

ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED
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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

Zhik Summer Pointscore Series (Feb-Apr)

Zhik Club Championship

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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

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4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

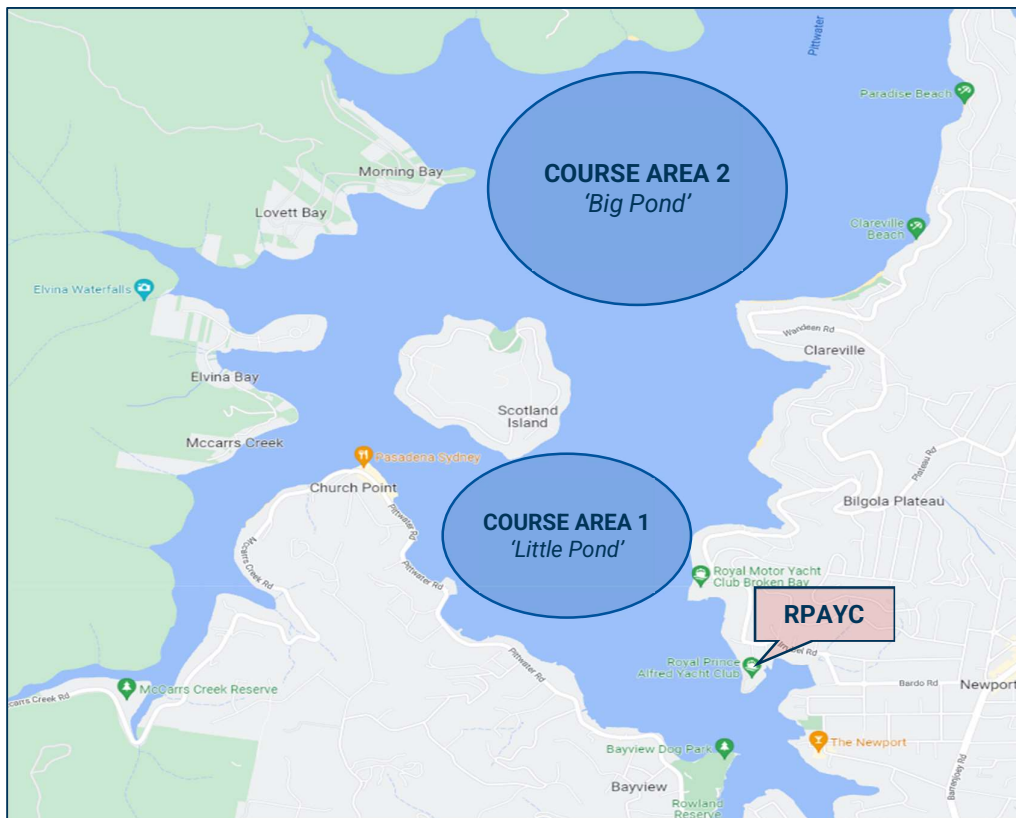
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

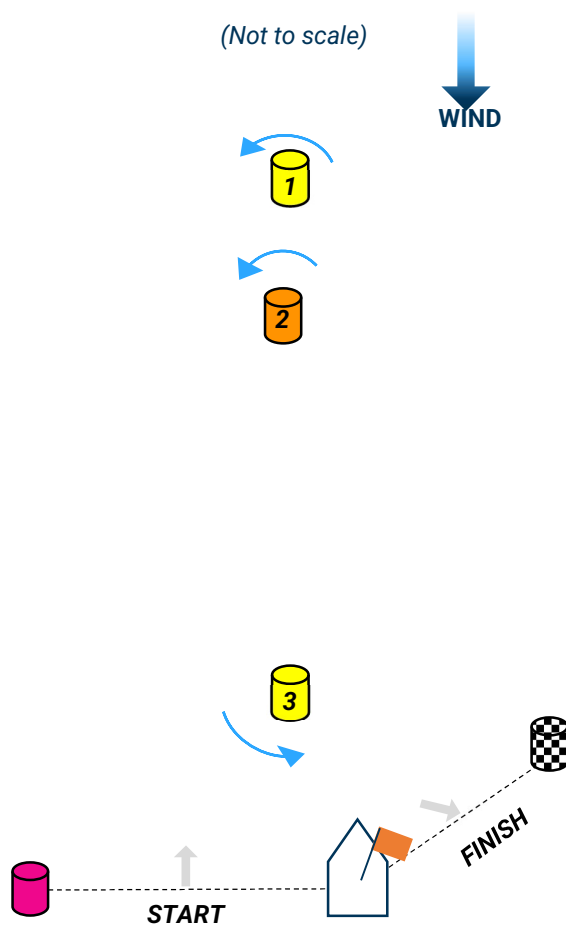


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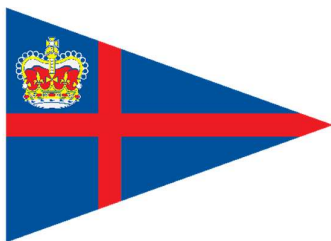
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



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- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
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- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
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- (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
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Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
- (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
- (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

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- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

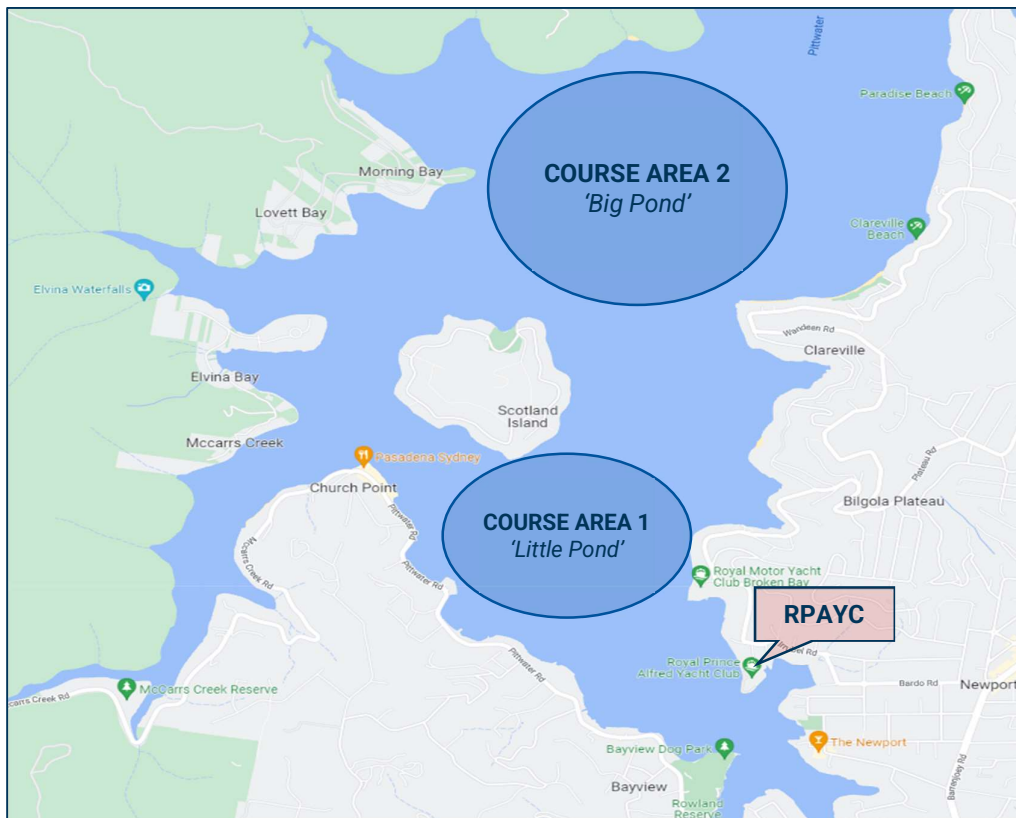
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
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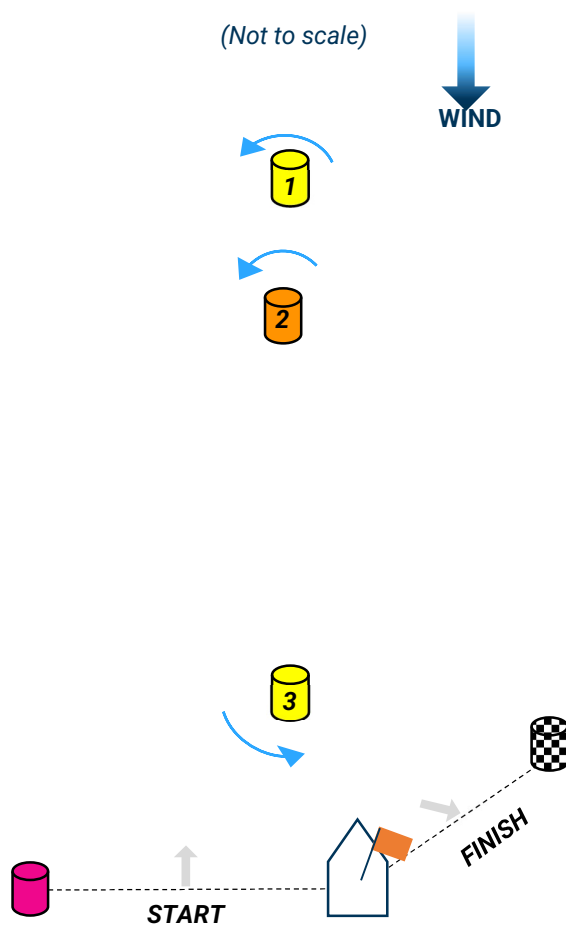


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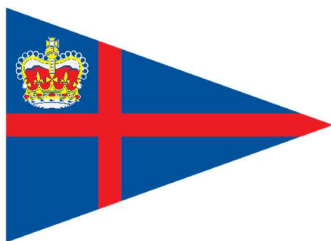
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
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- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



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- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
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- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

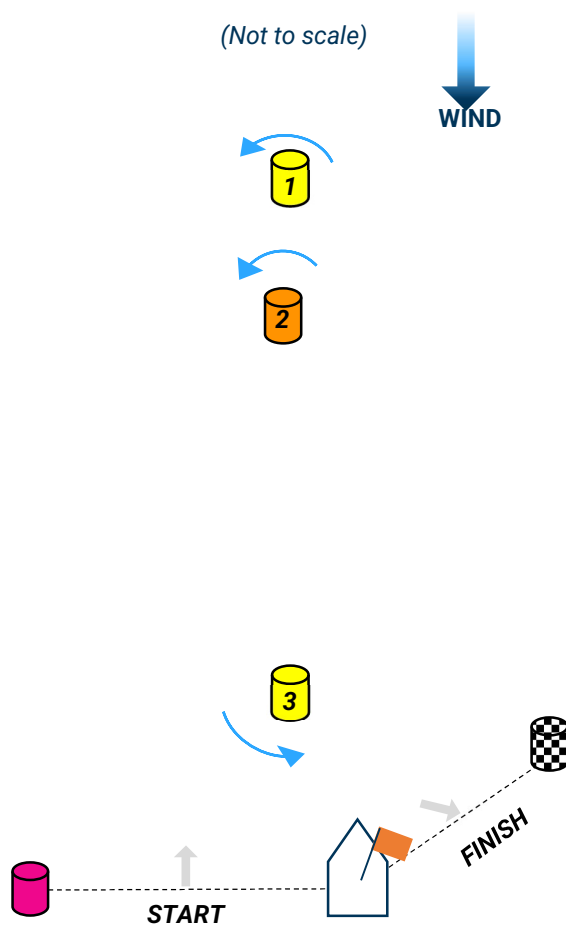


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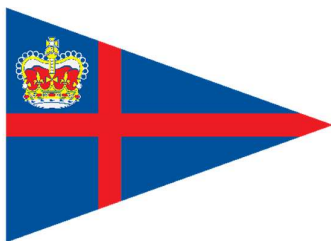
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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INCORPORATING THE

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Zhik Club Championship

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
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- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

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 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
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Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



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20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

