



International OK Dinghy World Championship

Brisbane Australia

Friday 23 February – Saturday 2 March 2024

Sailing Instructions (SI)

Organising Authority

**Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd in conjunction
with the OK Dinghy International Association and the
Australian OK Dinghy Association**

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Other documents that govern the event under RRS Definition Rule (g) are listed in the NoR 1. These may be changed, where permitted, by the sailing instructions with the approval of OKDIA.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.6 In all rules governing this regatta;
 - 1.6.1 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - 1.6.2 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or event technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - 1.6.3 [DP] denotes a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) for which a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes Rule 64.2
- 1.7 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.
- 1.8 [NP][DP] Bow numbers will be applied to the port and starboard sides of the bow prior to the start of the Practice Race in accordance with Technical Instruction No.1 (which will be displayed on the Official Notice Board), bow numbers shall be supplied by the OA.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted not later than 1 hour after the end of protest time on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2 When flag 'L' is displayed ashore it may be displayed only for the first day that the relevant notice to competitors comes into effect [changes RRS Race Signals 'L'].

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/>.
- 3.2 Online services may be available for:
 - 3.2.1 Hearing requests
 - 3.2.2 Scoring Enquiries
 - 3.2.3 Hearing schedules and decisions
 - 3.2.4 Messaging competitors
- 3.3 Details for accessing these systems will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.4 The race office is located adjacent to the Main Rigging Lawn, telephone 33968666, email sailing@rqys.com.au
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]

- 4.1 Competitors and support vessels shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks, adjacent to the main rigging lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.



6 RACING SCHEDULE and OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

6.1 The race schedule has been amended as described in SI Attachment B.

6.2

Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday 23 February	Equipment Inspection	10:00 – 16:00	RQYS
Saturday 24 February	Registration	12:00-16:00	RQYS
	Equipment Inspection	10:00-16:00	RQYS
	OKDIA AGM	17:30	RQYS – Auditorium
Sunday 25 February	Registration	09:00-12:00	Girdis Function Room
	Equipment Inspection	09:00-12:00	RQYS
	Practice Race	See SI B1.5	Waterloo Bay
	Welcome Event	17:00	RQYS
Monday 26 February	Skipper Briefing	10:00	Girdis Function Room
	Racing	See SI B1.5	Waterloo Bay
Tuesday 27 February	Racing	See SI B1.5	Waterloo Bay
Wednesday 28 February	Racing	See SI B1.5	Waterloo Bay
	Mid Regatta Function	1800	
Thursday 29 February	Reserve Day*		
Friday 1 March	Racing	See SI B1.5	Waterloo Bay
Saturday 2 March	Racing	See SI B1.5	Waterloo Bay
	Presentation	18:00	RQYS

6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hrs.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class Flag will be the class insignia on a white background displayed over the flags of the colour of the group(s) affected.

8 COURSES AND COURSE AREAS

8.1 The course area is shown in NOR Attachment A.

8.2 The diagram in SI Attachment A shows the course, the course designations, 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.

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

9 FORMAT OF RACING

9.1 The championship will consist of an Opening Series of up to six races and a Final Series of up to four races as defined in SI Attachment B. The Final Series shall only take place once at least four Opening Series races have been completed.



10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks are as described in SI Attachment A.
- 10.2 If one of the gate marks is missing then the remaining mark shall be left to port.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 11.4 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 A4 and A5.
- 11.5 [NP] [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12 COURSE CHANGES

- 12.1 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32. The length and direction of legs of the course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33.
- 12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or reposition 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.
- 12.3 If mark 1 is changed, mark 1a will not be re-laid and shall be ignored.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits:
 - 14.1.1 Start – Mark 1 = 30 minutes
 - 14.1.2 Start – Finish = 120 minutes
 - 14.1.3 If no boat has rounded the specified mark with that mark's time limit the race will be abandoned.
 - 14.1.4 Target Time: 70 minutes
- 14.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
- 14.3 The Finishing Window is 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. The race committee will signal the closure of the finishing line for a specific fleet by making one sound signal and lowering the flags for the relevant colour groups on the starboard end finishing vessel.
- 14.4 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing (this changes RRS 35 & A5.1).

