

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

AUSTRALIAN CONTENDER CHAMPIONSHIP

09 to 13 January 2023

50TH INTERNATIONAL CONTENDER CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

15 to 20 January 2023



Organising Authority is the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' means that a penalty is at the discretion of the jury and may be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

As described in the Notice of Race.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the RFBYC Dinghy & Training Centre (DTC).

3.2 **[DP]** Whilst racing, except in an emergency, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[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 flag mast located to the west of the DTC.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5.3. **[DP]** When Flag D is displayed with one sound signal means 'boats shall not leave the shore. No warning signal will be made until at least 30 minutes after removed'. This is in addition to RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The schedule is as tabled below.

Date	Time	Event
Monday, 09 January	1200 - 1700	Registration
Tuesday, 10 January	1200 - 1600	Registration / Practice
	1830	Welcome Function

Wednesday 11 January	1300	Nationals Race Day 1 (1 st warning signal)
Thursday 12 January	1300	Nationals Race Day 2 (1 st warning signal)
Friday 13 January	1300	Nationals Race Day 3 (1 st warning signal)
	1830	Nationals Presentation Ceremony and Worlds Welcome Function
Saturday 14 January		Lay Day
Sunday 15 January	0900 - 1700	Equipment inspection & measurement
Monday 16 January	1300	Worlds Race Day 1 (1 st warning signal)
Tuesday 17 January	1300	Worlds Race Day 2 (1 st warning signal)
Wednesday 18 January	1300	Worlds Race Day 3 (1 st warning signal)
	1900	Social Function
Thursday 19 January	1300	Worlds Race Day 4 (1 st warning signal)
Friday 20 January	0900	Worlds Race Day 5 (1 st warning signal)
		Worlds Presentation Ceremony – as soon as practical after racing

- 6.2 There will be a maximum of Six (6) races for the Australian Championship series and ten (10) races for the World Championship series.
- 6.3 Two races are scheduled for each racing day. One extra race per day may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee. No more than three races will be sailed back to back in any session.
- 6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing for the National Championship, no warning signal will be made after 1630 hrs.
- 6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing for the World Championship, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag is the Contender Class Logo on a yellow background.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be Melville Water West.

9 COURSES

The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the courses, 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 and 3 will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 The start and finish mark will be black and white chequered inflatable buoys.
- 10.3 The change of course mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a red stripe.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an 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 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS Appendix P applies.

14.2 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), the Target Time and Finishing Window are:

Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
2 hours	1 hour	30 minutes

15.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board

16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Regatta Office located inside the DTC.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located inside the DTC.

16.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

17 SCORING

17.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3 When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.4 When nine (9) 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 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

19.2 **[DP]** When instructed by the Event Measurer, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 **(DP)(NP) SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 20.1 Support person vessels shall keep to leeward of the starting area until all boats have started and more than 50 metres clear of any racing boat or mark of the course.
- 20.2 Unless requested by the race officer Support boats shall not enter the course area of the triangle bounded by the start line, the finish line and mark 2..
- 20.3 Registered support person vessels shall fly a flag with their three-letter national code (see RRS G1.1) clearly displayed or shall carry a sticker of their three-letter national code on each side of the boat or engine cover. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. The flag or stickers will not be provided by the Organising Authority.
- 20.4 Support boats shall maintain a listening watch on the VHF channel posted to the Official Notice Board.

21 **BERTHING**

- 21.1 **[DP]** Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the lawn in front of the DTC as described by the Organising Authority during registration.
- 21.2 Trailers shall not be left on the DTC lawn. Trailers must be stored in the areas designated by the Organising Authority. Any trailers left outside the designated areas may be moved/relocated at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

22 **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.

23 **RISK STATEMENT**

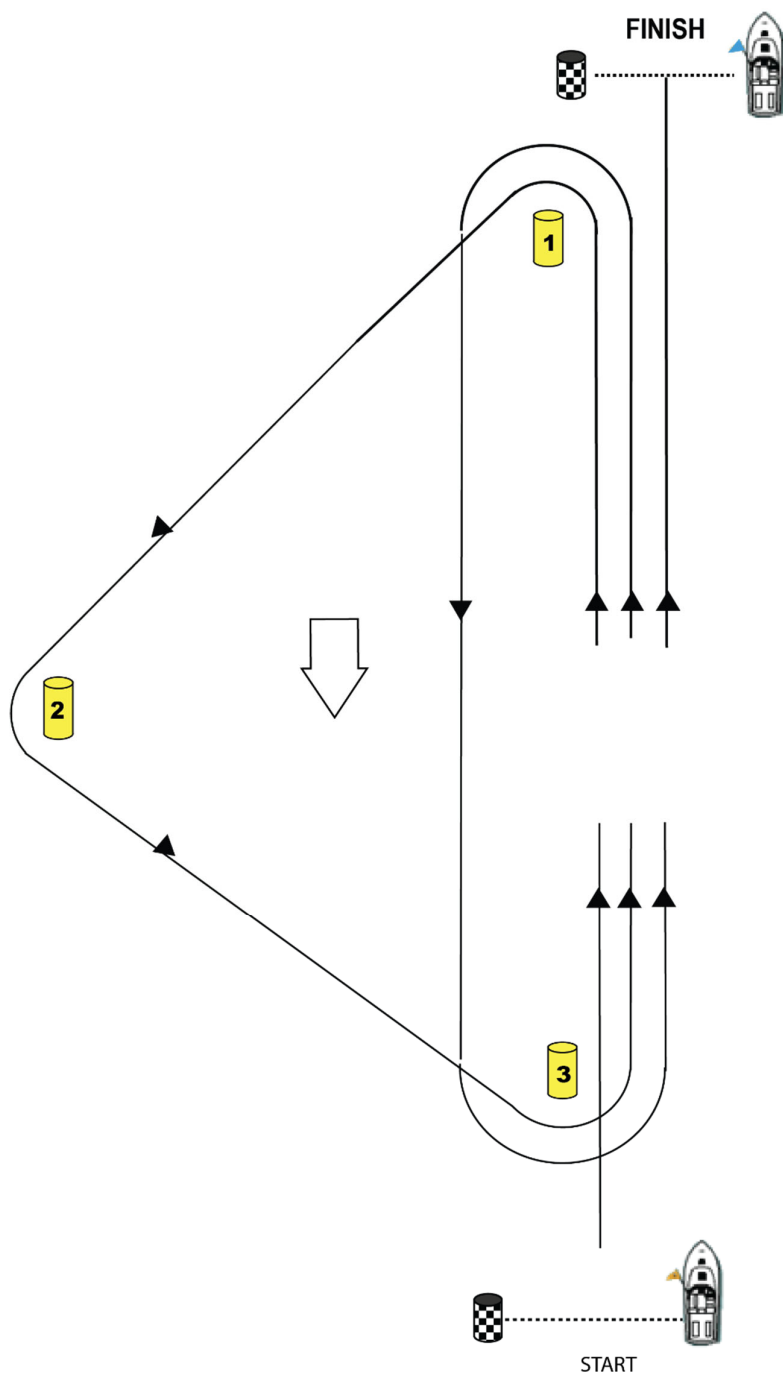
RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, 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.

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Addendum 1 – Course



Course:

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 - 3 – Finish