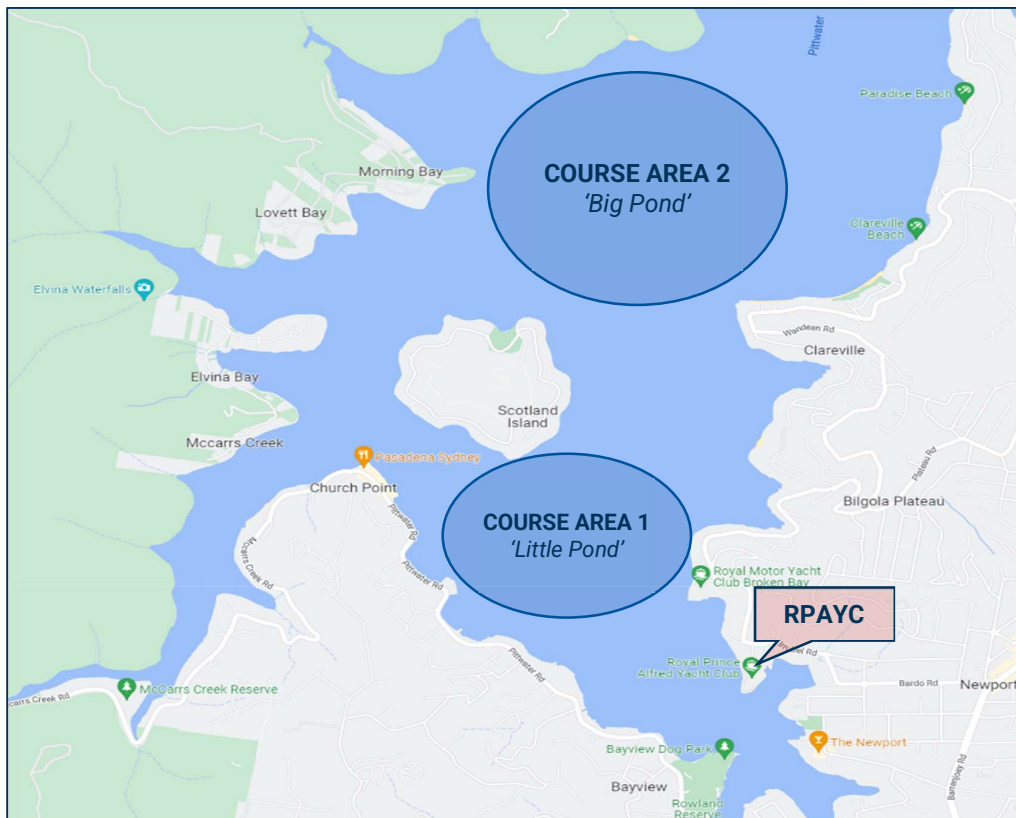
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trialled, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

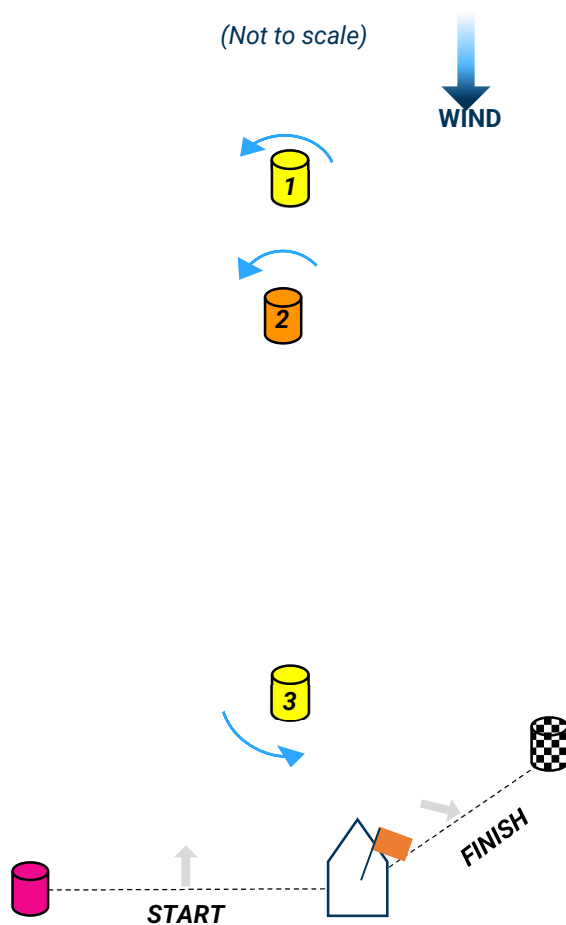


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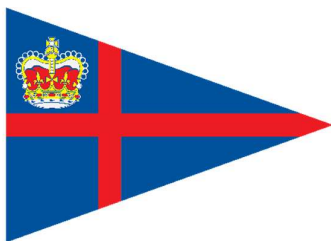
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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INCORPORATING THE

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship including Family Division	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
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8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
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Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
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Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
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Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
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- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

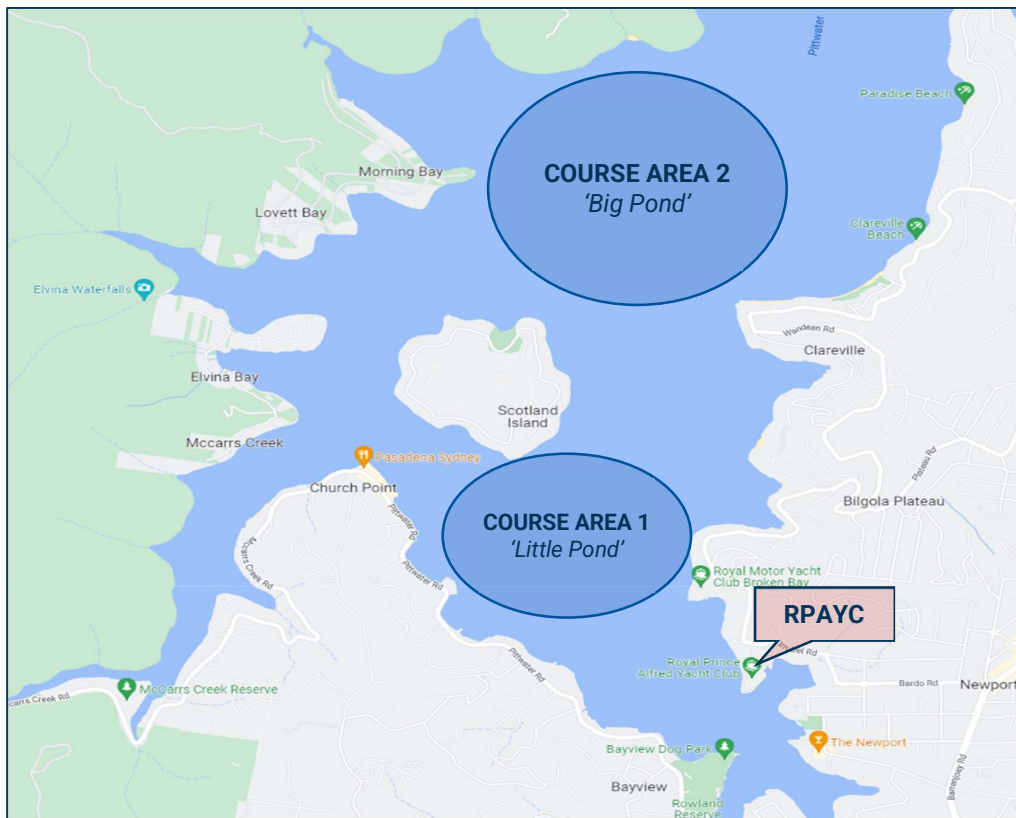
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

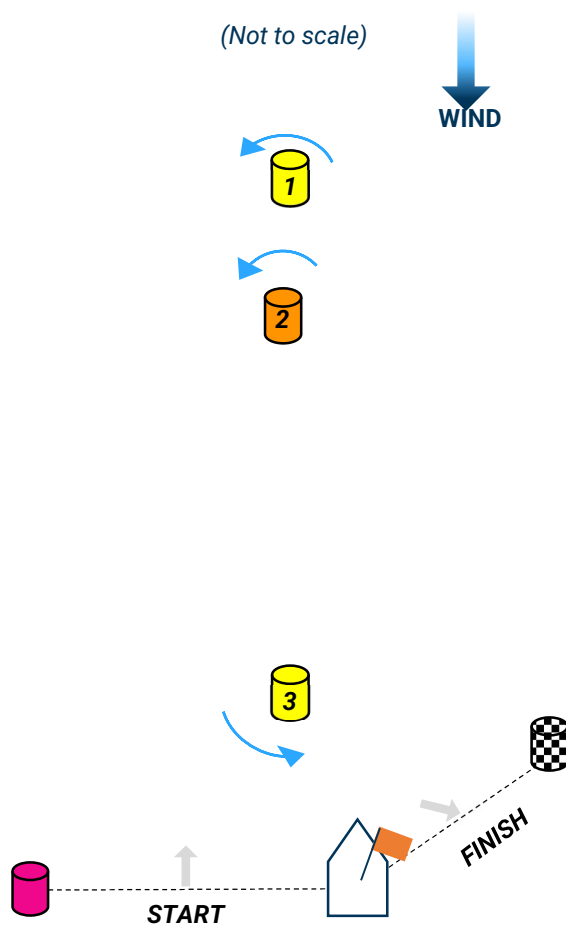


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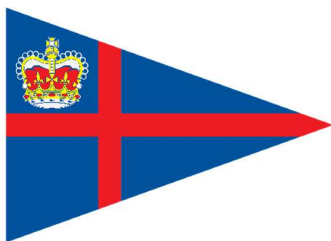
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

Zhik Summer Pointscore Series (Feb-Apr)

Zhik Club Championship

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship including Family Division	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
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Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
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4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

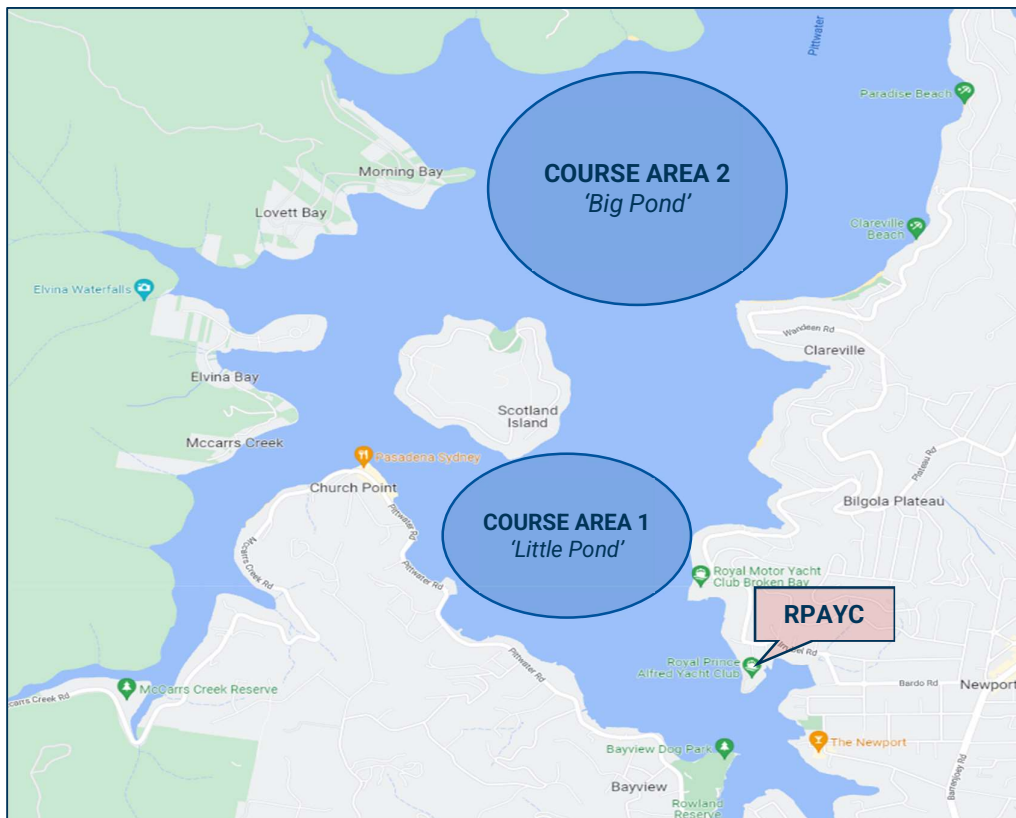
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trialled, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

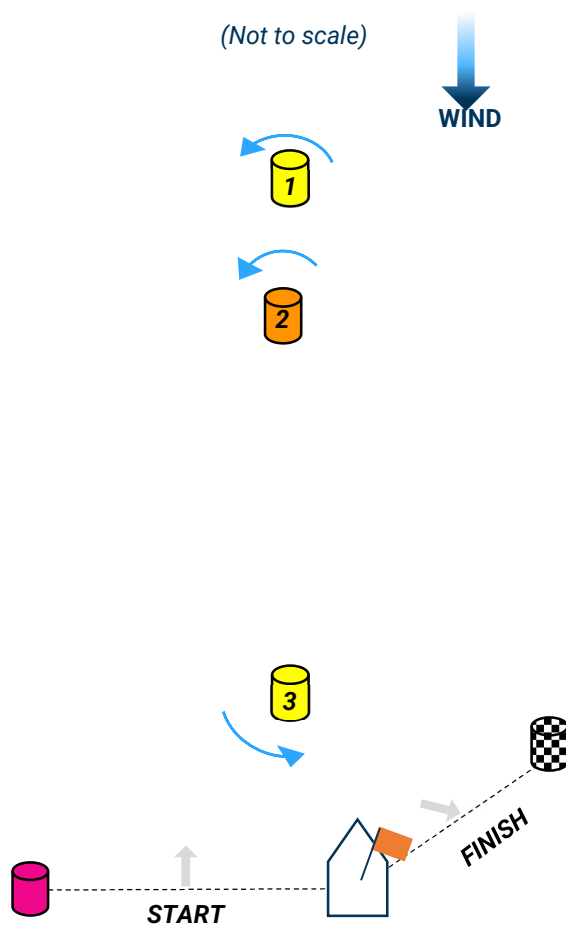


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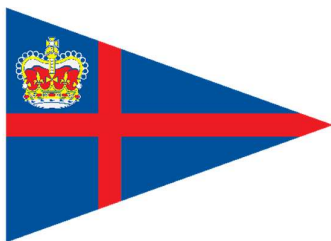
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