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Hearing Request forms will be available from the race office (located at the RQYS Sailing Office), and shall be lodged back to the race office.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Notices will be published no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform boats of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be scheduled to begin before the end of protest time. Hearings will be held beginning at the time and location published on the official notice board.
- 15.4 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.



- 15.5 For breaches of rules marked as [SP] and CR C.5.2(1)(a) a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or Event Technical Committee without a hearing. A list of standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the Race Committee or Event Technical Committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 A maximum of 10 races will be sailed for the championship.
16.2 Four races shall be completed to constitute a series.
16.3 Scoring for determination of results in age division will be determined on the basis of the competitor's position in the results of the overall fleet.
16.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
16.5 The discard of the Qualifying series at the time of the allocation to the Final series fleets may be substituted by a worse score in the final series.
16.6 RRS A5 and 44.3(c) is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet in the series.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 17.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
17.2 Sign On and Sign Off shall be via the Wrist Band Sign On/Off board located near the RQYS Sailing Office.
17.2.1 A wrist band hung on the Sign On/Off board signals a boat is "Signed On", a wrist band not hung on a competitor's hook signals a boat is "Signed Off".
17.3 [SP] 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).
17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall, if possible, notify a race committee vessel before leaving the racing area and on returning to shore.
17.5 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds or broadcasts 'Code Flag Victor' on the designated VHF Channel, all official and support vessels shall monitor VHF Channel 72 for search, rescue and other instructions.
17.6 All Competitors shall comply with the following harbour bylaws:
17.6.1 All competing boats and support vessels are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
17.6.2 Competitors are to stay outside of the main channel as soon as possible, keeping clear of powered vessels.
17.6.3 All competing boats and support vessels are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made in accordance with the Equipment Regulations.

19 EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

- 19.1 The Equipment Regulations govern all equipment and equipment inspection matters.
19.2 When instructed by a race official, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 20.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:
20.1.1 Jury/Judges – Black "J" on white background.
20.1.2 Media - Red "MEDIA" on white background.
20.1.3 Race Committee - Black "RC" on white background.
20.1.4 Support Vessels – Red Decal with Unique Identifying number.
20.1.5 Technical Committee – Black "TC" on white background.



21 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP]

- 21.1 For the purposes of these sailing instructions a support vessel includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is providing physical, morale or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 21.2 Support vessels shall display their national flag or national letters at least 200 mm high and clearly visible from both sides.
- 21.3 Support vessels shall not interfere with boats racing or official vessels, or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 21.4 Support vessels shall not be:
 - 21.4.1 Positioned closer than 50 metres of any boat racing;
 - 21.4.2 Within 50 metres of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment;
 - 21.4.3 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
 - 21.4.4 Within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark;
 - 21.4.5 Within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 21.5 In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.
- 21.6 Support vessels shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 21.7 The International Jury may direct the organizing authority to revoke privileges from any vessel or person found to be in breach of this sailing instruction.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 NOR 19 is amended as follows:
- 22.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - 22.2.1 OKDIA World Champion Trophy – Canada Centennial Cup
 - 22.2.2 Best helmsman from host country – Clive Roberts Memorial Salver
 - 22.2.3 1st Junior – Raymond Dodard Trophy
 - 22.2.4 1st Veteran – Knud Olsen Trophy (over 40)
 - 22.2.5 1st Master – The Blasse Trophy (over 55)
 - 22.2.6 1st Grand Master – Jørgen Lindhardtson Trophy (Over 70)
 - 22.2.7 1st Female – The Woman's Trophy
- 22.3 Prizes will be awarded to individual race winners
- 22.4 Perpetual trophies will be retained by OKDIA and may not be taken away by the winner.

23 [DP][NP] IDENTIFICATION, ADVERTISING, CAMERAS and ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 23.1 When provided by the organizing authority, boats or crew shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed.
 - 23.1.1 Bow numbers.
 - 23.1.2 Event sponsor advertising.
- 23.2 When provided by the organising authority, boats shall carry the following electronic equipment as instructed:
 - 23.2.1 Cameras,
 - 23.2.2 Sound equipment, and
 - 23.2.3 Position tracking equipment.



