



2025-26
SPORTS BOAT
SPRINT INVITATION SERIES
1 February 2026

Notice of Race and
Supplementary Sailing Instructions



Organising Authority

Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2025-26 Sports Boat Sprint Invitation Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing, the [RFBYC Standard Sailing Instructions](#), this Notice of Race and Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Rule A5.3 will apply.
- 1.3 The class rules of the Australian Sports Boats Association (ASBA) will apply.
- 1.4 In the event of any conflict these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 World Sailing Advertising Code (Regulation 20) shall apply.
<https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/25122607/Regulations-May-2023.pdf>

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all Sports Boats as defined by the Australian Sports Boat Association.
- 3.2 Eligible boats per 3.1 may nominate by completing the [online entry form](#) no later than 5.00pm on Thursday, 29 January 2026.

4. FEES

- 4.1 An entry fee of \$75.00 for the Series shall apply and must be lodged together with the Entry Form as per 3.2.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The Series will consist of three races.
- 5.2 All races will be handicap starts as described in Appendix A of these instructions.
- 5.3 A compulsory pre-race briefing will be held at the RFBYC Dinghy Club on Thursday 29th January at 1800hrs. Should boat skippers not be able to attend, a boat representative must be present.
- 5.4 The first warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 14:00 hrs.
- 5.5 Presentations of results will be as soon as practicable on completion of racing.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RFBYC Official Online Notice Board located at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/sports-boat-sprint-series>
- 6.2 Every effort will be made to post notices and changes to the website. Failure to do so will not be grounds for protest.

7. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Any change to these Instructions will be posted on the [Official Online Notice Board](#) by 1700 on Saturday, 31 January.
- 7.2 Every effort will be made to email registered competitors of any changes. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast in front of the RFBYC Senior Clubhouse.
- 8.2 When "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals section of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

9. DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

- The class flag will be a white flag with the Sports Boat insignia.

10. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the Swan River immediately in front of the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

11. COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed are as outlined in Appendix B of these instructions.

11.2 [DP] Course 1 & 2: Boats shall not sail through the Start/Finish line in either direction except when starting or finishing.

11.3 [DP] Course 3 to 6: Boats shall not sail through the Finish line in either direction except when finishing.

12. MARKS

12.1 Courses 1 and 2

Marks 1p, 2p and 3s will be yellow inflatable buoys. Mark 4s is Parker Day buoy. (17a)

12.2 Courses 3 and 4

Marks 1p, 3s and 4s will be yellow inflatable buoys. Mark 2P is Parker buoy (17).

12.3 Courses 5 and 6

Marks 1p, 2p and 3p will be yellow inflatable buoys.

12.4 The outer start and finish mark will be an inflatable black and white chequered buoy.

13. THE START

13.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

13.2 The start line for Course 1 & 2 (Line 1) will be between a triangle above the RFBYC Start Box and an inflatable black and white chequered outer mark placed in an easterly direction from the Start Box. A foam inner mark will mark the length but not the position of the line.

13.3 The start line for Course 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Line 2) will be between a triangle above the RFBYC Start Box and an inflatable black and white chequered outer mark placed in a northerly direction from the Start Box. A foam inner mark will mark the length but not the position of the line.

13.4 A boat crossing the start line after the warning signal and before the fall of her number will be penalised in accordance with Appendix A of these instructions. This changes RRS 29.

13.5 A boat that starts later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be recorded as Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 For courses 1 & 2, the finish line is between the triangle above the RFBYC Start Box and an inflatable black and white chequered buoy placed in an easterly direction from the Start Box.

14.2 For courses 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Line 1) the finish line is between the triangle above the RFBYC Start Box and an inflatable black and white chequered buoy placed in an easterly direction from the Start Box.

14.3 Code flag Q will be displayed to indicate the intention of starting another race soon after.

14.4 Boats retiring or ceasing racing to return to their own Club must inform the Race Officer either by VHF Channel 77 or by mobile phone to 0422 654 833.

15. PENALTIES

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

16. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS35, A4 and A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms are located online on the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club website at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/web/pages/protest-hearing-request-form?formId=31>

17.2 Protest time limit is 30 minutes commencing at the finishing time for the last yacht to finish in the last race.

18. SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS

18.1 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations (Part 1) shall apply.

