



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Event Website

https://dssinc.org.au/race_events/2025-australian-yachting-championships/

Organising Authority



On behalf of Australian Sailing





The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it 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.
- 1.2. Changes to the sailing instructions will be published on the Official Notice Board (ONB) found on the regatta website <[HERE](#)>.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located <[HERE](#)>
- 2.2. The race office is located in the main entrance of the Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS), telephone 0417 121 575 and email address will be sailing@dssinc.org.au
- 2.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 2.4. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 14.
- 2.5. If the race committee displays flag R, alternative VHF channel 81 will be used.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

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

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located to the east of the DSS clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.



- 4.3. [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats are requested not to leave the dock until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- i. Schedule:

Date	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 1 January 2025	12:00 - 16:00hrs	Registration
	10:00 – 18:00hrs	Technical Committee Equipment Inspections
Thursday 2 January 2025	09:00 – 12:00hrs	Registration
	09:00 - 12:00hrs	Technical Committee Equipment Inspections
Friday 3 January 2025	9:00hrs	Competitors Briefing
	10:55hrs	First Warning Signal
Saturday 4 January 2025	10:25hrs	First Warning Signal
Sunday 5 January 2025	10:25hrs	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Prize giving

- 5.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags are:

<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>FLAG</i>
<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Numeral Pennant 1</i>
<i>Division 2</i>	<i>Numeral Pennant 2</i>



7. RACE AREA

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

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses to be sailed are detailed in Appendix A of the SI.
- 8.2. No later than the first warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3. 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.

9. MARKS

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.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal
- 10.2. The starting line will be between an orange staff or orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of a yellow with red band inflatable buoy.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4. A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original marks as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. The Mark 1 replacement will be a yellow with a black band inflatable buoy.



12. THE FINISH

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

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that only a one (1) turn penalty, including one (1) tack and one (1) gybe is required, except for infringements that occur within the "zone" of a rounding mark.
- 13.2. A National Jury has been appointed, as provided in RRS Addendum A.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1.

Race Description	Time Limit	Finish Window
Windward/Leeward	90 Minutes	30 Minutes
Passage Race	6 Hours	2 Hours

- 14.2. Boats still racing when her Finishing Window expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. The Hearing Requests Forms are available from the race office located in the Board Room at the Derwent Sailing Squadron or online [[HERE](#)].
- 15.3. Hearing Request Forms may be submitted either at the race office or via email to sailing@dssinc.org.au
- 15.4. 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.



16. SCORING

- 16.1. Races will be scored using the IRC TCC as printed on the boats IRC certificate.
- 16.2. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.3. The AYC will consist of up to 7 races.
- 16.4. A minimum of 2 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.5. A boats series score shall be:
 - i. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores;
 - ii. When six (6) or seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race score excluding its worst score.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1. Boats shall comply with the AS Special Regulations for Race Category 5.
- 17.2. The person in charge of the boat must give way to a vessel that is under pilotage as per regulation 29 of the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017.
- 17.3. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. [DP] Substitution of crew is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee
- 18.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

No support or coach boats are allowed within 50 metres of the course, unless asked to assist by the race officer. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement shall be at the discretion of the Jury and may result in the disqualification of all boats associated with the offending coach boat.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.



21. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden change of weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

22. INSURANCE

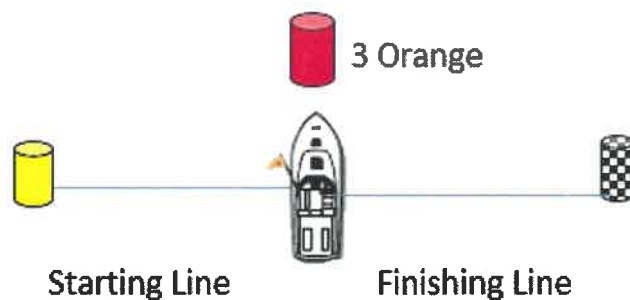
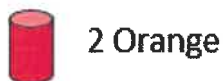
The owner or charterer of a boat shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million (or such higher amount as the owner/charterer considers appropriate having regard to the size and type of boat, the number of crew and the conditions it may encounter during the regatta, or its equivalent in another currency).

APPENDIX A – Courses and Marks

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

A1: Windward/Leeward Courses (Courses 01 to 06 - Rounding marks to be left to Port)

01	Start → 1A → 2 → 3 → 1A → 3 → 1A → Finish	Variable
02	Start → 1 → 2 → 3 → 1 → 3 → 1 → Finish	Variable
03	Start → 1A → 3 → 1A → 3 → 1A → Finish	Variable
04	Start → 1 → 3 → 1 → 3 → 1 → Finish	Variable
05	Start → 1A → 3 → 1A → Finish	Variable
06	Start → 1 → 3 → 1 → Finish	Variable





A2 – Passage Courses

COURSE

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

WINDWARD MARK - A windward laid mark may be laid as the first mark of the courses after the start. This mark shall 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 flag signal is made, this mark is deleted from the course.

		Approx. Distance NM
07	Storm Bay Start → SB (to starboard) → Finishing Line	33.0nm
08	Storm Bay & Bull Bay Start → SB (to starboard) → BB (to starboard) → Finishing Line	28.0nm
09	Seacroft Bay & Blackmans Bay Start → S (to starboard) → Q (to starboard) → Finishing Line	17.0nm
10	Bull Bay and Storm Bay Start → BB (to port) → SB (to port) → Finishing Line	28.0nm
11	Bull Bay Start → BB (to starboard) → Finishing Line	20.0nm

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

MARKS

1, 2 & 3	Orange inflatable buoy
1A	Yellow inflatable buoy
Change Mark	Yellow inflatable buoy with a black band

- BB Yellow inflatable buoy 0.3 NM E of Bull Bay Point (~43 05.4'S 147 22.9'E).
- Q Orange inflatable buoy 0.3nm E of the northern end of Blackmans Bay. The buoy may be moved within 0.3 nm circle from that position.
- S Orange inflatable buoy in Seacroft Bay midway between Johns Point and Cape Deliverance (~43 02.5'S 147 24.3'E).
- SB Orange inflatable buoy on a line between the Iron Pot and Cape Raoul. approx. 5.5 NM from the Iron Pot (~43 06.9'S 147 30.9'E).