Zhik Summer Pointscore Series (Feb-Apr)

Zhik Club Championship

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
- (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
- (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
- (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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17. HEARING REQUESTS

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17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

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18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

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NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

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- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
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- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
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5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

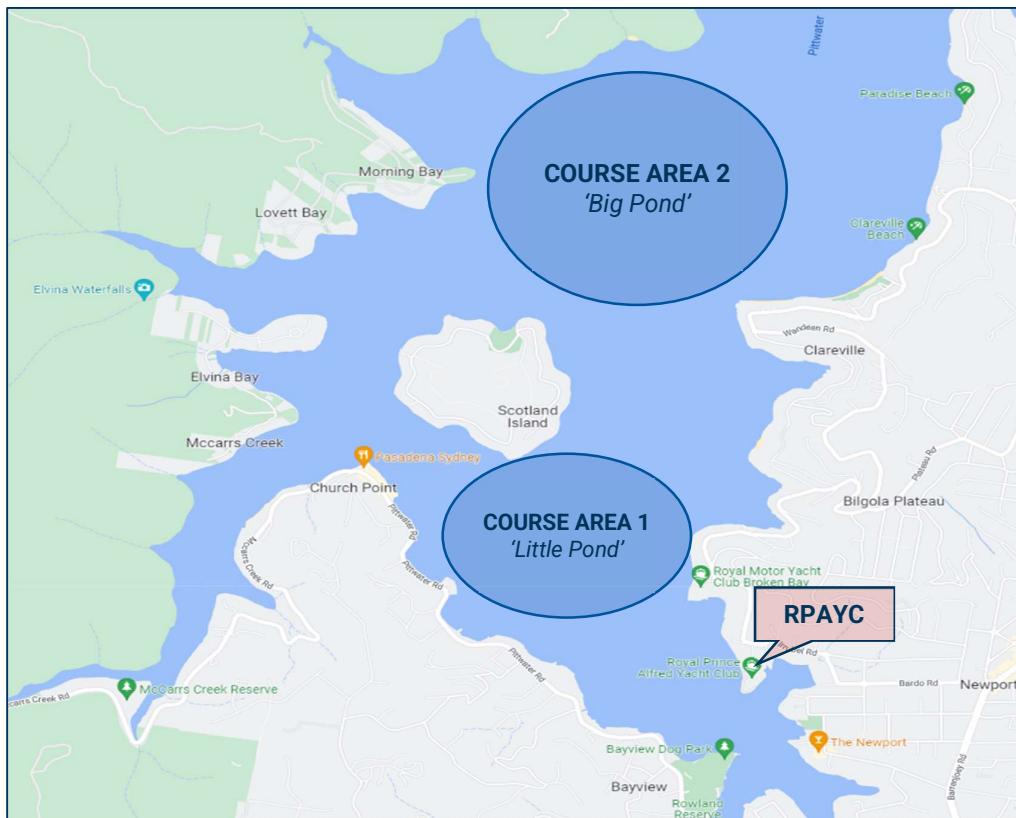
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

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Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
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Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

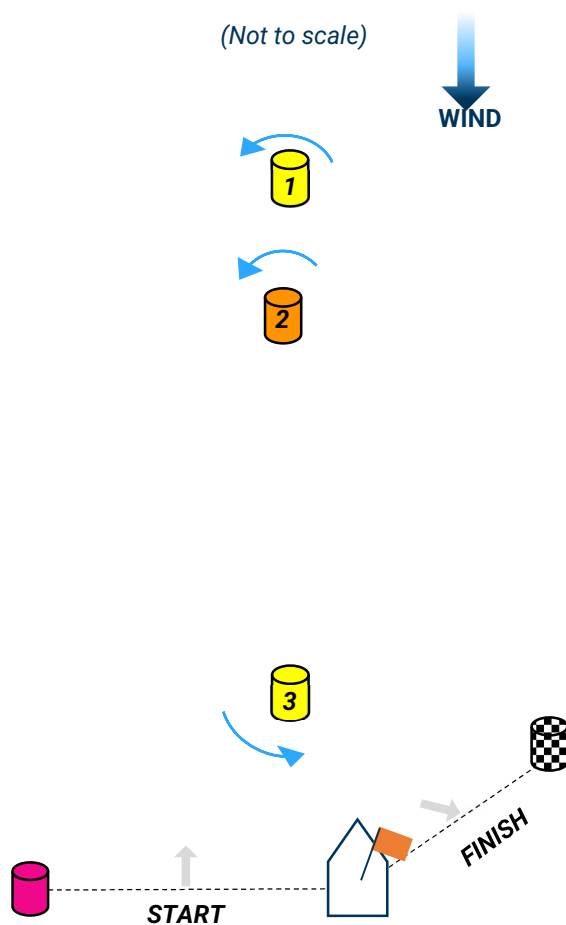


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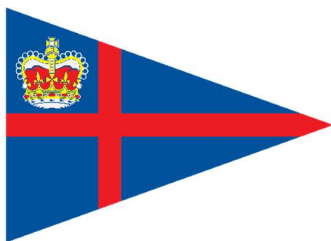
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
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Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

Zhik Summer Pointscore Series (Feb-Apr)

Zhik Club Championship

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
- (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship including Family Division	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
- (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
- (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

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18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
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[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

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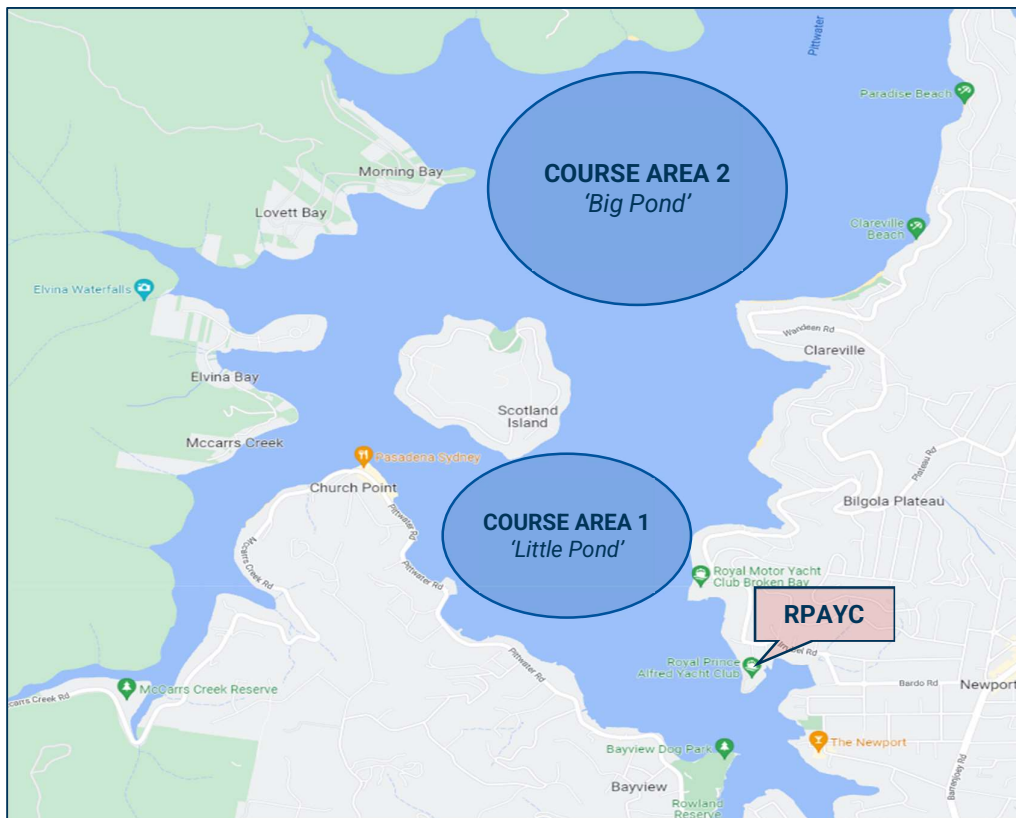
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IMPORTANT

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Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

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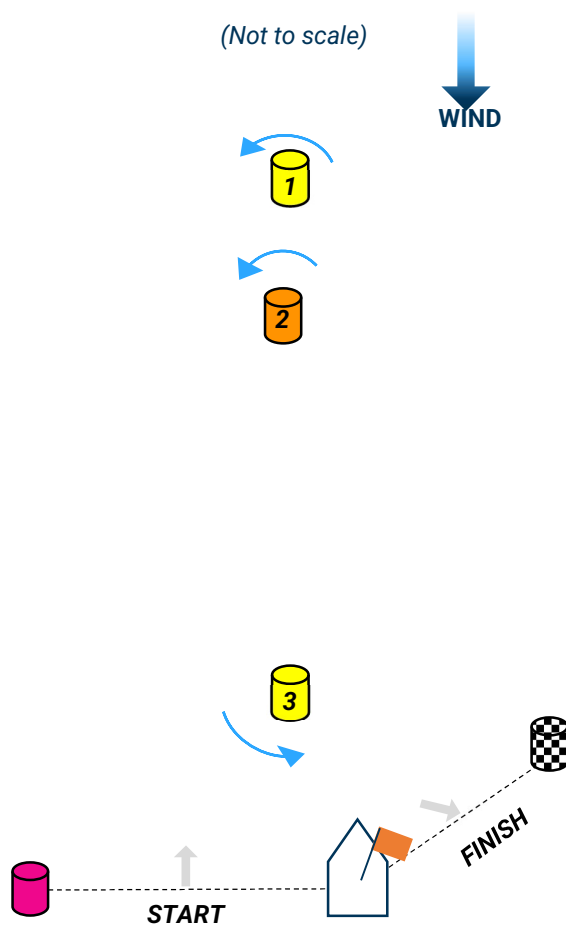


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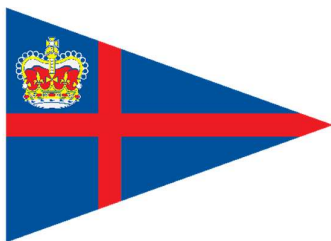
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Appendix B – Course Layout



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Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
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Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

Zhik Summer Pointscore Series (Feb-Apr)

Zhik Club Championship

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

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3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

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18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

