

2021 HARKEN A CLASS CATAMARAN QLD CHAMPIONSHIP

10th - 11th APRIL 2021



HARKEN^{AU}



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Organising Authority is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA) will apply.
- 1.3. The Australian Sailing prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. Appendix T Arbitration will apply.

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. Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by displaying code flag L.

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/> and via the Sailor App.
- 3.2. The race office is located at RQYS Marina Office, telephone 3396 8666, email Sailing@rqys.com.au
- 3.3. [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.
- 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 the Flag Pole adjacent to the Bill Kirby VIP Jetty.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

Date	Event	Time
10 th April 2021	Briefing at RQYS Rigging Lawn	1100 hrs
	Racing	First Warning Signal not before 1230 hrs
11 th April 2021	Racing	First Warning Signal not before 1030 hrs
	Presentation	ASAP after Racing

6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The Class white flag with an A-Cat Class Logo.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. SI Addendum 1 shows the location of the racing area.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagram in SI Addendum 2 shows the course to be sailed.

9.2. The race committee signal vessel will display either numeral pennant 2 or numeral pennant 3 to indicate course L2 or L3.

9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks are listed in SI Addendum 2.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

11.2. 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.

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

11.4. 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.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent

change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

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

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. For the A Class Catamaran, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 15.1. Time Limit and target times are as follows:

Race Time Limit	Target Time
60 Mins	35 Minutes

- 15.2. If no boat has passed the windward marks within 30 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of it's Discipline sails the course and finishes, may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This Changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A5.
- 15.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at RQYS Sailing Office
- 16.3. For Infringements of the rules other than Part 2, the Protest Committee may award a lesser penalty than DSQ. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 16.4. Hearings will be held in the protest room displayed in the Hearing Schedule.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The scoring system is as follows: Low Point System Appendix A
- 17.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. (a) When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Sign On and Sign Off:
- Before leaving to race on each scheduled racing day, the skipper from each boat shall personally "SIGN ON" on the required form.
 - No later than the protest time limit of their class, the skipper from each boat shall personally "SIGN OFF" on the required form.
- 18.2. [DP] Boats failing to comply with instructions 18.1(a) or 18.1(b) may receive up to a five (5) points scoring penalty. No boat shall be scored worse than a DSQ.
- 18.3. For failing to comply with 18.1(a), the penalty will be applied to the first race of the session. For failing to comply with 18.1(b), the penalty will be applied to the last race of the session.
- 18.4. [DP] Boats not leaving the shore for a day's race shall declare their intention on the sign on/off

sheet prior to the start of the race.

- 18.5 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible and before leaving the race area and shall notify the Race Committee at once on coming ashore.
- 18.6 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices to the minimum standard defined in Class Rule C5.1(a) at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation device.
- 18.7 Competitors are recommended to wear a safety helmet at all times while racing.
- 18.8 All Support Boats shall monitor VHF Ch 72 and shall be on call for rescue purposes if so directed by the Race Officer.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Sailing Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1. Official vessels will be identified as follows: RC Flag or Decal.
- 21.2 Press/TV vessels will display a white flag with "P".

22. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 22.1. 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.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded as per the Notice of Race.

