

FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Organising Authority is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron LTD

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24.
- 1.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Inc shall apply – Part 2.
- 1.3. The GPS Schools Code of Conduct shall apply to GPS Schools.
- 1.4. The Pacer Class Rules and Pacer Sailing Rules published by Pacer Australia Inc. shall apply with the following exceptions:
 - 1.4.2 Pacer Class Rule Part 1, Rule B2.1 is deleted.
 - 1.4.3 Pacer Sailing Rules C.3 is modified to accept complete boats supplied by recognized builders of Pacer Class Yachts as meeting the fundamental rules of measurement for the duration of this regatta only, unless substantially modified by the individual.
 - 1.4.4 Pacer Class Rule Part 1, Rule B2.3 is deleted.
 - 1.4.5 Mainsails need not carry the class insignia.
- 1.5 This regatta is a non-spinnaker event.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T shall apply (arbitration).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0815 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by displaying code flag L.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.4 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/>.
- 3.5 The race office is located at RQYS Sailing Office, telephone 3396 8666, email sailing@rqys.com.au.
- 3.6 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, 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

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at RQYS Official Flag Pole on the boardwalk adjacent to the Bill Kirby Dock.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Event	Time/First Warning Signal
Sunday 28 February 2021	Briefing on RQYS Rigging Lawn	0830 hrs
	Session 1	0925 hrs, no warning signal to be made after 1200 hrs
	Session 2	1330 hrs, no warning signal to be made after 1600 hrs
	Presentation on Ceremony Lawn	ASAP After Racing

- 6.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before a warning signal.
- 6.2 The intention is for up to four (4) races to be conducted in the morning session and up to four (4) race in the afternoon session.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flag shall be the Pacer Class Flag.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the courses which will be sailed, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which marks are to be left.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks are as per Addendum 1.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

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

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within the ten (10) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.2 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the RQYS Sailing Office.
- 14.3 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 at QMTS Building beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.
- 14.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.
- 14.6 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5a.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring of Appendix A
- 15.2 Eight (8) are scheduled of which three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3
 - (a) When four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from five (5) to six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When seven (7) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16 ON WATER JUDGING

- 16.1 There may be on water Jury who may penalize competitors for breaches of Rule 42 and Rule 2. In such instances of breach, the Judge shall blow a whistle and fly a yellow flag and the boat in question shall complete a two-turn penalty. Failure to do shall result in a Disqualification not excludable (DNE).

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [DP] Sign-On and Sign-Off: All boats shall “sign on” before leaving the shore and “sign off” as soon as practical after returning to shore at the completion of the day’s racing, but no later than the end of the protest time limit. Sign on and off sheets shall be available downstairs from the Marine Sports Amenities Building. Boats failing to comply with this shall be scored a penalty of two (2) places in their first resulted race
- 17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.3 At all times when afloat, all competitors shall wear personal floatation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority or standards organisation and branded in the country or origin of manufacture. Attention is drawn to RRS 1.2. It is recommended that footwear be worn at all times, but in particular when launching and recovering boats on ramps and beaches

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of skippers shall not be allowed.
- 18.2 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.3 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee 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 a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 20.1 Official vessels will be identified with White Flags showing the letters RC in black.

21 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.2 The race committee or the protest committee may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of SI 20.1. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this rule shall result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.
- 21.3 Support boats shall be required by the race committee to assist in extreme conditions whilst a ‘W’ flag is being flown by the Start or Finish boat.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
Individual Sailor: Scratch – 1st
A Teams: 1st – GPS Sailing Champions
B Teams: 1st

24 RISK STATEMENT

- 24.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.**

25 INSURANCE

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

SI ADDENDUM A – Courses

CODE	COURSE	MARKS
L1	Start – 1 – Finish	Start/Finish Pin: Orange Teardrop
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish	Mark 1, 2s & 2p: Purple Inflatable
L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish	

