

RONALD
YOUNG + CO
BUILDERS

Constructing homes
Building friendships

PIPE OPENER SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Including Race 2 Derwent Boat Sales Cove Cup & Race 3 Oyster Cove Marina Race



Friday 18 September to Sunday 20 September 2026

ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON & KETTERING YACHT CLUB



1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) of the Pipe Opener Series is the Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS) and the Kettering Yacht Club (KYC).
- 1.2. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as described in the Notice of Race (NoR) 4.
- 1.3. The notation [NP] in the rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes 60.1
- 1.4. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration inclusive of all persons on board that boat, noting the specific requirements of Sailing Instructions (SIs) 10.4 and 10.5.
- 1.5. The SeaLink Bruny Island Ferry will have the right of way at all times and competitors are reminded to keep clear while racing and while entering the Oyster Cove Marina.

2. CHANGES TO THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than two (2) hours before the first warning signal of the race to which it applies.
- 2.2. Attention will be drawn to notices or changes to SIs by the display of code flag “L” from the DSS and/or the KYC Flagpole.
- 2.3. On the water, changes to the SI’s may be communicated orally to competitors on VHF Channel 81 for Race 1 and VHF Channel 73 for Races 2 and 3 before the warning signal. This changes RRS 90.2(c).

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. The Regatta will be conducted in allocated Divisions and shall consist of three (3) races:
 - 4.1.1. Race 1 – Friday, 18 September 2026 - Hobart to Kettering

DIVISION	START TIME
4 (Cruising)	15:00
1, 2 & 3	18:30

- 4.1.2. Race 2 – Saturday, 19 September 2026 – Derwent Boat Sales Cove Cup

DIVISION	START TIME
1	13:00
2	13:05
3	13:10
4 (Cruising)	13:10

- 4.1.3. Race 3 - Sunday, 20 September 2026 – Oyster Cove Marina Race

DIVISION	START TIME
1, 2, 3 & 4 (Cruising)	10:00

5. DIVISIONS AND HANDICAP CLASSES

Divisions and Handicap Classes will be in accordance with NoR 7.

6. RECALLS

6.1. Race 1 – Division 4 (Cruising)

- i. Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- ii. The OA may advise individual boat and general recalls on VHF Channel 81.

6.2. Race 1 – Divisions 1, 2 & 3

- i. Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 modified so that in lieu of code flag 'X' being displayed, a green light will be illuminated on the Castray Start Box.
- ii. General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2 modified so that in lieu of code flag 'First Substitute' being displayed, a green light and an orange light will be concurrently displayed on the Castray Start Box.
- iii. The OA will advise individual boat and general recalls on VHF Channel 81.

6.3. Race 2

- i. Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- ii. The OA may advise individual boat and general recalls on VHF Channel 73.

6.4. Race 3

- i. Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- ii. The OA may advise individual boat and general recalls on VHF Channel 73.

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that, except for an incident occurring within the zone of a rounding mark, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty. For an incident occurring within the zone of a rounding mark, RRS 44.1 applies without change. .

8. PROTESTS

8.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be in writing and delivered to the DSS Sailing Office or Race Committee by contacting 0418 995 650 within the following protest time limits::

- i. Race 1 protests shall be received no later than 10:00 on Saturday, 19 September 2026.
- ii. Race 2 protests shall be received no later than one (1) hour after the last boat finishes Race 2.
- iii. Race 3 protests shall be received no later than 16:30 on Monday, 21 September 2026.

8.2. Protest hearings will be held as follows:

- i. Race 1 protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after the protest is received and at a location organised by the KYC.
- ii. Race 2 protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after the protest is received and at a location organised by the KYC

- iii. Race 3 protest hearings will be held at 18:30 on Thursday, 24 September 2026 at the DSS, unless otherwise notified.

- 8.3. Notices of hearings will be communicated to the parties as soon as reasonably practicable after the protest is received.

9. SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with NoR 10.

10. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

- 10.1. The minimum required safety category for each race shall be in accordance with NoR 8.1;
- 10.2. A boat may be inspected at any time in accordance with Special Regulations Part 1 2.02.2;
- 10.3. Special regulations 5.01 will apply for the Regatta;
 - i. Special Regulations 5.01.1 (g) Life Jackets shall be worn by each member of the crew between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
 - ii. Special Regulations 5.01.1 (j), Life Jackets, shall apply for all boats without lifelines competing in race 1.
- 10.4. Crew Declaration - Race 1
 - 10.4.1. The Crew Declaration for Race 1 shall be submitted via TOPYACHT <[HERE](#)> no later than 17:00 on Thursday the 17 September 2026.
 - 10.4.2. The Crew Declaration for Race 1 shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:
 - i. Full Name;
 - ii. Contact phone number and email address;
 - iii. Emergency contact details; and
 - iv. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with NoR 6.6
- 10.5. Crew Declaration - Race 2 and 3
 - 10.5.1. For Races 2 & 3 a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT <[HERE](#)> before its Warning Signal.
 - 10.5.2. 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 NoR 6.6
- 10.6. For this event SI 10.4 and 10.5 will be defined as a certificate under RRS 78.2. Boats not complying with SIs 10.4 and 10.5 shall be scored DSQ for that race. This changes RRS 78.2. [NP] A breach of this rule shall not be subject to protest by a competitor.
- 10.7. All crew members must comply with the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crew members shall be a member affiliated to AS or hold a valid SailPass. SailPass is available at no cost through the following link <[HERE](#)>.

11. TROPHIES AND PRIZE GIVING

- 11.1. Trophies will be awarded in accordance with NoR 11.
- 11.2. The prize-giving ceremony for Race 2 – the KYC Derwent Boat Sales Cove Cup, will be conducted from 20:00 on Saturday 19 September 2026, at the KYC Cove Cup party being held at the KYC club house.
- 11.3. The Pipe Opener series prize-giving ceremony will be conducted at the DSS as part of its winter prize giving on a date to be advised.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. 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 changes 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.**

13. RESPONSIBILITY

- 13.1. All those taking part in the Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The DSS and the KYC, regatta sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor.
- 13.2. The DSS and the KYC or their agents are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat, participant, or third party before, during or after any race.

14. RACE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

- 14.1. Race 1 – Refer to appendix A – Division 4
- 14.2. Race 1 – Refer to appendix B – Divisions 1, 2 and 3
- 14.3. Race 2 – Refer to appendix C – All Divisions
- 14.4. Race 3 – Refer to appendix D – All Divisions

APPENDIX A – RACE 1 SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS - DIVISION 4 (only)

(CRUISING DIVISION)

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026 – HOBART TO KETTERING

A.1. RACING AT NIGHT

Between sunset and sunrise, when a boat cannot determine with certainty which tack the other boat is on, they shall keep clear of that boat. Competitors are reminded that part of the definition of “room” in the RRS includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility). The official sunset shall be 18:05 and official sunrise shall be 06:02.

A.2. OFFICIAL BOATS

Race Committee Boat (Finish) – “MV Masterpiece” – Alan Perkins

A.3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A.3.1. All radio transmissions will be made on VHF Channel 81.

A.3.2. All boats shall complete a pre-race radio check on VHF Channel 81. On Friday, 18 September 2026, between 14:30 and 14:50, each boat will be called, in alphabetical order until the completion of the radio check. At this radio check a boat will confirm its boat name, intention to race and confirming the number of persons on board.

A.3.3. [NP] A boat that fails to complete the required pre-race radio check will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2..

A.3.4. The Race Committee Boat will keep a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16/81. Competitors are reminded that in the event of an emergency all boats should switch to dual watch VHF Channel 16/81.

A.4. START LINE - CASTRAY

The Start Line will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a Yellow with Red band inflatable mark.

