

Bluewater Pointscore Series

Sailing Instructions 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1. As per NoR 1. RULES with the addition of:
- 1.2. The wearing of Lifejackets and Harnesses is mandatory between the hours of sunset and sunrise and at all times of heightened risk.
- 1.3. Race 1 Sailing Instructions will be those of the Short Ocean Pointscore Series 2025-2026.

2. STARTING TIMES

Race	Name	Scheduled Start Time	Date
1	Bird Island Return Race	1000hrs	Saturday 7 February 2026
2	40 th Pittwater to Coffs Harbour	See separate NoR & SI	
3	Cabbage Tree Island Race	1000hrs	Saturday 13 June 2026
4	Newcastle Return Race	1000hrs	Saturday 27 June 2026
5	Port Hacking Return Race	1000hrs	Saturday 11 July 2026

3. DIVISION FLAG

- 3.1. The Coastal Pointscore Series shall have one (1) division.
- 3.2. The division flag shall be **Code Flag "R"**.

4. REPORTING AT THE START

- 4.1. Boats shall call the Race Committee Vessel on VHF Channel 77, identifying the boat and the number of persons on board (POB) prior to the Warning Signal.

5. THE START

- 5.1. The start will be in the vicinity of Lion Island and Barrenjoey Headland.
- 5.2. The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and an orange inflatable mark at the other end of the line.
- 5.3. In the event of an unfavourable sea state the start line may be moved inside of Pittwater in the vicinity of Westhead. The Race Committee may advise the change on VHF Ch.77.

6. COURSES

- 6.1. **Race 1: Start – BI – Finish. Approximate Distance 50nm.**
- 6.2. **Race 3: Start – CT – Finish. Approximate Distance 145nm**
- 6.3. **Race 4: Start – IDM – Finish. Approximate Distance 100nm**
- 6.4. **Race 5: Start - WR(p) – Finish. Approximate Distance 70nm**
- 6.5. All marks are to be rounded to Starboard unless otherwise indicated (p), denoting a Port rounding. See Appendix A Mark Descriptions.
- 6.6. Where a mark is missing or conditions do not permit a mark to be laid then the GPS position, as described in the Sailing Instructions, shall replace the mark. It is the responsibility of the Skipper/PIC to provide evidence that they sailed the course.



7. POSITION REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION

- 7.1. The Race Committee (RC) may broadcast race information before and during the race and or reply to queries received where the information is of general assistance to the fleet. This information will not be deemed "outside help" under the terms of RRS 41. Failure to receive communication from the RC shall not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 61.4(b).
- 7.2. All boats must maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16 for the duration of each scheduled race.
- 7.3. Reporting Schedule**
- 7.3.1. All Boats shall make mandatory position reports at 0600hrs, 1500hrs and 2100hrs and while racing. Reports shall be made within 15 minutes of these times.
- 7.4. The following information shall be reported to the Race Committee by SMS to **0427 477 854**:
- Boat Name**
Sail Number
Position
- 7.4.1. The position shall be sent as a 4-digit number and longitude as a 5-digit number (without decimals) and whether proceeding North or South.
- 7.5. Acknowledgement will be made by reply SMS with the word "**received**".
- 7.6. Failure to report as per SI 7 may result in a penalty as detailed in SI 12 at the discretion of the Race Committee or Protest Committee, having regard for the circumstances (changes RRS 60.2).

8. RETIRING FROM THE RACE

- 8.1. Boats retiring or withdrawing from the race shall advise the Race Committee on 0427 477 854 or Sailing Office (02 9998 3700) as soon as practical.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1. The Finishing Line will bear 331 degrees magnetic from the Barrenjoey Lighthouse (Fl. (4)20s. Boats shall have crossed the finishing line when the Barrenjoey Light bears 151 degrees magnetic or less.
- 9.2. The Outer Distance mark, approximately 1nm from Barrenjoey Light: 33° 33.848' S 151° 19.451' E (which is not laid) shall be left to Starboard.
- 9.3. Boats shall advise the Race Committee of their finish time by SMS text on **0427 477 854** with the following information:
- Boat Name**
Sail Number
Finishing Time
- 9.4. The finish time declaration (text) shall be within 20 minutes of finishing.
- 9.5. Acknowledgement will be made by reply SMS with the word "**received**".

