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# VX One National Championships

20<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
To  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** **(SI)**

**Including Amendment 2**

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. The Australian Sailing prescriptions and special regulations Category 7 will apply.
- 1.3. The VX One Australia 2021 (revised by the TMH) class rules will apply.
- 1.4. Appendix T shall apply
- 1.5. Competitors must comply with Qld Government COVID-19 contact tracing via the electronic app "Check in Qld".
- 1.6. Competitors must follow all Club COVID-19 Policies (<https://www.rqys.com.au/policiesanddocuments/> )

## **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.

## **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](mailto:sailing@rqys.com.au) .
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4. [DP] [NP] 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] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] [NP] 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

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, 20 January 2022	Registration & Measurement	0800 – 1700 hrs
Friday, 21 January 2022	Competitor Briefing	1200 hrs
	First Warning Signal	1400 hrs
Saturday, 22 January 2022	First Warning Signal	1200 hrs
Sunday, 23 January 2022	First Warning Signal	1200 hrs
Monday 24 January 2022	First Warning Signal	1200 hrs
	Presentation	After Racing

- 6.1. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1630hrs.
- 6.2. A maximum of eleven (11) race are scheduled.
- 6.3. No more than three (3) races shall be sailed on any One (1) day.
- 6.4. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The Class flag is VX One Insignia / white background.

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

## 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 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 will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS44.1 is amended in that the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty, except the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 occurring within the zone as defined in RRS shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2. The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the protest committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS64.1.

## 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.

Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
40 Minutes	60 Minutes	15 Minutes

- 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. Australian sailing has appointed a National Jury for this event.
- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the RQYS Sailing Office (upstairs on rigging lawn 2) or <https://www.rqys.com.au/regatta-club-racing-documents-auditors/>
- 16.4. 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.
- 16.5. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5 (b).

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When from four (4) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 17.3. When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst two (2) scores.

## **18. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. Each boat will be carrying GPS trackers (TACKTRACKER) the sign on/sign off will be collecting the trackers and returning them each day
- 18.2. All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). The sign on will be available near the Sailing Office & Rigging Lawn 2.
- 18.3. Sign on shall be available 3 hrs before first warning and close 1 hr before first warning.
- 18.4. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore.
- 18.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.6. Competitors shall comply with the following harbour bylaws:
  - 18.6.1. All sailing vessels shall give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour. Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside of the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.
  - 18.6.2. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.

## **19. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1. No crew member shall be substituted during an event unless express written consent is granted by the Jury or Race Committee. If a crew substitution is requested, the total crew weight shall not change by more than 10 kg.
- 19.2. 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 display of a white flag with black letters 'RC' or 'MEDIA'.

## **22. [DP][NP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 22.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay a minimum of 100m outside the area where boats are racing from the Warning Signal until the last boat in that race has finished or race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, without the approval of the Race Committee. Support boats may provide assistance to boats finished racing or retired no closer than 200m below the starting line.
- 22.2. SI 22.1 does not apply to Media Vessels approved by the Race Committee.
- 22.3. The penalty for failing to comply with SI 22.1 above may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing party, parties, boat and or boats.

## **23. TRASH DISPOSAL**

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

## 24. [DP] [NP] BERTHING

- 24.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.
- 24.2. Planned Berthing shall be at VIP Docks 1 – 5 & the Marine Holding Area.
  - 24.2.1. A diagram can be found in SI Attachment C.
- 24.3. Boats shall follow all berthing directions from the Sailing or Marina Office to the best of their ability.

## 25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 25.1. [DP] [NP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event.
- 25.2. [DP] [NP] Requests for haul out shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## 26. PRIZES

- 26.1. Prizes will be given as follows:
  - 26.1.1. 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Scratch.
  - 26.1.2. 1st Senior Skipper over 60.
  - 26.1.3. 1st Junior U21.
  - 26.1.4. 1st Female.
  - 26.1.5. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