A.5. STARTING SIGNALS

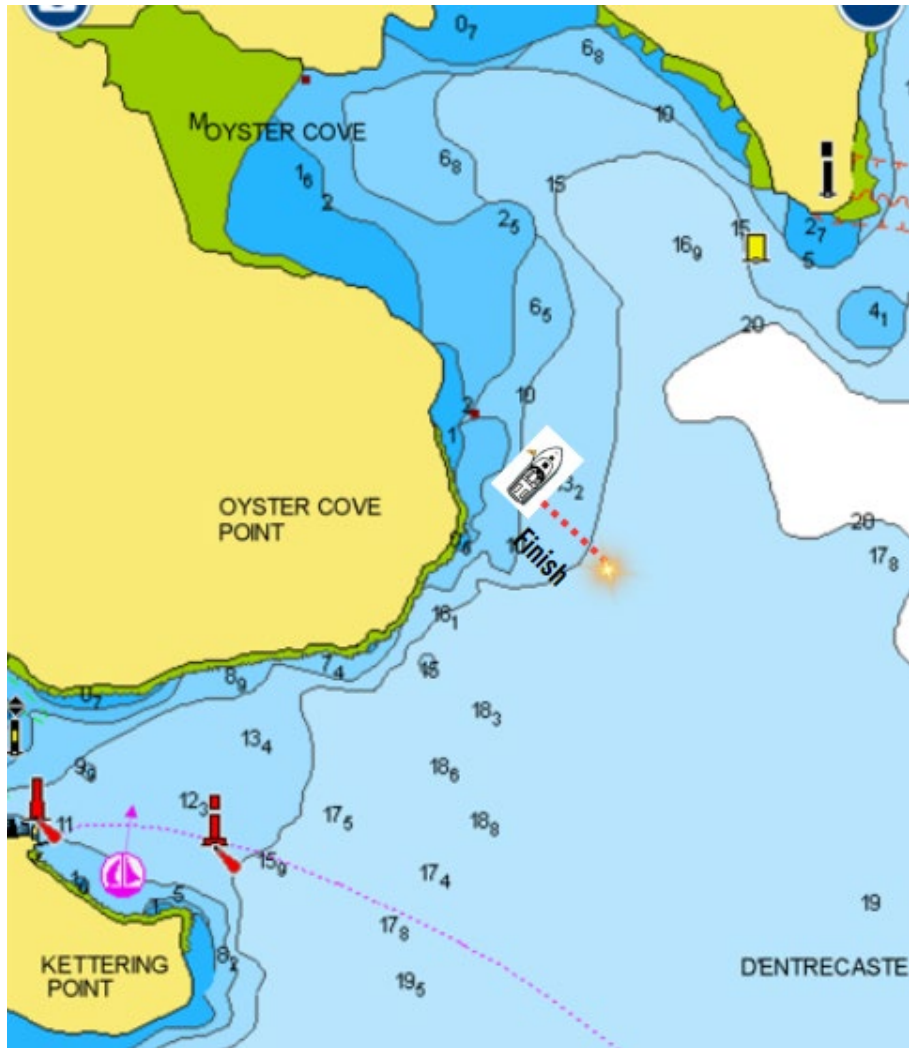
A.5.1. Starting signals will be in accordance with RRS 26.

A.5.2. The warning signal will be 14:55 on the Friday, 18 September 2026.

A.6. FINISH LINE - KETTERING

A.6.1. The Finish Line will be between a flashing amber light on the Race Committee Boat “MV Masterpiece” which will be north of Little Oyster Cove and anchored off Oyster Cove Point, approximately at position of latitude 43° 07.092'S and 147° 16.465'E, and a mark exhibiting a flashing white light (flash rate: 1.5 seconds), after sunset, set 100 metres in an approximate easterly direction from the Race Committee Boat.

A.6.2. Any boat finishing during the hours of darkness shall have its sail number illuminated. Competitors shall notify the Race Committee Boat either verbally or by radio (VHF Channel 81), before crossing the Finish Line, of the name of their boat and sail number.



