



Pacer “SAILS” Series - 2006

Sunday 20 & 27 August 2006

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
- 1.1.1 The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
 - 1.1.2 Yachting Australia – Special Regulations Part 2,
 - 1.1.3 The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
 - 1.1.4 The class rules of the Pacer Association.
- 1.2 A boat shall not discharge rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be deposited on support and race committee boats.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in front of the Sailing Office at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd. (RQYS)

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not less than 2 hours prior to the start of the first race on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the RQYS Clubhouse.
- 4.2 Flag “AP” with two sound signals (one when lowered) means: 'The race is postponed. The first warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.
- 4.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a course area flag or a class flag, it applies to that course area or class only.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration	Sunday 20 August		1000
Competitor's Meeting	Sunday 20August		1130
Race 1	Sunday 20 August	First warning signal	1300
Race 2	Sunday 20 August	ASAP after the completion of race 1	
Race 3	Sunday 27August	Warning Signal	1300
Race 4	Sunday 27 August	ASAP after the completion of race 3	
Trophy Presentation	Sunday 27 August	ASAP after the completion of racing	



6. RACING AREA

The course will be set on Waterloo Bay, east-south-east of the harbour entrance leads.

7. COURSES

7.1 Courses shall be Windward/Leeward configuration as described in Attachment A.

8. MARKS

8.1 Marks of the course will be yellow inflatable buoys.
The start/finish mark will be an orange/pink teardrop buoy

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The Class Flag for all divisions shall be Code Flag V.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the race committee vessel displaying an orange flag and the port end starting mark.

9.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

9.4 Unless preparing to *start* or when *finishing*, a boat shall not sail through the area designated as the '*start/finish line*'. Failure to observe this instruction shall result in disqualification from the race in which the infringement occurred.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the finishing mark.

11. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race will be 1½ hours. Boats not finishing within the time limit or more than 15 minutes after the first boat will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) (Amends RRS 35).

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 *Sign On and Sign Off:* All boats must "sign on" before leaving the shore at the commencement of the day's racing and "sign off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the day's racing. Forms will be provided outside the Sailing Office. Boats failing to sign on before their warning signal and/or sign off before the protest time limit shall be scored as DNS and DNF respectively

12.3 At all times when afloat, all dinghy competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a Member National Authority affiliated with ISAF.

12.4 It is recommended that footwear be worn at all times, but particularly when launching and recovering boats on ramps and beaches. NOTE: CAUTION IS NEEDED ON LAUNCHING RAMPS AT ALL TIMES AS THEY MAY BE SLIPPERY

12.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Boats retiring from a race shall, if reasonably practicable, pass close enough to a Committee or Patrol Boat to signal their retirement. If this is not possible, they shall report their retirement to the Regatta Office as soon as possible after reaching the shore.

12.2 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 1.2 and 4. Competitors shall make their own decision to start or proceed in a race, taking into consideration the prevailing conditions at the time.



13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protest forms will be available from the marine sports office. Protests shall be completed and returned to the office before the end of the protest time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit will be 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 13.3 Protest notices to inform competitors of hearings, will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of protest time. Protests will be heard as soon as possible and in approximately the order of receipt.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 The Low Point scoring system Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 14.2 Four races are scheduled, of which 2 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 When less than 4 races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the sum of its scores for all races. This amends Appendix A of the RRS.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes cellular telephones.

16. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for each race, until all boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This will apply at all times except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

17. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in this event do at their own risk and responsibility. The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Limited and all parties involved in the conduct and management of this event shall not be liable for any loss of life or injury, or for the loss of property or damage thereto, whatsoever or howsoever arising, as a consequence of participation in this event. The Sailing Instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor for the management and care of a boat which they have entered in the event.

Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

18. INSURANCE

It is a condition of entry that each boat is covered by third party liability insurance in accordance with the Notice of Race and Entry Form.

19. NUMBERS AND IDENTIFICATION

- 19.1 All boats competing in this event shall have sail numbers correctly displayed.
- 19.2 Skippers intending to race with a sail number other than that advised on the entry form, shall notify the Regatta Office prior to racing. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.



20. PRIZES AND PRESENTATION

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows NB Only one division prize can be awarded to an individual boat –
- Open competition – New Doyle Fraser Racing Main and Jib
 - Adult Division – New Doyle Fraser Spinnaker & Pole.
 - Mixed Division – New Doyle Fraser Spinnaker & Pole.
 - Youth Division – New Doyle Fraser Spinnaker & Pole.
 - No Spinnaker – New Doyle Fraser Spinnaker & Pole.
 - All prize categories include 2 polo shirts
- 20.2 The presentation of prizes will be held on The Boardwalk at RQYS as soon as practicable after completion of racing on Sunday 27 August 2006..



Attachment A

Note: Unless preparing to *start* or when *finishing*, a boat shall not sail through the *start/finish line* in accordance with Sailing Instruction 9.4.
All marks shall be left to Port.

Course (All Boats)

Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2– Finish

