



Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

Pittwater Centreboard Winter Regatta

May to August 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

EVENT WEBSITE:

<https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>





The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC).

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Pittwater Centreboard Winter Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing Prescriptions (AS).
- 1.2 The class rules of each class will apply.
- 1.3 All boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats with the exception that lifejacket Type 3 are deemed non-compliant for all Series' events. Where the current class rules of competing boats are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Rule 35 and A5.1 are amended so that any boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored TLE.
- 1.5 The Race Committee shall only be represented by the Race Officer or their nominated representative.
- 1.6 The Protest Committee shall only be represented by the Protest Committee Chairman or their nominated representative.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 All boats under 6m are exempted from flying a red flag to indicate a protest.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online on the event website.
- 3.3 Messaging Communications may be sent to competitors as per their entry contact details.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard lawn.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Competitor Briefing	First Warning Signal
Sunday 04 June 2023	0800 hrs	0900 hrs
Sunday 02 July 2023	0800 hrs	0900 hrs
Sunday 06 August 2023	0800 hrs	0900 hrs

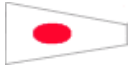

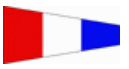




6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is **0900hrs**.

6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.3 No warning signal will be made after **1130hrs** on any scheduled race day.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class Flags and Divisions

Division Number	Numeral Division or Class Flag	Division Compositions
Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1 	Optimist Class
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2 	Mixed ICLS Classes Handicap: ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3 	Junior Mixed Handicap: Flying 11, Flying Ant, Manly Junior
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4 	Pacers Class
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5 	Medium Mixed Handicap: Aero, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, Skud 18
Division 6	Numeral Pennant 6 	Waszp Class
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7 Or Class Flags 	Fast Mixed Handicap: 29ers Class, Multihulls, Foiling

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



8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Racing will be conducted in the waters North or South of Scotland Island.
- 8.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the race course at the competitor briefing.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 SI Addendum 1 (Course diagram) and SI Addendum 2 (Course Lists & Mark roundings) show the course, and the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course number.
- 9.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 The Start Mark will be an inflatable pink buoy.
- 10.2 The Finish Mark will be an inflatable chequered black and white buoy.
- 10.3 Marks 1P and 3P will be inflatable orange buoys.
- 10.4 Marks 2P, 4P and 4S will be inflatable yellow buoys.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 While racing, the area between any registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline shall be considered 'prohibited water', and therefore an obstruction.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line shall be between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 12.2 The starting order will be at the discretion of the Race Officer. The Warning Signal for the next division to start may be the starting signal for the previous division.
- 12.3 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.
- 12.5 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26. Table 3 shows the start sequence and signals. Times will be taken from the visual signals and the absence of a sound signal will be disregarded.

Start Sequence	Flag and sound	Meaning
3 minutes	Division Flag with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or a black flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or a black flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division Flag removed with 1 sound	Start



13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line shall be between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag at the course side of an inflatable mark nearby.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see SI 14.2)	60 minutes (See SI 14.3)	15 minutes (see SI 14.4)

- 14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 The time limit for the first boat in each Division to complete the course and finish correctly in each fleet will be 60 minutes.
- 14.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the number of finishers within the time limit plus one. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.5 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Boats protesting incidents in the racing area that they are involved in or see, shall, after finishing report their intention to protest to an official stationed on the starboard side of the Finish Boat.
- 15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available from the RPAYC Sailing Office. Protests shall be submitted to the RPAYC Sailing Office within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that division) finishes the last race of the day or if the race committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).
- 15.4 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.
- 15.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, nominated by the OA, located at RPAYC on the day of the Protest.
- 15.6 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 See NoR 14.
- 16.2 Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.
- 16.3 Duty Scores; When a competitor volunteers on water they will be scored points Average Points for races missed for the scheduled round.
- 16.4 The scoring system for the Waszp class is outlined in Addendum 3.



17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.2 All Competitors intending to race on each scheduled day shall:
- Confirm their intention to race by **Signing On** for each day of racing before launching.
 - And shall **Sign Off** for each day of racing as soon as possible after coming ashore or by the end of Protest Time, whichever is sooner.
 - The skipper shall **update their online entry** for any Sail Number and Crew changes prior to Signing on and notify the race committee of a change of sail number.
 - Sign on / off is available online. A QR code link will be displayed on the Notice Board and via the event webpage.
- 17.3 A boat that fails to Sign on will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ), without a hearing for all races completed on that day. This changes rule 63.1.
- 17.4 A boat that fails to Sign off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ), without a hearing for all races of that day. This changes rule 63.1.
- 17.5 A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their sign on sheet data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC), without a hearing for all races completed on that day. This changes rule 63.1.
- 17.6 A boat that has not entered in accordance with Notice of Race Clause 5 is not be eligible to compete.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 18.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 20.1 Official support vessels must be conspicuously identified to the Race Committee.

21. SUPPORT TEAMS [DP]

- 21.1 Team leaders, parents, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.2 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for race committee communications.
- 21.3 All support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.4 When the Committee Vessel displays code flag 'W' with one warning sound, all support boats must remain on water and provide safety assistance until such time that code flag 'W' is lowered. The Race Officer will endeavour to notify support boats by radio if code flag 'W' is hoisted or lowered.



22. PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- 22.2 If there are three or less entrants only 1st place will be awarded.
- 22.3 If there are four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.

23. RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1 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 in 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. Each venue jurisdiction may need a different or modified version of this risk statement.

