



# **2026 VX ONE** **NATIONAL** **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

13 – 18 January 2026

## **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.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes RRS 60.5 and RRS 64.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the NoR and/or SIs means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing per RRS60.5(b)(3).

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing prescriptions and special regulations Part 2 apply.
- 1.3. Where there is a difference between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) the SI take precedence.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.5. The [VX One International Class Rules 1st January 2026](#) (CR) and the [VXOICA Event Regulations and Policies 1st January 2026](#) (ERP) shall apply.  
Available at <https://vxone.org.au/index.php/about-vx-assoc/class-documents> and/or posted with this SI
- 1.6. CR A.9, B.2 and D2 (b) shall not apply because such plaques and sail buttons are not yet available.
- 1.7. The Event Technical Committee (ETC) shall comprise Ian Davis (Chair and Measurer), James Arnold (NSW) and Peter Conde (QLD).
- 1.8. All competitors shall be current members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 1.9. Competitors who are not current members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club may enter the event after a nominated Sail Pass has been delivered by the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, at their request.

## 2. SCHEDULE

### 2.1.

DATE	EVENT	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL or TIME
Monday 05 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Entries Close ( <i>late entry applies and crew declarations due</i> )	1700 hrs
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Boats arrive	All day
	Equipment Check / Measurement in the Girdis Room	0900 – 1700 hrs
	Registration in the Girdis Room	1300 – 1700 hrs
	Competitor Briefing in the RQYS Auditorium	1800 hrs
	Welcome Function ( <i>additional BBQ tickets \$30</i> ) in the RQYS Bistro	To follow
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Equipment Check / Measurement ( <i>by appointment only</i> ) in the Girdis Room	0830 – 1000 hrs
	Registration in the Girdis Room	0830 – 1030 hrs
	Boats launched by	1030 hrs
	First Warning	1200 hrs

DATE	EVENT	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL or TIME
Wednesday 14th January 2026	Further racing	To follow ASAP
	Social function and daily presentation in the RQYS Bistro	After racing
Thursday 15th January 2026	First Warning	1200 hrs
	Further racing	To follow ASAP
	Social function and daily presentation in the RQYS Bistro	After racing
Friday 16th January 2026	Scheduled Reserve Day – may be used for racing if weather conditions dictate	
Saturday 17th January 2026	First Warning	1200 hrs
	Further Racing	To follow ASAP
	Social function and daily presentation in the RQYS Bistro	After racing
Sunday 18th January 2026	First Warning	1100 hrs
	Further racing	To follow ASAP
	No Warning signal after	1500 hrs
	Regatta Presentation ( <i>additional Tickets \$20</i> ) in the RQYS Flags Room	ASAP

## 2.2. Number of races:

DAY	RACES PER DAY SCHEDULED	RACES PER DAY MAXIMUM
Wednesday 14th January – Saturday 17th January	3 (potential for Reserve Day)	4 (potential for Reserve Day)
Sunday 18th January	2	3

- 2.3. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the number of races becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to NoR 3.1. If the Scheduled Reserve Day is used for racing, the number of races may become up to three races ahead of schedule.

## 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks.
- 3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 4. CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1. The Class Flag shall be a white flag with the VX One insignia.

## 5. COURSES

- 5.1. The diagram in SI Attachment A shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to

be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

- 5.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 6. MARKS

- 6.1. Marks as described in SI Attachment A.
- 6.2. If Mark 1 is changed, Mark 1A will be ignored.

## 7. THE START

- 7.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the signal vessel at the starboard and a pin boat vessel anchored at the port end.
- 7.2. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and RRS A5.2.

## 8. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 8.1. 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.

## 9. THE FINISH

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

## 10. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 10.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
LA1	25 Minutes	40 Minutes	20 Minutes
LA2	40 Minutes	60 Minutes	20 Minutes

- 10.2. 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, RRS A5.1, RRS A5.2 and RRS A10.
- 10.3. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

## 11. HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office near the Main Rigging Lawn.
- 11.3. 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 [online official notice board](#).

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

- 12.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.2. 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 & the Main Rigging Lawn.
- 12.3. [SP] Failure to SIGN ON shall result in that boat being penalised three (3) points for the first race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Failure to SIGN OFF shall result in that boat being penalised three (3) points for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a hearing.
- 12.4. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
  - 12.4.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
  - 12.4.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
- 12.5. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 12.6. No sailing vessel shall berth on or impede traffic to/from the RQYS fuel dock without permission from the RQYS Sailing or Marina Office.

## **13. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 13.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors: No crew member shall be substituted during the event unless written consent is granted by the ETC under the provisions of the CR and ERP.
- 13.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the ETC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the ETC at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **15. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 15.1. Official vessels will be identified by display of a white flag with black letters 'RC' or red 'M' / 'MEDIA'.

## **16. BERTHING**

- 16.1. Restrictions may be placed on where vessels may be stored or rigged by the RQYS Sailing or Marina office.
- 16.2. Boats may only be stored on the RQYS rigging lawn for the duration of the regatta & 24hrs before/after the regatta, unless otherwise arranged with the OA.
- 16.3. In water berthing shall be provided for the duration of the regatta on VIP berths 2, 3, 4 & 5.