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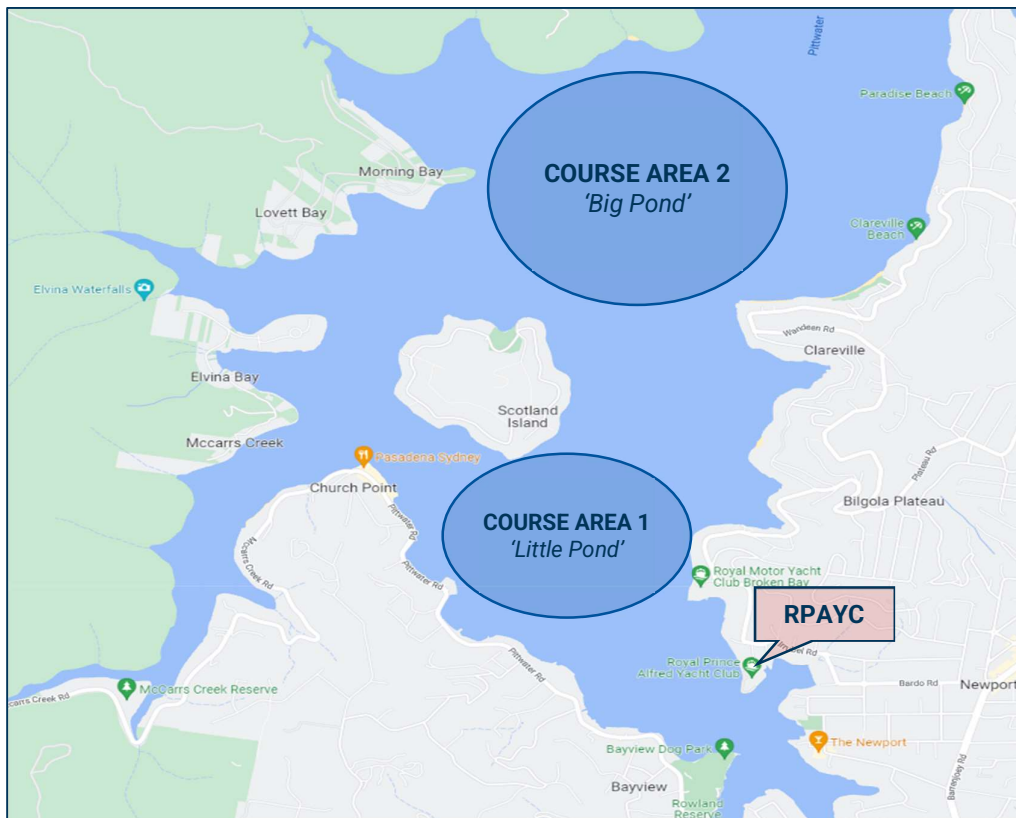
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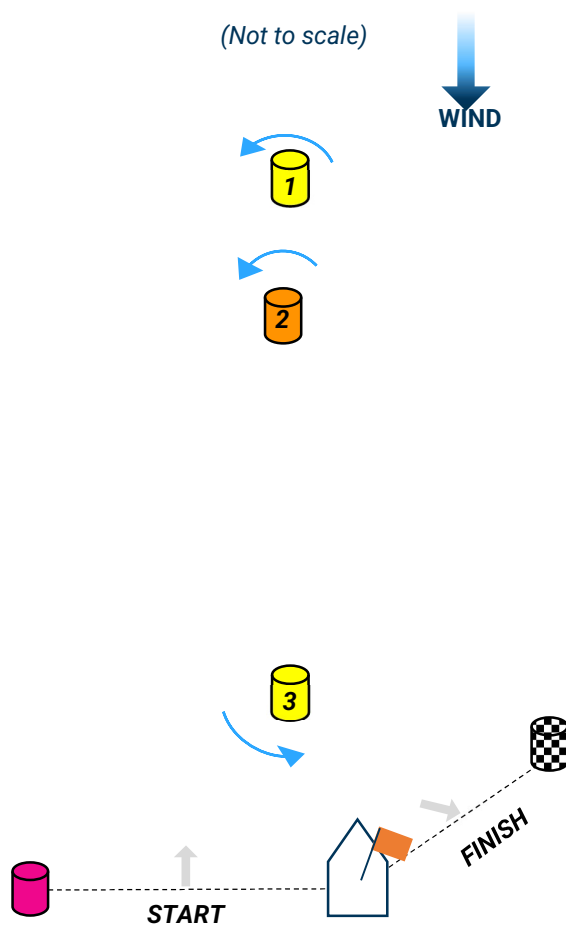


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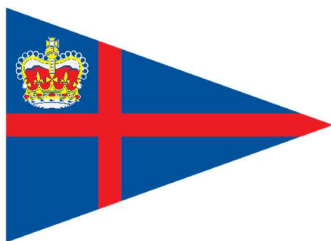
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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

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Zhik Club Championship

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- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
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- 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.
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4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
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- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
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15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
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- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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.

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- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

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- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
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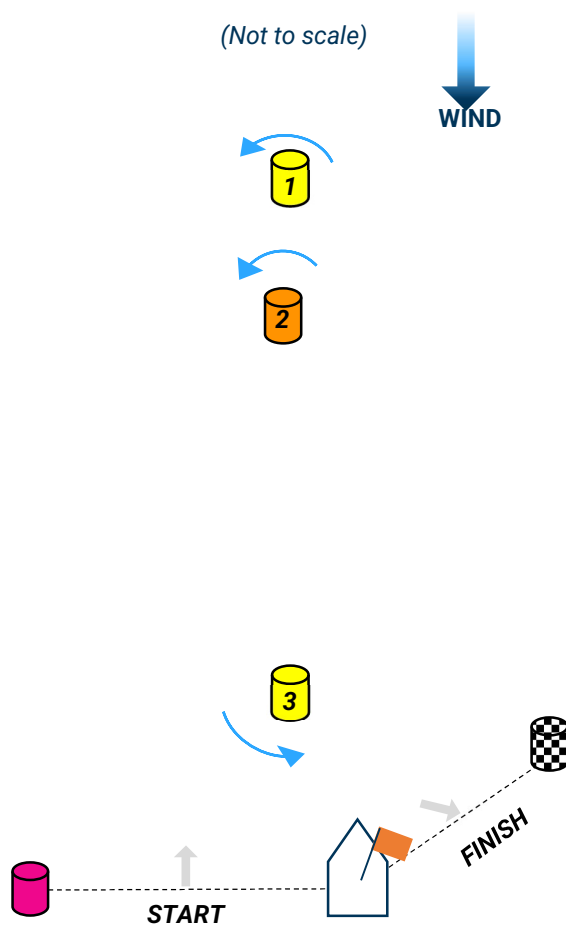


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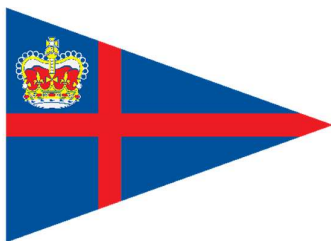
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The Organising Authority (OA) is Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC).

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
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4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

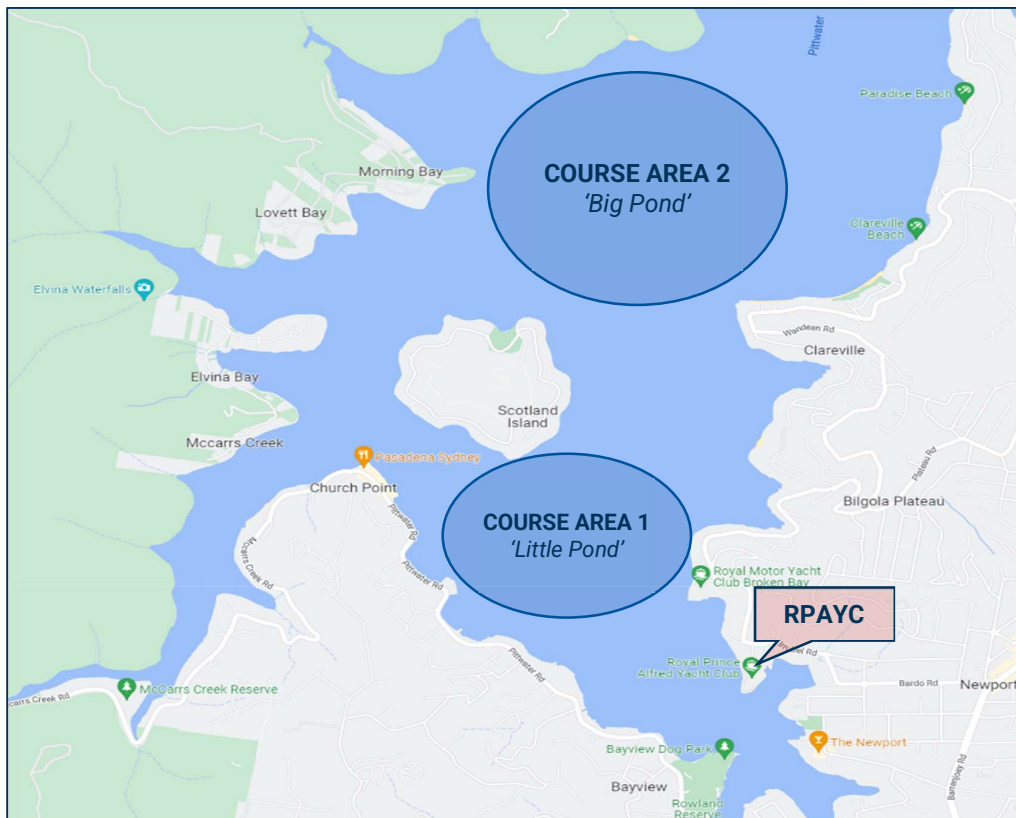
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IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



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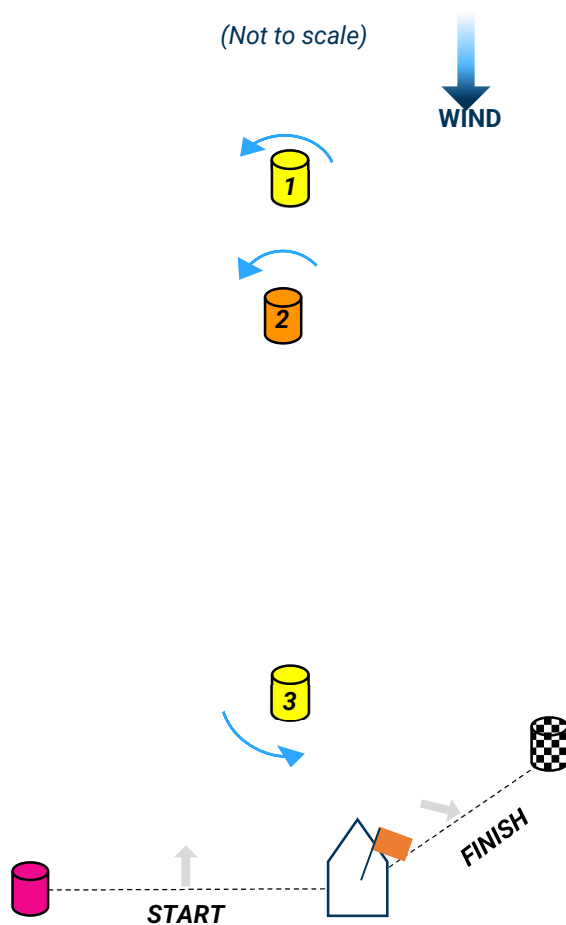


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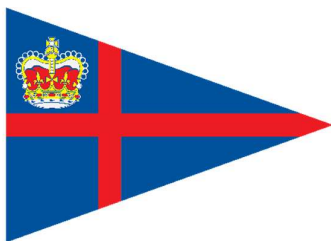
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- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
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- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
- (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
- (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

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- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
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- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
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Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
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Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

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Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
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18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



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- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

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- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
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- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

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26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

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- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
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Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

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 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
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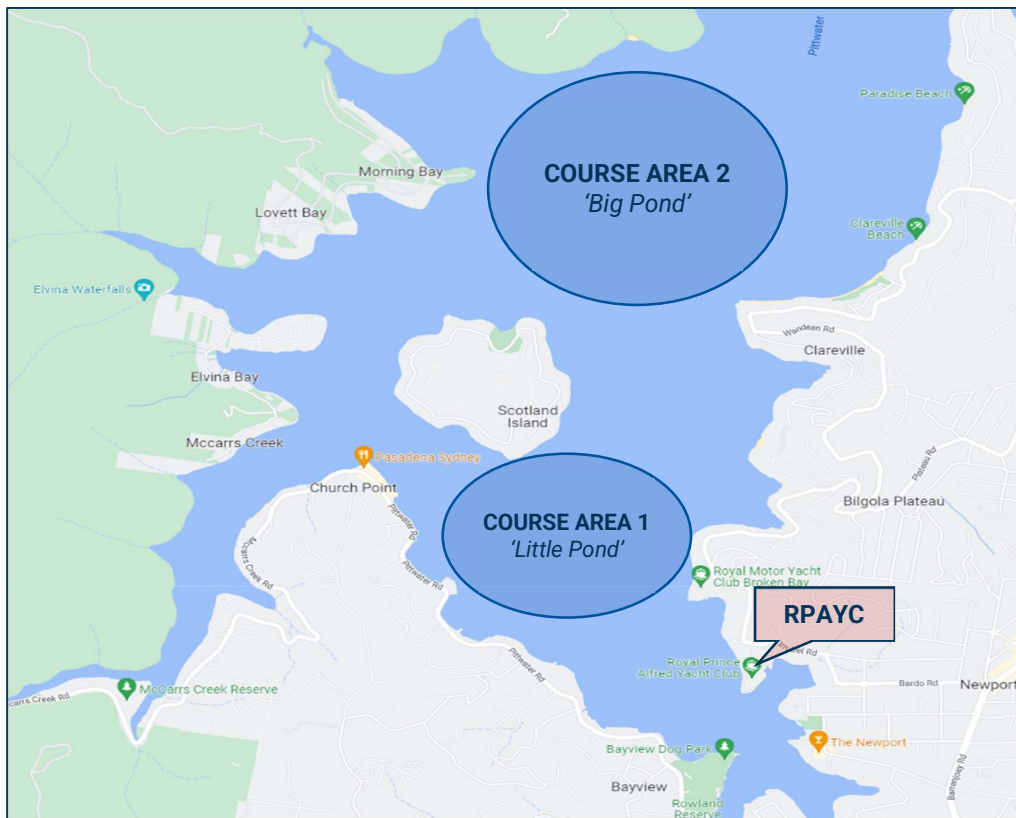
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IMPORTANT

