



2021 Queensland Schools Teams Racing Championship

15th – 16th April 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron on behalf of Australian Sailing.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 .
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2 shall apply.
- 1.3 The Team Racing Rules (Appendix D of the RRS) shall apply
- 1.4 Rule 29.1 is amended replacing “four (4) minutes” with “two (2) minutes”.
- 1.5 A boat capsized after her preparatory signal, such that her masthead enters the water, shall retire immediately. This changes RRS Appendix A.
- 1.6 Rule D1.1 (d) is deleted.
- 1.7 These Sailing Instructions shall supersede the Notice of Race in any conflicts between the two.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be via VHF radio Channel 77 at least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of any race affected.
- 2.3 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by displaying code flag L. Oral instructions may be given on the water by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires, prior to the warning signal. It will be the responsibility of each team to obtain any oral instructions given.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/>.
- 3.2 The race office is located at RQYS Sailing Office, telephone 3396 8666, email Sailing@rqys.com.au.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, 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.

5. BOATS

- 5.1 Boats shall be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted while racing, may be adjusted.
- 5.2 All equipment intended to be in the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- 5.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the instructions will be disqualification of the team from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- 5.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after changing out of the boat or securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed in which that boat's team was successful. It is not the responsibility of the OA to provide bailing buckets, and boats that have water in the cockpit area shall not be considered for a break-down.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag mast located on the deck located adjacent to the Fuel Wharf.
- 6.2 When displayed ashore flag "AP" means races not started are postponed. The first Warning Signal for the next race shall be made 20 minutes after the AP is lowered (amends Race Signal AP).

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 .

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 15 April 2021	Compulsory Competitors Briefing at RQYS Rigging Lawn	0900 hrs
	First Warning Signal	1030 hrs
Friday 16 April 2021	Compulsory Competitors Briefing at RQYS Rigging Lawn	0900 hrs
	First Warning Signal	1030 hrs
	Presentation and BBQ	ASAP After Racing

- 7.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

8. REGATTA FORMAT

- 8.1 Racing shall consist of 3 boat v 3 boat team sailing. The format shall be a seeded Round Robin Stage with one (1) Division.
- 8.2 At the conclusion of the Round Robin stages, first place will be awarded to the team with the most wins through the regatta.
- 8.3 The race committee reserves the right to change the Regatta format at any time, If it is unable to complete the format in its entirety, final championship placings will be in accordance with places at the end of the last completed Round Robin stage.

8.4 Following a breakdown, which in the sole opinion of the Umpires leaves a boat unable to effectively race, races for that flight may be completed using a 2 boat v 2 boat format until repairs have been completed.

9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area is the waters of Waterloo Bay to the South of the Manly entrance channel.

10. COURSES

10.1 The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the course to be sailed.

10.2 The Race Committee or Umpires may move marks of the course at any time. Rule 33 shall not apply. The moving of a mark by the Race Committee or umpires will not give grounds for redress.

11. MARKS

11.1 Marks will be displayed in Addendum 1.

12. THE START

12.1 RRS 26 shall not apply

12.2 Audible signals shall govern the Start

12.3 The Race number will be displayed on the start boat prior to the warning signal.

Signal	Time before starting signal	Sound Signal	Visual Indication Flags
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

12.4 Signals will be timed from the beginning of the sound signal.

12.5 Failure to hear a signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

12.6 Visual indication flags will be raised and lowered from the start boat to indicate the time before the start. Failure or mistiming of an indication flag shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b)

12.7 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.8 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.9 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.10A boat that does not start within two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 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.

14. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

14.1 If no boat has finished within twenty (20) minutes of the start the race shall be abandoned.

14.2 Boats not finishing within five (5) minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

14.3 Abandonment may be signalled orally by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires. Abandoned races may be re-sailed and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical. This changes Rule 32 and Race Signals.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 For protests and requests for redress other than protests under a rule listed in Rule D2.2(a), competitors shall inform an Umpire or the Race Committee immediately on completion of that race including advising the type of redress being sought.

15.2 Rule D2.4 is amended such that a "Green" or "Green and White" flag will signal no penalty and a "Black" or "Black and White" flag will signal that an incident will be reported to the protest committee.

15.3 For hearings involving breakdowns, Rule D5 is changed to replace "Race Committee" with "Umpires".

15.4 SI 21 is not competitor protestable.

16. SCORING

16.1 Rule D3 Scoring a Race and D4 Scoring an Event shall apply.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Sailors are to remain under the responsibility of their coaches who are responsible for their sailors' whereabouts and safety over the competition. Each school should designate a responsible adult to be present and available for the duration of the regatta.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing 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. SUPPLIED BOATS

19.1 Boats will be supplied by the organizing authority. Pacer Dinghies will be supplied by the Organising Authority in consultation with the entered schools. Sailors will need to be swapped in and out of boats, sharing with schools.

19.2 The cost of damage (at commercial rate) 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 that occurs whereby the responsible team cannot be identified will result in the cost of the damage being allocated equally across all teams entered. Damage will be invoiced to the schools on completion of the event.

20. OFFICIAL VESSELS

20.1 Umpire Boats will be identified by a "U" Flag

21. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS AND COACHES/MANAGERS

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.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

23. PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be given for

Winning Team: The Norman Sherwood Perpetual Trophy

Medallions for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each competitor in the team and one (1) trophy for the school.

23.2 Prizes will be distributed at the discretion of the organising authority and may vary depending on the number of entries.

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 \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

SI ADDENDUM A

Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - Finish.

Marks

ALL rounding marks will be orange flags on a float.

The Start Pin and Finish Pin will both be orange flags with a black, diagonal line, on a float.