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24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 24.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 24.2.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 24.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 24.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 24.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 24.2.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 24.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 24.2.7 The fact that Race Officials conduct inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this SI.

25 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 25.1 By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

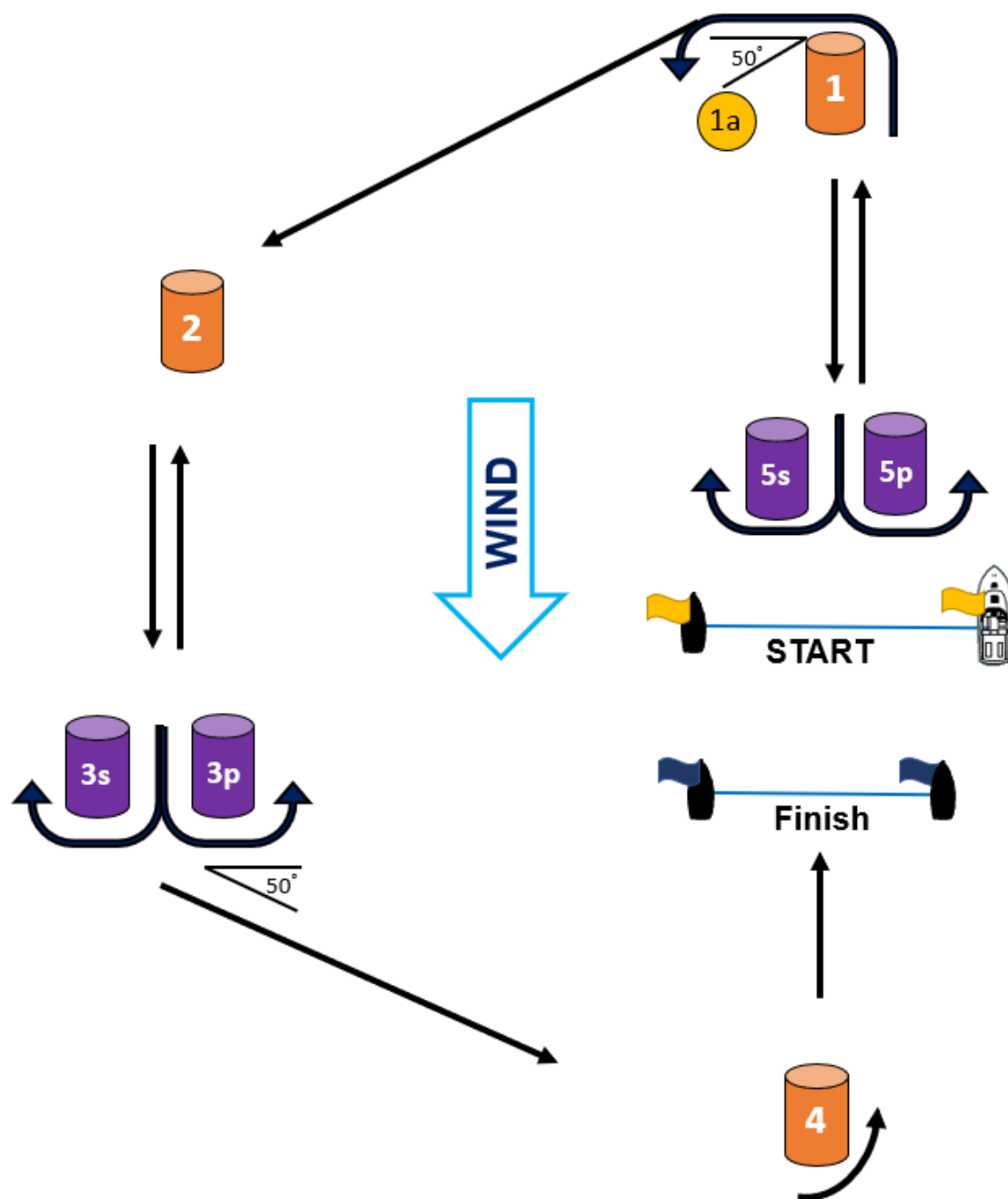


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SI Attachment A - Course configuration and marks