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Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
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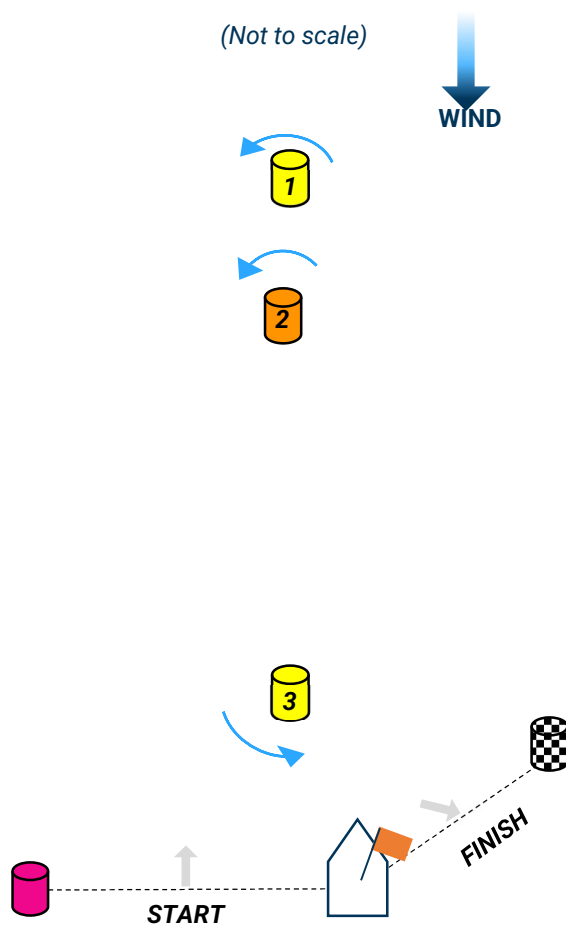


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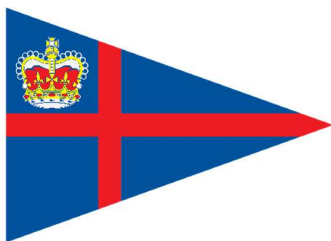
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Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
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- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
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- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
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- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
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15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

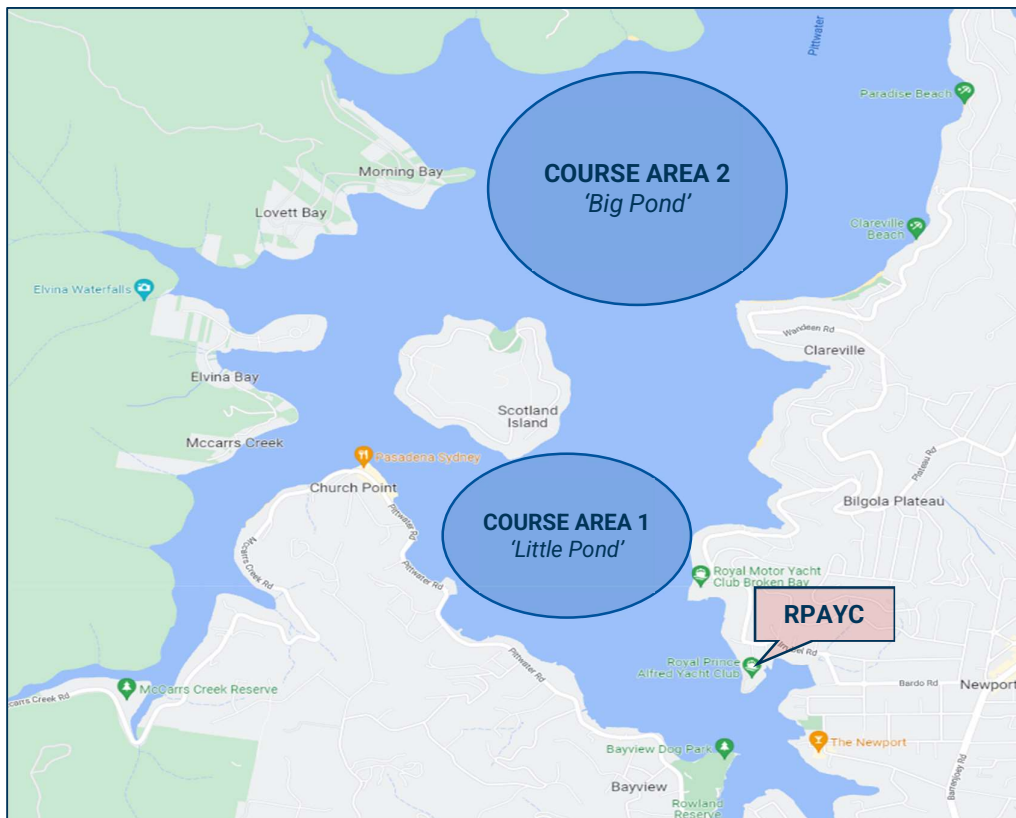
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

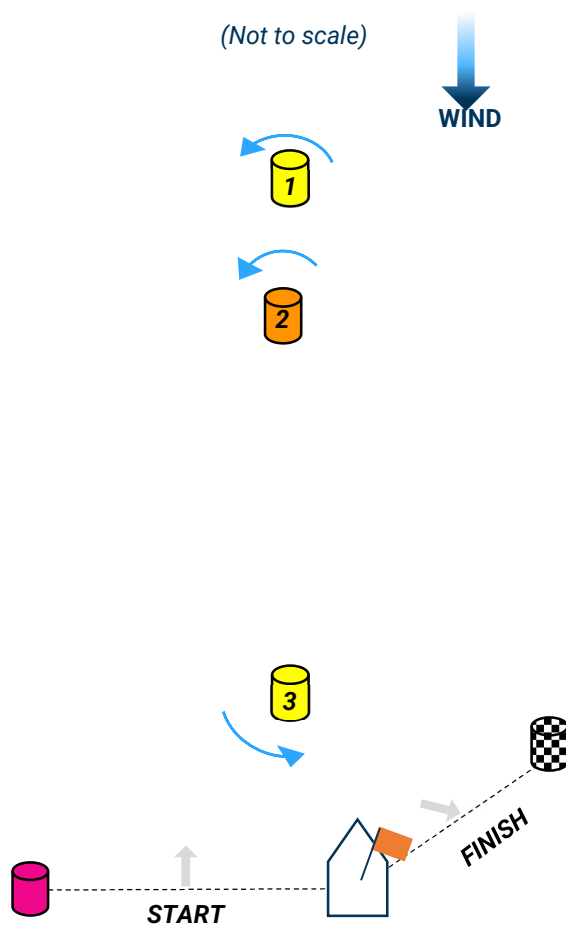


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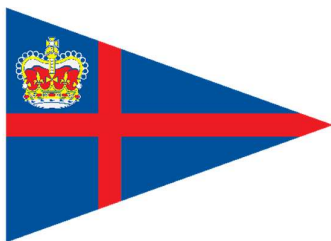
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
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EVENT WEBSITE

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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

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- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
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- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
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Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

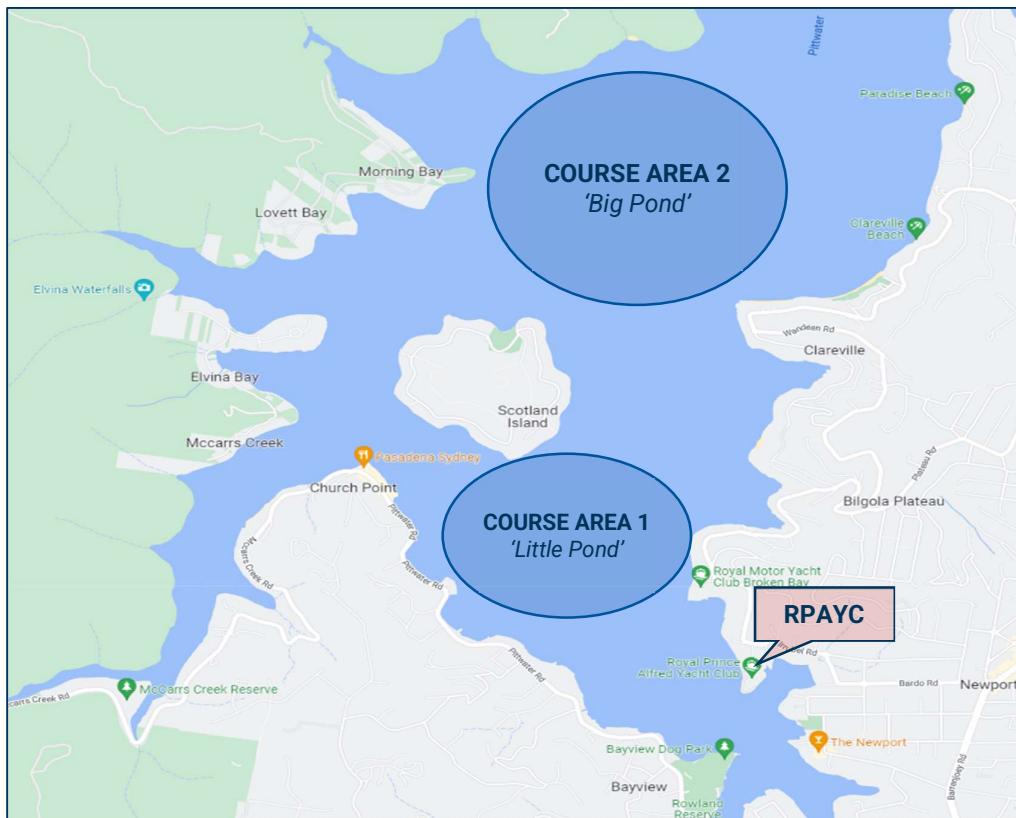
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

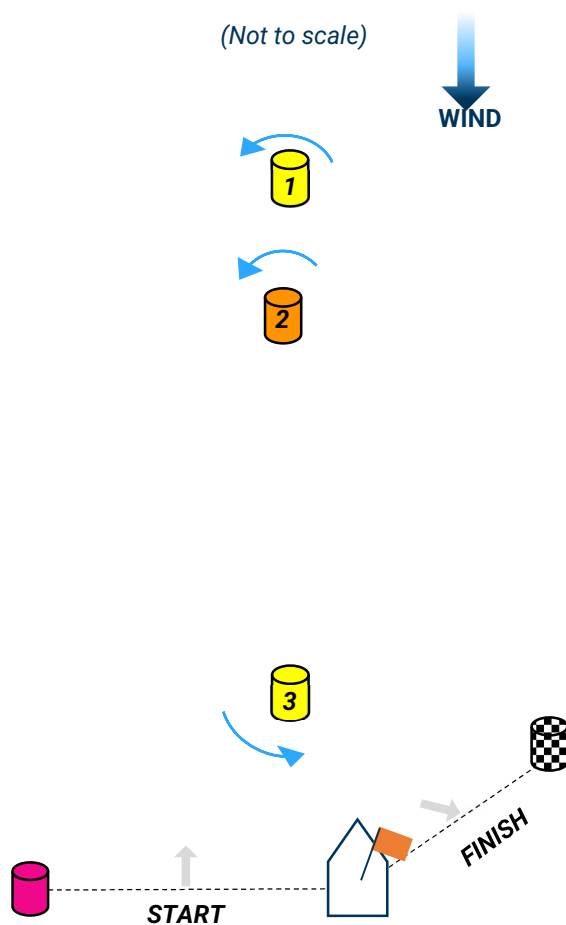


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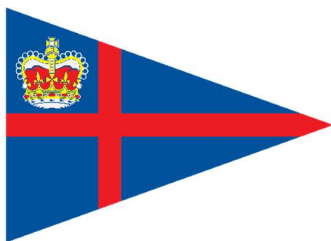
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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EVENT WEBSITE

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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
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- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
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- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

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Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
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- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

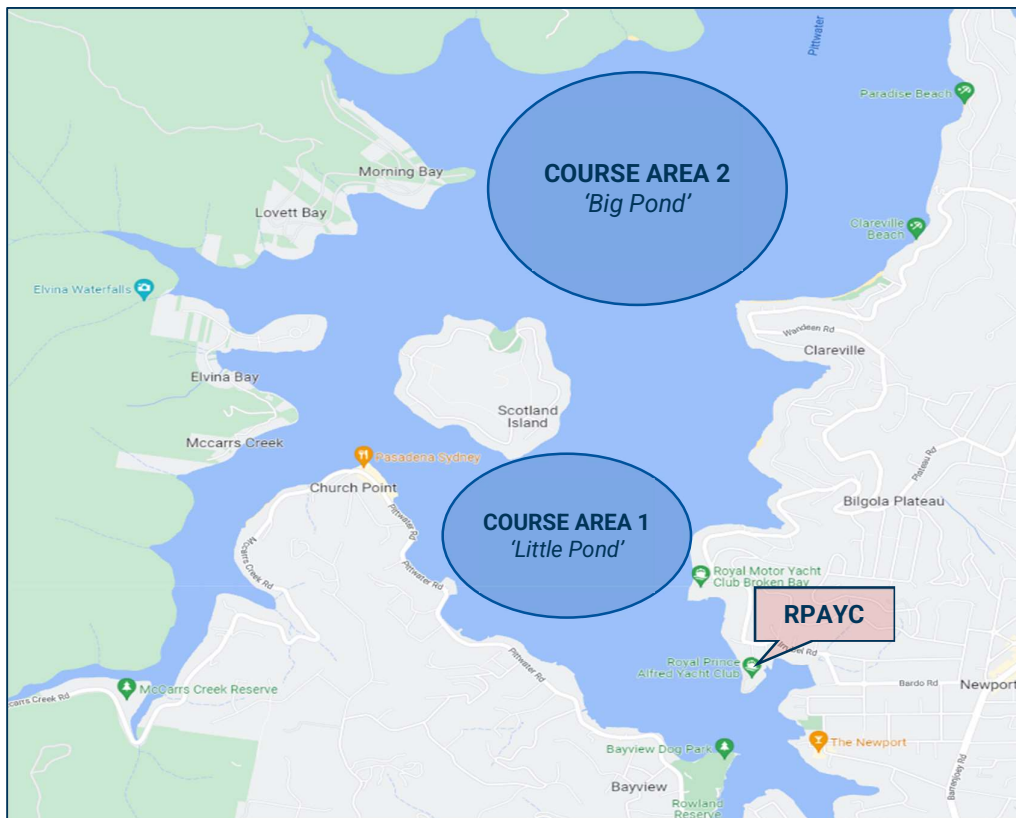
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

