



# 2021-2022 Summer Centreboard Series

The Organising Authority (OA) of the 2021-2022 Summer Centreboard Series is the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC), 16 Mitala St, Newport 2106.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The Race Committee shall only be represented by the Race Officer of the Day or their nominated representative.
- 1.2. The Protest Committee shall only be represented by the Protest Committee Chairman or their nominated representative.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at the Jack Gale Training Centre and RPAYC website <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/> .

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

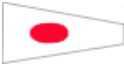









- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 11:30 hrs on the day it will take effect. Changes will be posted to the Official Centreboard Notice Board and the RPAYC website.
- 3.2. Amendments to the NoR / SI may be communicated on-water, for that day or race, may be communicated orally by the Race Committee or written on a board. The Race Committee Vessel shall display flag "3rd Substitute" to indicate an amendment has been made. Such changes may be made up to the warning signal of a race.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be on the flagstaff, located on the centreboard lawn at the RPAYC.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 5. Class Flags

### 5.1. Class Flags will be:

Division Number	Numeral Division or Class Flag	Division Compositions
Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1 	Optimist Green, Intermediate
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2 	Optimist Open
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3 	Laser 4.7
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4 	Laser Radial, Aero
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5 	Laser Full, Finn, Melges 14, Sabre
Division 6	Numeral Pennant 6 	Flying Ant, Puffin Pacer, Tasers
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7 	Windsurfers (non foiling)
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8 	29ers, NS14, MG14, Skud18, RS100 & 200
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9 	Waszp, Moths
Division 10	Numeral Pennant 0 	Multihulls, Paper Tiger
Division 11	Class Flag F 	IQ Foiling Boards

5.2. Where divisions consist of small numbers of boats, starts may be combined at the direction of the Race Officer of the day.

## 6. Course Areas

6.1. Course areas will be on Pittwater in the waters **north** and or **south** of Scotland Island.

6.2. The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended specific location of the race course at the competitor briefing.

## 7. Courses

7.1. The courses are shown in the Appendices. Course area layout and the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2. A board showing the course number will be displayed by the Race Committee Vessel at or before the Warning Signal. When no course board is shown, boats shall sail Course 1.

7.3. Legs of the courses will not be changed after the first Preparatory Signal of the racing session. This amends RRS 33.

## 8. Marks

8.1. The mark descriptions are as per course appendices.

8.2. If only one gate mark is laid it shall be rounded to port.

## 9. Areas that are Obstructions

The area of water between the registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline inside Pittwater including Scotland Island shall be considered as PROHIBITED WATER (i.e. continuing obstruction) for boats that are racing. All Navigational Marks shall be passed on their designated side.

## 10. The Start

10.1 Race will be started as follows (This changes RRS 26):

Signal	Flag (and sound)	Minutes before Starting Signal
Warning	Division Flag raised (1 sound)	3
Preparatory	'P, I, Z, Z & I, U or Black Flag' raised (1 sound)	2
One – Minute	'P, I, Z, Z & I, U or Black Flag' lowered (1 long sound)	1
Start	Division Flag lowered (1 sound)	0

10.2 The starting line will be between the course side of the start mark at the port end and the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end.

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 starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

10.5 The first warning shall be displayed not before 1330hrs on each scheduled round.

10.6 Individual & General recalls may be identified by verbal communication.

## 11. The Finish

11.1 The finish line will be between the Finish Mark at the starboard end and the flagstaff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the port end.

## 12. Time Limit

12.1 The time limit for the first boat in each Division to complete the course and finish correctly in each fleet will be 60 minutes.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.

## 13. Arbitration

13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a RRS of Part 2, Part 4 or RRS 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a DSQ. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted. RRS 63 is changed such that an arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn.

13.2 An arbitration hearing may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 and Instruction 16, which allege an infringement of a RRS of Part 2, Part 4 or RRS 31. Such

hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

- 13.3 The arbitrator will decide the time and place of the arbitration hearing and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be called. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 13.4 After taking testimony at the arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
  - a. The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - b. The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because the rules other than Part 2 or Part 4 or RRS 31 are involved or may be involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason the decided by the arbitrator.
  - c. No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - d. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved and the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finish and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.
- 13.5 An arbitration hearing will not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator will be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 13.6 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.

