

**Harcourts** Hobart



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday 10 December 2023

Organising Authority:



These Sailing Instructions, in addition to those detailed in General Rules as described in Section 1 of the 2023-24 Organising Clubs' fixtures and sailing instruction booklet, are applicable to all groups in the Bridge to Bridge Race.

## 1. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DAY	DATE	START
Sunday	10 Dec 23	Castray Esplanade

## 2. CREW DECLARATION

### 2.1. Crew Declaration.

2.1.1. For each race a boat shall prior to their 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; and

iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.2.

2.1.3. Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1.1 and SI 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. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing 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 OA's noticeboard and be available from 16:00 on the Friday before the race.

#### 4. START TIMES AND IDENTIFICATION

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

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL	START TIME	GROUP NUMERAL
Group 1	12:55	13:00	1
Group 2	13:00	13:05	2
Group 3	13:05	13:10	3

#### 5. START AND FINISH LINES

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 for all Groups will be in accordance with RRS 26 except as amended below:

6.1.1. 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.

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 subsequently 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	MARKS TO
A Start to BB through Start/Finish line → D → Finish Line	Starboard
B Start to D → BB → Finish Line	Port
C Start to SP through Start/Finish line → D → Finish Line	Starboard

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 COURSE	MARKS TO
D Start to R → Finish Line	Port
E Start to L → Finish Line	Port

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

Start	Start Line in accordance with SI 5.1.1.
BB	Orange inflatable buoy laid approx. 100 metres Southeast of the navigation span of the Bowen Bridge.
D	Orange permanent mark 0.5 nm NE of Wrest Point (DSS Permanent).
L	Orange inflatable buoy on a line between White Rock and Boronia Point.
R	Orange inflatable buoy laid in Ralphs Bay.
SP	Yellow inflatable buoy in the vicinity of Selfs Point
Finish	Finish Line 1 – Castray Esplanade - in accordance with SI 5.1.1

## 11. RESULTS

- 11.1. Official provisional result sheets will be displayed on the OA's noticeboard as soon as practical following the race.
- 11.2. The only recognised official results will be those posted on the OA's noticeboard and are subject to protest or request for redress. Any times or results, given verbally or displayed elsewhere or published in a newspaper or electronically on a website or similar are for information only and may be subject to correction. The results are therefore not official and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress. Where possible results may be published on the OA's website as soon as possible after a race.

## 12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. Protests must be lodged at OA's sailing office within two (2) hours of the last finished boat across all groups. The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

### 13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes will be awarded on the following number of entries in each group:

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

13.2. Competitors are invited to the post-race marina party at the Derwent Sailing Squadron where prizes will be presented.

### 14. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

14.1. Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the OA's noticeboard by 17:00 on the Friday before the race.

14.2. 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.

### 15. TIME LIMITS

15.1. The time limit will be 16:30 hours on the day of racing.

15.2. A boat that does not finish within the time limit shall be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.1..

### 16. NUMBER OF CREW

16.1. There shall be a minimum of two (2) adult crew on board unless dispensation sought in writing from the OA is granted by the Race Committee before the close of entries.

### 17. RETIREMENTS

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

### 18. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS

18.1. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14, for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.

18.2. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.