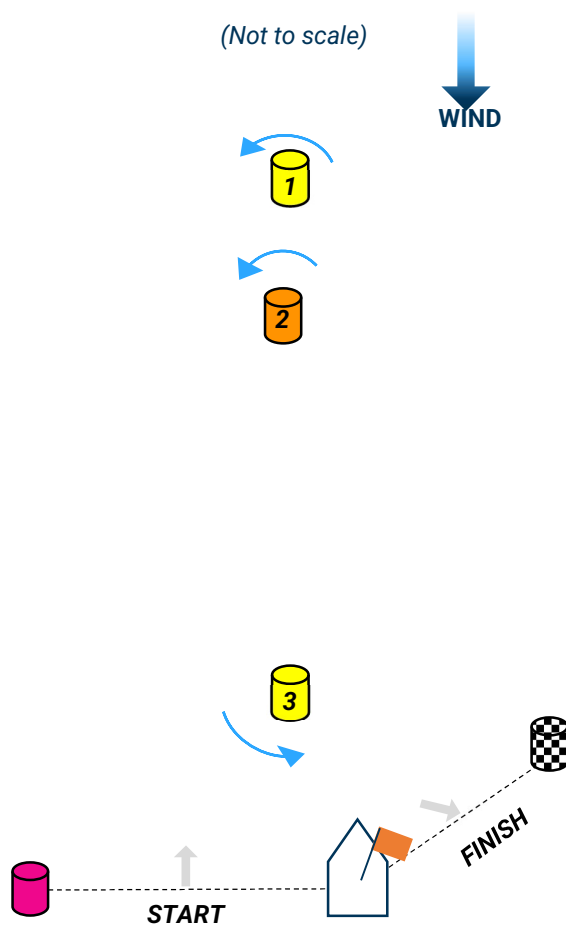


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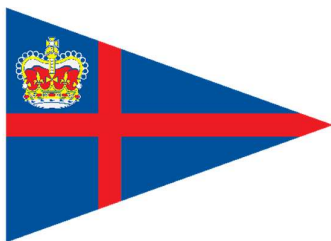
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

Zhik Summer Pointscore Series (Feb-Apr)

Zhik Club Championship

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
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Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

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16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.9 Missed Races – External Competition

- (a) Where a *competitor* will compete in an Australian Sailing sanctioned Australian Championship, State Championship, (or other major regatta as determined by the Centreboard Committee), they may apply on behalf of a boat for 'average points' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for 'average points' shall be made a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the races for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of 'average points' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

- 19.1 Each boat entered as a *Series Entrant* (NoR/SI 6.6a) or with a centreboard storage agreement shall nominate themselves or a representative(s) to volunteer for race management duty, for a minimum of two (2) duties throughout the RPAYC Centreboard 2024-2025 season. This commitment may be fulfilled by the boat's own competitor(s) (if over 14 years of age on 1st September 2024) or, by any other nominated representative (who is physically capable and qualified). Refer NoR/SI 18.8.
- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
 - a. Complete an accurate crew list for each race, submitted through the nominated race management system (SailSys).
 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

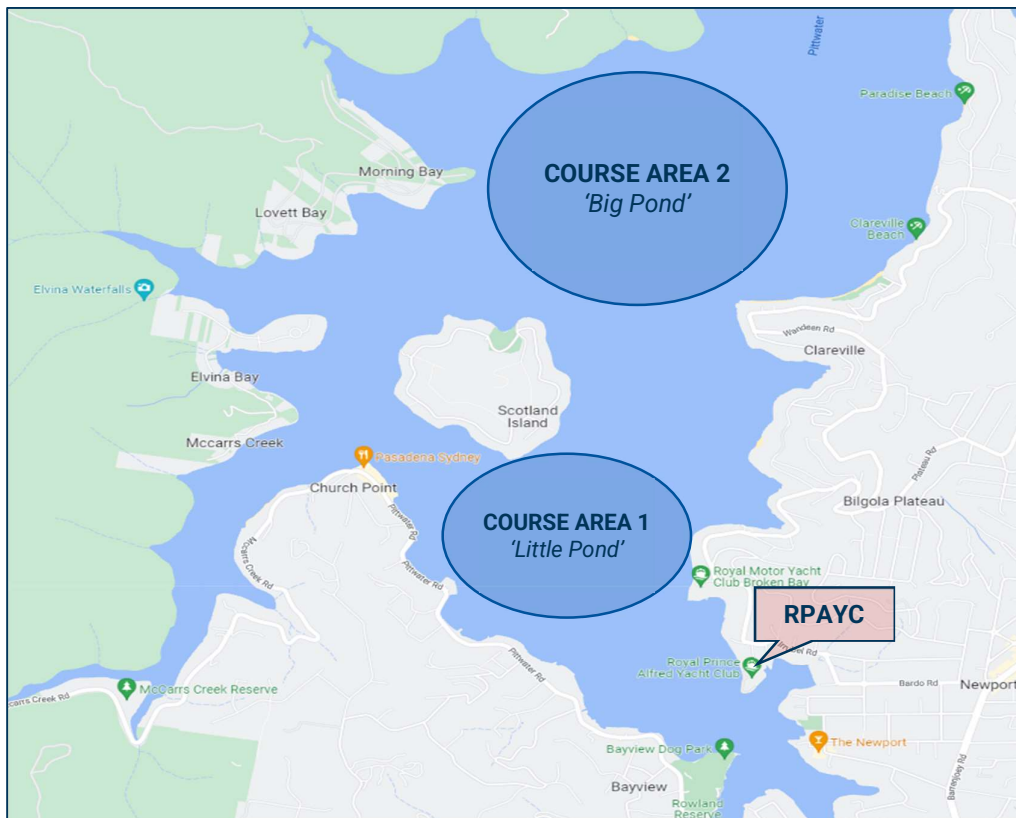
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

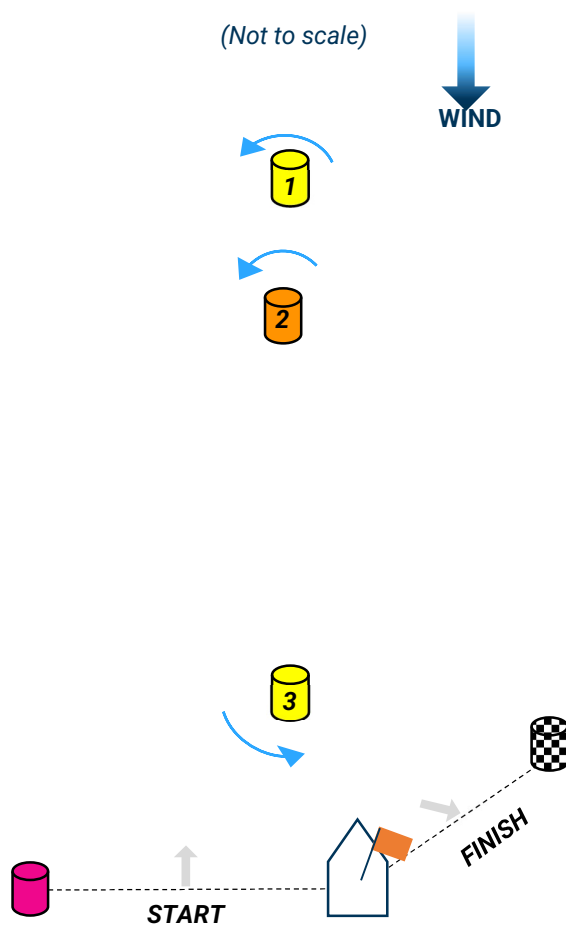


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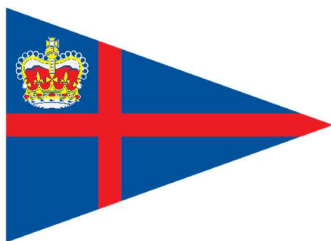
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

Zhik Summer Pointscore Series (Feb-Apr)

Zhik Club Championship

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship including Family Division	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
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Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
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- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
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- (c) Where approved, 'average points' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, for a maximum of three (3) races in a Series, and only where the races in the application are completed.
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- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

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NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

19. [NP] COMPETITOR VOLUNTEERING

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- 19.2 If a boat does not fulfil one (1) of the required duties, that boat's lowest scoring race will be re-scored as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.



- 19.3 If a boat does not fulfil any of the required duties, that boat's two (2) lowest scoring races will be recorded as DNS for the Club Championship Series, or in the last series for which it is entered without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1 Classes that require a measurement certificate shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 20.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. Any boat found not to be complying with Class Rules or Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS), or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate.

21. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 21.1 A Race Management briefing for all Race Management Officials, Coaches and Support Vessel Persons, will occur on the Centreboard Lawn at **1200 hrs**, for each scheduled round of racing.
- 21.2 Coaches and Support Vessel Persons shall notify the Race Officer of the Day at the Race Management briefing of their attendance, in addition to also providing their vessel information and contact details.
- 21.3 Only persons approved by the OA may coach **Junior Centreboard Fleet** competitors.
- 21.4 There may be more than one (1) Official Coach designated by the Organising Authority who may coach any competitors at any time. Coaching of such competitors does not constitute grounds for protest under RRS 41 (Outside Help).
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 All support teams shall monitor VHF channel 77, or whichever VHF channel the Race Officer nominates for Race Committee communications.
- 21.7 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.
- 21.8 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. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats and Support Person Vessels may be required to display advertising, chosen, and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official support vessels.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Weekly Prizes may be awarded to placegetters.
- (a) If there are three or less competitors only 1st place will be awarded.
 - (b) Four or less competitors only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.2 Series Awards may be awarded to placegetters.
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 - (b) Four or less entrants only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded.
- 24.3 Annual Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Centreboard Presentation.
- 24.4 Pointscore Series and Perpetual Awards will only be awarded to RPAYC Members.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 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 an 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.
- 25.2 The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 25.3 Competitors participate in a Series entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 All competitors who enter into a Series or into an individual round (casual) are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such a policy.

