



Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), located at 33 Peel Street Kirribilli, 2061

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules, as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 Changes to the SIs

- 2.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board and RSYS website by 1200 hours on the day they will take effect and signaled as per RRS Race Signals. After this time, any changes to the sailing instructions, including oral instructions given on the water, will be indicated by displaying code flag L on the committee vessel.
- 2.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000hours the day before it will take effect.

3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board and may be published online.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 74.
- 3.3 The list of entries will be placed on the RSYS website and official notice board no later than 2 hours before the start of each race.

4 Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising, if any provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RSYS main flag mast located on the Squadron's front lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1

Dates	Event	Scheduled Warning Signal
Thursday 11 November	up to 2 races	from 1730 hrs
Thursday 18 November	up to 4 races	from 1730 hrs
Thursday 25 November	up to 4 races	from 1730 hrs
Thursday 2 December	up to 4 races	from 1730 hrs

6.2 A maximum of fourteen (14) races are scheduled for the series with up to four (4) races sailed each day.

6.3 A number of practice starts may be included prior to the start of each race. This information will be relayed via VHF radio prior to the start of each race.

6.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1915hrs each day of racing.

7 Divisions and Class Flags

7.1 The intended starting order will be the Etchells fleet followed by the Sportsboats Division. Other fleets will be advised over VHF 74.

7.2 The Warning Signal for the Sportsboats Division shall be made with or after the official start signal of the Etchells fleet.

7.3 After the start of the first race of each day all other races will start as soon as practicable after completion of the previous race.

7.4 The class flag for the Etchells will be a white flag with the class logo. The class flag for the Sportsboats division will International Code Flag J.

8 Racing Area

8.1 Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour.

8.2 The race committee shall advise competitors on VHF channel 74 of the intended starting area.

9 Courses

9.1 The diagrams and the accompanying notes in Attachment A show the courses and marks including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant and the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.

10 Marks

10.1 Marks 3S/3P will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.2 Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

10.3 The start and finish marks will be black and white inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.4 Change marks as provided in clause 14 will be yellow (or orange) inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and a black band.

11 Prohibited Areas/Obstructions

11.1 For the purposes of RRS 19 the following are continuing obstructions and prohibited areas:

11.2 **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by cardinal marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions.

11.3 **Moorings** – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

11.4 **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

11.5 **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the yellow AS Shark Island mark and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.

12 The Start

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 Recalls

- 13.1 To assist competitors, the race committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF channel 74. This changes RRS 29.
- 13.2 The sail numbers of the recalled boats or any boats identified as BFD or UFD may be announced on VHF Channel 74. This changes RRS 29 and 30.
- 13.3 Failure to announce the sail number or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14 Change of Course

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark(s) (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15 Shortened Course

- 15.1 If IC Flag "S" are displayed on a Committee Vessel (CV) near a rounding mark of the course, then boats shall finish by passing between the CV and the nearby mark of the course (Refer RRS 32 and RRS 'Race Signals').

16 The Finish

- 16.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the port end and the course side of the starboard end start/finish mark.

17 Penalty System

- 17.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 17.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA of that race.

18 Time Limit

- 18.1 The time limit will be 1930 hours on the day of racing.
- 18.2 A boat that does not finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF (amends RRS 35).

19 Boats Retiring

- 19.1 [NP] A boat that retires shall notify the race committee by direct contact or on VHF channel 74 or by phoning the Sailing Office on 9017 0152.

20 Hearing Requests

- 20.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 20.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RSYS sailing office.
- 20.3 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit or as soon as possible thereafter to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest.

21 Scoring

- 21.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.2, except that there will be no discards and each boat's score will be the sum of all her races.
- 21.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Fourteen(14) races are scheduled for the series.
- 21.3 Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.

22 Postponed Races

- 22.1 The race committee at its sole discretion may postpone the start from ashore in inclement conditions. Flag signals AP over H will be displayed on the flagmast of the clubhouse no later than 1 hour prior to the Warning Signal.
- 22.2 For races postponed ashore the Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal of AP over H. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 22.3 Entrants may be advised of the display/removal of AP over H by text message. Owners may provide their boat phone number in the online entry if they would like to be advised by text.

23 Abandoned Races

- 23.1 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed, except at the discretion of the race committee.
- 23.2 Any race not completed on the scheduled day will not be re-sailed.

24 Other Instructions

- 24.1 [NP] Boats shall comply with the following with regard to commercial shipping.
 - (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the Seagoing Ship
 - (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the Orange Diamond.
 - (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
 - (d) Boats reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be scored DNE (Did Not Enter) without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
- 24.2 All boats are required to submit a COVID Crew Contacts Form via online entry system prior to 1600 hours on each day that the boat intends on racing in this series. Boats not complying with this requirement shall be scored DNC for the relevant race. This changes 63.1.
- 24.3 Boats shall report any incident involving Injury or Significant Damage likely to costs more than \$5000 to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

25 Equipment Checks

- 25.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.

