



Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

2023 RFBYC CLUB BEST REGATTA



For the Tom Worsley Perpetual Trophy

Sunday 13 August 2023

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3. Class rules shall not apply.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5. The regatta will be umpired in accordance with Addendum A.

2. COMMUNICATION & CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The official noticeboard is located at the RFBYC Yachting Operations office.
- 2.2. Notice to competitors and any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted to the official noticeboard and advised at the briefing.
- 2.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole to the east of the main clubhouse.
- 2.4. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c) using the following procedure:
 - a) Flag 'L' to be displayed with a sound signal. Competitors should come within hailing distance to the Race Committee (RC) boat.
 - b) Instructions may be given orally by radio from the RC boat.
 - c) Instructions may additionally be given by other official boats on the course area.
 - d) It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have received the change in its entirety.
 - e) When postponement signal flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 2.5. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 77 supplied by the OA.
- 2.6. While racing from the first 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 data communication that it is not available to all boats.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all financial members of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.
- 3.2. A maximum of 8 teams are invited to enter.
- 3.3. Teams may be representing Sections, Divisions, Fleets or Classes e.g. Power Section, Lasers, Mid Week Fleet A.
- 3.4. Each team shall consist of four or five (including the skipper).
- 3.5. Each team shall nominate a skipper who shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 3.6. A skipper must satisfy RFBYC Club By-Law 4.7 to be eligible to helm a boat.

- 3.7. Competitors are required to enter online with the OA by the Friday before the event via the link below:
<https://rfbyc.asn.au/club-best-regatta/>

- 3.8. Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

4. ENTRY FEE AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 4.1. Teams are required to pay an entry fee of \$150.
 4.2. No damage deposit is required but teams are responsible for, and will be charged for any damage.
 4.3. The maximum damage cost for any one incident is \$500.00.

5. SCHEDULE & FORMAT OF RACES

- 5.1. The regatta shall be run as fleet racing with the course as described in Addendum A.

Date	Time	Event
Wed, 9 August 2023	1700	Close of applications
Sun 13 August 2023	10:00 – 10:30	Competitor Registration
	10:30	Rigging of supplied boats
	11:00	Competitor and Volunteer Briefing
	11:45	Race commentary begins
	11:55	1 ST warning signal
	17:00	No warning signal after 1700
		Presentations asap after racing

- 5.2. Registration will be held on the upper lawn of the main clubhouse.
 5.3. Competitor and volunteer briefing will be held on the upper lawn of the main clubhouse.
 5.4. The intended time for presentations will be as soon as possible following the completion of the event on the upper lawn of the main clubhouse.
 5.5. The OA and Race Committee may make alterations to the schedule of races and event format at any time at their discretion.
 5.6. When flag Q is displayed, a subsequent race will be started as soon as practicable after the preceding race.
 5.7. Multiple sound signals will indicate that a new starting sequence will commence within one minute.
 5.8. Round Robin
 a) The regatta will consist of up to 21 races in a continuous round robin.
 b) The paring list to be issued at the competitors briefing .
 c) Low point scoring will be applied.
 d) The round robin may be terminated at anytime at the discretion of the OA.
 e) Average point will apply where there is an uneven number of races between teams.
 5.9. At least two races are required to be completed by all teams to constitute a series.

6. CLASS FLAG



The Class flag shall be a white flag with the BW8 insignia.



7. BOATS AND SAILS

- 7.1. Six BW8 class keelboats will be supplied by the OA for the regatta.
 7.2. The sails to be used will be allocated at registration and are to remain with the boat.
 7.3. The sail combination to be used will be signalled from the RC boat with or before the warning signal.

- 7.4. The signals will indicate the following sail combinations:

Signal		Sail Combination to be used
None		Genoa + Main + Spinnaker
Flag Z		Jib + Main + Spinnaker
Flag J		Jib + Main

- 7.5. Competitors shall be advised by radio from the RC boat when mainsails are to be reefed.

8. IDENTIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS

- 8.1. Boats will be identified by their boat name.
 8.2. **Boat allocation will be provided at registration.**
 8.3. Team changeovers will be done using the Crew Change RIB. Teams are to stay near the RC boat when waiting for a changeover.

9. RACING AREA & COURSES

- 9.1. The racing area will be in Freshwater Bay.
 9.2. Addendum B shows the courses and marks.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Mark 1, 2s & 2p will be yellow inflatable conical marks.
 10.2. The start / finish mark will be a black and white chequered inflatable buoy.

11. THE START

- 11.1. All races will be started in accordance with RRS26.
 11.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the starting line and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
 11.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the port end of the finishing line and a red with yellow band buoy at the starboard end.