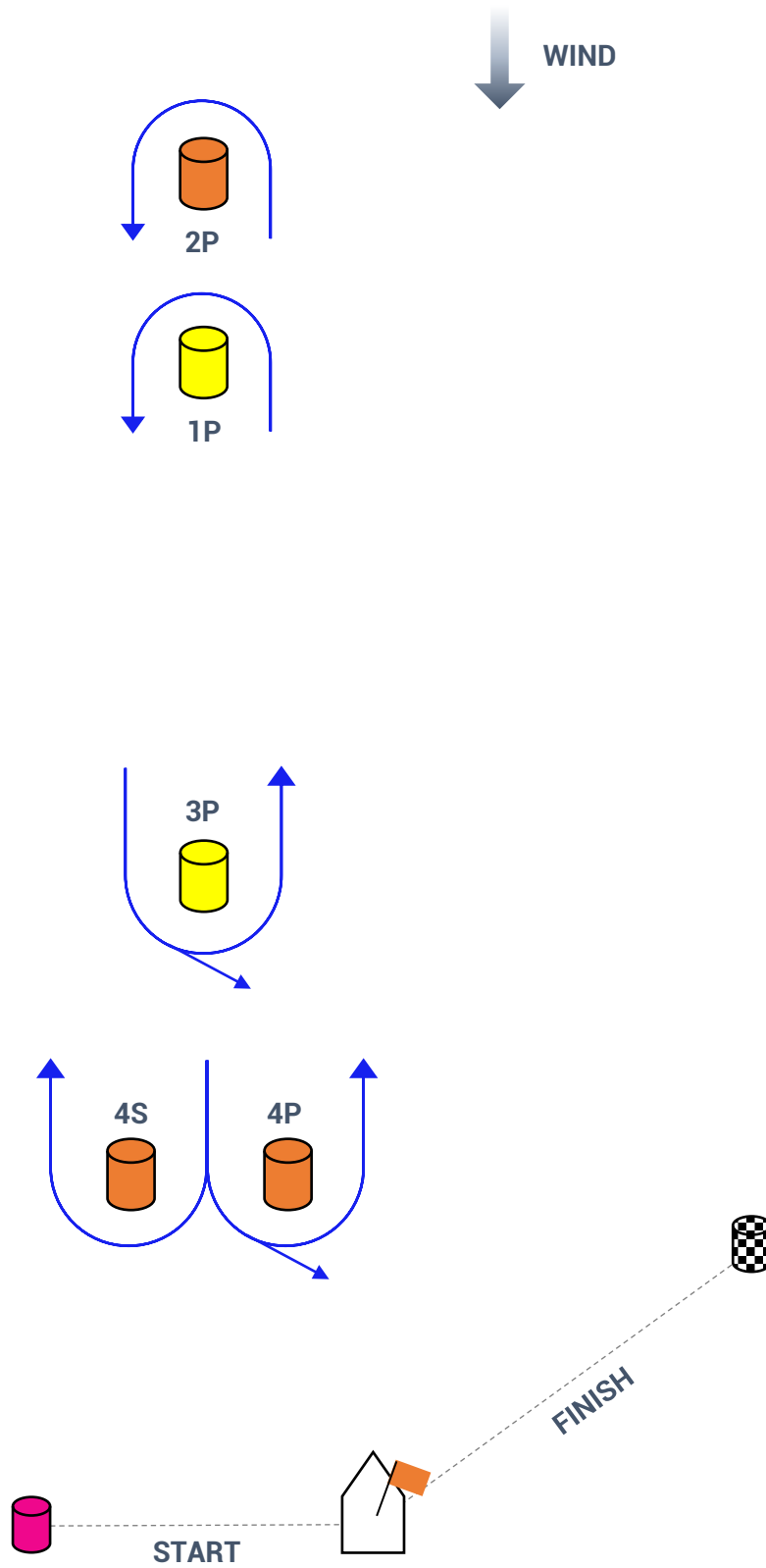
24. INSURANCE

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$5 million per incident or the equivalent.
- 24.2 All competitors who enter into the series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a Policy.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 Trailer parking is available at Crystal Bay Street Carpark, contact Reception at the boom-gate to gain access.
- 25.2 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone: 9998 3760
Email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

APPENDUM 1
COURSE LAYOUT



**ADDENDUM 2**

COURSE LIST & MARK ROUNDINGS

COURSE GROUP A**Optimist (Div 1), Junior Mixed Handicap (Div 3)**

Course 1: START – 1P – 3P – FINISH

Course 2: START – 1P – 3P – 1P – 3P – FINISH

Course 3: START – 1P – 3P – 1P – 3P – 1P – 3P – FINISH

COURSE GROUP B**ILCA Classes (Div 2), Pacer Class (Div 4), Medium Mixed Handicap (Div 5)**

Course 1: START – 2P – 3P – FINISH

Course 2: START – 2P – 3P – 2P – 3P – FINISH

Course 3: START – 2P – 3P – 2P – 3P – 2P – 3P – FINISH

COURSE GROUP C**Waszp Class (Div 6), 29er & Multihulls & Foiling Classes (Div 7)**

Course 1: START – 2P – 4P – FINISH

Course 2: START – 2P – 4S/4P – 2P – 4P – FINISH

Course 3: START – 2P – 4S/4P – 2P – 4S/4P – 2P – 4P – FINISH



ADDENDUM 3

WASZP CLASS SCORING

- a) A lap consists of sailing from the start (or from 4P/4S in subsequent laps) around the windward mark and back around 4P/4S 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 4P 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.