



**Oceania
Championships
Including Winter
Nationals**

6 – 8 June 2026

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
(SI)**

Organising Authority
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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 in accordance with the RRS and World Sailing guidelines (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes RRS 60.5 and RRS 64.

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.
 - 1.5 (a) Available at <https://vxone.org.au/index.php/about-vx-assoc/class-documents> and/or posted with this SI.
- 1.6 A Protest Committee whose decisions are not subject to the right of appeal will be appointed in accordance with RRS 70.3(c).1.

2. SCHEDULE

2.1.

DATE	EVENT	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL or TIME
Saturday 6 th June 2026	Briefing TBC via WhatsApp	0930 Hours
	First Warning Signal	Not Before 1100 Hours
Sunday 7 th June 2026	First Warning Signal	Not Before 1000 Hours
Monday 8 th June 2026	First Warning Signal	Not Before 1000 Hours
	Presentation TBC via WhatsApp	ASAP After Racing

- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 Hours.
- 2.4. No more than three (3) two-lap races shall be sailed on any one day and not more than five (5) one-lap races shall be sailed on any one day. If there is a mix of one-lap and two-lap races on any one day, not more than four (4) races shall be sailed on that day.
- 2.5. A maximum of fifteen (15) races are scheduled for the series.

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 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.
- 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	15 Minutes
LA2	40 Minutes	60 Minutes	15 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 are to be lodged online at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=15009 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. The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent jury or may give evidence to the jury.

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.
- 12.2. [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.
- 12.3. 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. [DP] Substitution of competitors: No crew member shall be substituted during the event unless written consent is granted by the Event Technical Committee (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. OFFICIAL VESSELS

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

15. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 15.1. All external boats supporting competitors shall apply to the Organising Authority prior to the commencement of racing.
 - 15.1.1. Boats designated as a "Fleet Support Boat" must apply with ERP A.2.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. 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.
 - 15.3.1. URL: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rqys/events/352928>
 - 15.3.2. ID Stickers: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rqys/product/30940/>
- 15.4. 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.
- 15.5. All Fleet Support or spectator boats must have capability of communicating on VHF channel 72, 77 and 16 for the duration of the regatta.
- 15.6. SI 15.2 does not apply to Media Vessels approved by the Race Committee.
- 15.7. The penalty for failing to comply with SI 15.2 may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing party, parties, boat and or boats.

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 1 for Racing 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 Sailing Instructions.

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	MARKS DESCRIPTION
LA1	Start – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	Mark 1: Orange Inflatable Marks 4s/4p: Orange Inflatables Start Pin & Mark 1a: Orange Teardrops Finish Pin: White Inflatable Change Mark: Yellow Inflatable
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	