27. DATA PROTECTION

- 27.1 The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 A post-race presentation may be held in the Club House.
- 28.2 No trailers shall be stored in the lower, middle or upper level car parks. Visitor car parking and trailer parking is available in the Crystal Bay carpark, located on Crystal Street, Newport.
- 28.3 For further information please contact the RPAYC Sailing Office:
Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

1. Each boat's nominated Skipper (or person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall:
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 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
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4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

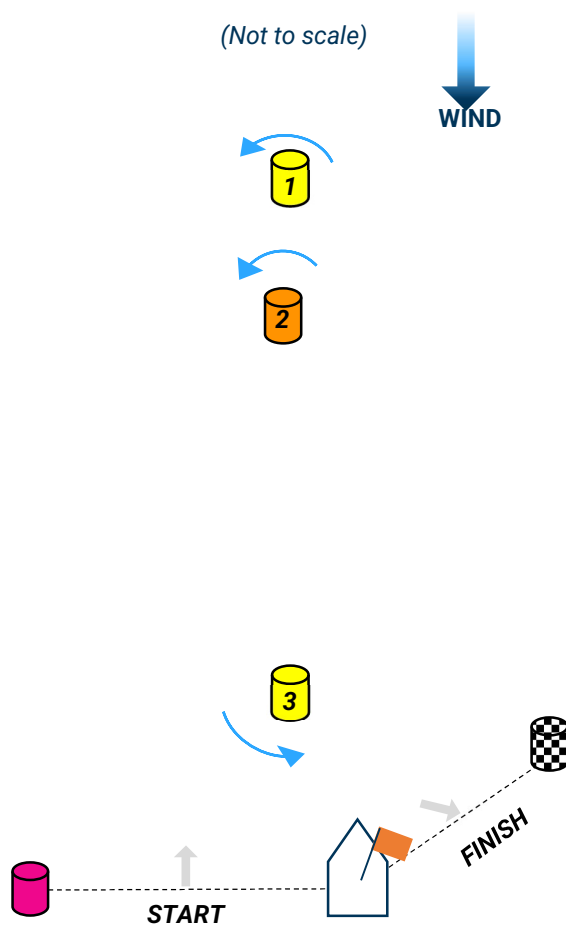


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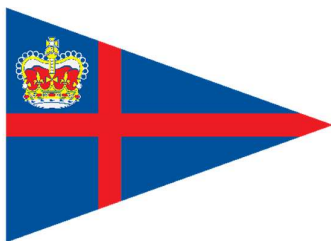
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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

Zhik Summer Pointscore Series (Feb-Apr)

Zhik Club Championship

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

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18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

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Series	Races
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Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

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- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
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Phone (02) 9998 3761 or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

[DP]Addendum 1 - Safety Regulations

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 - b. Submit a change of Sail Number request (where applicable) for each round, in writing to the Race Committee and Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au).
 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
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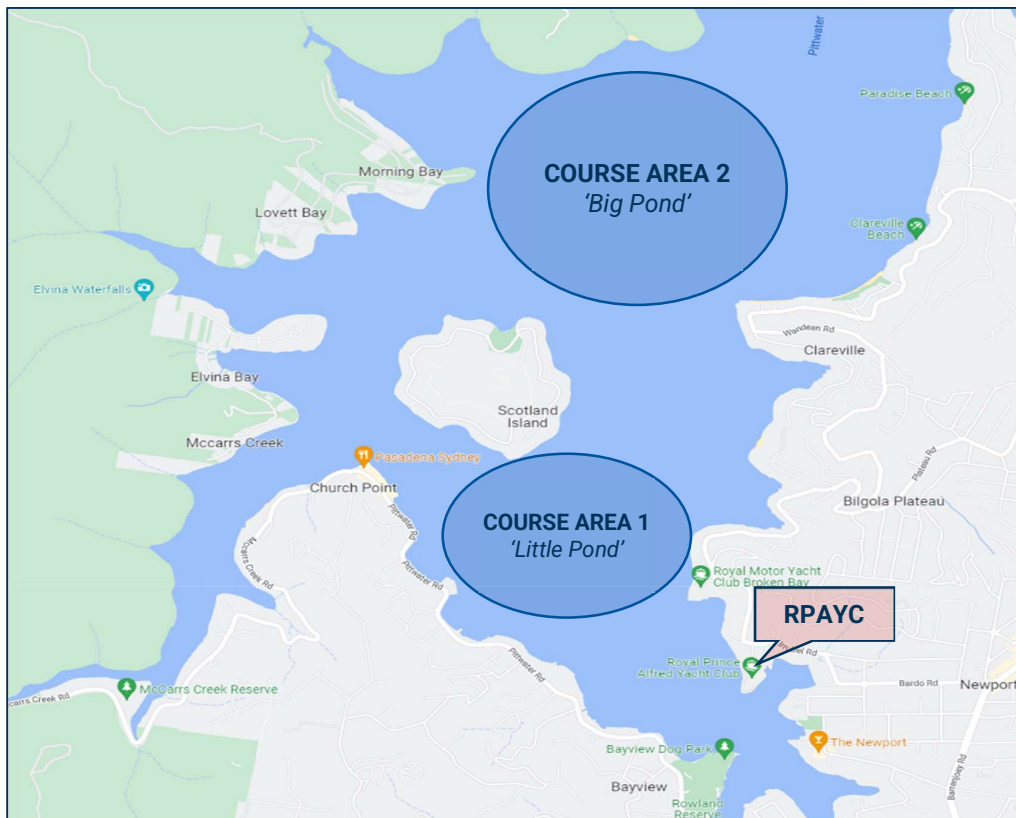
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Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

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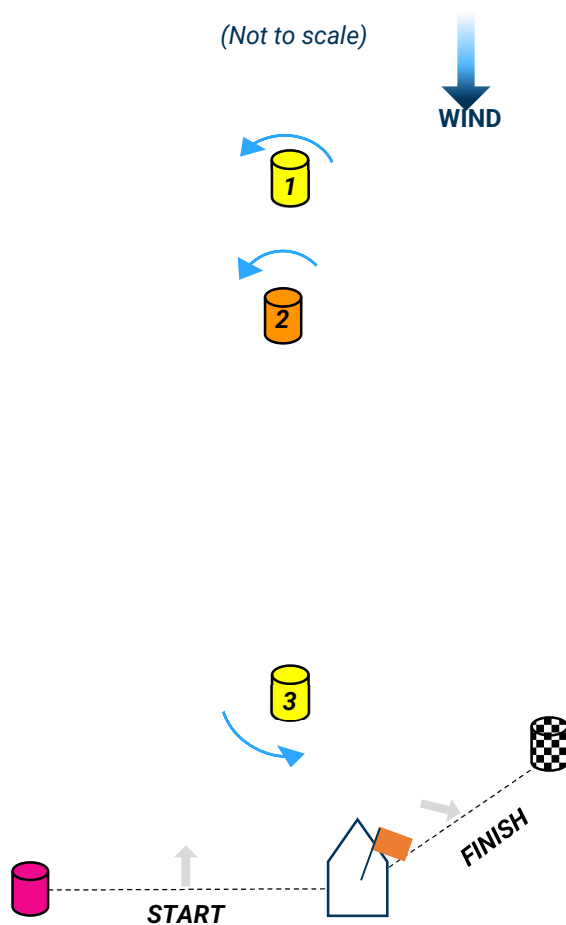


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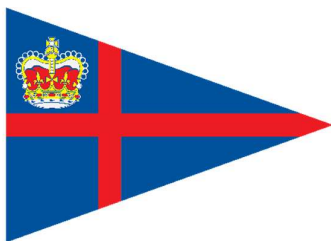
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Appendix B – Course Layout



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Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
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Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
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Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)



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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

Zhik Summer Pointscore Series (Feb-Apr)

Zhik Club Championship

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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

As per RRS 89, the Race Committee shall be represented by a minimum of two (2) people only, including the Race Officer of the day, plus, a member or members of the Centreboard Committee.

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 Zhik Centreboard Series 2024-25 will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 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 competitors and crew. Where the current Class Rules of competing boat are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations, then the latter will prevail.
- 1.4 Signals made ashore; when AP is displayed ashore the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 1.5 [NP] 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.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with the Safety Regulations as outlined in Addendum 1, as well as all reasonable requests from Race Management Officials.

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
- 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 Communications not received shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.2 and 62).
- 3.6 On water amendments to the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions, for a round, or for a race, may be communicated verbally by the Race Committee. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions, including any **Supplementary Sailing Instructions**, will be available prior to race one (1) of each Series, on the event website: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/>
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship <i>including Family Division</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
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- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
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- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

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- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
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Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
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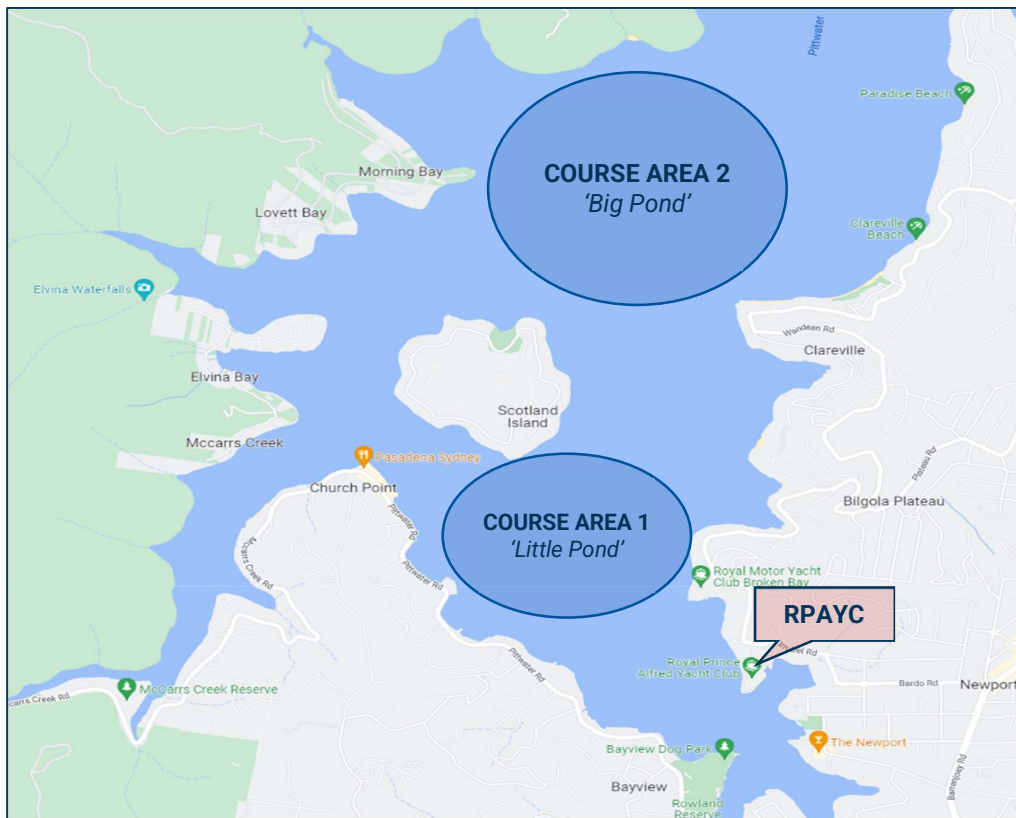
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Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

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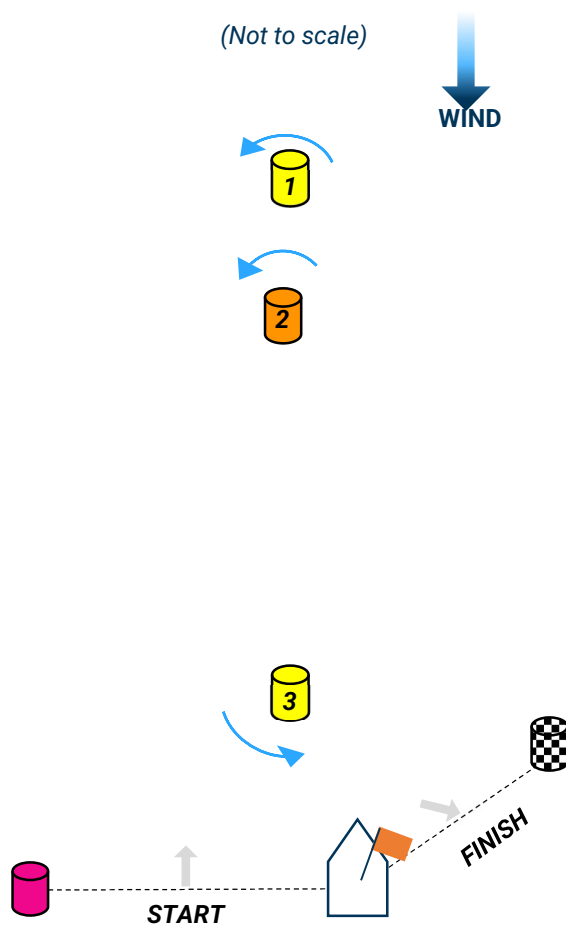


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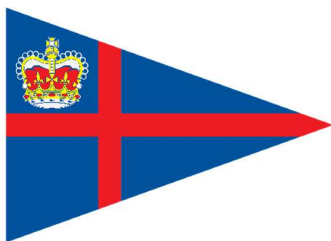
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Appendix B – Course Layout



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Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
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2024-25 CENTREBOARD SERIES



INCORPORATING THE

Zhik Spring Pointscore Series (Oct-Dec)

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Zhik Club Championship

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB

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EVENT WEBSITE

www.rpayc.com.au/sailing/centreboard/



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3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located on the Centreboard Notice Board at the Jack Gale Centre, RPAYC.
- 3.2 Notices may also be published online via <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/notices-amendments/>
- 3.3 SMS communications may be sent to competitors via the nominated Race Management System (SailSys).
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4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Mast on the RPAYC Centreboard Lawn.



