



International Classes *Regatta* SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

International Classes Regatta (ICR)

2nd & 3rd December 2023

Sailing Instructions (SI)

The Organising Authority (OA) is Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (RFBYC).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

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

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing

1. RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”).
- 1.2 [DP] The Australian Sailing Special Regulations (“AS SRs”) Part 2 and relevant Class Association Rules will apply (unless altered by these Sailing Instructions).
- 1.3 [DP] Intermediate Fleet Optimists & O’pen Skiffs shall fly a pink coloured streamer, as supplied by the Organising Authority, from the top of the sprit or mast.
- 1.4 Appendix T Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.5 RRS 43 is changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 For Contenders: When displayed at the start Flag O (Oscar) indicates that after starting RRS 42 is varied in that, except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted. Flag O (Oscar) may be displayed in winds of 10 knots and above, measured at deck level.
 - 1.5.2 For 29ers: If the wind is consistently 10 knots or above, measured at deck level, the Race Committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that “pumping, rocking an ooching” are permitted. This changes RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b) and RRS 42.2(c)

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY



- 2.1 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form with the organising authority in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 2.2 [DP] Any boat may be inspected before or after a race. Any boat found not to be complying with Class or Association rules may be protested.
- 2.3 [DP] Equipment: Substitution of competitors or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Application for the use of replacement equipment must be made in writing detailing circumstances necessitating the change as soon as possible.
- 2.4 [SP] Boats sailing with a sail that has a different number to that which was registered in its entry will be penalised unless prior written approval has been granted in writing by the Race Committee. Boats failing to comply shall receive a 2-point penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A5.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official On-Line Notice Board located at <https://rbyc.asn.au/2023-icr-dinghy-regatta>.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official On-Line Notice Board no later than one hour before the scheduled start time of the race for which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1830 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Flag 'L' will be displayed from the mast to the west in front of the DTC when a notice is displayed. It shall be the responsibility of each boat to obtain any instructions. This flag shall be displayed until the start time of the first race to which the change applies.
- 4.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) using the following procedure
- Flag 'L' to be displayed with a sound signal. Competitors should come within hailing distance of the Race Committee Boat.
 - Instructions may be given orally from the Race Committee Boat.
 - Instructions may additionally be given by other official boats on the course.
 - It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have received the change in its entirety.
- 4.4 When postponement signal flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 4.5 If Naval Numeral 1 or Naval Numeral 2 are displayed on shore, the flags above each apply to the designated course area only.

Race Area	Flag
Alpha Course	
Bravo Course	

5. SIGNING ON/OFF [SP] [NP]

- 5.1 All helms shall sign on prior to their first race and sign off within 45 minutes of completing racing or retiring for that session.
- 5.2 Boats failing to comply with SI 5.1 shall receive a 30% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3 in the race held closest to the indiscretion without a hearing. The scoring penalty shall not result in a boat's score being greater than for DNF.
- 5.3 On water sign on or sign off will not be allowed unless approved beforehand in writing by the Race Committee.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The schedule of races is detailed in the table below:

Date	Time	Event
Friday 1 Dec	1600 – 1800	Registration
Saturday 2 Dec	0800 - 0900	Registration cont:-
	0900	Volunteers' Briefing – Main Hall of DTC
	0915	Competitors' Briefing – Lawn area in front of DTC
	1100	1st warning signal
Sunday 3 Dec	0845	Volunteer's Briefing – Main Hall of DTC
	0900	Competitor's Briefing – Lawn area in front of DTC
	1000	1 st warning signal
	1500	No warning signal after 1500
	After racing	Presentation function

- 6.2 Up to 9 races may be sailed for each course area.
- 6.3 For the Alpha and Bravo course, no more than 4 back-to-back races will be sailed in any session. More than one session may be sailed each day. When the 'Q' flag is displayed at the finish, another race will be started as soon as practicable. Multiple sound signals will indicate that a new starting sequence will commence within 1 minute.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, 3 December 2023.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1 Alpha Course

Class	Flag
Optimist Open	Black Optimist emblem on a white background
O'pen Skiff Open	O'pen Skiff class emblem on a white background
Optimist Intermediate	Black Optimist emblem on a pink background
O'pen Skiff Intermediate	O'pen Skiff class emblem on a pink background

7.2 Bravo Course

Class	Flag
Contender	Code Flag C on a yellow background
OK Dinghy	Red OK Dinghy insignia on white background
29er	Black 29er on a white background
29er XS	Code Flag E Blue stripe on red background
ILCA 7	Red ILCA emblem on white background
ILCA 6	Red ILCA emblem on green background
ILCA 4	Red ILCA on yellow background
Mirror	Red flag with black Mirror emblem
420	International 420 Class Flag

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be within Freshwater Bay.
- 8.2 For the Alpha Course, Naval Numeral 1 will be displayed from the Race Committee Boat.
- 8.3 For the Bravo Course, Naval Numeral 2 will be displayed from the Race Committee Boat.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Attachments A & B show the courses and course configuration for *Alpha and Bravo race area*, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 9.2 The course will be signalled by the corresponding numeral pennant on the Race Committee Boat. If a numeral pennant is displayed beneath a class warning signal, the class shall sail that designated course rather than any course number which may be displayed on a separate halyard.

