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**Porsche Centre
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Brisbane Race Week Off The Beach Divisions

2nd, 3rd & 4th May 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Including **Amendment 1**

Organising Authority (OA)
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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 Rules 60.5 and 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 will 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 Finn & VXOne Class Only: The OA will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
 - 1.5 (a) Sailors without a Vakaros Atlas 2 should contact the following for options:
 - Finns: Larry Kleist
 - VXOne: RQYS Sailing Office – sailing@rqys.com.au

2. SCHEDULE

2.1.

Date	Races	Time or First Warning Signal
Saturday 2 nd & Sunday 3 rd May 2026	Briefing	1130hrs
	Windward/Leeward Races (Finns max 2 races per day, all other division max 3 races per day)	First warning 1300hrs
	Daily Presentation	After Racing TBC by WhatsApp.
Monday 4 th May 2026	Briefing Passage Race Daily Presentation	1130hrs First Warning 1300hrs After Racing TBC by WhatsApp.

- 2.2. A Social Events schedule shall be posted on the regatta page.
- 2.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to change the format of racing at any time.

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 flags shall be:

Fleet	Flag
VX One	White with Black Class Insignia
Finn	White with Blue Finn Class Insignia
Mixed Fleet	Yellow Flag

5. COURSES

- 5.1. The diagram in SI Attachment A shows the Windward/Leeward (W/L) 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.
- 5.2. For the Passage Race, the courses shall be from the [RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book 2025/26 Version 2](#) or SI Attachment B.
- 5.3. 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 are as described in the relevant course sections as per:
 - 6.1.1. Windward/Leeward races: SI Attachment A.
 - 6.1.2. Passage Race: SI Attachment B or as described in the course selected from the RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book (See SI 5.2).
- 6.2. "X" Mark for the passage race shall be a purple inflatable. See Course Book Supplementary Sailing Instructions for the use of an "X" Mark.

7. THE START

- 7.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and an orange buoy at the port end
- 7.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 7.3. 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 RRS A5.2.
- 7.4. VX One & Finn for W/L Racing only:
 - 7.4.1. The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
 - 7.4.2. The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and RRS 30 by the Race Committee is replaced with the electronic identification by the Vakaros RaceSense system. This changes RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4.
 - 7.4.3. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
 - 7.4.4. [DP] [NP] Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted as agreed for the applicable class at all times while racing. Each boat shall provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense.

7.4.5.[NP] Any kind of failure of an Atlas 2, the RaceSense system or communication systems shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat or Protest Committee. This changes RRS 41(c), RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(b), 61.1(c), 61.4(b) and 60.5(b).

7.4.6.If the RC vessel displays code flag G with a sound signal before the warning signal of a race, SI 7.4.1 thru 7.4.5 will not apply to that race.

7.4.7.[DP][NP] If the RC vessel displays code flag K with a sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Code Flag K will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed on or before the next warning signal.

8. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 8.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 8.2. W/L Courses Only: If mark 1 is changed, mark 1A shall be ignored for the remainder of that race.
- 8.3. Courses around fixed marks will not be altered but may be shortened.

9. THE FINISH

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

10. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 10.1. The Race Target Time, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

W/L Race Target Time	W/L Finishing Window	W/L Race First Boat (in each division) Time Limit	Passage race Time Limit
40 minutes	15 minutes	60 minutes	1530 hrs

- 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. For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that division 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 are to be lodged online at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=14572 or alternatively a written form may be submitted to the race office adjacent to 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 hearing notice.
- 11.4. Request to reopen a hearing on the last day shall be lodged within 15 minutes after the protests decisions have been posted or the end of protest time, whichever is the later (this changes RRS 63.7(b)).

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. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
 - 12.3.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
 - 12.3.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
- 12.4. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 12.5. 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. Boats intending to race with a sail number other than that stipulated on their entry shall advise the sailing office in writing of the change, prior to racing. Failure to comply shall result in the boat being scored DNC for all races on that day. This changes RRS 63.1, RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 13.2. [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.

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'.

16. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

17. RISK STATEMENT

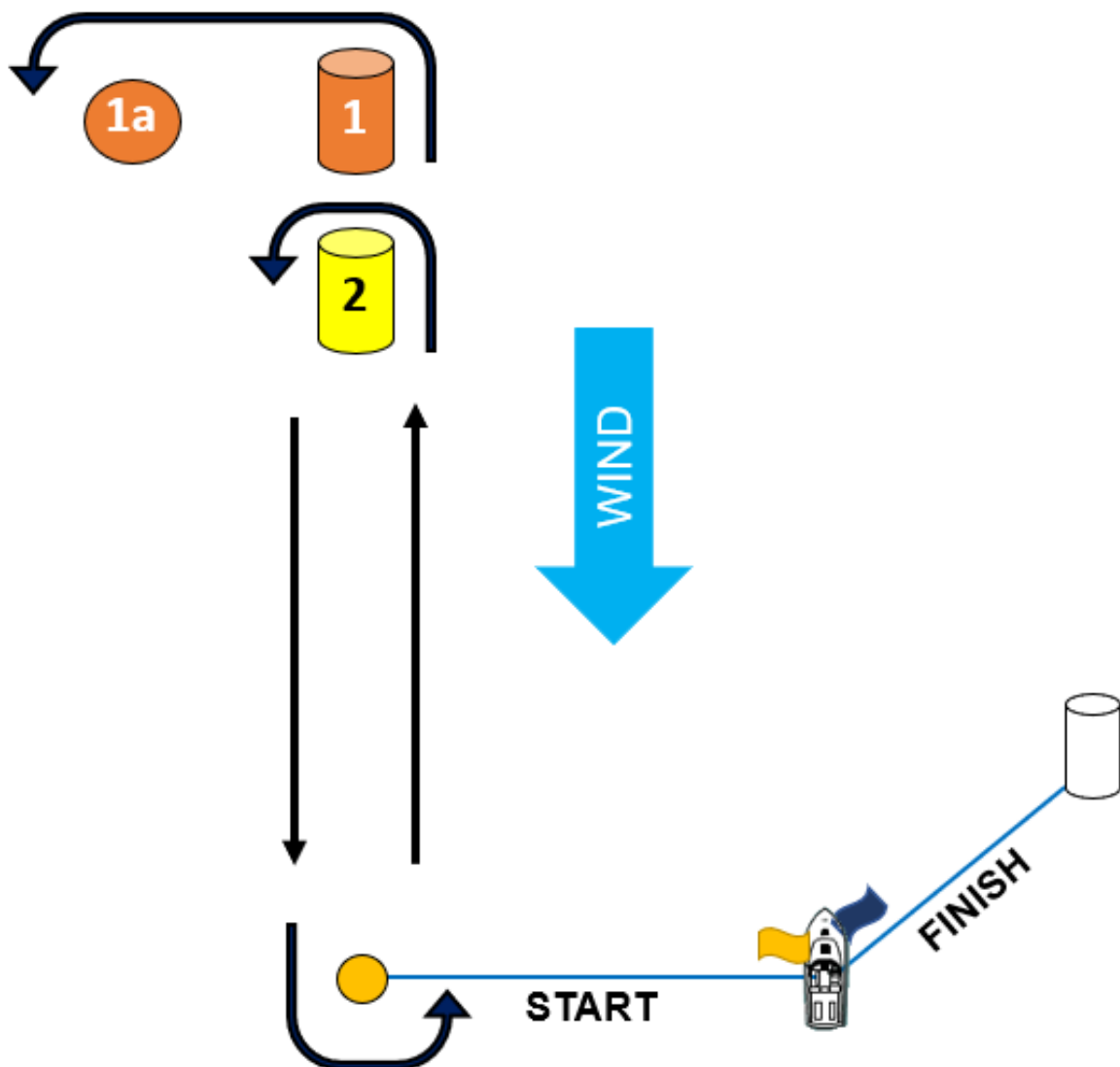
- 17.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds 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.**
- 17.2. 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 17.1 of the Notice of Race.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. 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	
LA1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish	Marks 1: Orange Inflatable
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – Start Pin – 1 – 1a – Finish	Mark 2: Yellow Inflatables
L1	Start – 2 – Finish	Start & 1a: Orange Teardrop
L2	Start – 2 – Start Pin – 2 – Finish	Finish Pin: White Inflatable



SI ATTACHMENT B

Start – Green Island Western Cardinal (S) – Green Island Northern Cardinal (S) – Orange Buoy 1 (P) - Orange Buoy 2 (P) – Orange Check Mark (P) – Purple Windward Mark (P) – Purple Wing Mark (P) – Orange Check Mark (P) - Finish

