



SQUADON ELLIOTT 7s SERIES 2023-24

Match Racing Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This Event will be governed by
 - (a) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including RRS Appendix C.
 - (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply. Class rules will not apply.
 - (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.2. When the umpires proceed under RRS C8.6, they will follow the guidance in Addendum E.
- 1.3. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices. A breach of this rule is not open to protest by boats but is subject to actions by umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the SIs will be posted before 8:30 AM on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 3pm on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Flag L over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore on the day it will take effect until the boats have departed for the race course.
- 2.3. Changes to a SI may be made on the water. These will be signalled by the display of flag 3rd substitute with three sound signals from the Race Committee Vessel (RCV). An umpire may communicate these Race Committee changes either verbally or in writing.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'boats shall not leave the RSYS pond area but shall wait for further instructions. The attention signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal. This changes RRS 'Race Signals'.
- 3.2. Teams shall attend daily briefings at 09:00hrs on each day of racing under the shade sail next to the Careening Cove Anchorage, unless excused by the OA

4. BOATS AND SAILS

- 4.1. Boats will be identified by their bow number
- 4.2. Symmetrical Spinnakers are to be used on the 19th August 2023 Event
- 4.3. Subsequent Events will nominate their Spinnaker choice one (1) month prior to the event start date on the Electronic Notice Board found at www.rsys.com.au/skp

- 4.4. The sail combination to be used will be signalled from the RCV with or before the attention signal. The signals will have the following meanings:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sail combination to be used</u>
No Signal	Main, Jib & Spinnaker
Code Flag 'J'	Main & Jib



- 4.5. Boats will be allocated by the OA for the stage in accordance with a pre-determined draw
- 4.6. Boats will be exchanged in accordance with the pairing list and race schedule

5. FLIGHTS AND MATCHES

- 5.1. The match pairing list will be provided at the briefing one (1) hour before the scheduled race start for the day.
- 5.2. The next flight number will be displayed on the RCV
- 5.3. The RC may change the order of matches within a flight to allow starts to be brought forward to eliminate blank starts or to add a delayed match start to the end of a flight. The RC, or an umpire on behalf of the RC, will advise Competitors of any such change verbally.
- 5.4. When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signals and starts of the following matches will remain as originally scheduled, leaving a blank start for the pair not starting. A white flag will be displayed from the time of the warning signal to the starting signal for the blank start.

6. COURSES

- 6.1. Configuration (not to scale)

Windward Mark - 'W' o

Leeward Gate - 'L' o o

Start/Finish Line o----- Δ

- 6.2. Signals and Course to be sailed

- (a) Course signals will be displayed from the RCV helm station at or before the warning signal.
- (b) Mark W shall be rounded to starboard. In the event one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to starboard.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Course</u>
No Signal	Start - W - L - W - Finish
S	Start - W - Finish

7. MARKS / STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

- 7.1. Marks W & L are orange cylindrical marks
- 7.2. The replacement mark, as provided in SI 8, is a pink and black striped cylindrical mark
- 7.3. When looking up the course, the start and finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RCV at the starboard end and the course side of the red cherry mark at the port end.

8. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE



- 8.1. 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.

RRS 33 and Race Signals is changed as follows:

- (a) Flag C and a coloured flag or board means: 'The windward mark has been moved. Sail to a mark the same colour as the flag or board.'
 - (b) When a change of course after starting only affects some matches, these will be designated by the appropriate numeral pennant.]
- 8.2. When a change of course is made for the first leg, the signal will be displayed from the RCV with the preparatory signal for each match affected. The preparatory signal will be followed by a series of repetitive sound signals.
- 8.3. When a change of course is signalled after the first leg it will be displayed from a boat in the vicinity of mark L.

9. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Boats shall not interfere with the commercial or defence shipping of the port. The attention of competitors is drawn to NSW Maritime Authority regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Maritime regulations specify: "Priority over Sail – some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal".
- 9.2. A breach of this rule may be subject to protest by the RC or the umpires, but not by other boats.

10. BREAKDOWN AND TIME FOR REPAIRS

- 10.1. Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display a green flag to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to a position just to leeward of the RCV and remain there, unless otherwise directed.
- 10.2. The time allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the RC.
- 10.3. After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 10.1.
- 10.4. Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1. A boat that does not Finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has Sailed the Course will be scored zero points. This changes RRS 35.

12. COACH BOAT

- 12.1. Coach boats must be clearly identifiable to their representative clubs during the regatta.
- 12.2. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the associated skipper.



13. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 13.1. All competitors shall be subject to RSYS Code of Conduct whilst participating in the event.
- 13.2. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.
- 13.3. Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with SI Addendum C and D.
- 13.4. The following actions by skippers and/or crew while racing may be considered a breach of sportsmanship under RRS C8.3(c) and may result in an umpire-initiated penalty under RRS C5.2, C5.3 or C5.4:
 - (a) Excessive attempts to verbally coerce, coach or influence umpire decisions;
 - (b) Repetitive or on-going objection to an umpire decision (verbal or otherwise);
 - (c) Abuse of umpires before or after a decision (See also MR Call M4).
- 13.5. Breaches of this SI may also be referred to the PC. Any penalty will be at the discretion of the PC and may include exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of any prize money or the withholding of deposits.
- 13.6. Breaches of SI 12 may be referred to the PC for action under RRS 69.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to Fundamental RRS 3 which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone'. The RSYS, any sponsor, or the respective class association are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

15. INFORMATION

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