



Secondary Schools Team Racing Term 1 - 2008

Sunday 10, 17, 24 February & 2, 9 March 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Conducted by the Organising Authority

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD

Royal Esplanade, Manly



SECONDARY SCHOOL TEAM RACING TERM 1

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
 - 1.1.1 the rules as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008 (RRS),
 - 1.1.2 the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) Addendum A – Part 2,
 - 1.1.3 the Team Racing Rules (Appendix D of the RRS)
 - 1.1.4 the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions
- 1.2 All races will be umpired as per RRS Appendix D2.2

2. ENTRIES

Eligible teams must have entered by completing the entry criteria as outlined in the Notice of Race.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the sailing office at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0800 hours on the day they will take effect and signalled as per RRS Race Signals.
- 4.2 After this time, any change to the Sailing Instructions made on the water will be delivered by a Committee Boat or an Umpire Boat, and this may be orally. Flag L will be displayed while the change is being given. It shall be the responsibility of each team to obtain any such instruction.

5. BOATS

- 5.1 Pacer or Vagabond dinghies will be supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 5.2 Prior to commencement of the regatta, boats will be allocated to each team in accordance with a draw. The Race Committee may re-allocate boats at their sole discretion at any time during the regatta.
- 5.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats allocated to them or cause them to be modified in any way except that
 - (a) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - (b) hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - (c) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the waterline; and



(d) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, except that standing rigging, including the forestay tension, jib halyard, main halyard and sail battens, shall not be adjusted. Mainsheet purchases may not be altered.

- 5.4 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- 5.5 No tools other than tape, line and shackle keys shall be carried aboard.
- 5.6 Corrector weights if required shall be secured at the front of the centreboard case.
- 5.7 Hand-over 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.
- 5.8 Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as possible and in racing condition.
- 5.9 It is each crew's responsibility to check for damage immediately on boarding the boat.
- 5.10 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee as soon as practicable.
- 5.11 The penalty for malicious damage to equipment or boats will be at the discretion of the Jury.
- 5.12 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. Boats that are penalised for causing damage under RRS 14 may result in that team being liable for the total damage cost.
- 5.13 Damage that occurs whereby the responsible team can not be identified will result in the cost of the damage being allocated equally across all teams entered and deducted from the damage bond.
- 5.14 The penalty for breaking Sailing Instruction 5 will be at the discretion of the Jury.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed on the RQYS club flag mast located on the Western Rigging Lawn.
- 6.2 Flag "AP" with two sounds indicates the race is postponed. The first Warning Signal will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after the AP is lowered. (Amends RRS Race Signals)



7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Group 3	Group 2	Group 1	Group 4
Week 1 Seeding February 10, 2008				
Briefing	0800	1100	1330	0830
Racing commences	0930	1200	1430	1000
Week 2 Seeding February 17, 2008				
Briefing	0800	1100	1330	0830
Racing commences	0930	1200	1430	1000
Week 1 Series February 24, 2008				
Briefing	0800	1100	1330	0830
Racing commences	0930	1200	1430	1000
Week 2 Series March 2, 2008				
Briefing	0800	1100	1330	0830
Racing commences	0930	1200	1430	1000
Week 3 Series March 9, 2008				
Briefing	0800	1100	1330	0830
Racing commences	0930	1200	1430	1000
Presentation	ASAP after racing	ASAP after racing	ASAP after racing	ASAP after racing
Competing Teams	5	5	6	5

7.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be 0930 hours.

7.2 No races will be started after 1730 hours.

8. PREPARATION

Teams will be responsible for preparing the boats for sailing at the start of the day and preparing the boats for storage at the end of the day.

9. FORMAT

9.1 All eligible teams will be seeded and divided into 4 groups.

9.2 A single Round Robin between all boats within a group will be sailed as per the draw.

9.3 Teams may sail against some of the other teams more than once each week, in this case only the last race will count towards the pointscore

9.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the format at any time.



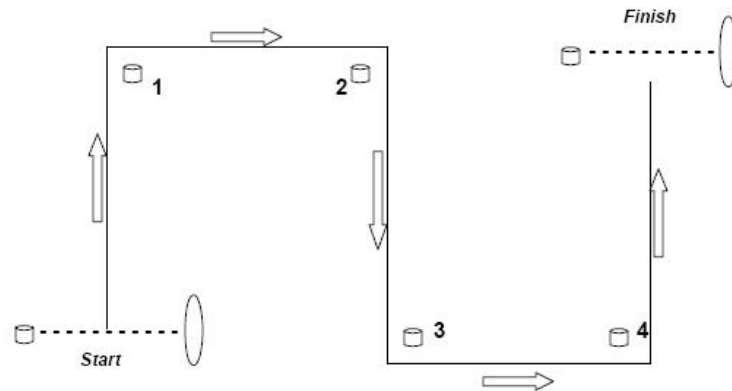
10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Waterloo Bay south-south-east of the harbour entrance lateral beacons.

11. THE COURSE

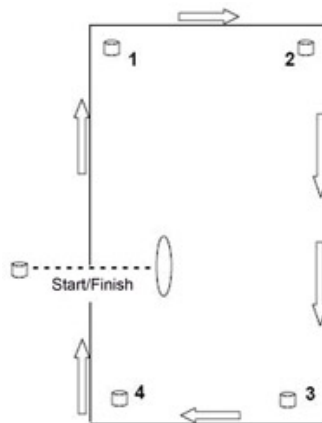
11.1 Course A: Groups 1, 2 and 3

The diagram below shows the course, 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.



11.2 Course B: Group 4

The diagram below shows the course, 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.



12. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange/pink teardrop buoys. The starting and finishing marks will be orange/pink teardrop buoys.



13. THE START

- 13.1 Starts will not be delayed for competitors who do not proceed to the start area as quickly as possible.
- 13.2 The number of the next race to start may be signalled on a board located on the stern of the Committee Boat.
- 13.3 The starting line will be:
- 13.3.1 Group 1, 2 and 3 - Between a **blue** flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 13.3.2 Group 4 – Between an **orange** flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark
- 13.4 Competitors are advised to keep clear of the course and start area unless preparing for a start
- 13.5 Races will be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of sound signals shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	3 blue flags 1 sound	3
Preparatory	1 st blue flag removed 1 sound	2
One Minute	2 nd blue flag removed 1 sound	1
Starting	Final blue flag removed 1 sound	0

This changes RRS 26.

- 13.6 When at her starting signal a boat must comply with rule 29.1 the Race Committee will promptly display flag X accompanied by a short sound signal and will hail the boat(s) number. The signal will be displayed until the boat(s) have returned to start correctly but not later than 2 minutes after the starting signal. Failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 29.1 and rule 41.
- 13.7 A boat shall not start later than 2 minutes after her starting signal.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an **orange** flag on a Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

15. TIME LIMIT

Boats not finishing within 5 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF.
This changes RRS 35.



16. SCORING

Races will be scored in accordance with Appendix D3

17. PROTESTS

Boats intending to protest or seek redress under Sailing Instruction 1.3, 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.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Umpire Boats will display either a black letter 'U' or 'J' on a flag

19. SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 **Groups 1, 3 and 3** - No support or coach boats are allowed within 50 metres of the course, unless asked to assist by the race officer. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the Jury and may result in the disqualification of all boats associated with the offending coach boat.
- 19.2 **Group 4** – Teams competing may be coached during the race and coaches may enter the course to do so. Coaches shall not impede opposing teams, umpires and or race officials in carrying out their roles.