

**ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED  
YACHT CLUB**

# **Pittwater Secondary Schools Teams Racing Regatta 2024**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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## **ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB**

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## **REGATTA WEBSITE**

[www.rpayc.com.au/pittwater-school-teams-regatta](http://www.rpayc.com.au/pittwater-school-teams-regatta)



## 1. RULES

- 1.1 Refer to NOR 1.
- 1.2 RRS D1.1(d) is deleted. No arm signals required.

## 2. SCHEDULE

### 2.1 Event Schedule:

Event	Sat 2 March 2024
Registration	0800 – 0830
Competitor Briefing	0830
First Warning Signal	1000
Time of Last Warning Signal	1630
Presentation	ASAP after racing

## 3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 The race schedule will be provided to teams at the Competitors Briefing on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, if not beforehand via the event webpage: [rpayc.com.au/pittwater-school-teams-regatta](http://rpayc.com.au/pittwater-school-teams-regatta)
- 3.2 The intended format of the event is:
  - i. **Stage One:** Round Robin 1
  - ii. **Stage Two:** Round Robin 2
  - iii. **Stage Three:** Sail Offs
  - iv. **Stage Four:** Semi Finals
  - v. **Stage Five:** Petit Final
  - vi. **Stage Six:** Final
- 3.3 A detailed event format is contained in Appendix A (attached)

## 4. THE COURSE

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

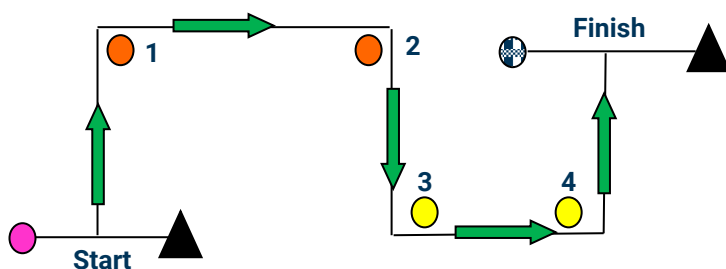


Figure 1 – Starboard Digital N course

- 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 a **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	Match numeral pennant up	One	Warning Signal
2	'P' up	One	Prep Signal
1	'P' down	One long	One Minute
0	Match numeral pennant down	One	Starting Signal

This changes RRS 26.

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.

6.6 The Race Committee may hail the sail numbers or the total number of premature starts.

## 7. THE FINISH

7.1 The Finish 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 event will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix D4.

9.3 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 on the official noticeboard and on the event webpage before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect.

## 11. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

11.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the signal mast, located at the RPAYC rigging lawn.

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:

- i. wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- ii. hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned only with water,
- iii. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and



- iv. 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. PROTESTS

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

### 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office on: Phone 9998 3700 or Email [sailing@rpayc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpayc.com.au)

## SI Appendix A – Event Format

### Stage One – Round Robin 1

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

- a) At the conclusion of Stage One, all Teams shall progress to Stage Two.
- b) Where Stage Two is removed:
  - a. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ranked Teams, shall qualify for Stage Three.
  - b. The 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Teams, shall qualify for Stage Four.

### Stage Two – Round Robin 2

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

- c) At the conclusion of Stage Two, all Teams shall be ranked from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>:
  - a. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> ranked Teams, shall qualify for Stage Three.
  - b. The 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Teams, shall qualify for Stage Four.

### Stage Three – Sail Offs (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>)

Where Stage Two is removed from the schedule, the ranking positions from Stage One (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>), shall determine each Team's final position overall.

- a) The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> ranked Teams, shall race each other respectively.
- b) 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 Four – Semi Finals

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

### Stage Five – Petit Final

- a) The first Team to score at least one (2) win, shall be awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, the other 4<sup>th</sup> place overall.

### Stage Six – Final

- a) The first Team to score at least two (2) wins, shall be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place overall, the other 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.