



2024

AUTUMN DOUBLE HANDED SERIES



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority



DERWENT
SAILING SQUADRON

EST. 1906

The following Sailing Instructions (SI), 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 Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS) Autumn Double Handed Series.

All competitors shall wear a suitable PFD (lifejacket) whilst racing in accordance with Notice of Race (NoR) OR 2.7.

1. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DATE	START
Day 1	21 April 2024	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	28 April 2024	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	05 May 2024	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	12 May 2024	Castray Esplanade

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1. Crew Declaration.

- 2.1.1. For each day of racing, a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT prior to its 1st warning signal of the day.
- 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. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or hold a valid [SailPass](#).

3. GROUPS

- 3.1. The Autumn Double Handed Series 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 notice board and be available from 16:00 on the Friday before the first race of the series.

4. FIRST WARNING SIGNAL TIMES & GROUP IDENTIFIERS

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

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL	STARTING TIME	GROUP NUMERAL
Group 1	09:25	09:30	1
Group 2	09:30	09:35	2
Group 3	09:35	09:40	3
Group 4	09:40	09:45	4

5. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

5.1. STARTING/FINISHING LINE – CASTRAY BOX - the starting/finishing line will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy. This buoy is 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.

6.1.2. After each start there may be a 30 second time lag in the displaying of the Group identifier and course flag/board but the time for the succeeding Group shall be taken from the signal indicating the start of the previous Group.

6.2. Competitors may be advised of the 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 announced on VHF Channel 14. Failure to notify individual recalls by radio shall not be grounds for redress.

8. SHORTENING COURSE

8.1. Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, Code flag S will be displayed on the Castray Box. This will be accompanied by two (2) sound signals and shall apply to all Groups unless group numeral signals are displayed, in which case it shall apply only to those Groups whose signal is displayed. Shorten Course may also be announced on VHF Channel 14.

8.2. Boats shall sail directly from the last mark through the finishing line. This changes RRS 32.

9. TIMING AT THE END OF ANY COMPLETED LAP

The Race Committee may record the times of boats at the completion of any lap. If it appears that boats may not finish within the time limit the Race Committee may display the Code Flag 2nd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals which will indicate that the race has been finished at the end of the preceding lap. This may occur after the completion of any lap. An announcement may also be made by the Race Committee on VHF 14.

10. COURSES

10.1. Boats shall not sail through the starting/finishing line except when required to do so by any of the following courses. A breach of this SI may be penalised with a two (2) minute time penalty without a hearing.

10.2. Up River Starts

ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD.

COURSE

- A Start → V → N → O → D → O → D → Finish
- B Start → V → X → O → X → O → X → Finish
- C Start → V → B1 → WP → O → D → WP → Finish
- D Start → V → M → O → Z → M → O → Z → M → Finish
- E Start → V → C → O → Z → C → O → Z → C → Finish
- F Start → V → B1 → C → O → Z → C → Finish
- G Start → V → JGL → O → D → O → D → Finish
- H Start → J → X → O → Z → X → Finish
- I Start → V → B1 → JGL → O → C → Finish
- J Start → V → B1 → D → O → Z → B1 → D - Finish
- K Start → J → B1 → JGL → O → C → Finish

10.3 Down River Starts

ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT.

COURSE

- L Start → WP → M → D → Z → O → WP → M → D → Z → Finish
- M Start → WP → M → Z → O → WP → M → Z → O → WP → M → Z → Finish
- N Start → WP → M → B1 → Z → O → WP → M → D → Z → Finish
- O Start → X → Z → O → X → Z → O → X → Z → Finish
- P Start → N → Z → O → D → Z → O → D → Z → Finish

- Q Start → D → Z → O → D → Z → Finish
- R Start → X → J → O → X → Z → Finish
- S Start → N → Z → O → N → Z → Finish
- T Start → C → Z → O → C → Z → O → C → Z → Finish
- U Start → D → B1 → Z → O → D → B1 → Z → Finish

11. MARKS - POSITIONS, BEARING AND DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY

- C Orange Inflatable buoy laid in the vicinity of Sandy Bay Point.
- O Yellow with red band inflatable buoy approximately NE from Castray Box.
- B1 Yellow permanent mark 0.5nm SE Kangaroo Bluff (BYC¹ Permanent).
- D White illuminated mark 0.5nm ENE of Wrest Point (DSS permanent).
- J Yellow permanent mark 0.1nm NE of Gunpowder Jetty (Government House Permanent).
- M Yellow permanent mark 0.1nm NE of Manning Reef.
- N Orange permanent mark 0.1nm E of Nutgrove Beach.
- JGL John Garrow Light.
- V Orange inflatable laid on a line between start and the Tasman Bridge
- WP Orange Permanent mark 150m E of Wrest Point.
- X Yellow inflatable buoy laid in a line eastward of Nutgrove Beach and South of Kangaroo Bay.
- Z Yellow inflatable buoy laid approx north of mark 'O'

12. RESULTS

12.1. Official provisional result sheets will be displayed on the official notice board before 12:00 on the first working day following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet.

12.2. The only recognised official results will be those posted on the official notice board 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 club's website as soon as possible after a race.

13. SCORING

13.1. MINIMUM NUMBER OF RACES

13.1.1. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. SERIES SCORE

13.2.1. A boats series score will be the total of her race scores. There will be no discard.

14. PROTESTS

14.1. Protests must be lodged at the DSS within two (2) hours of the last boat in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling 'No More Racing Today'. The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

15. PRIZES

15.1. A Pennant will be awarded to the first boat in each Autumn Double Handed Group:

15.2. A Series Pennant will be awarded on the following number of entries:

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

15.3. A minimum of five (5) entries are required to constitute a Group.

15.4. Individual race day prizes may be awarded after the race.

16. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

16.1. Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the official notice board by 17:00 on the Friday before the race.

16.2. 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.

17. TIME LIMITS

17.1. The time limit will be 12:30 hours on the day of racing. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

18. NUMBER OF CREW

18.1. All boats are to carry a sufficient number of crew as per NoR 2.6.

19. RETIREMENTS

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

20. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS

20.1. 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.

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

21. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

21.1. All persons taking part in this series, whether as entrants or otherwise, do so at their own risk and responsibility. Particular attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 Decision to Race.

21.2. The OA, their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Autumn Double Handed Series disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore and/ or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the races covered by this SI and by the NoR

21.3. The OA is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

SECTION 7 RACE COURSE CARD