#### **14. Protests**

- 14.1. All protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 and 62 and shall be delivered to the Race Committee of the protestor's home club within 90 minutes of the conclusion of the last race of the day.
- 14.2. Protest Hearings between competitors from different Clubs or Requests for Redress shall be arranged by the Protestor's Club, which shall nominate a Protest Committee acceptable to the race Committees of all Clubs to which the interested parties belong.
- 14.3. Protests will be heard at the nominated Clubhouse in the order of receipt if practical. For all Class and Division Races, protests may be heard as soon as possible after the finish of protest time but generally protests will be heard at the Clubhouse on the following Wednesday night. A notice will be posted on the Club's Official Notice board after the finish of protest time to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to protest or named as a witness. These notices are deemed to fulfil the requirements of RRS 63.2.

#### **15. Average Points**

- 15.1. Competitors that wish to compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned National Championship, State Championship, or recognised major regatta as determined by the OA, may apply for average points prior to the intended event.
- 15.2. Competitors that are unable to compete due to Covid 19 restrictions issued by either the Organisation Authority or the NSW Government, may apply for average points.
- 15.3. Written application informing of the reason must be submitted to Sailing Office and copy provided to Class Representative as a minimum 7 days before the day of club racing.

15.4. Approved applications must also meet all conditions applied by the Organising Authority, for awarded average points to be applied to the race(s).

15.5. Average points will be calculated on the boat's total series score.

15.6. A boat may apply for average points to apply to a maximum of 25% of races.

## 16. Duty Scores

16.1. Competitors volunteering their time to assist race management in any capacity deemed necessary by the discretion of the PRO may apply for a duty score. Competitor's volunteering shall apply for a duty score in writing to the RPAYC Sailing Office on the day for which they assisted.

16.2. A competitor will be awarded points for the races missed equal to the average of all races scored in that series.

## 17. Safety Regulations

17.1. A boat that fails to sign on will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ) for all races sailed of the day. This changes RRS 63.1.

17.2. A boat that fails to sign off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ) for all races sailed of the day, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

17.3. A boat that has not entered in accordance with Notice of Race Clause 3 not be eligible to compete.

17.4. A boat that retires (RET) from a race shall notify the Committee Vessel and then leave the course area.

17.5. Any competitor who is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NOR clause 1.2 will be scored DSQ. This does not limit the ability of the Protest Committee to take action under RRS Part 5, Section C. This amends RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.

17.6. A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their electronic\_sign on-data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC), without a hearing for all races completed on that day. This amends RRS 63.1.

## 18. Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones communications.

## 19. Sign On / Off

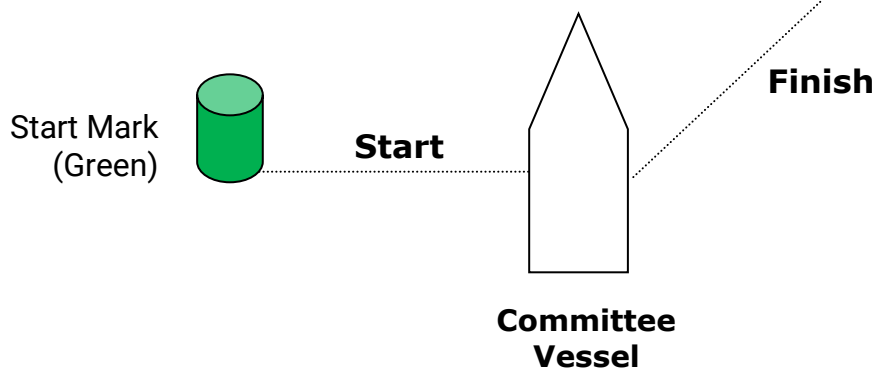
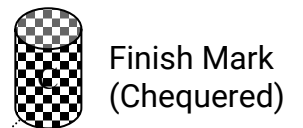
19.1 All skippers intending to race shall sign on ashore for each day of racing prior to the first Warning Signal, and sign off for each day of racing within 1 hour of coming ashore or by the end of Protest Time, whichever is the sooner.

19.2 An electronic 'sign on' and the 'sign off' system will be used. Please note that failing to sign on and off carries scoring penalties as per the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

**19.3 If you are sailing under a different sail number or have any other competitor detail changes, these must be changed in your entry prior to signing on. Failure to do so carries heavy scoring penalties as per the NoR and SI's.**

# APPENDIX A

## MARK POSITIONS – COURSE AREA A



## APPENDIX A CONTINUED – COURSE LIST AREA A

### Division 1 - Optimist Green (always course 1), Intermediate

- Course 1: Start – 1(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 2: Start – 1(p) – 3(p) – 1(p) – 4(p) - Finish