26 Official Vessels

- 26.1 The Committee Vessel will be identified by the RSYS burgee surrounded by a white border.

27 Insurance

- 27.1 Each participating boat shall be covered by current third-party property liability insurance and third-party personal liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing, and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure a current Certificate of Currency is lodged.

28. Prizes

- 28.1 Prizes, based on the Scratch Pointscore, will be awarded for 1st place only if 6 or less entries are received, 1st and 2nd place if 10 or less entries are received and first 1st, 2nd and 3rd place if 15 or more entries are received.
- 28.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

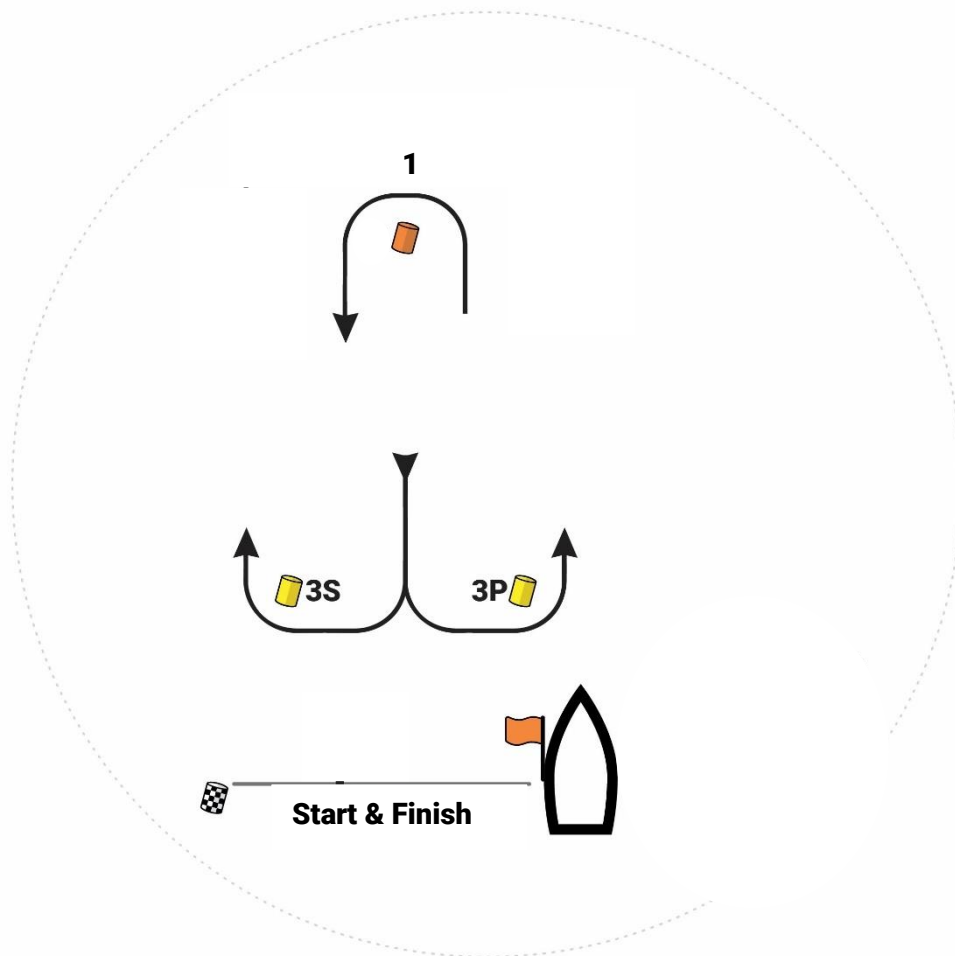
29. Risk Statement

- 29.1 The attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in the notice of race clauses 17.1 – Risk Warning, 17.2 – Competitors' Declaration and 17.3 - Disclaimer of Liability and 19.

Attachment A - Course Configuration

The Course

The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration. Mark 1 will be to windward of Marks 3P/3S. Marks 3P/3S are a gate and will be approximately 50m to windward of the Start/Finish. The diagram shown below is not drawn to scale



Course Descriptions

One Lap

START – 1 – FINISH

Two Laps

START – 1 – 3P/3S – 1 – FINISH

Three Laps

START – 1 – 3P/3S – 1 – 3P/3S – 1 – FINISH

- Mark 1 shall be left to port.
- Marks 3P/3S are a gate. When a boat passes through the gate it shall leave either Mark 3P to port or Mark 3S to starboard.
- In the event that either Mark 3P or 3S is not in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.