



**2021-2022 SAILING SEASON  
BRIDGE TO BRIDGE RACE  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021**

Conducted by The:

**DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON**

# BRIDGE TO BRIDGE RACE

These Sailing Instructions, in addition to those detailed in General Rules as described in Section 1 of the 2021-22 Organising Clubs' fixtures and sailing instruction booklet, are applicable to all groups in the Bridge to Bridge Race

## 1. SCHEDULE OF RACE

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>START</b>
Sunday	12 December 2021	Castray Esplanade

## 2. CREW DECLARATION

### 2.1. Crew Declaration.

2.1.1. For the race a boat shall, prior to its Warning Signal, submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT.

2.1.2. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:

- i. Name;
- ii. Contact phone number;
- iii. Australian Sailing Number (AS) in accordance with SI 2.2; and
- iv. Any other information which may be required to comply with government COVID-19 reporting requirements or regulations.

2.1.3. Boats that do not comply with 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes A5.1 RRS (2021-24).

2.2. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46 as amended by AS. To 31 December 2021 any crew member who sails in more than three (3) races in a season shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and an Australian Sailing card holder (SIN) or a SailPass holder.

2.3. The Organising Authority's (OA) Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

## 3. GROUPS

3.1. The Bridge to Bridge will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and TCF handicaps (where known). The composition of each group will be displayed on the noticeboard and be available from 16:00 on the Friday before the race.

## 4. FIRST WARNING SIGNAL TIMES & GROUP IDENTIFIERS

The starting signal will be five (5) minutes after the warning signal.

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>WARNING SIGNAL</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>GROUP NUMERAL</b>
Group 1	13:00	13:05	1
Group 2	13:05	13:10	2
Group 3	13:10	13:15	3

## 5. START AND FINISH LINE

5.1. The race will start from the Castray Box.

5.1.1. START/FINISH LINE – CASTRAY BOX The Start/Finish Line will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy (mark O).

## 6. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. The starting procedure will be in accordance with RRS 26 except as amended below:

ATTENTION SIGNAL - Ten (10) minutes before the start of the first group a sound signal will be made.

6.2. Competitors may be advised of starting procedure signals on VHF Channel 14.

6.3. Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 14 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

## 7. RECALLS

7.1. Individual and General Recalls may be announced on VHF Channel 14. Failure to notify individual recalls by radio shall not be grounds for redress.

## 8. SHORTENING COURSE

8.1. In order to achieve a result, the Race Committee may vary the position of the turning buoys and advise competitors on VHF Channel 14. The race may be shortened to finish at any turning mark. Failure to hear the advice is not grounds for protest.

## 9. COURSES

Course A	Start to BB through start/finish line to D to finish. All marks to Starboard
Course B	Start to D to BB to finish. All marks to Port

**Boats must not pass through the main span or the span either side of the main span when passing under the Tasman Bridge. It is highly recommended boats use the Illawarra Span. These are defined in the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017 and relate to which navigation spans certain vessels can use**

### ALTERNATE COURSES

In the event that shipping or weather constraints impact the above course, the following courses may be used:

Course C	Start to R to Finish. All marks to Port
Course D	Start to L to Finish. All marks to Port

## 10. MARKS - ALL COURSES NOTE: POSITIONS, BEARING AND DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY

- BB Orange inflatable buoy laid approx. 100 metres Southeast of the navigation span of the Bowen Bridge
- D Orange permanent mark 0.5nm ENE of West Point (DSS Permanent)
- R Orange inflatable buoy laid in Ralphs Bay
- L Orange inflatable buoy on a line between White Rock and Boronia Point.

## **11. PROTESTS**

- 11.1. Protests must be lodged at the DSS within Two (2) hours of the last finished boat across all group. The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

## **12. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 12.1. Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the official noticeboard by 17:00 on the Friday before the race.
- 12.2. In unforeseen circumstances competitors may be advised on VHF Channel 14 of any change to the SI's before the warning signal of each group.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1. The time limit will be 16:30. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing.
- 13.2. This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.1.

## **14. RETIREMENTS**

- 14.1. Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **15. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS**

- 15.1. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for all groups, for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.
- 15.2. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.