

STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Standard Sailing Instructions apply to Club races conducted by Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (Inc.) including special events. Supplementary Sailing Instructions for Mid Week and Frostbite Racing and Twilight Guidelines amend these Sailing Instructions. These Sailing Instructions do not apply to events where separate Sailing Instructions are issued, unless specifically stated.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The Yachting Australia Special Regulations (YASR) will apply.
- 1.3 Division Boats and Sport Boats may use trapezes and outriggers where these are part of the boat's design. This changes Rule 49.1.
- 1.4 The IRC Rules 2015 Parts A, B and C shall apply where applicable.
- 1.5 IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew numbers or weight.
- 1.6 Competitors shall be financial members of their respective Class Association where this is a requirement in order to race in a Class for that design of boat.

2. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Boats shall submit a nomination form to the Yachting Operations Office prior to competing in a race in a series. Only boats registered at the Club may compete in Club races, unless the race is designated as an invitational race.
- 2.2 Boats shall be helmed by a financial Life, Special, Senior, Ordinary or Junior Member of the Club unless otherwise approved by the Yachting Operations Office.
- 2.3 Notification of any change in registration details (including change of skipper and helmsman) shall be approved by the Race Committee or the Yachting Operations Assistant prior to the race in which it will take effect.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board located outside the Clubhouse reception.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board before 1000 on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 In this event Flag 'L' will be displayed from the mast in front of the Clubhouse. This flag shall be displayed until the start time of the race to which the change applies.
- 4.3 Flag 'L' will also be displayed on a board approximately 50 metres inside the main gates of the Club for a period of up to two weeks from the date that the change first takes effect.

5. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 5.1 All keel type or ballasted boats shall comply with the requirements of the YASR Part 1, Section 2 for Category 7 as amended, if applicable, by Yachting WA. Of the beach boats shall comply with the requirements of YASR Part 2.
- 5.2 No boat shall race with an anchor protruding over its bow. A boat shall not be disqualified for a breach of this sailing instruction without prior warning and adequate opportunity to make correction.

6. IDENTIFICATION

- 6.1 A boat that intends to use any sail number other than its registered number shall apply in writing to the appropriate Yachting Operations Assistant prior to the race.
- 6.2 A boat that fails to comply with SI 6.1 will be recorded as "DSQ". This changes Rule A5.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Fixtures, fleets, start times, courses, race locations and other race information are scheduled in the 2015/16 Sailing Handbook which is also available on the Club's website.
- 7.2 Any changes to start times in the 2015/16 Sailing Handbook will be displayed on the Sailing Notice Board as specified in SI 3.

8. DIVISION AND CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 A boat shall race in the Divisional fleet to which it is allocated by the Yachting Committee.
- 8.2 Each keelboat shall display her Division flag (minimum size 270mm x 190mm) approximately 2 metres above the deck on either the backstay or starboard shroud.
- 8.3 Division other Class Flags are depicted on the respective course sheets in the 2015/16 Sailing Handbook.
- 8.4 When racing as an individual Class within a Division (e.g. SS27 within Division II), each boat shall also display that particular Class Flag directly below her Division flag.

9. THE RACING AREA

The racing area will be generally within area of the Swan River comprising Freshwater Bay, Mosman Bay and Melville Water as indicated in the 2015/16 Sailing Handbook.

10. COURSES AND COURSE SIGNALS

- 10.1 All courses are detailed under Courses in the 2015/16 Sailing Handbook.
- 10.2 **Course Flags**
The course will be signalled on the Start Box or Start Boat by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant with the Warning Signal for that fleet.
- 10.3 **Shortened Course**
Flag 'S' displayed no later than the Warning Signal means: 'omit marks of the course indicated by an asterisk (*)'.
- 10.4 **Mid River Finish**
Flag 'R' displayed below the Course Flag no later than the warning signal means: 'the fleet shall finish at the mid river finishing line'.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 **Navigation Posts**
All navigation posts except Outer Dolphin (17), and Deepwater (37) that are not listed as a rounding or passing mark on the course sheet, shall be passed on their correct navigational side. All such navigation posts shall rank as obstructions for the purposes of Part 2 of the RRS. Rule 19 shall apply at all such obstructions.
- 11.2 **Obstructions**
Boats shall not sail through a line joining Bricklanding Buoys 33a and 33b or through a line joining Smith Buoy 35a and Lucky Bay Buoy 35b. These lines rank as obstructions for the purpose of Part 2 of the RRS. A boat breaking this rule may accept an alternative penalty in accordance with SI 16.2 and 16.3.