A.7. RETIREMENTS

A boat retiring for any reason must promptly report the circumstances to the Race Committee Boat on VHF Channel 81 or contact the Race Officer, Ian Ross, on 0457 826 975 if there are any radio difficulties.

A.8. TIME LIMIT

Any Division 4 boat failing to finish before 20:30 on Friday, 18 September 2026 will be scored "did not finish". This changes RRS 35 A5.1 and A5.2

A.9. COURSE

The course to be sailed shall be from the Start Line to the Finish Line.

APPENDIX B – RACE 1 SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS - DIVISION 1, 2 & 3

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026 – HOBART TO KETTERING

B.1. RACING AT NIGHT

Between sunset and sunrise, when a boat cannot determine with certainty which tack the other boat is on, they shall keep clear of that boat. Competitors are reminded that part of the definition of “room” in the RRS includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility). The official sunset shall be 18:05 and official sunrise shall be 06:02.

B.2. OFFICIAL BOATS

B.2.1. Race Committee Boat (Finish) – “MV Masterpiece” – Alan Perkins

B.2.2. Start Pin Boat – “RL Bugg” – DSS Committee Boat

B.3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

B.3.1. All radio transmissions shall be made on VHF Channel 81.

B.3.2. All boats shall complete a pre-race radio check on VHF Channel 81. On Friday, 18 September 2026, between 18:00 and 18:20, each boat will be called, in alphabetical order, until the completion of the radio check. At this radio check a boat will confirm its boat name, intention to race and confirm the number of persons on board.

B.3.3. [NP] A boat that fails to complete the required pre-race radio check will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

B.3.4. The Race Committee Boat will keep a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16/81. Competitors are reminded that in the event of an emergency all boats should switch to dual watch VHF Channel 16/81.

B.4. START LINE - CASTRAY

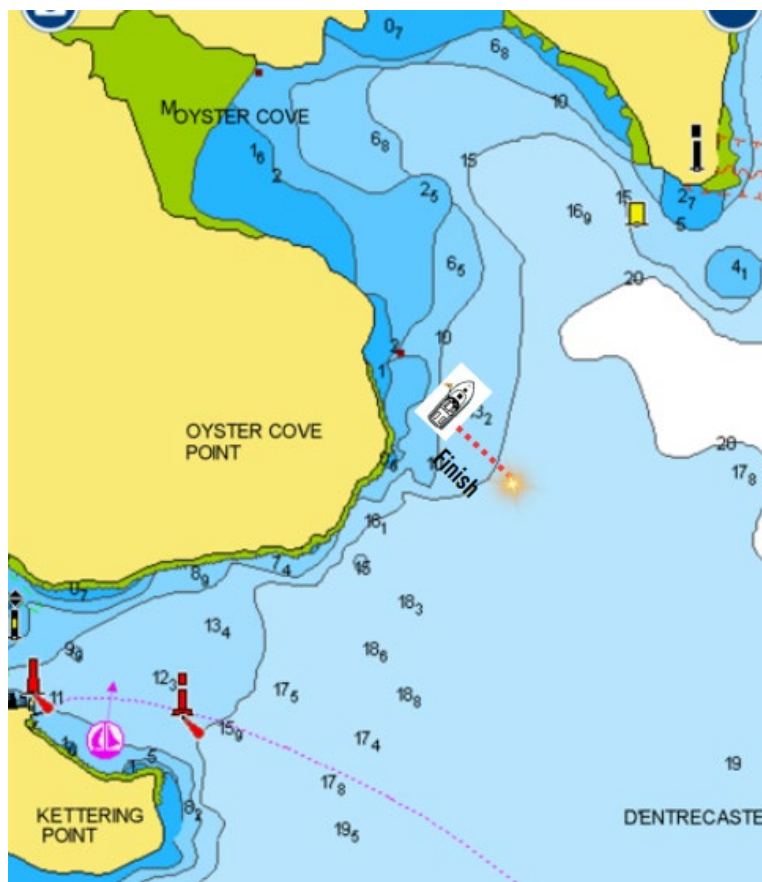
B.4.1. The Start Line will be between the lights on the Castray Box and the Start Pin Boat to the eastward which will display an amber occulting light.

