



Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

100% DAY FRESHIE FESTIVAL

Saturday 21 March 2026

DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & COURSES

These instructions are to be read as part of the
RFBYC Keelboat and Dinghy Standard Sailing Instructions

This race will be a handicap start event.

1. RULES

Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:

A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

(a) at or after her starting signal, or

(b) during the last 5 minutes before her starting signal.

When a boat *starts* in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, but, if she does not, the starting penalty shall be ONE minute for each full minute or part thereof that she starts early plus TWO minutes, added to her elapsed time.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 This event is open to all boats registered at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

2.2 Only one boat may be nominated by any one person.

2.3 Any change of Skipper from the nominated Skipper, will result in a disqualification.

3. START PROCEDURE

Rule 26 is deleted and replaced with the procedure that follows. Three minutes prior to a handicapped group start, the group is called to the start zone via the Dinghy Club Public Address System. One minute prior to a handicapped group start, competitors are provided with a warning via the Dinghy Club Public Address System.

4. START SIGNAL

Boats shall start at or after the signal from the starter at the allocated handicapped start time. These start times, and the signal, will be announced over the Dinghy Club Public Address System by the starter. Sailors shall not leave the start zone prior to the signal of their handicapped start time. The start zone is the concrete apron of the Dinghy Club.

5. START LINE

Dinghy start will operate as Le Mans-style with sailors running to their boat at the start signal from the starter and then commencing sailing. All sailors must be on the concrete apron of the Dinghy Club prior to their handicapped start time. The concrete apron of the Dinghy Club will act as the start line.

6. START TIME

1430

7. FINISH LINE

The finish line will be outlined to all competitors at the course briefing commencing at 1400.

8. KEEPING CLEAR

After crossing the Finish Line, sailors are encouraged to remove their boats from the beach to provide a clear beach landing for other sailors.

9. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the 100% Day Commemorative Flag (Yachts are not required to wear individual Class Flags).

10. COURSE

The course will be outlined and provided as a physical copy to all competitors at the course briefing commencing at 1400.

11. SHORTENED COURSE

The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32 and race signals.

12. RECORDING FINISH

To assist the finishing team, please record the sail number and name of the boat that finishes immediately in front of and behind you. This may be called upon by the Race Committee in the event there are discrepancies in the results.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. **Commemorative 100% Day Freshie Festival Flags** will be available for all boats to fly from your boat during the race. Please call in to the Sailing Office prior to the race to collect your flag.
2. **Power boats** will be rafting up between Black and Middle Spits to view the keelboat and dinghy racing. Competing yachts and dinghys should be aware of the raft up and treat it as an obstruction of the course.
3. **Presentation of results** will be from 5.30pm at the Top Club.
4. **Prizes awarded to Dinghy Fleet as follows:**
 - a. Over the line results
 - i. Winning Boat – The first boat, out of all starters, to cross the finish line.
 - ii. Second Boat, out of all starters, to cross the finish line.
 - iii. Third Boat, out of all starters, to cross the finish line.
 - b. Best Dressed Boat – We encourage you to dress your boat in flyers and streamers.
 - c. Fleet Participation Award – A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the fleet with the highest percentage of participation. Participation percentage is worked out by the number of boats who sailed in the event, divided by the number of boats in that Class on the Club's register. There must be a minimum of 5 boats in that Class on the Club's register to be eligible.