



5.5m Australian Championship 2018
25th – 27th February 2018
ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing – Category 7.
- 1.2 International 5.5m Class Rules.
- 1.3 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. Changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to reception at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 2.2 The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF 72. The broadcasts may include starting information and times, bearing to the windward mark and OCS numbers. Failure of such communication to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the schedule shall be posted by 2000hrs on the day before they will take effect. Other changes will be posted before 1100hrs on the day they take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, the Warning Signal will not be less than 60 minutes after “AP” is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals “AP”.

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 The racing area will be Pittwater. The Race Committee reserves the right to amend the location of the Course Area depending on conditions.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Time	Schedule	Venue
Sun 25 th Feb	0900 AEDST	Registration	Reception, RPAYC
	1100 AEDST	Briefing	Halyards, RPAYC
	1255 AEDST	1 st Warning Signal	Pittwater
Mon 26 th Feb	1255 AEDST	1 st Warning Signal	Pittwater
	ASAP following racing	Sausage Sizzle	Halyards, RPAYC
Tue 27 th Feb	1255 AEDST	1 st Warning Signal	Pittwater
	ASAP following racing	Trophy Presentation	Halyards, RPAYC

- 6.2 The Race Committee plan to conduct up to 3 races per day. A maximum of 9 races are scheduled for the Series.
- 6.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1600 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 A board displaying the course number and approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 will be displayed by the Race Committee Signal Boat. (Refer to Appendix 1).
Course 1: Start - 1 - Gate - 1 – Finish (Downwind)
Course 2: Start - 1 - Gate - 1 - Gate- 1 – Finish (Downwind)
- 7.2 Mark 1 shall be rounded to port.
- 7.3 (a) In the event that a Gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing Leeward mark to port.
(b) Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
(c) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 7.4 Except for when there is a change of course; The finish line will be to leeward of the Gate.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 The Start and Finish mark will be a **black and white cheque** mark on the port end of the line.



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- 8.2 Mark 1 and the Gate marks will be **yellow** inflatable cylindrical buoys.
8.3 The “Change Mark” shall be a **green** inflatable cylindrical buoy.

9. THE START & FINISH

- 9.1 The class flag shall be Code Flag T.
9.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the start/finish mark.
9.3 The finishing line shall be between an orange flag displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the start/finish mark as described in SI 8.1.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 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 mark as soon as practicable.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit for each race shall be 75 minutes.
11.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS18, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 All decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.
13.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of that day.
13.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after expiration of the protest time limit.
13.4 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including AS Special Regulations, Category 7) other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

- 13.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

14. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 14.1 Boats may be inspected at any time throughout the regatta at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 9 races are scheduled of which 4 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
15.2 When 4 races have been completed, a boats score shall be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. PRIZES – as per NoR 15

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 It is the competitor’s decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
17.2 The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
17.3 Competitors’ attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to Race.



APPENDIX 1: COURSE

Course	Course Description
1	Start - 1 – Gate - 1 - Finish
2	Start - 1 - Gate – 1 – Gate - 1 - Finish



Mark 1



Gate

Start/Finish Mark



Committee
Vessel