B.4.2. A distance mark illuminated by a white flashing light may be moored off the Castray Box. Boats must leave the white flashing mark to starboard when starting.

B.5. FINISH LINE - KETTERING

B.5.1. The Finish Line will be between a flashing amber light on the Race Committee Boat “MV Masterpiece” which will be north of Little Oyster Bay and anchored, off Oyster Cove Point, approximately at position latitude 43° 07.092'S and 147° 16.465'E., and a mark exhibiting a flashing white light (flash rate: 1.5 seconds), after sunset, set 100 metres in an approximate easterly direction from the Race Committee Boat.

B.5.2. Any boat finishing during the hours of darkness shall have its sail number illuminated. Competitors shall notify the Race Committee Boat either verbally or by radio (VHF Channel 81), before crossing the Finish Line, of the name of their boat and sail number.



B.6. SHORTENED COURSE

The Race Committee Boat may nominate a shortened course if necessary and competitors will be notified on VHF Channels 81 and then 73 commencing at 22:35 of the approximate position of the Finish Line to be used. This changes RRS 32.

B.7. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

- B.7.1. All Divisions will start together.
- B.7.2. An Attention Signal will be sounded at 18:20.
- B.7.3. A Warning Signal will be sounded and a red light illuminated at 18:25. This changes RRS 26.
- B.7.4. A Start Signal will be sounded and the red light extinguished at 18:30. This changes RRS 26.

B.8. RETIREMENTS

A boat retiring for any reason must promptly report the circumstances to Race Committee Boat on VHF Channel 81 or contact the Race Officer, Ian Ross, on 0457 826 975 if there are any radio difficulties.

B.9. TIME LIMIT

Any Division 1, 2 or 3 boat failing to finish before 03:00 on the Saturday, 19 September 2026 will be scored "did not finish". This changes RRS 35 A5.1 and A5.2

B.10. COURSE

The course to be sailed shall be from the Start Line to the Finish Line.

APPENDIX C – RACE 2 SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS – ALL DIVISIONS

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026 – DERWENT BOAT SALES COVE CUP

C.1. OFFICIAL BOATS

Race Committee Boat (Start and Finish) – “MV Masterpiece”

C.2. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All radio transmissions shall be made on VHF Channel 73.

C.3. START/FINISH LINE - KETTERING

- C.3.1. The Start/Finish Line (LINE) will be between an imaginary line from an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat to a yellow Mark (Mark E). The direction of the start will be through the Start Line towards the first mark.
- C.3.2. The Finish Line will be in the vicinity of the Start Line unless advised otherwise by the Race Officer on Channel 73.

C.4. SHORTENED COURSE

- C.4.1. All boats shall keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 73 for announcements regarding a shortened course.

C.5. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

- C.5.1. Starting Signals will be in accordance with RRS 26
- C.5.2. The Starting Signal will be five (5) minutes after a Divisions Warning Signal.

DIVISION	WARNING SIGNAL	START TIME	DIVISION NUMERAL
1	12:55	13:00	1
2	13:00	13:05	2
3	13:05	13:10	3
4 (Cruising)	13:05	13:10	4

- C.5.3. Boats not in a start sequence shall keep clear of the starting area.

C.6. RETIREMENTS

A boat retiring for any reason must promptly report the circumstances to the Race Committee Boat on VHF Channel 73.