18.2 Boats entered in the Series must comply with Category 7.

18.3 Entrants are required to monitor VHF Channel 77 throughout each race. In an emergency, yachts without a VHF radio should call RFBYC on 0422 654 833.

18.4 Life jackets are to be worn at all times.

19. SCORING

19.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply with all races to count.

19.2 The overall winner will be determined by the boat with the lowest aggregate score.

20. PRIZES

20.1 Individual Race winners will be awarded a pennant.

20.2 The overall winner will be awarded with the Sports Boat Sprint Series Perpetual Trophy.

20.3 First, Second and Third places will be awarded non-cash prizes.

20.4 Highest-speed speed of the day will be awarded a non-cash prize.

20.5 Best wipe-out(s) of the day will be awarded a non-cash prize.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A – HANDICAP START PROCEDURE

START PROCEDURE - PURSUIT START AND FINISH

1. The individual fall number for each boat will be provided at the competitor Briefing on THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY at 1800hrs and displayed on the official online notice board. Fall numbers issued will not be grounds for protest.
2. Starting will be controlled by flip board numbers, located at the RFBYC Start Box.
3. 5 minutes before the start of the first number fall, an ASBA class flag will be displayed, with a sound signal.
4. 4 minutes before the first number fall, the "P" flag will be raised, with a sound signal.
5. 1 minute before the first number fall the "P" flag will be removed, with a sound signal.
6. Thirty (30) seconds before the first number fall, the number twenty (20) will be displayed.
7. The start for each boat will be on the "fall" (decrement) of their individual fall number, (a boat starting on a handicap of 20 will start when the number 19 is displayed and so on down to 0).

NOTE: The flip-board numbers will decrease at 30 second intervals.

8. The first 2 placegetters in Heats 1 and 2 will have their fall number altered as follows:
First: Fall Number will decrease by 2 (1 minute)
Second: Fall Number will decrease by 1 (30 seconds)
9. The final 2 placegetters in Heats 1 and 2 will have their fall number altered as follows:
First: Fall Number will increase by 2 (1 minute)
Second: Fall Number will increase by 1 (30 seconds)
10. Competitors subject to (8.) or (9.) will be notified by VHF Channel 77 of their new fall number prior to the next race commencing. Competitors are required to respond via VHF Channel 77, confirming new handicap is received and understood. (**Say: "Race Control, this is XXXXXX, new fall number XX, COPY, OVER"**)

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11. A boat starting within 20 seconds before the fall of her handicap number will incur a two (2) place score penalty, applied retrospectively to the boat's score and shall not affect fall number recalculations. No flag will be displayed to indicate an early start. This changes RRS 29.1.
12. A boat starting more than 20 seconds before the fall of her handicap number will be scored a DSQ and retain maximum points for that race.

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APPENDIX B – COURSES

Course 1 – South West Course
Start Line 1 - 1p - 2p - 3s - 4s - 1p - 2p - Finish
(Finish in a northerly direction through the Club Line 1)

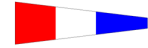


Course 2 – South West Course
Start Line 1 - 1p - 2p - 3s - 4s - 1p - 2p - 3s - 4s - Finish
(Finish in a southerly direction through Club Line 1)



Course 3 – Easterly Course

Start(Line 2) 1p – 2p – 3s - 4s - 1p – 2p – 3s – Finish Line 1
(Finish in a Southerly direction through Club Line 1)



Note: For courses 3&4 competitors are permitted to sail through the start line during racing.

Course 4 – Easterly Course

Start(Line 2) 1p – 2p – 3s - 4s - 1p – 2p – 3s - 4s - 1p – 2p – 3s – Finish Start Line 1
(Finish in a Southerly direction through Club Line 1)



Note: For courses 3&4 competitors are permitted to sail through the start line during racing.



Course 5 – Westerly Course

Start(Line 2) 1p – 2p – 3p - 1p – 2p – Finish Line 1
(Finish in a Southerly direction through Club Line 1)

Note: For course 5 competitors are permitted to sail through the start line during racing.



Course 6 – Westerly Course

Start(Line 2) 1p – 2p – 3p - 1p – 2p – 3p - 1p – 2p – Finish Start Line 1
(Finish in a Southerly direction through Club Line 1)

Note: For course 6 competitors are permitted to sail through the start line during racing.