12. FLEET STARTS

- 12.1 **Standard Starts**
Fleets will be started at five minute intervals in accordance with Rule 26.
- 12.2 **Handicap Starts**
Boats will be allocated a start number. Boats shall start on or after the fall of their number as displayed on the light panel above the Start Box or on a display board or on both.
- 12.3 **Late Starter**
A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

12.4 **Individual Recall - Handicap Starts**

One sound signal will be made. RRS Signal Flag X will be displayed until all boats have returned to the pre-start side of the starting line or for 30 seconds whichever is earlier. This changes Rule 29.1.

12.5 **General Recall**

When there are other classes yet to start, the warning signal for the first recalled fleet will be displayed at the start signal for the last fleet in the sequence. This changes Rule 29.2

12.6 **U Flag Rule**

If Flag U has been displayed as a Preparatory Signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned. This changes Rule 26, and A5. Rule 29 does not apply if this SI applies.

13. **LINES IN USE**

13.1 A conspicuous orange flag will identify a line is "in use" for starting or finishing.

13.2 Except between her warning and starting signals, or when finishing, a boat shall not cross a line "in use" in either direction when the orange flag is displayed.

13.3 A boat observed breaching SI 13.2 will be penalised without a hearing in accordance with SI 16.2. This changes Rule 63.1

13.4 Club line 2 will not be 'in use' after the completion of the starting sequence.

13.5 SI 13.2 is not open to protest by boats. This changes Rule 60.1.

14. **STARTING/FINISHING LINES**

14.1 **Club Starting Line No. 1/Club Finishing Line**

Will be between the triangle above the Start Box and the black and white chequered outer mark placed in an easterly direction from the Start Box. An inner start mark will mark the length but not the position of the line.

14.2 **Club Starting Line No. 2**

Will be between the triangle above the Start Box and the black and white chequered outer mark placed in a northerly direction from the Start Box. An inner start mark will mark the length but not the position of the line.

14.3 **Boat Starting/Finishing Line**

Will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and an black and white chequered inflatable buoy at the port end.

15. **KEEPING CLEAR**

15.1 After the first Warning Signal of the day, boats shall not pass between the Start Box and the inner mark of Club Starting Line No. 1 when the line is in use. The only exceptions will be boats that are forced between the Start Box and the inner mark at the start or boats returning to start after recall.

15.2 A boat whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the starting area and of all boats who are in their starting sequence.

15.3 **Handicap Starts**

Boats shall keep clear of the Club Starting Line until their allocated number is displayed on the light panel above the Start Box or on a display board or on both.

15.4 After finishing and clearing the Club Finishing Line, boats shall not pass between the Start/Finish Box and an orange clearance mark located on an easterly extension to the finish line.

15.5 Boats shall at all times give way to support craft identified by a green and white diagonal flag.

- 15.6 Boats observed breaching any of SI 15 will be penalised without a hearing in accordance with SI 16.2. This changes Rule 63.1
- 15.7 SI 15 is not open to protest by boats. This changes Rule 60.1

16. PENALTIES

- 16.1 For all Classes Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or Rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be in accordance with in SI 16.4. This changes Rule 44.1.
- 16.3 Boats that wish to take a penalty under SI 16.2 after coming ashore shall notify the Yachting Operations Assistant.
- 16.4 **Scoring Penalties specified in SI 13.3, 15.5 16.2, 18 and 29.2.**

Championship Races

A scoring penalty will be points equal to a finishing place midway between points for the boat's elapsed time finishing place and a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded and other positions will not be adjusted.

Consistency Races (including all IRC)

A scoring penalty will be points equal to a finishing place midway between points for the boat's corrected time finishing place and a disqualification. The minimum penalty will be 3 points but no boat will be scored worse than DSQ. Half points shall be disregarded and other positions will not be adjusted.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protests shall be lodged at the Yachting Operations Office within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing in that class. Protests shall be in writing on forms available from the office. On days of multiple races, protests for the first race may be lodged within 60 minutes of the protesting boat's finishing time in the last race of the day.
- 17.2 All protests must be receipted by a Yachting Operations Assistant or Race Official on lodgement.
- 17.3 **Penalties without a hearing**
A boat penalised under SI 13, 15 or 29 may request a hearing.

