



2010 Queensland Open Team Sailing Championships

10 – 11 April 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organised and Conducted By
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd. (RQYS)
On behalf of Yachting Queensland



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by
- 1.1.1 The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
 - 1.1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Inc (YA) Part 2.
 - 1.1.3 The Team Racing Rules (Appendix D of the RSS)
- 1.2 All races will be umpired as per RRS Appendix D2.2
- 1.3 The rules for boat handling (SI Attachment A)

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the Marine Sports Office at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0800 hours on the day it will take effect except that any changes to the schedule will be posted by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Verbal instructions may be given on the water by the race committee when code flag L is displayed. It will be the responsibility of each team to obtain any verbal instructions given.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff adjacent to the RQYS Clubhouse
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 10 April 2010	0800 – 0845	Registration
	0900	Competitors Meeting <i>Boardwalk Cafe Stage</i>
	0945	Racing
	Following Racing	Umpires de-brief with competitors <i>Outside Marine Sports Office</i>
	1900	Get your teams together and join the others for dinner at the Boardwalk Café. Followed by social drinks at a selection of fine local alehouses.
Sunday 11 April 2010	0900	Compulsory Competitors Meeting <i>Boardwalk Cafe Stage</i>
	0945	Racing
	Following Racing	Umpires de-brief with competitors <i>Outside Marine Sports Office</i>
	1700	Presentation and Sausage Sizzle

6 FORMAT

- 6.1 Teams will be drawn at random at the Competitors Meeting and placed into two separate round robin pools.
- 6.2 After the completion of the first round robin, the top two teams from Pool 1 and Pool 2 will be placed into a Gold Pool. The third placed teams in Pool 1 and Pool 2 will sail one race. The winner will go into the Gold Pool and the loser will go into the Silver Pool. The remaining teams placed into a Silver Pool.
- 6.3 After the completion of the next round robins, the top team from the Silver Pool shall be promoted and the bottom team from the Gold Pool will be demoted.

- 6.4 At the conclusion of the forth round the top three teams will race a final series.
- 6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1730 hours on Saturday 10 April and after 1700 hours on Sunday 11 April.
- 6.6 The race committee reserves the right to alter the format at any time.

7 BOATS

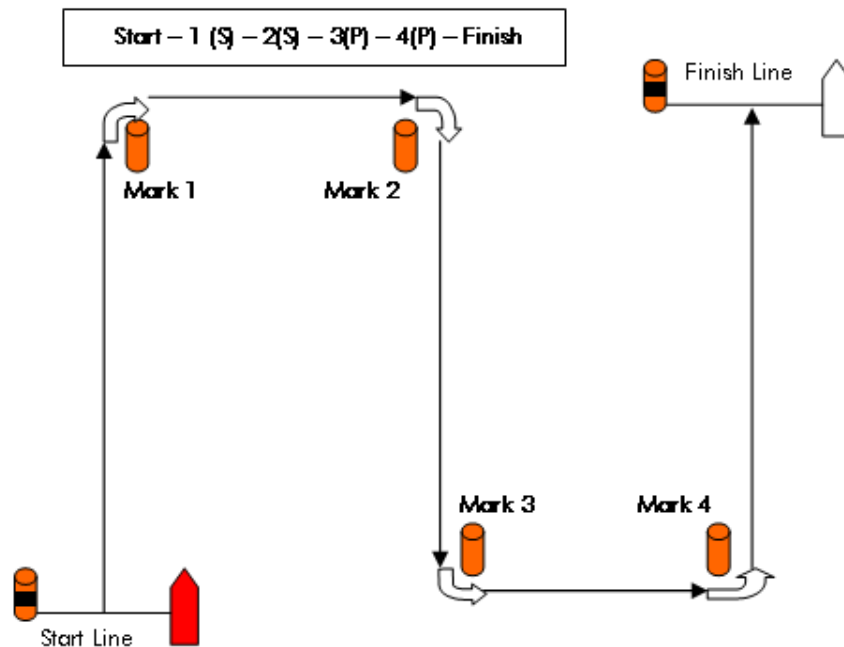
- 7.1 Pacer dinghies will be supplied by the organising authority.
- 7.2 The cost of damage to any boat or equipment will be charged to the team that is deemed to be responsible. In the case of damage between opposing teams both teams may be charged. Damage costs will be deducted from the damage bond of the team responsible.
- 7.3 Damage that occurs whereby the responsible team cannot be identified will result in the cost of the damage being allocated equally across all teams entered and deducted from the damage bond.

8 RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on Waterloo Bay south-south-east of the harbour entrance lateral beacons.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram below shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course area is defined as the area where a boat may sail from the time of her warning signal till she has finished.