9.3 **Active Start / Finish Line [SP] [NP]**

Except when starting or finishing, boats shall not sail through a Start / Finish line when an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Boat. Boats failing to comply shall receive a 30% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3 in the race held closest to the indiscretion without a hearing. The scoring penalty shall not result in a boat's score being greater than DNF.

10. **MARKS**

Alpha Course

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 Marks 1a, 4s & 4p will be red inflatable buoys.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing pin marks will be black and white chequered buoy.

Bravo Course

- 10.4 Mark 1 & 4 will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.5 Mark 1a offset will be an orange pimple buoy.
- 10.6 Marks A, 2 & 3 will be red inflatable buoys.
- 10.7 The starting pin mark will be a black and white chequered buoy.
- 10.8 The finishing pin mark will be a red inflatable buoy with yellow band.

11. **THE START**

- 11.1 All races will be started using RRS 26 modified such that the Warning Signal will be displayed 3 minutes prior to the start and the Preparatory signal 2 minutes prior to the start. Classes may be started in any order and may be combined. This will be signalled by the display of class flags at the Warning Signal.
- 11.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 11.3 **Late Starter**
A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be recorded as DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A5.
- 11.4 **General Recall**
When there are other classes yet to start, the Warning Signal for the first recalled class will be displayed at the start signal for the last fleet in the sequence. This changes RRS 29.2 Warning signals for other recalled classes will follow in order thereafter.

12. **STARTING/FINISHING LINES**

- 12.1 **Alpha Course:** The start and finish line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and a black and white chequered buoy at the port end. A clearance mark may be streamed from the Race Committee Boat. This clearance mark is deemed to be part of the Race Committee Boat for the purpose of RRS 31 and shall be passed on the same side as the start boat when starting and finishing.
- 12.2 **Bravo Course:** The start line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and a black and white chequered buoy at the port end. A clearance mark may be streamed from the start boat. This clearance mark is deemed to be part of the start boat for the purpose of RRS 31 and shall be passed on the same side as the start boat when starting.

The finish line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a red inflatable buoy with a yellow band at the port end.

13. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat which sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 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 14.2.
- 14.2 Protest time limit will be 40 minutes after the orange flag is removed from the Finish Boat for that session.
- 14.3 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

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply for all Classes.
- 15.2 The following scoring will apply.
 - 15.2.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 15.2.2 When 5 or less races have been completed, a boats series score will be the
 - 15.2.3 total of her race scores.
 - 15.2.4 When 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 15.2.5 When 8 or 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16. KEEPING CLEAR [DP]

Boats shall give way to Safety Vessels identified by a white flag flying from a boat, with the word '**SAFETY**' in red or the words displayed on the boat.

17. PENALTIES

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

18. SUPPORT VESSELS [DP]

- 18.1 All support vessels shall keep to leeward of the start line and its extension between the preparatory signal and the start signals for their class and more than 100 metres clear of any racing boat or mark of the course. Support vessels are not allowed inside the course area bounded by the start line, marks 1, 2 and 3 for course area Alpha and mark 1 and mark 2 and the finish line for course Bravo. This SI does not apply when supports vessels are requested to assist the Race Committee with safety or other issues.
- 18.2 Official Support Boats designated by the OA must fly a 'Support' flag which will be provided with collection of equipment.
- 18.3 Coach Boats must fly a 'Coach' flag provided by the OA. Flags can be collected from the Registration Desk and must be returned at the conclusion of the event. A \$30 fee will be applicable for the loss of a flag.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS [DP]

- 19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any other electronic devices.
- 19.2 Team leaders, coaches and other spectator craft should keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 74 for Alpha Course and VHF Channel 76 for Bravo Course and be prepared to function as an official support boat when requested by the Race Officer of either course area.

