

2024 RATINGS REGATTA

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority:





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The notation [NP] in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking the rule. This changes Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule of the SI means that a penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

1. RULES

1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) of World Sailing, except as amended by this SI and/or Notice of Races Notice (NoR)

1.2. The race will be governed by the current versions of:

- a. the IRC Rules 2023 Parts A, B and C;
- b. the IMS Rule and ORC Rating System Rules 2023; and
- c. the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS Special Regulations), a copy of which is found at <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>.
Where Australian Standards are specified in the AS Special Regulations equipment marked as satisfying a recognised equivalent international standard may be accepted.

1.3. The Organising Authority (OA) may amend any detail of this SI before 17:00 on 8 January 2024

1.4. The minimum number of adult crew on board shall be three (3).

1.5. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES AND RRS

- a. RRS 52 is changed
 - i. to allow adjustment of movable ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so and/or
 - ii. to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming.
- b. RRS 55.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting spinnakers.
- c. Appendix T Arbitration of the RRS applies.



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2. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board is a notice board situated in the window adjacent to the front entrance of the Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS) in Sandy Bay. Notices posted on the Official Notice Board may also be published on the race website.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to these SI, if any, shall be made in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) and changes will be posted before 09:00 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT [NP] [DP]

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. CREW DECLARATION

5.1. For each day of racing a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its 1st warning signal of the day.

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

- i. Name;
- ii. Contact phone number; and
- iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with NoR 5.4.

5.3. Boats that do not comply with SI 5.1 and SI 5.2 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.

5.4. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to AS or hold a valid Sail Pass.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located to the east of the DSS clubhouse.

6.2. Flag AP, (Answering Pennant) with two (2) sound signals means 'the race is postponed'. The Warning Signal for that race will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP, with one (1) sound signal, is removed.

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7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. The Ratings Regatta will comprise of up to six (6) races.
- 7.2. No warning signal shall be made after 16:30 on Sunday 14 January 2024
- 7.3. No more than four (4) races will be sailed on any one day.

DAY	DATE	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	EVENT
Sat	13 Jan 2024	09:25 hrs	Race day 1
Sun	14 Jan 2024	09.25 hrs	Race day 2
There will be no warning signal after 16:30 on Sunday 14 January 2024			

8. DIVISION FLAGS

8.1. The division flags are:

DIVISION	FLAG
Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2	Nurmeral Pennant 2

9. RACE AREAS

Racing will be conducted on the waters of the River Derwent and Ralphs Bay.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Courses to be sailed are detailed in Appendix A of the SI.
- 10.2. Boats shall not sail through the Start/Finish Line except when required to do by the SI or the RRS.
A breach of this sailing Instruction shall be scored "Disqualified" (DSQ) without hearing.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks of the course will be inflatable buoys or fixed marks as described in Appendix A of the SI.
The approximate location of the fixed marks to be used in passage races are noted in Appendix A of the SI.



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12. START

12.1. Starting signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26 except as amended below:

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

12.2. The starting line will be between an orange staff or orange flag on the committee boat and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. To change the next leg of the course for courses 01 – 04 (as described in Appendix A) of the SI, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the Finishing Line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

13.2. The Mark 1 replacement will be a pink inflatable buoy.

13.3. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14. FINISH

14.1. The finishing line will be between blue flag on the committee boat and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy. Boats shall finish from the course side.

15. SHORTENING COURSE

15.1. Any course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32 except as amended below:

15.1.1. If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays Flag S with two (2) sounds) for courses 01 – 04, as described in Appendix A of the SI, then a boat shall round/pass the mark as required and proceed directly to the finish.

15.1.2. If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays Flag S with two (2) sounds) for courses 05 – 11, as described in Appendix A of the SI, then RRS 32.2 shall apply.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1. The race time limit for courses 01-04, as described in Appendix A, shall be one and a half (1.5) hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first finisher in that boat's division will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS35.

16.2. The race time limit for courses 05 – 11, in Appendix A, shall be three (3) hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.



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17. PENALTY SYSTEM

For courses 01-04, in Appendix A, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1. For each division the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that division finishes the last race of the day or after the race committee signals “no more racing today”, whichever is later. The time limit for a protest or request for redress will be posted on the official notice board.

18.2. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the DSS Board Room.

19. ARBITRATION

19.1. RRS Appendix T2 is deleted and replaced with:

An arbitration hearing may be offered prior to a protest hearing for an incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS but only if

- (a) both parties agree to arbitration, and
- (b) each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witness will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that RRS 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate the meeting will not be held and if a meeting is in progress it will be closed.

