

Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club
International Mirror Class Association of Australia



56th International Mirror Class Australian Championship



Sailing Instructions

Wednesday, 27 December
to
Saturday, 30 December 2023

56th INTERNATIONAL MIRROR AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2023-24

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The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Incorporated in conjunction with the International Mirror Class Association of Western Australia Inc. The Regatta will be conducted from the 27 December 2023 to the 30 December 2023 in Freshwater Bay on the Swan River in Perth Western Australia.

[NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

[SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing.

[DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations, Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online and available on the [Event website](#)
- 3.2 [DP] While on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio transmissions except for equipment provided by the Organising Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the foreshore next to the Dinghy & Training Centre.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute is replaced with not less than 20 minutes in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Registration and Measurement and Race Program

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Wednesday 27 December | 08.00 – 11.30 | Measurement and Boat Inspection. Registration |
| Wednesday 27 December | 11.00 11.30 12.00 13:00 | Volunteer's Briefing Competitor's Briefing Official Opening First Warning Signal INVITATIONAL RACE. Followed by Race Session 1 of Nationals |
| Thursday 28 December | 09.30 13.30 or at RO Discretion | First Warning Signal Race Session 2 Break for Lunch First Warning Signal Race Session 3 |
| Friday 29 December | 09.30 13.30 or at RO Discretion | First Warning Signal Race Session 4 Break for Lunch First Warning Signal Race session 5 |
| Saturday 30 December | 09.30 13.30 or at RO Discretion 18.30 | First Warning Signal Race session 6 Break for Lunch First Warning Signal Race session 7 Dinner and Presentations |

6.2 10 races are scheduled.

6.3 No more than 4 races will be sailed on any one day.

6.4 No more than 3 races will be sailed in any session.

6.5 No warning signal shall be made after 1530 hours on 30 December 2023.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flag will be the International Mirror Class insignia in black on a red background.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be within Freshwater Bay and surrounding areas. SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum B shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are red inflatable buoys.

10.2 The start and finish pin mark will be a black and white chequered buoy.

10.3 New marks, as provided in SI 12 are orange inflatable buoys.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The JAM division shall start with the Championship fleet start.
- 11.2 The starting line is between the mast displaying the orange flag in the signal vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the finish mark at the port end.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), the Finishing Window and Target Times are shown in the table below.

| Race Time Limit | Finishing Window | Target Time |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 75 mins | 20 mins | 45 mins |

- 15.2 [NP] Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be recorded as Did Not Finish without a hearing. However, at the discretion of the Race Officer, boats who are likely to be outside the finishing window that are still racing, may be advised to return to the starting area and may be scored an allocated place based on their position on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the DTC Office and shall be lodged at the DTC Office by the Protest Time in accordance with RRS 61 and SI 16.2.
- 16.2 Protest time limit will be 40 minutes after the orange flag is removed from the Finish Boat for that session.
- 16.3 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1 boats intending to protest for an incident occurring while racing shall, where possible, notify an official on the Race Committee Boat within 5 minutes of finishing or retiring from the race. This changes RRS 61.1
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no longer than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Dinghy & Training Centre.
- 16.5 Appendix T shall apply.

17. SCORING

17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.1.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.1.2 When five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.1.3 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 (SP)(NP) Sign on / Sign Off

All boats shall sign on prior to their first race of each session and sign off within 45 minutes of completing racing or retiring for that session.

18.2 Boats failing to comply with SI 18.1 shall receive a two (2) point penalty added to their score in the race held closest to the indiscretion without a hearing. The scoring penalty shall not result in a boats score being greater than for DNF.

18.3 (DP)(NP) Retiring

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and endorse the Sign Off sheet accordingly.

19. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

21.1 Official vessels will be identified as displaying a RFBYC Club Burgee or Safety flag.

22. SUPPORT TEAMS

22.1 Team leaders, 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.

22.2 Support person vessels shall be identified with a flag with the words 'Support' supplied by the Race Committee.

22.3 Support vessels shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 74 as in case of an emergency, the Race Officer may request the assistance of a support team.

23. PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Open Championship: First three placed boats.

- JAM Division (Subject to entries).
- Junior Championship: Best ranked skipper aged under 16.
- Youth Championship: Best ranked skipper aged under 19.
- Ladies Championship: Best ranked lady skipper.
- Veteran's Championship: Best ranked skipper aged over 45.
- Norm Dean Master's Trophy: Best ranked skipper aged over 55.
- Frank Buxton Trophy: Best ranked skipper and crew (crew aged under 16) from the same immediate family.
- Cruiserweight Championship: Best ranked combined weight of 130kg or over.
- Classic Mirror Championship: Best ranked timber Gaff rigged boat.

23.2 Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

24. RISK STATEMENT

24.1 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 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. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$5M or the equivalent.

26. CONSENT TO USE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

By participating in this event, you acknowledge and consent to being photographed. You grant the event organisers and their designated photographers the right to use your likeness in any photographs taken during the event for promotional, marketing, and other purposes without further compensation or notification. Please notify the Regatta Office at the event if you do not wish for your photos to be published.

27. FURTHER INFORMATION

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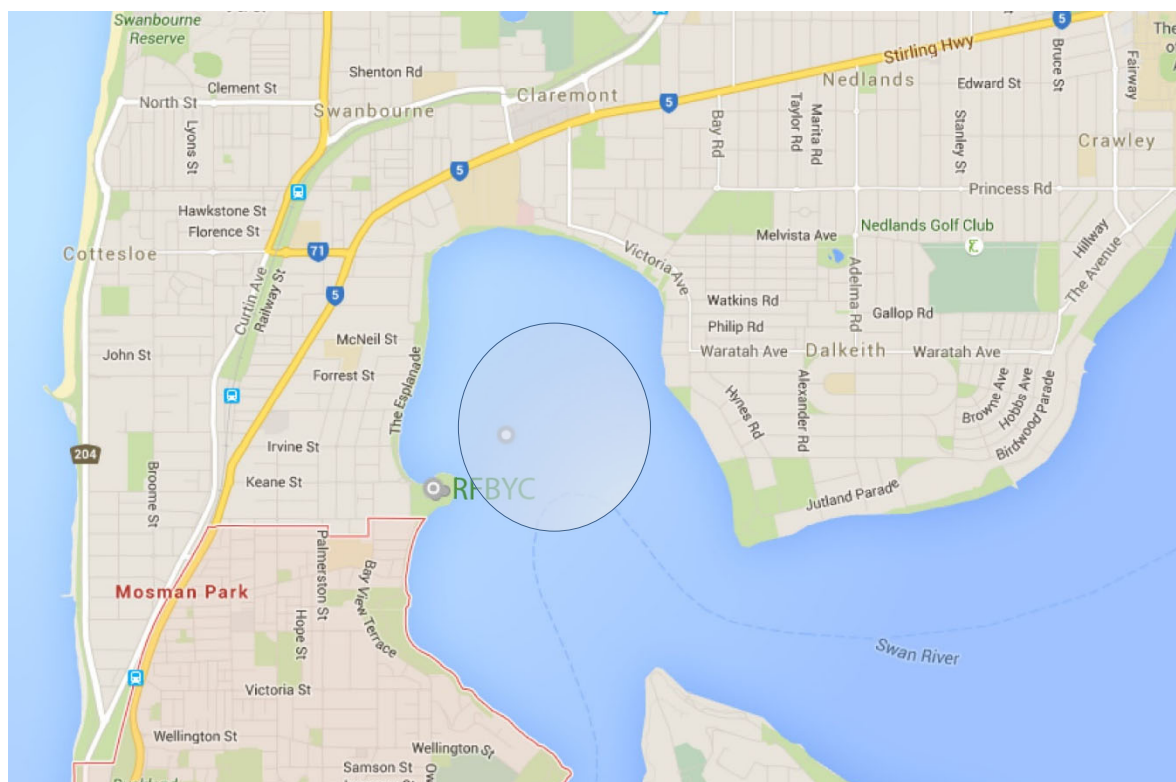
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Addendum A – Course Area

This map shows the location of the race area in Freshwater Bay adjacent to Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.



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Addendum B – Courses & Diagram

LEAVE ALL MARKS TO PORT



COURSE 1

Start-1-4S/4P-1-2-3-5-Finish



COURSE 2

Start-1-4S/4P-1-4S/4P-1-2-3-5-Finish



COURSE 3

Start-1-4S/4P-1-4S/4P-1-4S/4P-1-2-3-5-Finish

