



WASP

2022 National Championships

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

V3

11, 12 & 13 March 2022

Organising Authority:

South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club

In conjunction with:

Waszp Sailing Association of Australia (WSAA)



[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing except as any of these is altered by the Notice of Race or by these Sailing Instructions and/or the WASZP Class rules.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Prescriptions shall apply to all entries.
- 1.3 [DP] The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, Off the Beach, will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule 44.1 will be changed as follows: The two-turns penalty in rule 44.1 is replaced by a part-turn being a gybe and coming to close-hauled when on a windward leg or a tack and sailing below 90 degrees when on any other leg.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.6 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located on the upper deck of the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 45 minutes before the scheduled start time of the race for which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of championship races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Flag 'L' will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the Clubhouse when a notice is displayed. It shall be the responsibility of each boat to obtain any instructions. This flag shall be displayed until the start time of the first race to which the change applies.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 When postponement signal flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signal AP.



5. [SP, NP] SIGNING ON/OFF

- 5.1 All boats must “sign on” before leaving the shore and “sign off” as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session’s racing. The Sign On period will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Regatta Office.
- 5.2 On water sign-on or sign-off will not be allowed unless approved before hand in writing by the Race Committee.

6. REGATTA SCHEDULE

6.1 Regatta schedule:

Date	Event	Time
Friday, 11 March 2022	Registration	1000hrs – 1200hrs
	Support boat briefing	1100hrs
	Competitors briefing	1130hrs
	Racing session (max 4 races)	1300hrs
Saturday, 12 March 2022	Competitors briefing	1030hrs
	Racing session (max 4 races)	1200hrs
	Waszp Social Event	1900 hrs
Sunday, 13 March 2022	Competitors briefing	1030hrs
	Racing session (max 4 races)	1200hrs
	Presentation	After Racing

- 6.2 The regatta will consist of up to 9 races.
- 6.3 When more than one race is to be held in a session, code flag ‘L’ shall be displayed on the finish boat.
- 6.4 The racing schedule may change according to forecast weather conditions. Refer to 3.1.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 Waszp Class flag will be a flag with the Waszp Class Insignia.



8. VENUE

- 8.1 The Regatta will be conducted on the waters of Lake Macquarie in the vicinity of South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 The racing will be windward/leeward courses with windward and leeward gates. See Appendix 2.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 The windward gate marks (Gate 1) will be yellow inflatable buoys.
10.2 The leeward gate marks (Gate 2) will be yellow inflatable buoys.
10.2 Start pin mark will be a stick mark flying an orange flag.

11. STARTING & FINISHING

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a mast on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a stick mark flying an orange flag at the port end.
11.2 The finish line will be between a blue mark and the Finish/Start Boat as per Appendix 2.
11.3 All races will be started using RRS 26, modified as follows:

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes
Warning	Waszp Class Flag; 1 sound signal	5
Preparatory	P, U, I, Z or Black Flag, 1 sound signal	4
One-minute	Preparatory Flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Waszp Class Flag removed; 1 sound signal	0

~~11.3 Races will not be started in less than an average of 8 knots of wind.~~

12. GRAND PRIX FINISH

- 12.1 Refer to Appendix 1 for the description of the Grand Prix Finish.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 13.1 The course will not be changed during a race.



14. TIME LIMIT

Target Time	Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	35 minutes	10 minutes

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply
- 15.2 Nine (9) races are scheduled of which three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 When four (4) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.5 When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.

16. [DP] KEEPING CLEAR

- 16.1 Boats shall give way to all official boats.

17. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Office in the Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the session or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.3 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 names as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 Unless otherwise advised or requested by the Race Officer, Team Leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time



of the warning signal for the start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for the infringement of this instruction will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include disqualification of boats connected with the coach

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy (minimum standard, refer to Special Regulation 5.01.2) when afloat and when adjacent to the water including on all pontoons and shorelines. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40 and the Part 4 preamble.
- 19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 A Safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is considered to be an obstruction.
- 19.5 [DP] Boats shall follow the instructions of the Safety boats. Failure to do so will be reported to the Race Committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this instruction may be score DNE, or such other penalty that the Protest Committee may decide. This changes rule 64.1(a).
- 19.6 [DP] Outside Help: Penalties for breaches of rule 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the Protest Committee on a form available from the race office before the protest time limit of that session.

20. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any other electronic devices.
- 20.2 Team Leaders, coaches and other spectator craft should keep a listening watch on VHF channel 73 and be prepared to act as an official support boat when requested by the Race Officer.

21. DISCLAIMER OR LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.



22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded as per below (age as at 11/3/22):

- 1st , 2nd & 3rd Overall
- 1st Female
- 1st Grand Master (45 years and over)
- 1st Master (36 to 45 years)
- 1st Apprentice (26 to 35 years)
- 1st Youth (20 to 25 years)
- 1st Junior (Up to and including 19 years old)
- 1st 6.9m Rig

22.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

23 Entry Criteria

23.1 All sailors must be a current and paid financial member of their respective association to compete at this event.



Appendix 1

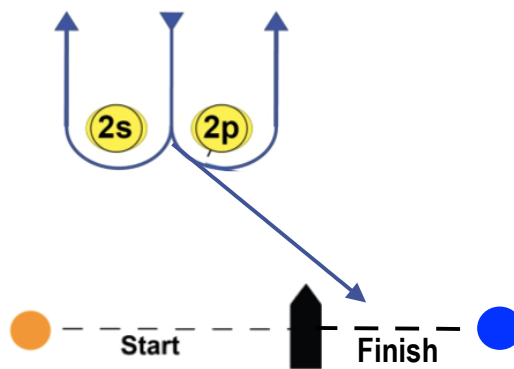
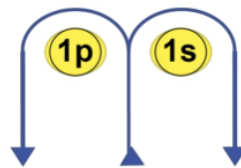
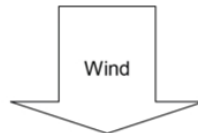
Grand Prix Finish

- a) Each race will consist of the number of laps designated by the course signal displayed at the start.
- b) A lap consists of sailing from the start (or from Gate 2 in subsequent laps) through Gate 1 and back through Gate 2. A boat completes a lap when it passes between a gate mark and a mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat.
- c) After completing the required number of laps boats shall finish between ~~Mark 2P~~ **and the Race Committee Boat and blue finishing mark.**
- d) When the first boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee boat will immediately display a **red flag** with a sound signal. This indicates that the Finishing Time Window is open.
- e) From this time, all boats shall continue sailing the course but when next passing through Gate 2 shall exit through the finish line (~~between mark 2P and the Race Committee boat~~ **between the Race Committee Boat and blue finishing mark.**) **regardless of the number of laps completed.** All boats which cross the finish line whilst the Finish Time Window is open shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps they have completed.
- f) Their position in the race will be determined from their finishing order and number of completed laps, with those have completed the most laps being recorded ahead of those with less completed laps. Boats which have completed 1 lap will be ranked behind those that have completed 2 laps. Boats which have completed 2 laps will be ranked behind those that have completed 3 laps.
- g) Lowering of the red flag shall indicate that the Finishing Time Window has closed.
- h) Boats failing to cross the finish line within the Finishing Time Window, will be scored after those finishing as described above. These boats will be scored according to their relative positions and number of laps completed at their last passing through Gate 2 (before the Finish Time Window closed).
- i) Boats who have not completed one lap by the time the Finishing Window closes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.



Appendix '2'

Courses & Course Map



Course	Mark Rounding
1	Start – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – Finish