C.7. TIME LIMIT

Any boat failing to finish before 17:00 on the Saturday 19 September 2026 will be scored “did not finish” (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

C.8. COURSE

- C.8.1. The course to be sailed by a division will be advised by a course flag at that division’s warning signal;
- C.8.2. Boats shall not sail through the Start/Finish Line (LINE) except when required to do so by any of the following courses. A breach of this SI shall be scored “did not sail the course” (NSC) without hearing in accordance with RRS A5.1.

C.8.3. Course descriptions:

CODE	COURSE	MARKS TO
A	Start – A – B – C – D – Finish	Starboard
B	Start – A – B – C – D – LINE – A – D – Finish	Starboard
C	Start – D – C – B – A – Finish	Port
D	Start – D – C – B – A – LINE – D – A – Finish	Port
E	Start – GI – SI – Finish	Starboard
F	Start – GI – D – Finish	Starboard
G	Start – GI – D – E – GI – D – Finish	Starboard
H	Start – ZR – Finish	Starboard
I	Start – SP – GB – Finish	Port
J	Start – SP – GB – E – GI – Finish	Port
K	Start – SP – Finish	Port
L	Start – SP – Finish	Starboard
M	Start – SI – Finish	Starboard

C.8.4. MARK LOCATION See attached diagram

All distances are in nautical miles. Marks A, B, C and D are brightly coloured permanent marks. Mark E is within the area just east of Little Oyster Cove. Mark E is not the Race Committee Boat.

- A 0.25 m southwest of Simmonds Point (Oyster Cove or Simmonds).
- B 0.30 m southeast of Speculator Point (Shelter Cove or Woodcutters).
- C 0.30 m north of Kinghorne Point (Kinghorne).
- D 0.25 m south of Helliwells Point (Woodbridge).
- E Yellow inflatable mark within the area enclosed by the lines on the Cove Cup Course Card.
- GI Green Island
- SP Yellow inflatable mark laid 0.3NM North of Simpsons Point 43°14.087'S 147°17.5 E
- GB Orange inflatable mark laid 0.8 NM North of Fancy Point 43°11.952'S 147°20.4 E
- NW Orange Inflatable mark laid in North West Bay within 0.3nm of 43°2.423'S 147°17.210 E
- SI Orange Inflatable mark laid off Satellite Island within 0.3NM of 43°18.533'S 147°13.447 E
- ZR Zuidpool Rock

DERWENT BOAT SALES COVE CUP COURSE CARD

COURSES A - M



APPENDIX D – RACE 3 SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS – ALL DIVISIONS

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026 – OYSTER COVE MARINA RACE

D.1. OFFICIAL BOATS

- D.1.1. Race Committee Boat (Start) – “Force 10”
- D.1.2. Race Committee Boat (Finish) – “MV Masterpiece”

D.2. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All radio transmissions shall be made on VHF Channel 73.

