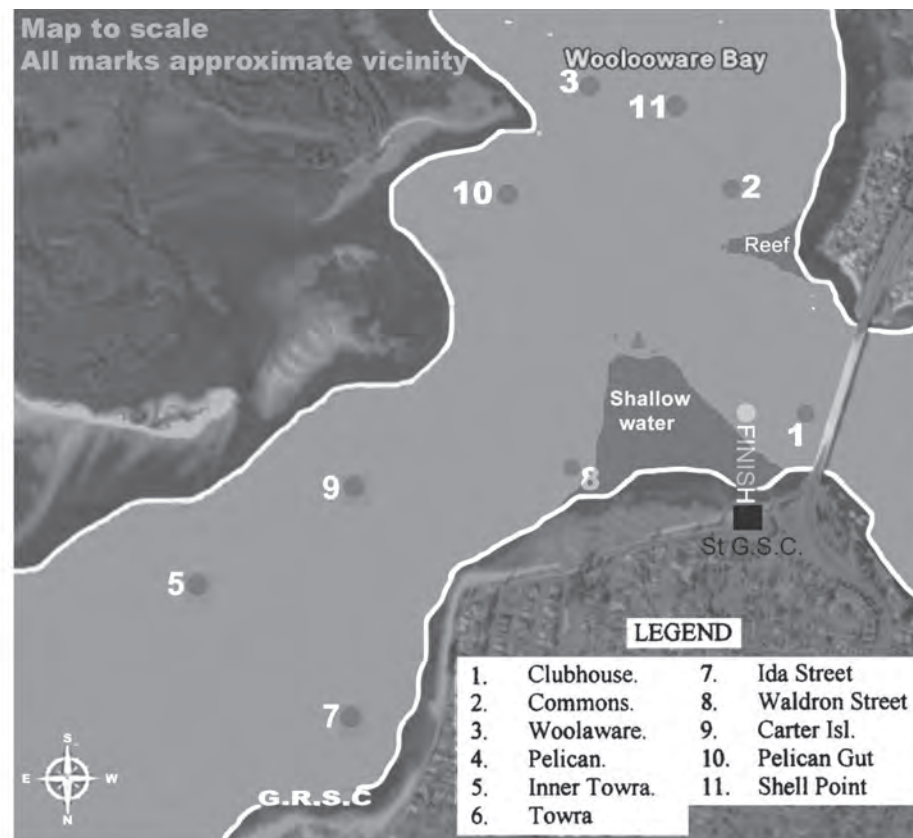
- 11 - 1 - 9
- 11 - 9
- 11 - 1 - 9 (not for Lowriders)
- 11 - 1 - Finish
- (leave mark to starboard)

WEST Start near 9

- 1p - 3s - 2s - 5p
- 1p - 3s - 2s - 5p
- 1p - 3s - 2s - 5p (not for Lowriders)
- Finish (leave mark to port)

EAST Start near 8

- 5p - 2s - 10p - 1s
- 5p - 2s - 10p - 1s (not for Lowriders)
- 5p - Finish (leave mark to port)



All boats must keep to the seaward side of the Commons Reef Pilon.

DO NOT SAIL THROUGH THE FINISHING LINE unless on the last lap and finishing.

Failure to do so might result in disqualification.

All marks will be red conical buoys.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN ON/OFF

A boats series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst 2 scores.

3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Club Championship. When 3 or 4 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

For scoring purposes, there must be at least three starters for an event to be declared a race.

At the discretion of the Race Committee, to be eligible for places in the Club Championship, boat/skipper combinations must have also competed in at least half of the Club Pointscore races.

Winner of the season's Club Championship will not be eligible for a win in the Pointscore Championship as well (share the love rule...) In this case the boat's championship position will be relegated from 1st to 2nd, and the 2nd place getter will be declared the Pointscore winner.

This is done to ensure that no one boat dominates the season's prizes/trophies.

All ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS A7 and RRS A8.

14. HANDICAPS

The race committee shall set a handicap for each entrant in a series, based on past performance and their assessment of future potential performance, of that particular boat/sailor combination. The maximum allowed handicap is 30 minutes + incorporated "lap less" rule as set out by the course sheet.

Handicapping system shall only be used for the Pointscore Championship races.

The following automatic adjustments shall be made to current handicaps based on the previous club race results on handicap. 1st shall lose 3 minutes from their handicap, 2nd place shall lose 2 minutes and 3rd place shall lose 1 minute.

All Lowriding Moths and those whose handicap is more than 30min will not have to do the extra lap (as indicated by course map attachment), in all races.

Handicaps shall be adjusted for all entrants in a series, to maintain the minimum handicap at greater than or equal to 0 minutes ("scratch"). The handicap of any boats which "Did Not Compete" in that race, shall not be adjusted by more than 1 minute.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, as soon as possible. Failure to comply with this requirement, may lead to disqualification from that race.

All boats must sign on and off before and after each race. The sign on/off sheet is located on the table at the back of the boat shed, in front of the finisher's box.

16. REPLACEMENT OF SKIPPER OR EQUIPMENT

The scoring and handicap, for each entrant in a series, is based on its particular boat/skipper combination. Changes to this combination, must be notified in writing to the race committee at least 45 minutes prior to the start of that race. Failure to comply with this requirement, may lead to disqualification from that race.

When notified of a replacement of skipper or equipment, the race committee may decide to either adjust the handicap of this entrant for this race or declare the combination as a new entrant in the series. Changes of skipper are not permitted in Club Championship series, but only in the Pointscore Series.

17. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, by the race committee. Failure to comply with this requirement, may lead to disqualification from that race.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the season, in accordance with St George Sailing Club Ltd policy (Attachment 3), and any extra prizes/trophies donated by the St G.S.C. Moth section.

19. RISK WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is potentially risky and dangerous, and competitors participate in events entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race, which states that "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". St George Sailing Club Ltd and the St George Sailing Club International Moth Division will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after an event.

Moth Quiz

Welcome to the Moth Class and in particular St George Sailing Club.

This quiz is targeted at all prospective, newly arrived and current Moth Class members, with a particular focus on Moth Knowledge. Just as Luke had 'The Force' and Connor had 'The Quickening', the Moth 'Knowledge' keeps us on the Development straight and narrow, delivering us from One Design.

The issues you will face as you continue your journey in the Moth Class are complex and changing. There will be challenges, and also rewards. Some Moth customs may seem different to those from your former classes and sometimes you may feel as if you don't fit in - regardless just remember rigging in nothing but your dickstickers is never on.

- Q1.** Len Morris is:
a) The Beige Wiggle
b) Designer of the Morris Minor
c) The father of Mothing in Australia
d) In the Guinness Book of Records for eating jellied eels
- Q2.** The birthplace of the Australian Moth is:
a) Mount Druitt
b) Mulka Bore
c) Middle Earth
d) Inverloch

- Q3.** The Moth Class is built on the philosophy of:
a) One Design
b) Development
c) The lyrics from an REO Speedwagon song
d) Eye of Toad and tail of Newt
- Q4.** The 3 basic elements that define a Moth are:
a) Flour, water and yeast
b) Lycra, sequins and faux fur
c) Vodka, tomato juice and a dash of Tabasco
d) Length, beam and sail area

- Q5.** The term "Low-rider" refers to:
a) an ill fitting pair of board shorts
b) a depressed member of the Peloton
c) a skiff or scow sailing with conventional foils
d) a car with four flat tyres

- Q6.** The term "Veal Heel" refers to:
a) The rear of a calf's hoof
b) Windward roll whilst foiling upwind
c) A German low-life
d) A meat based antiseptic ointment

- Q7.** If geared with a 'very assertive wand' you would be:
a) leading the Sydney Symphony Orchestra
b) a big hit with the ladies
c) running plenty of 'flap-down' on the main foil
d) king of the fairies

- Q8.** Wearing which article of clothing would give cause for you to be refused service at the StGSC Sports Bar:
a) a hat
b) a three piece suit
c) a pair of arse-less chaps
d) a pair of budgie smugglers

- Q9.** A 4 ft chop is:
a) a vegetarian's nightmare
b) a typical StGSC 15 knot NE with run-out tide
c) 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin's signature move
d) A nasty cut

- Q10.** If you cross the finish line at any time other than finishing you will:
a) Not be finished
b) Incur the wrath of the finishers
c) Be disqualified
d) All of the above

Q10 - D
Q9 - B

Q8 - A
Q7 - C

Q6 - B
Q5 - C

Q4 - D
Q3 - B

Q2 - D
Q1 - C

Answers:

Notes



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