6. BOAT ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 Each series is open to all off-the-beach Centreboard Class boats.
- 6.2 The minimum number of boats for a Class/Division start and results will be five (5) boats. This will be determined 24 hours prior to the **first race**, for each **Series**.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will allocate entries received into Divisions. Classes not meeting the minimum number of boats for a Class/Division (NoR/SI 6.2) will be allocated into a mixed handicap division.
- 6.4 The Australian Sailing Yardstick handicaps for Dinghy & OTB Catamaran classes shall apply to boats racing in mixed handicap divisions. Handicaps are defined as follows:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>
- 6.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and paying the nominated entry fee (where applicable), via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 6.6 Boats may enter as a 'Series Entrant' or a 'Casual Round Entrant'.
- (a) A '**Series Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered into the series, where both the boat and its primary registered skipper will remain the same, for all races in the series.
 - (b) A '**Casual Round Entrant**' is defined as a boat that is entered on a round-by-round basis. A Casual Round Entrant shall complete their entry at least three (3) hours prior to the first scheduled starting signal, for each round.
- 6.7 Entry fees (incl. GST) will be as follows:

Series	Member Series Entry Fee	Member Casual Entry Fee	Visitor Series Entry Fee	Visitor Casual Entry Fee
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	\$ 100	\$ 25.00	\$ 150	\$ 35.00
Zhik Club Championship including Family Division	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00
Zhik Non-Pointscore Rounds	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 35.00

- 6.8 Where a competitor wishes to enter a new or different boat into a Series, they shall register a new online entry as defined in NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7. Secondary boat entries will be FoC where the primary entry is an existing series entrant.
- 6.9 RPAYC Full & Youth Member conditions of discounted entry fee:
- (a) Where a boat's primary registered skipper is an Full or Youth Member, they shall be granted one (1) free of charge (FoC) entry, into each series.
 - (b) Additional boat entries made by an RPAYC Full Member, shall be as per NoR/SI 6.6 and 6.7.
 - (c) RPAYC Full Members shall remain financial until the end of the membership year (30 April).

7. [NP] COMPETITOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 All competitors, including all crew, shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or hold a valid Australian Sailing 'SailPass' for the day(s) they are racing.
- 7.2 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper) shall maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.3 Each boat's crew (i.e. double-handed boats) shall also maintain a profile in the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).
- 7.4 Each boat's nominated skipper (or the person in charge on behalf of the nominated skipper), shall be responsible for completing an accurate crew list for each race, via the nominated race management system (*SailSys*).



- 7.5 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race, shall result in a boat being scored DSQ, without a hearing. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of racing will be as follows:

Series and Round	Date
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 1	13 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 2	20 October 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 3	27 October 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 1	3 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 4	10 November 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 5	17 November 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 2	1 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 6	8 December 2024
Zhik Spring Pointscore Round 7 (FINAL)	15 December 2024
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 3	2 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 1	16 February 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 2	23 February 2025
Zhik Club Championship incl. Family Division Round 4	2 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 3	9 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 4	16 March 2025
Zhik Summer Pointscore Round 5	6 April 2025
Zhik Centreboard Annual Presentation	8 May 2025

- 8.2 On each scheduled day of racing,
- (a) A race management team briefing will be held in the Jack Gale Centre at **1200 hrs.**
 - (b) a mandatory Race Briefing for all competitors and crew will occur on the Centreboard Lawn, at **1215 hrs.**
 - (c) the first warning signal is scheduled to 'not occur' before **1330 hrs.**
 - (d) no warning signal shall be made after **1630 hrs.**
 - (e) all Classes and Divisions will race a maximum of three (3) races.
 - (f) races abandoned or not re-started, shall not be rescheduled or re-sailed.

- 8.3 The maximum number of races in each Series will be as follows:

Events	Rounds	Maximum Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	7	21
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	5	15
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division Fleet)	4	12

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW. NoR/SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will notify competitors of the intended location of the racing area at the mandatory Race Briefing.



10. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Refer to **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each Series' Division/Class flags.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The **Supplementary Sailing Instructions** for each series will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 11.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 The Start Mark will be a **pink** inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The Finish Mark will be a **chequered black and white** inflatable buoy.
- 12.3 Mark 2 will be an **orange** inflatable buoy.
- 12.4 Marks 1 and 3 will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 12.5 Marks 1, 2 and 3 round to **Port**.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

14. THE START

- 14.1 The starting line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the inflatable 'Start Mark' at the other end of the line.
- 14.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.3 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. Divisions starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer of the day.
- 14.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using a three-minute sequence. This amends RRS 26.
- 14.7 The table below describes 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 or Class Flag displayed with 1 sound	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag displayed with 1 sound	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	Code flag 'P', 'I', 'U', or Black Flag removed with 1 sound	
0 minutes	Division or Class Flag removed with 1 sound	Start

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line is between the staff on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag and the inflatable 'Finish Mark' at the other end of the line.



16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The *Mark 1 Time Limit*, *Race Time Limit*, and the *Finishing Window* will be as follows.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.2)	60 minutes (See NoR/SI 16.3)	15 minutes (see NoR/SI 16.4)

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

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

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat of the same Division sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each Class/Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat (in that Class/Division) finishes the last race of the day or if the Race Committee signals no further racing today (whichever is later).

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RPAYC Sailing Office or on the event website.

17.3 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, at a time to be advised by the OA.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 RRS A5.3 and NoR/SI Addendum 5 shall apply.

18.2 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series will be as follows:

Series	Races
Zhik Spring Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Summer Pointscore Series	3
Zhik Club Championship (including Family Division)	3

18.3 A boat's series score shall be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4 Boats that are *Casual Round Entrants* shall not score points in an overall Pointscore. Refer to NoR/SI (6.6b).

18.5 Requests for 'review of results', shall not be accepted more than three (3) days after the scheduled day of racing for which the request applies.

18.6 Any boat which is observed by the Race Committee to be in breach of NoR/SI 1.2, will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (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).

18.7 Mixed Handicap Divisions

- (a) Results shall be determined by the application of a Yardstick Handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) shall be scored first and the other boats scored accordingly.
- (b) Where an Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy & Catamaran Yardstick Handicap is not listed, the OA may issue a Yardstick Handicap.

18.8 Missed Races – Volunteer Duty

- (a) Where a *competitor* complies with NoR/SI 19.1, they may apply on behalf of a boat for a 'duty score' for races missed.
- (b) Applications for a 'duty score' shall be made on the day for which it is applicable, (via the online application form <https://shorturl.at/dqN09>) and shall be additionally verified by the Race Committee, prior to being granted.
- (c) Where approved, a 'duty score' shall only be granted to one (1) boat, per competitor, per round, and only where the races in the application are completed.
- (d) The definition of a 'duty score' will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.

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18.10 Missed Races – Additional Scoring Codes

- (a) In addition to the Scoring options as provided in RRS Appendix A, the following scoring options may also be applied by the Race Committee.

Code	Description	Explanation
SOP	Sign On / Sign Off Penalty	This Boat did not Sign On / Sign Off
DBP	Duty Points	Club specific points for a boat that undertakes Club duties in place of racing
NCL	No Crew List	This Boat has failed to submit an accurate Crew List
NA	Division not applicable to this race	This division is not racing in this race

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 - c. **SIGN ON**, to confirm a boat's intention to race for each day of racing, before launching.
 - d. **SIGN OFF**, to confirm a boat has returned to shore, as soon as possible after coming ashore, or by the end of the Protest Time Limit (whichever is sooner).
2. **A boat that fails to Sign On will be scored points equal to that of Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
3. **A boat that fails to Sign Off will be scored points equal to that of a Disqualification (DSQ)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
4. **A boat that fails to display the correct sail number as per their entry data will be scored points equal to that of Did Not Compete (DNC)**, without a hearing for all races scheduled that day. (This Amends RRS 63.1).
5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Where that boat shall not continue racing for the day, they shall leave the course area and then Sign Off as soon as possible, when ashore.
6. A boat that has not entered, in accordance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, is not eligible to compete, will not be awarded points and where in repeat offences, may have action taken upon them in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

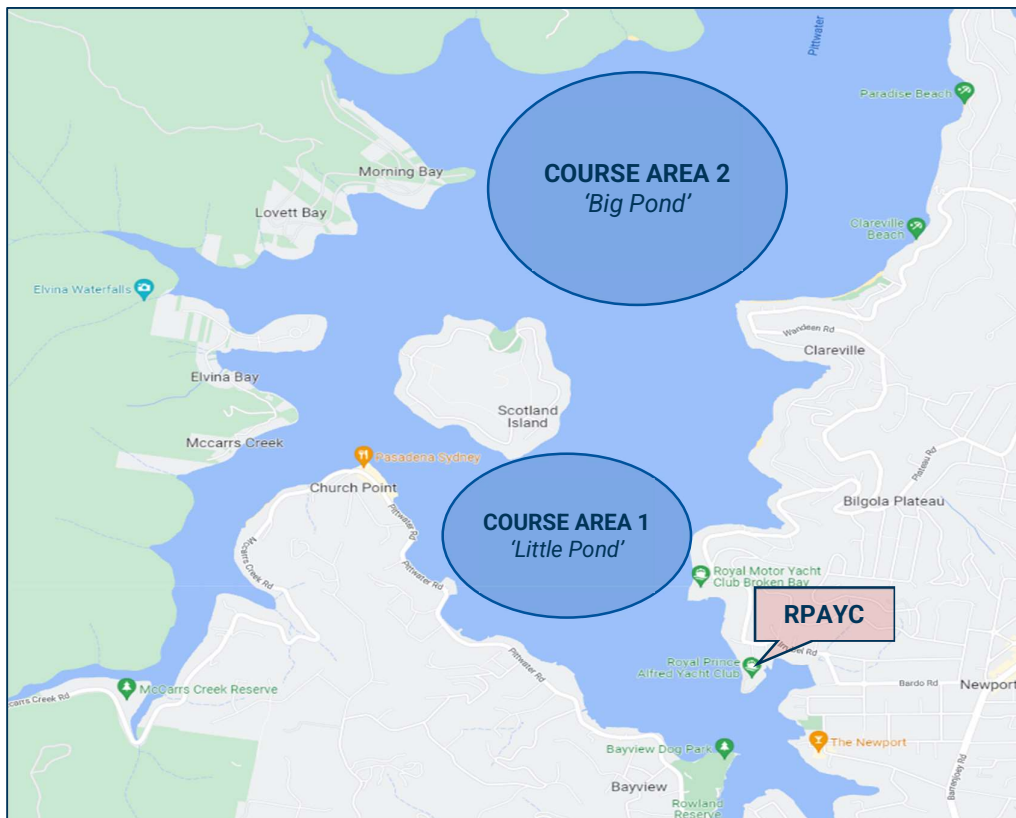
The Official SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedure, shall be conducted via the nominated QR Code / JotForm [image below]



IMPORTANT

Where an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure is demonstrated or trialled, or where a competitor voluntarily participates in an alternative Sign On / Sign Off procedure that is demonstrated or trailed, Scoring and Scoring Penalties will be applied based **only** on the **Official Sign On / Sign Off procedure**, as shown above.

Addendum 2 – Racing Area



Appendix A – Division List

Division / Class	Numeral Pennant / Class Flag		Division Compositions
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2		Mixed ILCA: ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7
Division 3	Numeral Pennant 3		Mixed Junior Handicap: Optimist Class, Manly Junior, Flying 11, Flying Ant, Pacer
Division 4	Numeral Pennant 4		Mixed Handicap: Aeros, Finn, RS100/200, NS14, MG14, SKUD 18, 29er, Windsurfer
Division 5	Numeral Pennant 5		Family Fleet - Club Championship
Division 7	Numeral Pennant 7		Waszp Class
Division 8	Numeral Pennant 8		Multihull Division
Division 9	Numeral Pennant 9		VX One Class – nominated weeks only

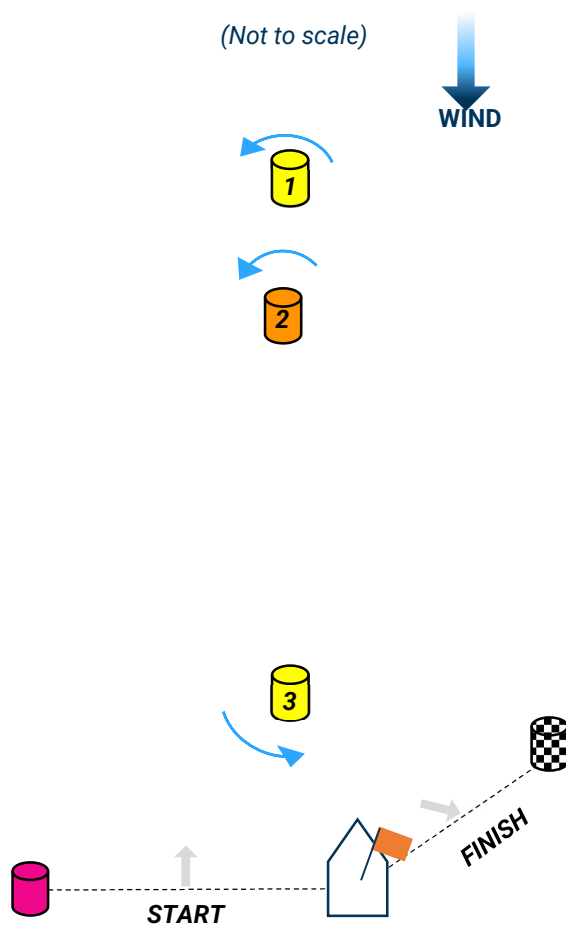


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Appendix B – Course Layout



Course Configuration		Description
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Inside Courses		
Course 1:	START – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 2:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 3:	START – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)
Windward / Leeward (W/L) Outside Courses		
Course 4:	START – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (1 Lap)
Course 5:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (2 Laps)
Course 6:	START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	W/L (3 Laps)