20. DISCLAIMER OR LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as per the Notice of Race.

22. PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will be held in the Dinghy & Training Centre as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 3 December 2023.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Attachment 'A' - Alpha Courses

COURSE 1

O'pen Skiff Open, Optimist Open:
Start-1-1a- 4s/4p-1-1a-2-3-Finish

O'pen Skiff Intermediate, Optimist Intermediate:
Start-1-1a- 2-3-Finish

COURSE 2

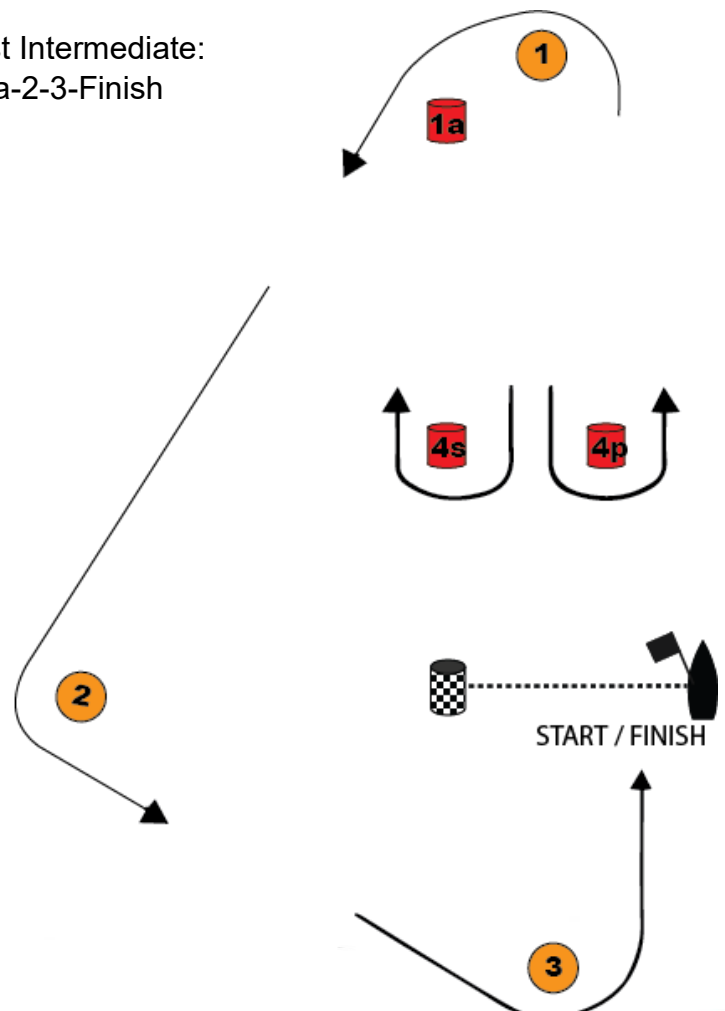
O'pen Skiff Open, Optimist Open:
Start-1-1a- 4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-2-3-Finish

O'pen Skiff Intermediate, Optimist Intermediate:
Start-1-1a- 4s/4p-1-1a-2-3-Finish

COURSE 3

O'pen Skiff Open, Optimist Open:
Start-1-1a- 4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-2-3-Finish

O'pen Skiff Intermediate, Optimist Intermediate:
Start-1-1a- 4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-2-3-Finish



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Attachment 'B' - Bravo Courses

COURSE 1

29er:	Start-1-1a-4-Finish
ILCA 7, ILCA 6, Ok Dinghy, 420:	Start-A-3-Finish
ILCA 4:	Start-A-3-Finish
Contender:	Start-1-3-Finish
Mirror:	Start-A-3-Finish

COURSE 2

29er:	Start-1-1a-4-1-1a-4-Finish
ILCA 7 ILCA 6, OK Dinghy, 420:	Start-1-1a-4-A-4-Finish
ILCA 4:	Start-A-3-A-3-Finish
Contender:	Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish
Mirror:	Start-A-2-3-A-3-Finish

COURSE 3

29er:	Start-1-1a-4-1-1a-4-1-1a-4-Finish
ILCA 7, ILCA 6, OK Dinghy, 420:	Start-1-1a-3-A-3-A-3-Finish
ILCA 4:	Start-A-3-A-3-A-3-Finish
Contender:	Start-1-1a-2-3-1-1a-2-3-1-1a-3-Finish
Mirror:	Start-A-2-3-A-2-3-A-3-Finish

COURSE 4

29er:	Start-1-1a-4-1-1a-4-Finish
ILCA 7, ILCA 6, OK Dinghy, 420:	Start-1-1a-3-A-3-Finish
ILCA 4:	Start-A-3-A-3-Finish
Contender:	Start-1-1a-3-1-1a-3-Finish
Mirror:	Start-A-3-A-3-Finish

COURSE 5

29er:	Start-1-1a-4-1-1a-4-1-1a-4-Finish
ILCA 7, ILCA 6, OK Dinghy, 420:	Start-1-1a-3-A-3-A-3-Finish
ILCA 4:	Start-A-3-A-3-A-3-Finish
Contender:	Start-1-1a-3-1-1a-3-1-1a-3-Finish
Mirror:	Start-A-3-A-3-A-3-Finish



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Attachment 'B' - Bravo Course Diagram