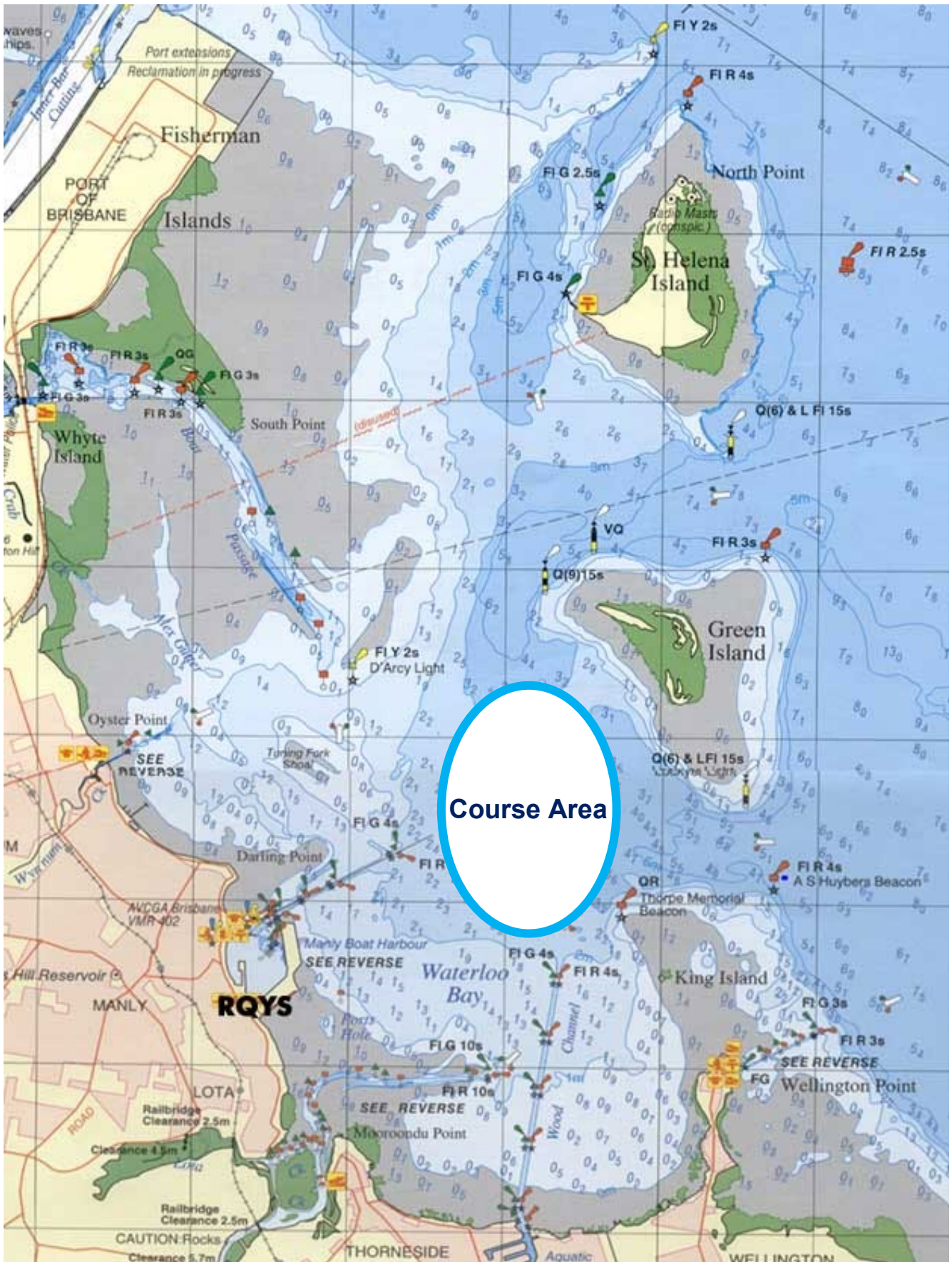
## 27. RISK STATEMENT

- 27.1. 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.**

## 28. INSURANCE

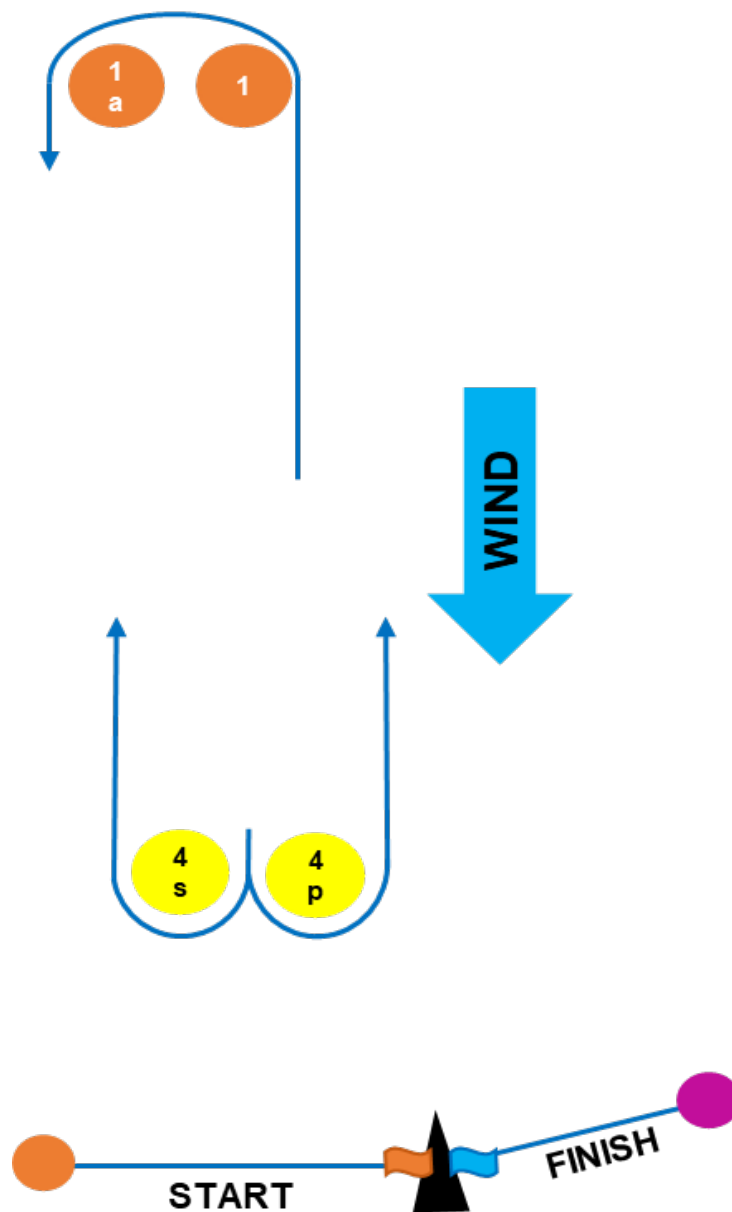
- 28.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

# SI ATTACHMENT A



## SI ATTACHMENT B

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
LA1	Start – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	<b>Mark 1:</b> Orange Inflatable <b>Mark 1a:</b> Orange Teardrop
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1A – 4p – Finish	<b>Marks 4s &amp; 4p:</b> Yellow Inflatable
LA3	Start – 1 – 1A – 4s/4p – 1 – 1A – 4s/4p – 1 – 1A – 4p – Finish	<b>Start Pin:</b> Orange Inflatable <b>Finish Pin:</b> Purple Inflatable. <b>Change Mark:</b> Black and White Inflatable





# SI ATTACHMENT C