20. SCORING

20.1. IRC race results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on each boat’s IRC certificate as a multiplier of the boat’s elapsed time.

20.2. ORC race results will be the Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time-on-Time, as printed on the boat’s rating certificate.

20.3. The Ratings Regatta will consist of a maximum of six (6) races with discards as described in SI 21.3.2 and 21.3.3.

20.4. A minimum of three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the Ratings Regatta.



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20.5. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

20.6. When six (6) have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race score excluding its worst score.

21. PRIZES

21.1. The overall divisional winners of the Ratings Regatta will be calculated using the relevant Handicap System.

21.2. Additional prizes may be awarded but the OA reserves the right to vary the number of prizes based on the number of entries as follows:

- Five (5) entries 1st prize
- Six (6) to nine (9) entries 1st & 2nd prizes
- Ten (10) or more entries 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes

21.3. Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the DSS.

22. SAFETY

22.1. Boats shall comply with the AS Special Regulations Category 5 for the Ratings Regatta, except that a fully operational permanently installed VHF transceiver is mandatory. A handheld VHF Radio shall be carried in the cockpit. This changes AS SR 3.25.1(b).

22.2. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.

22.3. It is also recommended that entrants have a person overboard procedure that crew members have practised.

22.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

23.1. All race communication will be on VHF Channel 14

23.2. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers for OCS, URD or BFD boats and/or other information of interest to competitors on VHF Channel 14. Any failure of or defect in such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 and 62.



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24. DISCLAIMER

24.1. All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. By entering their names on a boat's crew list crew members acknowledge that by doing so they release the OA, the race sponsor and any other sponsor of the Rating Regatta and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability and grant the rights referred to in NoR 19.

24.2. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 (Decision to race), which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is it's alone".



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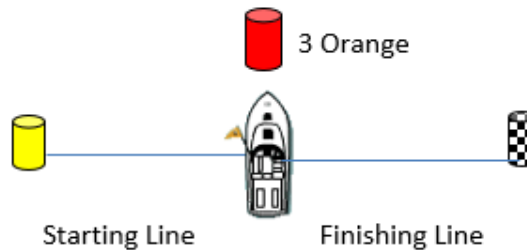
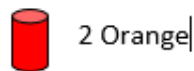
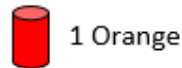
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APPENDIX A – COURSES AND MARKS

Courses will be indicated by course boards displayed on the Race Committee Boat.

A1: Windward-leeward and/or triangle courses

COURSE	APPROX. DISTANCE NM	
01	Start → 1 → 2 → 3 → 1 → 3 → 1 → Finish	Variable
02	Start → 1 → 2 → 3 → 1 → Finish	Variable
03	Start → 1 → 3 → 1 → 3 → 1 → Finish	Variable
04	Start → 1 → 3 → 1 → Finish	Variable



A2: Passage Races:

COURSE	
05	Start → W → L → R → Finish
06	Start → W → L → R → L → R → Finish
07	Start → W → PH → Finish
08	Start → W → Q → Finish
09	Start → W → Z → C → T → Finish
10	Start → W → Z → G → P → Finish
11	Start → W → Z → R → Finish



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The Race Committee may use any of the courses for any of the races.

Mark W is specified as the first mark of the course after the start. This mark will be an orange inflatable buoy and will be laid approximately to windward at a distance of approximately 0.5 to 1.0 NM from the starting line. The direction of rounding the windward mark will be indicated on the Race Committee Signal Vessel – green flag for starboard rounding and red flag for port rounding. If no signal is made, this mark is deleted from the course.

MARKS

1, 2 & 3	Orange inflatable buoy
C	Yellow inflatable buoy on a line between Cartwright Point and a position 1nm E of Cartwright Point
G	Black inflatable buoy with a pink Band 0.3nm E of John Garrow Light
L	Yellow inflatable buoy laid on a line between White Rock and Boronia Point
Q	Yellow inflatable buoy 0.3nm E of the Northern end of Blackmans Bay
P	Orange float mark 0.5nm SW of Punched Reef (RYCT Permanent)
R	Yellow inflatable buoy in Ralphs Bay on a line NE of Gellibrand Point
T	Orange float mark 0.4nm SW of Tranmere Point (RYCT Permanent)
Z	Yellow inflatable buoy laid on a line between the starting line and the Tasman Bridge
PH	Yellow inflatable buoy 0.6nm WNW of The Pigeon Holes