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
O2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 4 – Finish	Marks 1, 2 & 4: Orange Inflatables'
I2	Start – 1 – 1a – 5s/5p – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3p – 4 – Finish	Mark 1a: Orange teardrop
The course diagram is only approximate, is not to scale & does not override any other instruction.		Mark 3s/3p & 5s/5p: Purple Inflatables'
		Start Pin: RIB Displaying Orange Flag Finish Pin: RIB Displaying Blue Flag
		Change Marks: Mark 1 & 2: Yellow Inflatables'



SI Attachment B – Split Fleets

- B1.1 Boats will be assigned to one of four Groups of, as nearly as possible, equal size. The Groups are designated Yellow, Blue, Orange and Purple [DP] Boats shall display a coloured tape appropriate to the group to which they are assigned. This will be applied above the gooseneck by the organising authority.
- B1.2 [NP] Initial assignments will be based from a skipper's position in the most recently published OKDIA World Ranking List before the first race. Skippers not on the World Ranking List will be added at the end in alphabetical order (by family name). Final allocations will be at the discretion of OKDIA. These assignments will be posted by 21:00 on the day before the first scheduled race for the event. These assignments will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

Assignments will be made as follows:

Ranking	Fleet Assignment
First	Yellow
Second	Orange
Third	Blue
Fourth	Purple
Fifth	Purple
Sixth	Blue
Seventh	Orange
Eighth	Yellow
And so on	

- B1.3 Boats will remain in their assigned colour Group for the duration of the Opening Series. Fleet assignments will be made as per B1.6. For the Final Series, the fleet will be split into Gold and Silver fleets, based on their ranking at the end of the Opening Series.
- B1.4 The coloured tape for Gold/Silver fleets will be Yellow/Blue. [DP] Boats with an incorrect colour will report to the Race Office to arrange the fitting of a replacement coloured tape. Gold and Silver fleets will be same size.
- B1.4.1 If there are an odd number of boats, the Gold Fleet will be the larger fleet.
- B1.4.2 If there is a points tie at the split, all boats included in the tie will join Gold Fleet.

- B1.5 The Schedule of races will be:

Date	Race	Waring Signal not Before	Fleets
Sunday 25 February	Practice Race	13:00	TBA
Monday 26 February	Race 1	13:00 +10 mins	Yellow / Orange Blue / Purple
	Race 2	ASAP +10 mins	Yellow / Blue Orange / Purple
Tuesday 27 February	Race 3	13:00 +10 mins	Yellow / Purple Orange / Blue
	Race 4	ASAP +10 mins	Blue / Purple Yellow / Orange
Wednesday 28 February	Race 5	13:00 +10 mins	Orange / Purple Yellow / Blue
	Race 6	ASAP +10 mins	Orange / Blue Yellow / Purple
Thursday 29 February	Reserve Day*		
Friday 1 March	Race 7	13:00 +10 mins	Gold (Yellow) Silver (Blue)
	Race 8	ASAP +10 mins	Gold (Yellow) Silver (Blue)



Saturday 2 March	Race 9	13:00 +10 mins	Gold (Yellow) Silver (Blue)
	Race 10	ASAP +10 mins	Gold (Yellow) Silver (Blue)

B1.6 Fleet Assignments

- (a) In the Opening Series, if all fleets have not completed the same number of races at the end of a day, the first race the following day will be for the rescheduled fleet, except if the Opening Series has been completed, then B1.7 will apply.
- (b) Assignments for Gold and Silver fleets will be published as soon as possible after the end of the Opening Series when protests or requests for redress have been decided.

B1.7 Scoring

If at the end of the Opening Series, some boats have an additional race score than others, the boats with fewer scores will be awarded average points, excluded the discarded race, of all completed races to that point, for the race that had not been completed, so that all boats have the same number of race scores. This will only apply if all boats have completed a minimum of four races.

