PITTWATER SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAMS RACING REGATTA

FRIDAY 18 & SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. RULES

1.1 The Pittwater Secondary Schools Teams Racing Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including Appendix D – *Team Racing Rules*.

1.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 2; 5 Personal Equipment will apply.

1.3 Race Signal AP is amended so that the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore.

1.4 The Race Committee shall only be represented by the Race Officer or their nominated representative.

1.5 The Protest Committee shall only be represented by the Protest Committee Chairman or their nominated representative.

1.6 Rule 66 is amended so that on the last race day of the Series, a request to re-open a hearing shall be made within the protest time limit or within 30 minutes of being informed of the decision, whichever is the latest.

1.7 Pacer Class rules will not apply.

1.8 RRS D1.1(d) is deleted. No arm signals required.

2 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2.1 Dates of Racing

Event	Date	Time
Day 1 Schedule		
Registration & Competitor Briefing	Friday 18th February 2022	16:00
First Warning Signal		17:00
No further Warning Signal on Day 1		18:40
Competitor BBQ		19:00
Day 2 Schedule		
Competitor Briefing	Saturday 19th February 2022	12:00
First Warning Signal		13:00
No further Warning Signal on Day 2		17:00
Competitor BBQ & Presentation		18:00

2.2 No warning signal will be made after 18:40 on Friday 18th March 2022 and 17:00 on Saturday 19th March 2022.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 Races will be scheduled and published by 1600 on Friday 18th March 2022.

3.2 The schedule will be published on the event webpage, rpayc.com.au/pittwater-school-teams-regatta

3.3 The intended format of the event is:

Stage 1

Round Robin

Stage 2

Sail Offs (Refer D4.2 (b))

Stage 3

Semi Finals

Stage 4

Petit Final

Stage 5

Final

3.4 A detailed event format is contained in Appendix A (attached)

4 THE COURSE

4.1 The coursed to be sailed will be a starboard digital N course, as depicted in Figure 1 below.

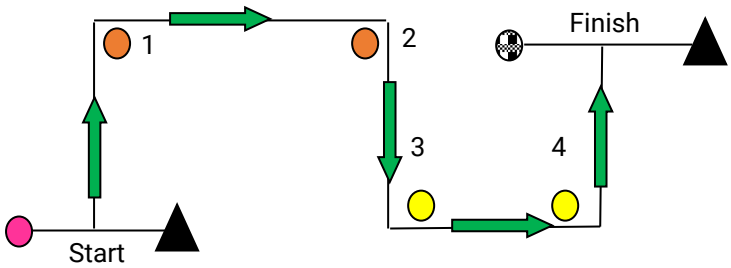

Figure 1 – Starboard Digital N course

4.2 Marks 1 and 2 are left to Starboard. Marks 3 and 4 are left to Port.
4.3 The Race Committee may move marks of the course at any time. RRS 33 will not apply.

5 MARKS

5.1 The **Start** mark will be **pink** inflatable mark.
5.2 **Marks 1** and **2** will be **orange** inflatable marks.
5.3 **Marks 3** and **4** will be **yellow** inflatable marks.
5.4 The **Finish** mark will be a **black** and **white** chequered mark.

6 THE START

6.1 Races will be started as follows:

Minutes before Start Signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Flight pennant number up	One	Warning Signal
2	P Up	One	Prep Signal
1	P down	One long	One Minute
0	Flight Pennant Number down	One	Starting Signal

This changes rule 26.1.

6.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
6.3 The start line will be between a staff displaying an **orange** flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the Start mark at the port end.
6.4 A boat shall not start later than three minutes after her starting signal.
6.5 When a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, flag X need not be displayed for more than 1 minute after the starting signal; this amends RRS29.1.
The Race Committee may hail the sail numbers or the total number of premature starts.

7 THE FINISH

7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a **blue** flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the Finish mark at the port end.

8 TIME LIMIT

8.1 The time limit will be 15 minutes for the first boat in a race. Boats failing to finish within 6 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.

9 SCORING

9.1 Races will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix D3.

9.2 The winner of the round robin series will be the team with the lowest number of points at the conclusion of the series.

9.3 Ties will be resolved in accordance with Appendix D3.3.

9.4 A boat capsized after her starting signal, so that her masthead is in the water, shall retire promptly. The Score for Retirement shall be scored points for the finishing place, one more than the number of boats entered in the race.

10 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on Thursday 17th February 2022 and the teams affected will be advised directly.

11 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

11.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the host club's signal mast.

11.2 Code flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means 'The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered'.

12 BOATS

12.1 Competitors shall use boats from a collective pool of training boats provided.

12.2 Competitors shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
(a) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
(b) hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned only with water,
(c) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
(d) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are observed. Adjustment of rig tension and mast rake is not permitted without the express permission of the Race Committee.

12.3 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

12.4 The penalty for not complying with SI 12.2 or 12.3 will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the rule is broken.

12.5 Competitors are responsible for the care of the boats. Boats must not be dragged up onto the ramp or handled in any way which may lead to damage, however slight. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee immediately after finishing a race. The penalty for breaching these instructions, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification of the competitor's team from the race most recently sailed in which they were successful.

12.6 The Race Committee will assign boats to Teams in Stage One (Round Robin) and may also assign boats to Teams in all subsequent Stages.

13 RACING AREA

13.1 The racing area will be the waters around Scotland Island on Pittwater depending on conditions. The Race Committee will advise competitors in the race briefing on the day of the intended area for racing.

14 PROTESTS

14.1 All races will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D2 Umpired Races.

SI APPENDIX A – EVENT FORMAT

Stage One – Round Robin

All teams shall be scheduled to sail a single Round Robin.

(a) At the conclusion of Stage One, all Teams shall be ranked from 1st to 8th.
(b) The 5th – 8th ranked Teams, shall proceed to Stage Two.
(c) The 1st – 4th ranked Teams, shall proceed to Stage Three.

Stage Two – Sail Offs (5th to 8th) [Refer D4.2 (b)]

Where Stage Two is removed from the schedule, the ranking positions from Stage One (5th to 8th), shall determine each Team's final position overall.

(a) The 7th & 8th ranked Teams, shall verse each other respectively.
(b) The 5th & 6th ranked Teams, shall verse each other respectively.
(c) The first Team in each pair to score at least two (2) wins, shall be awarded the higher placing to determine their final overall position. The other Team in each pair, shall be awarded the minor placing to determine their final overall position.

Stage Three – Semi Finals

(a) The 2nd & 3rd ranked Teams, shall verse each other respectively.
(b) The 1st & 4th ranked Teams, shall verse each other respectively.
(c) The first Team in each pair to score at least two (2) wins, shall proceed to Stage Five. The remaining Teams shall proceed to Stage Four.

Stage Four – Petit Final

(a) The first Team to score at least two (2) wins, shall be awarded 3rd place overall, the other 4th place overall.

Stage Five – Final

(a) The first Team to score at least three (3) wins, shall be awarded 1st place overall, the other 2nd place overall.