10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1. There shall be no Time Limit for the race.

11. DECLARATION

- 11.1. When a boat is involved in an incident, breaches any RRS, COLREGs, rating rules or needs to report the taking of a penalty, she shall complete the Coastal Pointscore DECLARATION FORM, attached.
- 11.2. Declaration Forms, when required, shall be submitted to the Sailing Office (sailing@rpayc.com.au) within the Protest Time Limit.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. Between the hours of sunrise and sunset, a boat may take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1.



- 12.2. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise a Scoring Penalty shall apply. The scoring penalty shall be 10 minutes added to the boats elapsed time. (Amends RRS 44.3). A boat infringing in more than one incident shall receive a separate penalty for each infringement.
- 12.3. A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by declaring the incident(s) on their Declaration Form and submitting it to the RC in accordance with SI 11 (Amends RRS 44.3).
- 12.4. Reporting Penalties:
 - 12.4.1. First Position Report missed – 20 minutes added to the boat's elapsed time.
 - 12.4.2. Subsequent missed position reports – 40 minutes added to the boat's elapsed time.
- 12.5. Placings will be awarded after the application of penalties or granting of redress.
- 12.6. The application of penalties shall affect the placing of other boats, which shall be advanced to fill all preceding places vacated by penalized boats, subject to tied, elapsed or Line Honors results. If two or more boats share the same placing after the application of penalties, the boat(s) with the least or no penalty shall be placed above the boat(s) with the greatest penalty. (Changes RRS 44.3c).

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Provisional results may be published during the race with the results finalised at the conclusion of the race following protests, penalties, scoring queries etc.
- 13.2. Trophies may be awarded at the Annual Presentation at the conclusion of the series.
- 13.3. Race prizes may be awarded at the following Saturday's Race Presentation.

14. DISCLAIMER

- 14.1. The OA, the RC, the event sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members, and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Club Marine Bluewater Coastal Series races.
- 14.2. Once a boat has finished or retired from the race the OA, the RC, the event sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members, and volunteers discharge any further Duty of Care.
- 14.3. Owner and or the Person in Charge and all crew are aware and acknowledge by entering the race that they compete entirely and at their own risk.
- 14.4. Attention is drawn to the World Sailing (WS) Fundamental Rule 3 "Decision to Race" which states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. All boats shall have a current Marine Legal Public Liability Insurance Policy for the duration of the race, with a sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency).
- 15.2. The Policy must state that the boat is insured for the racing in which it is participating in and that it is covered for at least the distance greater than the distance of the Race.

Appendix A – Mark Descriptions

THE MARK DESCRIPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| BI | Bird Island approximately: 33° 13.750' S 151° 36.130' E |
| CT | Cabbage Tree Island approximately: 32° 41.400' S 152° 13.500' E |
| IDM | Isolated Danger Mark [BRB FL(2) W 6S] approximately: 32° 53.830' S 151° 50.990' E (approx. 3nm East of Stockton Beach) |
| WR | Wave Rider Special Purpose Buoy [(Y FL(5) Y 20S] approximately: 34° 02.470' S 151° 15.200' E (approx. 3.8nm South East of Point Hacking) |



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DECLARATION FORM

(to be completed in the event of a required reporting incident or infringement as below)

Race 1 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5

To be submitted via email: sailing@rpayc.com.au

TO BE SIGNED BY THE OWNER OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE

Boat Name Sail No I am a member

Of Yacht Club and I was on board and in charge of the above-mentioned Boat,

while sailing in the RACE on ___ / ___ / ____.

I declare that during the race there was infringement(s) as follows: (please initial and submit a detailed report)

- World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing _____
- International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea _____
- RPAYC Sailing Instructions and Special Regulations _____
- AS Special Regulations _____
- alterations made affecting Rating since the boat was last measured or spare mainsail used _____

If any of the above items are initialled; a detailed report of the infringement or incident should accompany this declaration.

The Boat crossed the finishing line (Please insert details): -

Date of Incident

Time of Incident

Any other boats involved in the incident/.....

(Owner/Representative) Signed

To be submitted to: RPAYC Sailing Office or email: sailing@rpayc.com.au