



## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Adelaide Radio Control Yacht Racing Club Inc. (ARCYRC) has developed the following Code of Conduct criteria in the interest of sailing being conducted in a civil manner without aggressive, loud, overbearing behaviour. Too often, club sailing and regattas are marred by such actions.

The ARCYRC would like all events, be it club sailing, club championships or any other events hosted by the club, to be sailed in a friendly atmosphere and have any disputes or infringements resolved professionally,

The ARCYRC advises that overly aggressive behaviour, bullying or behaviour designed to intimidate another skipper will be regarded as unsportsmanlike. There is no place for bad language at any event conducted by our club.

The sport of Radio Sailing must be seen to be an activity that appeals to prospective participants. Such individuals must not be turned off the sport by witnessing unnecessary outbursts from participants.

### **Conduct of Officials and Administrators**

1. Place the safety and welfare of the competitors above all else.
2. Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
3. Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.
4. Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
5. Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
6. Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
7. Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity.

### **Conduct of ALL Competitors and Officials**

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of our sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
2. Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
3. Respect the decisions of officials and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
4. Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
5. Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
6. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.

### **Action by Competitors following a Rule Infringement**

In a competitive environment, there will always be disputes. However, the following guideline has been developed to resolve rule infringements while sailing:

1. If you think you have been infringed against – call (your sail no.) protest (offending sail no.). Repeat the call.
2. The skipper protested against should acknowledge the call. This is not an acknowledgement of an infringement – it is just letting the protesting skipper know that you have heard the call. It saves the protesting skipper having to raise his/her voice to get a response.
3. The skipper protested against should either complete a penalty as prescribed in the rules and advise “penalty complete”, or indicate to the other skipper that you will see him/her in the Protest room.
- 4. There is no need to carry the conversation on any further than that.**
5. In the event of unresolved disputes, there are well defined protest procedures to follow.

The Race Committee has empowered the Race Officer acting on its behalf to act against skippers who, in his/her opinion have broken the Fair Sailing Rule (Rule 2) – not complying with the recognized principles of sportsmanship or bringing the sport into disrepute. In club events, such action may require an offending skipper to be given a verbal warning or an on the spot penalty such as penalty turns up to disqualification from a race or the whole regatta. These penalties will apply during club events.

Sanctions for bad sportsmanship may differ during events run on behalf of the ARYA or SARYA (ranking events).

**Membership of the Adelaide Radio Control Yacht Racing Club Inc is conditional to accepting and abiding by the above Code of Conduct.**

Developed by the Adelaide Radio Control Yacht Racing Club Inc Race Committee

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