18. ARBITRATION

- 18.1 Rule 63.1 is changed such that an arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn.
- 18.2 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with Rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or Rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 18.3 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 18.4 After taking testimony, the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:
- The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
 - The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to arbitration may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may have occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.
 - No rule was broken and the protestor should withdraw the protest.

(d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty as detailed above and if so accepted, the protestor should withdraw the protest.

18.5 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

18.6 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

19. TIME LIMIT

19.1 Mid River / Club Finishing Line

The time limit shall be 17:30. Boats that fail to finish by this time will be scored 'DNF'.

20. SCORING the number of races to count

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A as amended by SI 21 will apply to all Consistency, Club Championship and other series. SI 21 advises the number of races to count.

21. NUMBER OF RACES TO COUNT

Consistency Series

Division I (All Races to Count)	All races
Division I (Overall)	Best 12 races
Division I (Midriver)	Best 7 races
Division I (IRC)	Best 12 races
Division I (AMS)	Best 12 races
Sports Boat	3 Drops
Division II	Best 12 races
Division III	Best 16 races
Division IV	Best 15 races
30R	Best 15 races
Couta Boat (Overall)	Best 21 races
Couta Boat (Spring)	Best 9 races
Couta Boat (Summer)	Best 11 races
BW8	Best 12 races
Contender	All races count
Etchells	Best 15 races
Dragon (Pre-Xmas)	Best 6 races
Dragon (Post-Xmas)	Best 9 races
Dragon (Overall)	Best 15 races
Flying 15	Best 18 races

Club Championship Series

Division I (IRC)	8 races
30R	8 races
Couta Boat	7 races
Etchells	8 races
BW8	7 races
Sports Boat	8 races
Dragon	7 races
Flying 15	7 races
Contender	8 races
J24	9 races

Line Honours Series

Best of the Bay (BOB)	7 races
Division III	9 races
Spirit of Karrakatta (SOK)	7 races
Division IV	8 races

Mid River Series

Division II	8 races
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Notes:

If 9 races held	8 to count
If 8 races held	7 to count
If 7 races held	6 to count
If 6 races held	5 to count
If 5 or less races held	all to count

Mid Week and Frostbite Fleets refer to Supplementary SI 8 Scoring.

22. STARTERS

A minimum of four boats are required to start in any one race before any trophy shall be awarded. A minimum of two starters are required to constitute a race.

23. AVERAGE POINTS

- 23.1 Division boats sailing in Class and other non Club events may apply for average points to be awarded for Consistency Series and Club Championship Series races held on the same day.
- 23.2 To be eligible for average points in a Consistency Series or Club Championship Series race(s) boats must participate in a minimum of 50% of the races in the series for which average points being requested.
- 23.3 Applications for average points shall be made in writing to the Yachting Operations Office within 5 days of the race for which average points are requested and shall be accompanied by a results sheet to confirm participation in their alternate event.
- 23.4 Average points shall be calculated from the points accrued in all the races that the requesting boat competed in during the series.

24. COACHING

Club appointed/approved coaches may give advice to some or all competitors while they are racing. This will not be regarded as a breach of Rule 41.

25. DECLARATION

Boats crossing the finishing line signify that they have sailed the course and complied with the Rules in accordance with these Sailing Instructions.

26. BOATS RETIRING

- 26.1 A boat retiring shall notify the officials at the relevant finish line either by hailing, by radio VHF Channel 77 or by mobile phone.
- 26.2 A boat that wishes to retire after coming ashore should contact the Yachting Operations office.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 All those taking part in Club races do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 27.2 The Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Club reserves the right to refuse an entry.
- 27.3 Attention is drawn to Rule 4 which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.

28. INSURANCE

All vessels sailing in Club races shall have current valid insurance in respect of Third Party Liability and Public Liability of not less than AUD\$10Million.

29. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 29.1 The Race Committee may use VHF radio channel 77 to advise competitors of matters relating to the conduct of the racing. These matters may include advising competitors of the course to be sailed, start timings, postponements, starting infringements, impending time limits, shortened course information and the like.
- 29.2 Except in an emergency competitors shall not transmit via radio or use mobile phones (including mobile internet) whilst racing. A boat in breach of this sailing instruction may be penalized by the Race Committee by disqualification, a penalty in accordance with SI 16.4 or some other penalty. This changes Rule 63.1