Australian Sailing RRS 86.3 Approval

For the International Moth Class Australian National Championships -26 to 30 January 2022. Organised by the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club in conjunction with the International Moth Class Association of Australia.

The following changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing are approved for testing at the event:

(1)	Definition Keep Clear is replaced with:		
	Keep Clear A boat keeps clear of a right-of-way boat		
	 (a) if the right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, 		
	(b) if the right-of-way boat can also change course in both directions without immediately making contact.		
(2)	Definition Mark-room is replaced with:		
	<i>Mark-room</i> Room for a boat to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark, and room to pass a finishing mark after finishing.		
(3)	Definition Zone replaced with:		
	Zone The area around <i>marks</i> , <i>obstructions</i> or the <i>boundary</i> within a distance of ten hull lengths. A boat is in the <i>zone</i> when any part of her hull is in the <i>zone</i> .		
(4)	Delete rule 13 and replace with:		
	13 Deleted		
(5)	Delete rule 14 and replace with:		
	14 AVOIDING CONTACT		
	If reasonably possible a boat shall		
	(a) avoid contact with another boat,		
	(b) not cause contact between boats, and		
	(c) not cause contact between a boat and an object that should be avoided.		
	However, a right-of-way boat, or one sailing within the <i>room</i> or <i>mark-room</i> to which she is entitled, need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not <i>keeping clear</i> or giving <i>room</i> or <i>mark-room</i> .		
(6)	Delete rule 17 and replace with:		
	17 Deleted		
(7)	Delete rule 18 and replace with:		
	18 MARK-ROOM		
	18.1 When Rule 18 Applies		
	 Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a <i>mark</i> on the same side and at least one of them is in the <i>zone</i>. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a <i>mark</i> and one leaving it. 		
	(b) Rule 18 no longer applies between boats when the boat entitled to <i>mark-room</i> :		

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		(1) leaves the zone; or(2) is on the next leg and the mark is astern of her.	
	18.2 Giving Mark-Room		
		(a) When rule 18 first applies,	
		 if boats are overlapped the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat mark-room. 	
		(2) if boats are not <i>overlapped</i> , the boat that has not reached the <i>zone</i> shall thereafter give <i>mark-room</i> .	
		(b) When rule 18 no longer applies and is required to be applied again, the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.	
		(c) If a boat obtained an inside <i>overlap</i> and, from the time the <i>overlap</i> began, the outside boat has been unable to give <i>mark-room</i> , she is not required to give it.	
	18.3	Tacking or Gybing	
		(a) If <i>mark-room</i> for a boat includes a change of <i>tack</i> , such tack or gybe shall be done no faster than a tack or gybe to sail her <i>proper course</i> .	
		(b) Other than at a gate <i>mark</i> or a finishing <i>mark</i> when an inside overlapped right-of-way boat must tack or gybe at a <i>mark</i> to sail her proper course, until she tacks or gybes she shall sail no farther from the <i>mark</i> than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3(b) does not apply at a gate <i>mark</i> or a finishing <i>mark</i> and a boat shall be exonerated for breaking this rule if the course of another boat was not affected before the boat changed tack.	
(8)	Delete rule 21 and replace with:		
	21	DELETED	
(9)	Delete rule 50 and replace with:		
	50	COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT	
	50.1	Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight.	
	50.2	The weight of clothing or equipment carried (including food, drink and mandated personal safety equipment) shall be no more than 8.0 kg per crewmember. The clothing and equipment shall be weighed dry.	
	50.3	Crew clothing and equipment shall not retain water for the purpose of increasing weight.	