



18 Footer Queensland State Championships

02nd October 2021

and

03rd October 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS **(SI)**

Organising Authority

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Competitors must comply with Qld Government COVID-19 contact tracing via the electronic app "Check in Qld".

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 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.

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 The RQYS Sailing Office located adjacent to Rigging Lawn 2, 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 handle any equipment or 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 official flag pole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks.
- 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	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL or TIME
Saturday 2 nd October 2021	Briefing Racing	1000 Hours 1300 Hours
Sunday 3 rd October 2021	Briefing Racing	1000 Hours 1300 Hours
	Presentation	1800 Hours

- 6.2. 5 races are scheduled over the two days. Number of races per day will be advised in the competitor briefing each day.
- 6.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1700.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The Class flag is Blue and red with a white 18.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 SI Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram in SI Attachment B 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.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks are as described in SI Attachment B.

11. THE START

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. A boat that does not start within 10 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. 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. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
60 min (when 3 or more races are scheduled in a day)	15 min
90 min (when 2 or less races are scheduled in a day)	

- 15.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.3. 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 90 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 <https://www.rqys.com.au/regatta-club-racing-documents-auditors/> or Hard Copies can be requested from the RQYS Sailing Office (upstairs on rigging lawn 2).

- 16.3. 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 at a time and place advised on the hearing notice.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 17.1.1. When 3 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 17.1.2. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2. Competitors shall comply with the following harbour bylaws:
- 18.2.1. All sailing vessels shall give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour.
- 18.2.2. Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside of the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.
- 18.2.3. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 18.3. Boats failing to comply with SI20 may be protested by the Race Committee and receive a penalty less than DSQ as decided by the Protest Committee. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2. [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.

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 by displaying a white flag with letter 'RC', 'MEDIA' or 'J' in black.

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. BERTHING

- 24.1. [DP] Boats may be required to be kept in assigned places while in the boat park.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be given as follows:
 - 25.1.1. Scratch 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
 - 25.1.2. 1st on Handicap.

26. RISK STATEMENT

- 26.1. 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.**

27. INSURANCE

- 27.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

SI ATTACHMENT B

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
L1	Start – 1 – 2 – Finish	Marks 1 & 2 : Orange Inflatables
L2	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish	Start & Finish Pin: Orange Teardrops
L3	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish	Change Mark: Purple Cylinder