~~14. SCORING~~

- ~~14.1. At least two races are required to be completed by all teams to constitute a Series.~~
~~14.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.~~

14 TIME LIMIT & TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit will be 30 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within five minutes of the first boat which sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.2 The target time for each race will be between 10 – 15 minutes.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes courtesy of Gill Australia will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 15.2 The winning team will be awarded the Tom Worsley Perpetual Trophy – RFBYC Club Best.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM A

Umpired Fleet Racing

A1 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

A1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2

- (a) The definition *Finish* is changed to
A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after completing any penalties or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line.
- (b) When rule 20.1 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

A1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests and Exoneration

- (a) In rule 60.3(a)(1) 'serious' is deleted.
- (b) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (c) A boat that, while *racing*, may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) may take a single gybe when on an upwind leg or single tack when on a downwind leg. Changes RRS 44.

A2 PROTESTS BY BOATS

When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31 or 42 for an incident in the racing area, she is not entitled to a hearing and the following applies:

- (a) She shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a "Y" (Yankee) flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- (b) The boats shall be given time to respond. A boat involved in the incident may respond by promptly taking an appropriate penalty or clearly indicating that she will do so as soon as possible.
- (c) If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat.
- (d) If more than one boat broke a rule and was not exonerated, an umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and did not take an appropriate penalty.
- (e) An umpire shall signal a decision in compliance with rule A3.
- (f) a boat penalized by an umpire shall take a Two-Turns Penalty.

A3 SIGNALS BY UMPIRES

A3.1 An umpire shall signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is penalized.'
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is disqualified.'

A3.2 A boat penalized under rule A3.1(b) shall promptly take a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44. A boat disqualified under rule A3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

A4 PENALTIES INITIATED BY UMPIRES

A4.1 Rule Changes

Rule 64.2 is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this appendix.

A4.2 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 or 42 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (c) breaks rule 2, or
- (d) fails to comply with rule 44.2 when required by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a *protest* by another boat. The umpire shall impose a penalty of two or more turns, each including two tacks and two gybes, signalled by displaying a red flag and hailing the boat accordingly, or penalize her under rule A3.1(c) or report the incident to the protest committee for further action.

A4.3 If the umpires decide that a boat may have broken a *rule* other than those listed in rules A2 and A4.2, they shall so inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3.

A5 REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

A5.1 A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise before she *finishes* or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but not later than two minutes after *finishing* or retiring. She shall keep the flag displayed until she has informed the umpires after *finishing* or retiring.

A5.2 There shall be no request for redress or an appeal from a decision made under the rules of this appendix. Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

A5.3 A competitor may not base a request for redress on a claim that an action by an official boat was improper. The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress in such circumstances but only if it believes that an official boat, including an umpire boat, may have seriously interfered with a competing boat.

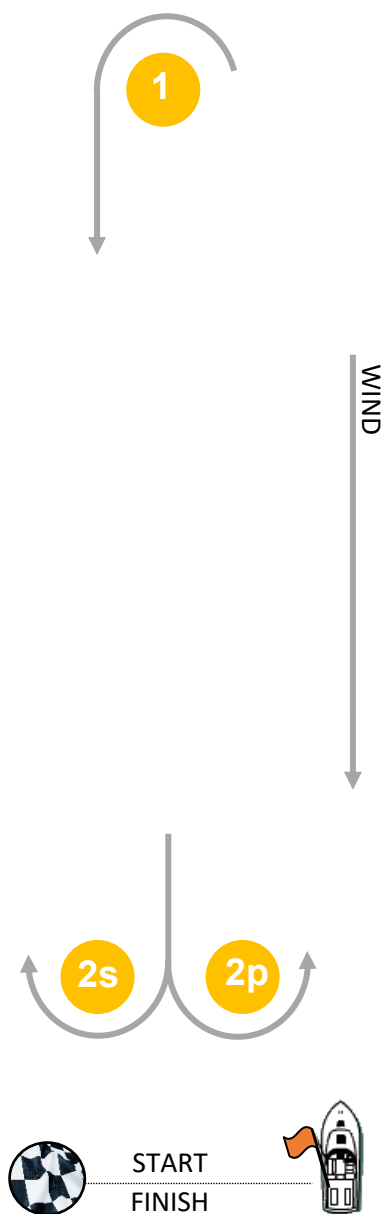
A5.4 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires, except as permitted in rule A5.3.



- A5.5**
- (a) *Protests* and requests for redress need not be in writing.
 - (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a *rule* has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty or make any other arrangement it decides is fair for all boats affected, which may be to impose no penalty.

A5.6 Neither the race committee nor the protest committee shall protest a boat for breaking a rule listed in rule A2, except rule 14 when there is damage or injury.

ADDENDUM B

Courses



Signal	Course	
	Course 1	Start – 1 – Finish
	Course 2	Start – 1 – 2s / 2p – 1 - Finish
	Course 3	Start – 1 – 2s / 2p – 1 – 2s / 2p – 1 - Finish