10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be white buoys with yellow flags.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be white buoys with yellow and black striped flags.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Rule 26, Starting Races, will not apply.
- 11.2 Audible signals will govern the Start.
- 11.3 The race number will be displayed on the start boat prior to the warning signal.
- 11.4 The starting sequence will be:

Signal	Time before starting	Sound	Visual Indication Flags
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	signal	Signal	
Warning	3 Minutes	3 Long	3 Blue Flags
Preparatory	2 Minutes	2 Long	2 Blue Flags
One Minute	1 Minute	1 Long	1 Blue Flag
	30 Seconds	3 Short	
	20 Seconds	2 Short	
	10 Seconds	1 Short	
	5 Seconds	1 Short	
	4 Seconds	1 Short	
	3 Seconds	1 Short	
	2 Seconds	1 Short	
	1 Second	1 Short	
Start	0 Seconds	1 Long	All Blue Flags Lowered

- 11.5 Signals will be timed from the beginning of the sound signal.
- 11.6 Failure to hear a signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1(b).
- 11.7 Visual indication flags will be raised from the start boat to indicate the time before the start. Failure or mistiming of an indication flag shall not be grounds for redress.
- 11.8 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.9 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and shall not interfere with any races in progress.
- 11.10 A boat shall not start more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.
- 11.11 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall promptly display Flag X with one sound and may hail the sail numbers of premature starters. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal. Failure of a hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hailed number, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 29.1 and 62.1(a).

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark

13 TIME LIMIT

Boats not finishing within 5 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF without a hearing. This amends RRS 35

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Boats intending to protest or seek redress other than under rule D2.2(a) shall notify the race committee or the umpires of that intent immediately on completion of that race, giving the boat number(s) being protested or the form of redress being sought.
- 14.2 Sailing Instruction 16.1 is not competitor protestable

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Rules D3 (scoring a race) and D4 (scoring a series) shall apply.
- 15.2 Each round robin shall be considered a separate series.
- 15.3 D4.3 is amended to read, "If a series is not completed, teams shall be ranked according to the results from the previous series, and ties shall be broken whenever possible using the results from races between the tied teams in the incomplete series."

16 SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1 No support or coach boats are allowed within 50 metres of the course area (see SI 9.2) from the first warning signal of the day until the last boat finishes the last race of the day, unless asked to assist by the race officer.

- 16.2 No support or coach boats shall approach their team's boats involved in change-over until after the change-over is complete.
- 16.3 The penalty for failing to comply with requirements of rule 16 will be at the discretion of the jury.

17 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

- First Overall with perpetual trophy
- Second Overall
- Third Overall

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

ATTACHMENT A - RULES FOR BOAT HANDLING

A1 GENERAL

- A1.1 While all reasonable steps will be taken to equalise boats, variations will not be grounds for redress (amends rule 60.1(b) and 62).
- A1.2 Competitors shall inspect assigned boats before each race for possible breakdown and missing equipment. Discrepancies shall be reported to the Race Committee.
- A1.3 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment however slight as soon as possible to the Race Committee.
- A1.4 Handover of boats between races should be completed without delay. After finishing, competitors shall sail directly to the changeover area without interfering with any races in progress.
- A1.5 A boat suffering a breakdown shall display a red flag as defined in Appendix D5.1.

A2 PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIONS

- A2.1 Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire, the following are prohibited:
 - o Perforating sails
 - o Cleaning or washing hulls, centreboards and rudders with anything other than clean water.
 - o Adjusting or altering standing rigging, halyards and main sail batten tension.
 - o Removing purchases on the mainsheet.
 - o Marking of the hull or equipment other than by removable adhesive tape.
 - o The use of equipment or fittings for the purpose other than that intended.
 - o Any additions or alterations of equipment supplied.

A3 PERMITTED ITEMS AND ACTIONS

- A3.1 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat.
- A3.2 It is permissible to take on board:
 - o yarn or thread
 - o easily removable adhesive tape
 - o line (elastic or otherwise of 3mm diameter or less) that may be used for making minor repairs and preventing further damage
- A3.3 All fittings or equipment, designated to be adjusted may be adjusted except those items listed in Item B2.

A4 MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS

- A4.1 Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as possible
- A4.2 Prior to the first race each day the teams will be responsible for preparing their allocated boats for racing.
- A4.3 At the end of each sailing day the teams will be responsible for:
 - o Unrigging the boats
 - o Folding, bagging and placement of sails and equipment as directed
 - o Leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day.
- A4.4 Competitors shall comply with any request from the Race Committee regarding the berthing or hauling out of boats.
- A4.5 Competitors shall ensure that corrector weights signed by the Race Committee are secured to the boat below the level of the gunwale.

Any penalty for an infringement of the above instructions shall be at the discretion of the Jury.