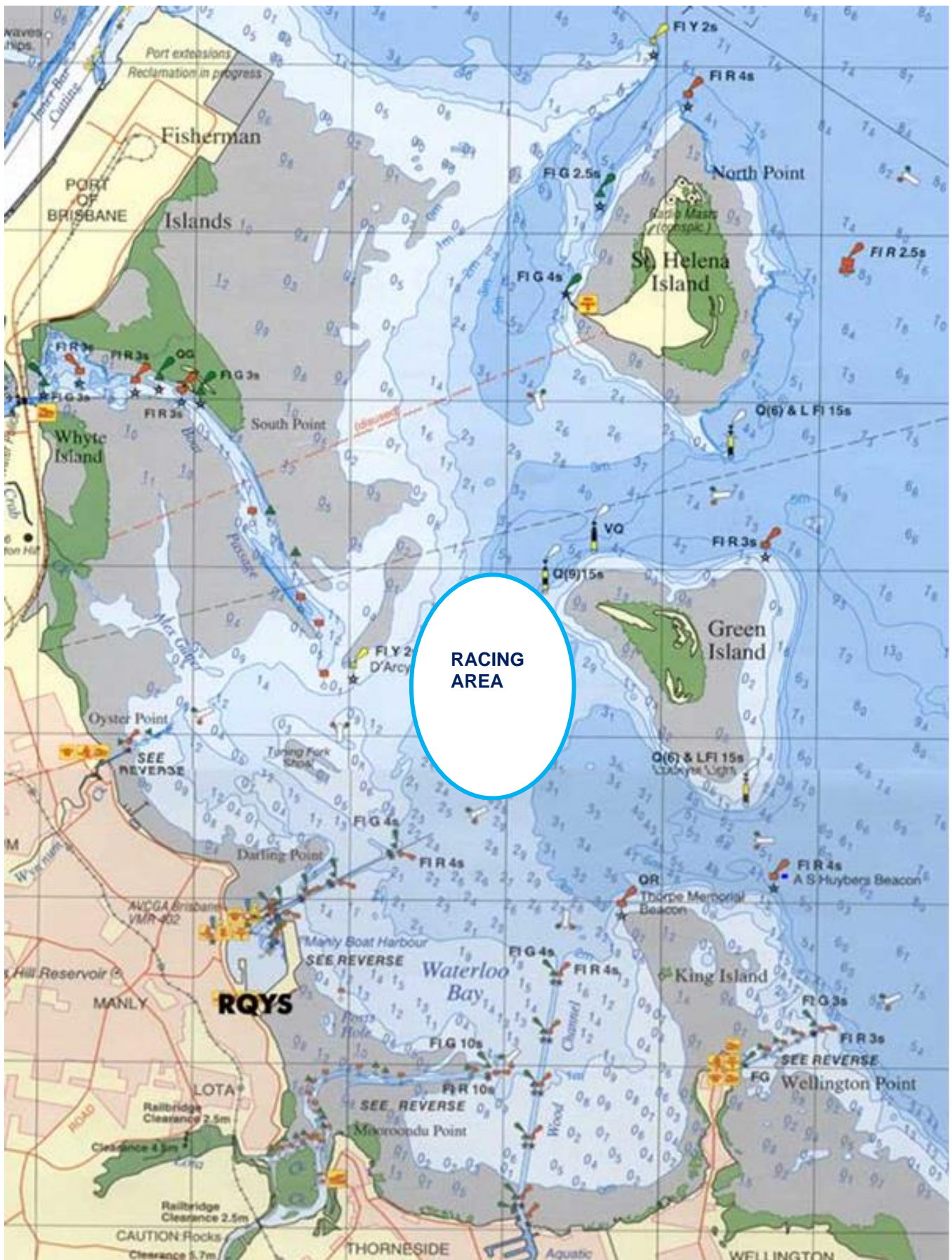
25. RISK STATEMENT

- 25.1. 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.**

26. INSURANCE

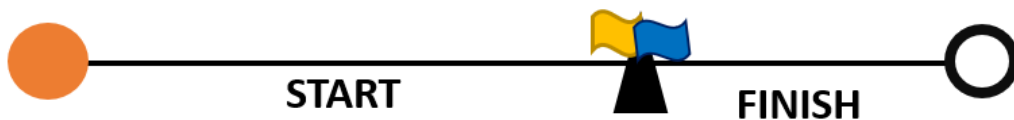
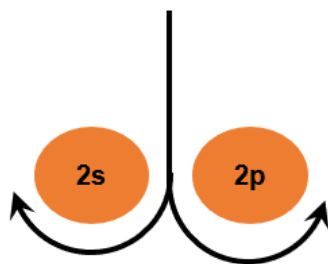
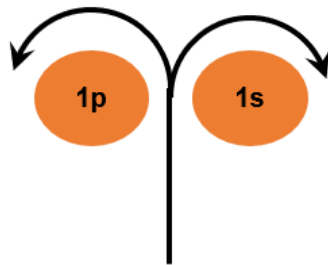
- 26.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 Million per incident or the equivalent.

SI ADDENDUM 1 – Location Area



SI ADDENDUM 2 – Marks, Course & Pennants

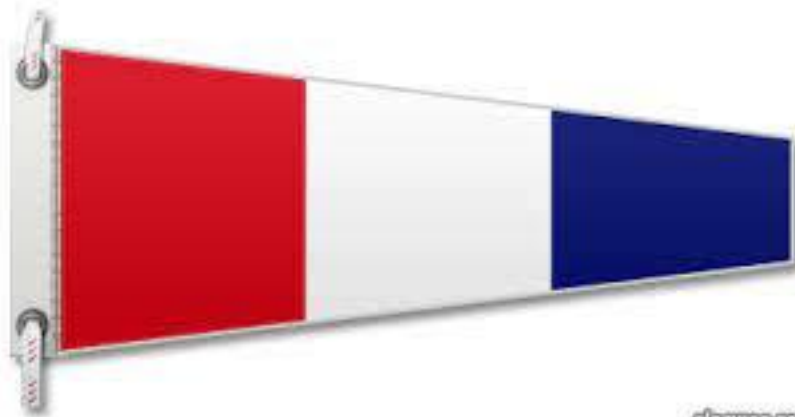
Signal	Mark Rounding Order	Marks
L2	Start – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – Finish	1s/1p,2s/2p: Orange Inflatable Buoys
L3	Start – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – Finish	Start Mark: Orange Teardrop Inflatable Buoy Finish Mark: Black and White Inflatable Buoy e Mark: Yellow Inflatable Buoy





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Numeral Pennant #2



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Numeral Pennant #3