D.3. START LINE - KETTERING

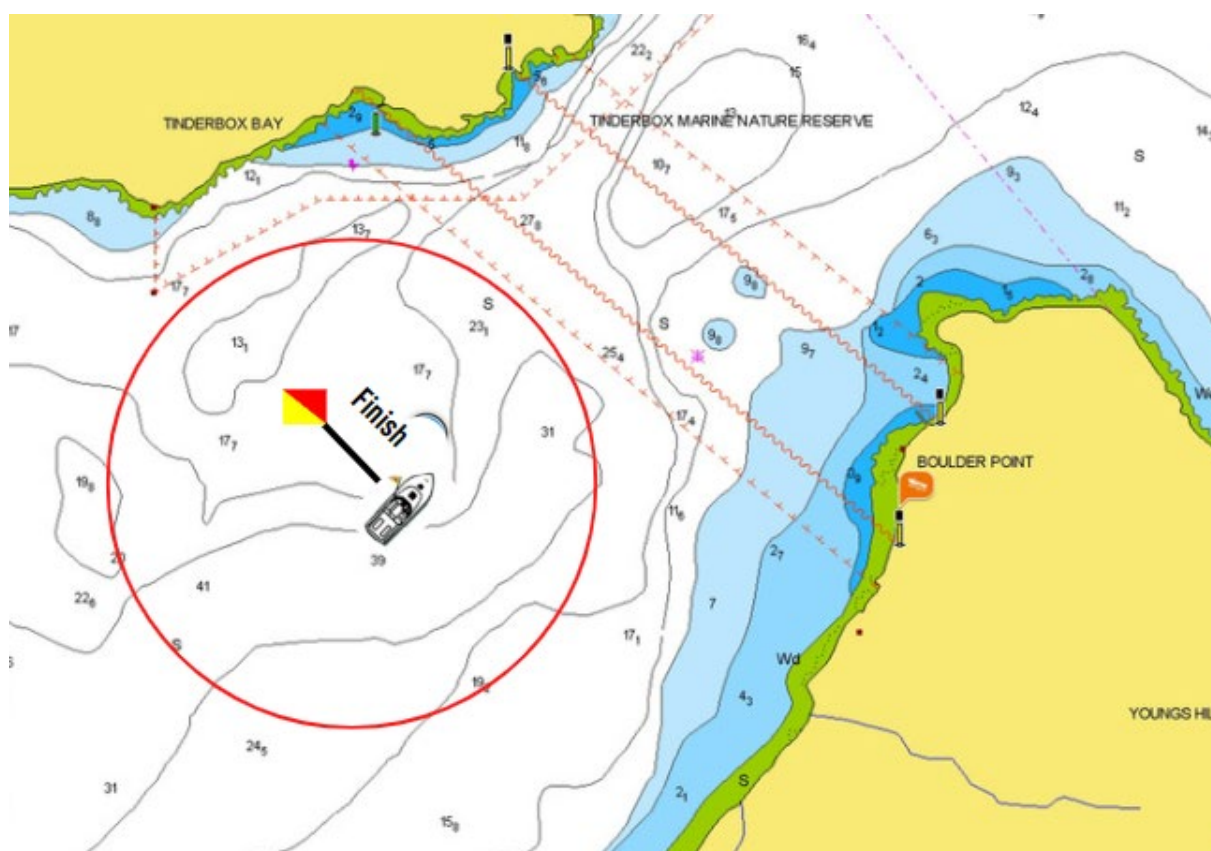
- D.3.1. The Start Line will be between an imaginary line from the mast of the Race Committee Boat “Force 10” to a Yellow Mark (Mark E). The direction of the start will be through the Start Line towards the first mark.
- D.3.2. Mark E is a Yellow inflatable mark within the area enclosed by the lines on the Derwent Boat Sales Cup Course Card.

D.4. FINISH LINE – DENNES POINT

The Finish Line will be between a blue flag displayed on the Race Committee Boat “MV Masterpiece” anchored approximately at position 43o 4.215’S/147o 19.889’E. and a flag mark flying code flag “O”. The Finish Line may be moved within a 0.4 nm radius circle from that position.

D.5. SHORTENED COURSE

- D.5.1. Should the Race Officer decide to shorten the course, the Race Committee Boat “MV Masterpiece” will fly code flag “S”.
- D.5.2. All boats shall keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 73 for announcements regarding a shortened course and the new location of the Finish Line.



D.6. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

- D.6.1. Starting signals will be in accordance with RRS 26
- D.6.2. All Divisions will start together.

DIVISION	WARNING SIGNAL	START TIME	DIVISION NUMERAL
1, 2, 3 & 4 (Cruising)	9:55	10:00	5

D.7. RETIREMENTS

A boat retiring for any reason must promptly report the circumstances to Race Committee Boat on VHF Channel 73.

D.8. TIME LIMIT

Any boat failing to finish before 13:00 on the Sunday 20 September 2026 will be scored “did not finish” (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

D.9. COURSE

The course to be sailed by a Division will be advised by a course flag at that division’s warning signal;
Course Descriptions - The course to be sailed shall be from the Start Line to the Finish Line.

CODE	COURSE
A	Start – Finish