### Division 2 – Optimist Open

- Course 1: Start – 1(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 2: Start – 1(p) – 3(p) – 1(p) – 4(p) - Finish  
 Course 3: Start – 1(p) – 3(p) - 1(p) – 3(p) - 1(p) – 4(p) – Finish

### Division 3 – Laser 4.7

- Course 1: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 2: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 3: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – 2(p) – 4(p) – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish

### Division 4 – Laser Radial, Aero

- Course 1: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 2: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 3: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – 2(p) – 4(p) – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish

### Division 5 – Laser Full, Finn, Melges 14

- Course 1: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 2: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 3: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – 2(p) – 4(p) – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish

### Division 6 – Flying Ant, Puffin Pacer

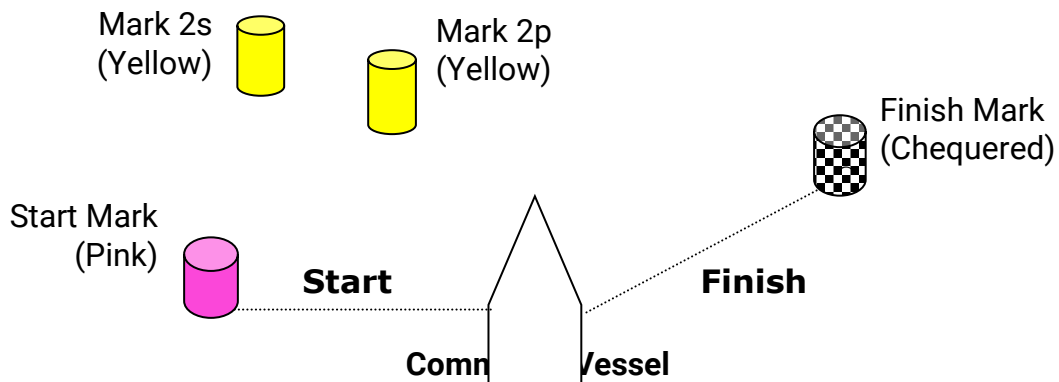
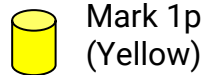
- Course 1: Start – 2(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 2: Start – 1(p) – 3(p) – 1(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 3: Start – 1(p) – 3(p) – 1(p) – 3(p) – 1(p) – 4(p) – Finish

### Division 7 – Windsurfers (non-foiling)

- Course 1: Start – 1(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 2: Start – 1(p) – 3(p) – 1(p) – 4(p) – Finish  
 Course 3: Start – 1(p) – 3(p) – 1(p) – 3(p) – 1(p) – 4(p) – Finish

## APPENDIX B

# MARK POSITIONS AND COURSES AREA B



## Division 8 – 29ers, NS14, MG14, Skud18, RS100 & 200

Course 1: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – Finish

Course 2: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – Finish

Course 3: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – Finish

## Division 9 – Waszp, Moths

Course 1: Start – 1(p) - Finish

Course 2: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – Finish

Course 3: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – Finish

## Division 10 – Multihulls

Course 1: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – Finish

Course 2: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – Finish

Course 3: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – Finish

## Division 11 – IQ Foiling Boards

Course 1: Start – 1(p) - Finish

Course 2: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – Finish

Course 3: Start – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – 2(s)/2(p) – 1(p) – Finish

## APPENDIX C WASZP CLASS SCORING

- a) A lap consists of sailing from the start (or from 2P in subsequent laps) around the windward mark and back around 3P unless a boat is on the last lap or the Finish Window is open, then the course for the



last leg shall be from the windward mark to the finish line between the finish mark and the Race Committee Boat. On this last lap 2P does not have to be rounded.

- b) When the first boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee boat will display a **PINK flag**. This indicates that the Finishing Window is open.
- c) From this time, all boats sailing towards the windward mark shall continue sailing the course but when next rounding the windward mark shall sail directly to the finish line regardless of the number of laps completed. All boats sailing away from the windward mark shall sail directly to the finish line.
- d) All boats which cross the finish line after the Finish Window has open shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps they have completed.
- e) Their position in the race will be determined from their finishing order and number of completed laps, with those who have completed the most laps being recorded ahead of those with less completed laps. Boats which have completed 1 lap will be ranked behind those that have completed 2 laps. Boats which have completed 2 laps will be ranked behind those that have completed 3 laps.
- f) Sailors will report to the RC the number of laps that they have completed as they cross the finish line.
- g) Lowering of **the PINK flag** shall indicate that the Finishing Window has closed.