## **17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 17.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with prior written permission of the race committee.
- 17.2. Requests for haul out shall be made in writing to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 18. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 18.1. All external boats supporting competitors shall apply to the Organising Authority prior to the commencement of racing.
  - 18.1.1. Boats designated as a "Fleet Support Boat" must apply with ERP A.2.
- 18.2. Fleet Support or spectator boats shall stay outside of 100m of any competitor or mark 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.
- 18.3. Application for Fleet Support boat status & spectator boat registration can be done on the [online portal](#) OR at the RQYS Sailing Office during Registration. Boats that do not have an identifying sticker shall pay \$10.00 to receive an identifying sticker.
  - 18.3.1. URL: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rqys/events/318743>
  - 18.3.2. ID Stickers: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rqys/product/30940/>
- 18.4. Fleet Support or spectator boats not owned/skippered by an RQYS member that does not apply / register may not be permitted to launch or retrieve from RQYS premises, or berth there overnight; the Organising Authority reserves the right to remove such vessels from their premises.
- 18.5. All Fleet Support or spectator boats must have capability of communicating on VHF channel 72, 77 and 16 for the duration of the regatta.

## 19. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

## 20. RISK STATEMENT

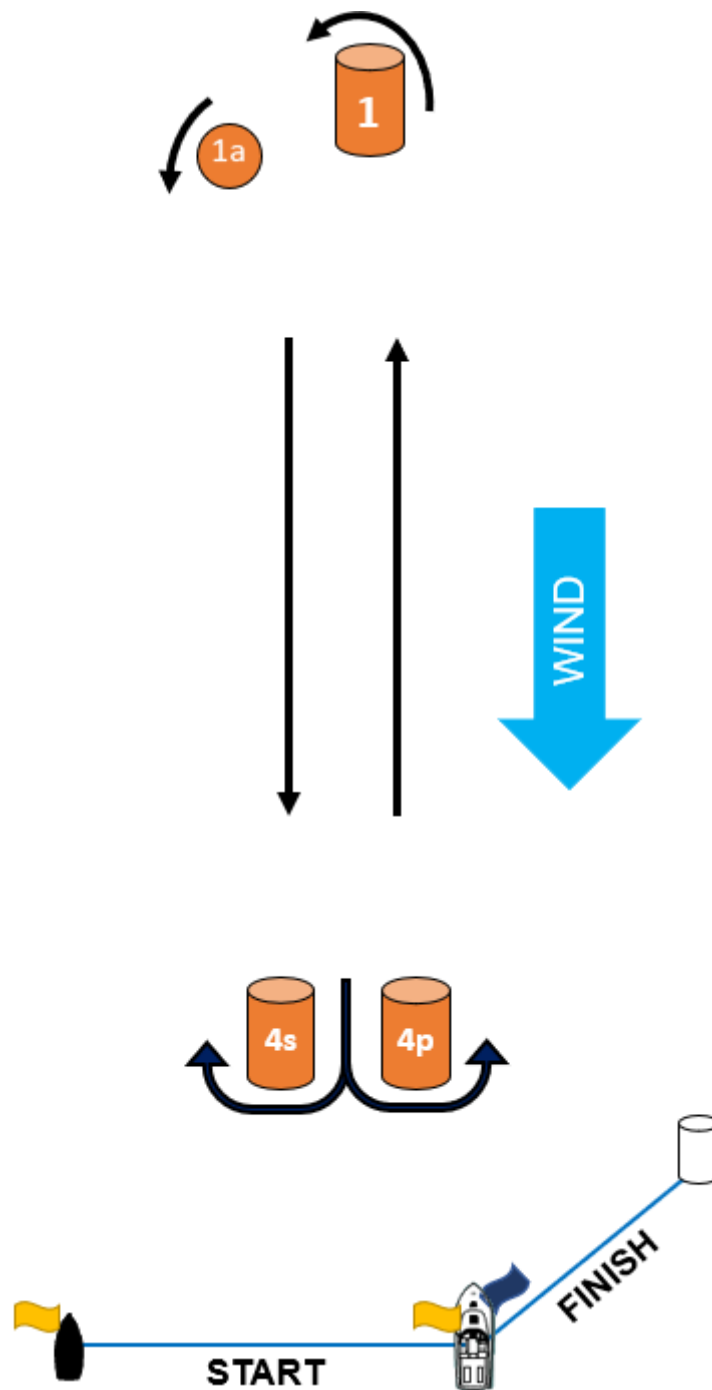
- 20.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds 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.**
- 20.2. All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats, and any Class Rules that may apply. The Squadron encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armour, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 20.1 of the Sailing Instructions.

## 21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. 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

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
LA1	Start – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	<b>Mark 1, 4s/4p:</b> Orange Inflatables
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	<b>Mark 1a:</b> Orange Teardrop <b>Start Pin:</b> RIB displaying an orange flag <b>Finish Pin:</b> White Inflatable <b>Change Mark:</b> Yellow Inflatable





SI ATTACHMENT B

