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# 2026 Int 5.5m AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

1 – 3 March 2026

ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



- 1 RULES** – Refer NoR 1
- 2 ADVERTISING** – Refer NoR 2
- 3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY** – Refer NoR 3
- 4 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT** - Refer NoR 6
- 5 SCHEDULE** – Refer NoR 7
- 6 SCORING** - Refer NoR 11
- 7 BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING** – Refer NoR 13
- 8 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS** - Refer NoR 14
- 9 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** – Refer NoR 15 (VHF Ch.72)
- 10 PRIZES** - Refer NoR 16
- 11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Refer NoR 17
- 12 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
  - 12.1 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located adjacent to reception.
  - 12.2 The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF (ch72) at any time. Failure of such communication to be given or received shall not be subject to redress nor is such information a breach of RRS 41. This changes RRS 41.
- 13 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
  - 13.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before they take effect. Other changes will be posted before 0930hrs on the day they take effect.
  - 13.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3rd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. This may be communicated orally.
- 14 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
  - 14.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff at the club.
  - 14.2 The Warning Signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after “AP” is lowered ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals “AP”.
- 15 AREAS THAT RANK AS OBSTRUCTIONS**
  - 15.1 While racing in Pittwater, boats shall not sail within the area of water between registered moorings (including Police or NSW Maritime moorings) and the adjacent shoreline inside Pittwater. These areas rank as obstructions.
- 16 SUPPORT BOATS**
  - 16.1 Support vessels shall monitor the VHF (ch72) during racing and shall render assistance to any boat in danger when requested by the boat, the Race Committee.
  - 16.2 Except when complying with S16.1, support vessels and personnel shall stay 50m outside the course area from the time of the first Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing.
- 17 TIME LIMIT**
  - 17.1 The time limit for each race shall be 75 minutes.
  - 17.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.
- 18 PENALTY SYSTEM**
  - 18.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS18, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 19 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
  - 19.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of that day.
  - 19.2 Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit informing competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
  - 19.3 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification.



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19.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing or redress shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

**20 CLASS FLAGS**

20.1 The Class flag shall be the Int 5.5m Class Flag.

**21 MARKS, STARTING/FINISHING LINE**

21.1 Mark 1 and the Gate marks shall be **orange** inflatable buoys.

21.2 Mark 1a (the offset mark) shall be a **green** inflatable buoy.

21.3 The "Change Mark" shall be a **pink** inflatable buoy. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original **orange** buoy.

21.4 The starting and finishing lines shall be between a staff displaying, an **orange** flag at the start and **blue** flag at the finish, on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a **black and white checkered** inflatable buoy.

21.5 The finishing vessel may be different to the starting vessel.

**22 COURSES**

22.1 The course, compass bearing and approximate distance to Mark 1 shall be displayed by the Race Committee Boat.

22.2 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a, if laid, is an offset mark.

22.3 Marks 2s/2p are a Gate. If one Gate mark is missing, boats shall round the existing mark to port.

22.4 Below is the description of the courses:

Code	Courses
C2	Course 2: Start - 1 - 1a - Finish
C4	Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish
C6	Course 6: Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish

