

# **WASZP Australian Championships**

22 – 27 January 2023

## **Sailing Instructions**

**Organising Authority**  
Perth Dinghy Sailing Club (PDSC)  
13 Hackett Drive, Crawley, WA, 6009

*In conjunction with the WASZP Sailing Association of Australia (WSAA)*

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as altered by the Notice of Race (NOR) or by these.
- 1.2. The WASZP Class rules will apply except:
  - 1.1.1 Rule D.9.2(g); an additional “in-line” cleat may be used.
  - 1.1.2 Lines / bungy for the rudder pull down system may be removed.
- 1.3. This is a WASZP Class Tier 3 event.
- 1.4. The Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions and AS “Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats” will apply.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).
- 1.7. Competitors must comply with applicable COVID-19 regulations.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted before 1200 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Code Flag L will be flown from the official flag pole to draw competitor’s attention to a change in the SIs.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located outside the PDSC club house on the Flag Deck (denoted the “Sailing Notice Board”).
- 3.2. A Whatsapp Group may be used for timely non-official communication; this does not substitute for the Official Notice Board. The link for this may be published on the Event page of RaceHub (see Competitor Information).
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a competitor shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all competitors.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole located on the PDSC Flag Deck.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

**5. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 5.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 5.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle anything provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with instructions for its use and without interfering with its function.

## 6. BERTHING [DP] [NP]

- 6.1. Restrictions may be placed on where vessels may be stored or rigged by the OA.

## 7. [SP] [NP] SIGNING ON/OFF

- 7.1. All competitors must "Sign On" before leaving the shore and "Sign Off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore and within the time periods set out below. To Sign On and Sign Off each competitor shall complete and sign the declaration sheet located near the Sailing Noticeboard, outside the PDSC canteen.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. The Sign Off period will close at the protest time limit for that session.
- 7.4. On water Sign On or Sign Off will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 7.5. Sign On / Off Penalty shall be equivalent to 25% of those entered in the event (rounded up) without resulting in a score worse than Disqualification (DSQ), without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1)
- 7.6. Competitors failing to Sign On will receive a penalty in the first race of the session.
- 7.7. Competitors failing to Sign Off will receive a penalty in the last race of the session.

## 8. RACING FORMAT AND VENUE

- 8.1. Slalom racing will be in Matilda Bay in front of PDSC.
- 8.2. Championship racing will be in Melville Water East or West.

## 9. CLASS FLAG FOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND SLALOM RACES

- 9.1. Black WASZP insignia on a white background.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point System of RRS Attachment A will apply.
- 10.2. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 10.3. Further details of scoring for Slalom Races and Championship Races are set out in Attachment A and B respectively.

## 11. START AND FINISH

- 11.1. To alert competitors that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange start line flag will be displayed with one sound at least three minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.2. Competitors whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the start sequence for other races.
- 11.3. The start line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the Start Mark (see Attachments A and B).
- 11.4. All races will be started using RRS 26, modified as follows:

Signal	Flag Movement	Sound Signal	Minutes
Warning	WASZP Class Flag displayed	1	3
Preparatory	P, U, I, Z or Black Flag displayed	1	2
One-minute	Preparatory Flag removed	1 long	1
Starting	Class Flag removed	1	0

- 11.5. A competitor who does not start within three minutes of their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

- 11.6. The finish line will be between a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the Finish Mark (see Attachments A and B).

## **12. FINISHING WINDOW**

- 12.1. After the first finisher crosses the finish line, the Finishing Window opens and remains open for the time indicated in Attachments A and B.
- 12.2. While the Finishing Window is open, competitors will be scored in their finishing order.
- 12.3. When the Finish Window closes, any competitor who has not finished will receive a place allocated by the Race Committee based on the order at the last time through the windward gate. Competitors not passing through this gate will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and score points equivalent to the number of starters (see RRS A5.3) (changes RRS35).
- 12.4. The start sequence for a subsequent race will commence approximately 5 minutes after a race's Finishing Window closes. It is each competitor's responsibility to determine when to return to the start area for the subsequent race. The action of the Race Committee to start a race according to this schedule will not be grounds for Redress.
- 12.5. [NP] Until the finishing window closes, competitors are not to pass through the Finishing Line unless Finishing.
- 12.6. To alert competitors that there will be another race, the Q (Yellow) Flag will be displayed when boats cross the finish line. This flag will be removed with 4 sound signals 1 minute before the next Warning Signal.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. RRS 44.1 is changed: The two-turns penalty is replaced by a part-turn penalty 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.
- 13.2. (DP) Discretionary Penalty: The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes Rule 64.2.
- 13.3. (NP) The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a competitor may not protest another competitor for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **14. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. Protest forms are available from the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last competitor has finished the last race of the session or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the latter. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.3. 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 and where the hearings will be held.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform competitors under RRS 61.1(b).

## **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. [DP] A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.2. A Safety Boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an Obstruction.
- 15.3. [DP] Competitors shall follow the instructions of Safety Boats. Failure to do so will be reported to the Race Committee, which may protest the competitor. Competitors penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty that the Protest Committee may decide. This changes rule 64.2
- 15.4. [DP] Outside help shall be reported to the Protest Committee on a form available from the Regatta Office before the protest time limit of that session.

## 16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed.  
16.2. [DP] Competitors attention is drawn to Class Rule D.3.5.

## 17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1. Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, NOR and / or SIs.  
17.2. [DP] Boats shall comply with RRS 78 – Compliance with Class Rules - Certificates.  
17.3. [DP] When instructed by a race official, a competitor shall proceed to a designated area for boat / equipment inspection.

## 18. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 18.1. Official vessels will be identified by display of a white flag with black “RC” or red “MEDIA”. Other official support boats will carry a PDSC Burgee Flag.

## 19. [DP] COACHES AND SUPPORT TEAMS

- 19.1. Team leaders, parents, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside race areas from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all competitors have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.  
19.2. All support teams shall monitor the Race Officer nominated VHF channel for Race Committee communications.  
19.3. All support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.  
19.4. When the Race Committee boat displays code flag ‘V’ (RRS - Race Signals), all support boats must remain on water and provide safety assistance until code flag ‘V’ is lowered. The Race Officer will endeavour to notify support boats by radio when code flag ‘V’ is hoisted or lowered.

## 20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.

## 21. SCHEDULE

Date (all January)	Time	Event	Social programme
Sun 22	0800 – 1130 1000 – 1200 1300 1500 - 1800	Measurement Registration (Sailing Office) Competitor Briefing Slalom Racing	<b>Welcome Night</b> ; from 6pm (with Live Music, Pizza and happy hour); sponsored by the von Felten family
Mon 23	1200 1400	Competitor Briefing Championship Race Day 1	PDSC canteen / bar open; daily race presentation
Tues 24	1100 1400	WSAA AGM Championship Race Day 2	
Wed 25	1400	Championship Race Day 3	After race gathering incl. competitor BBQ packs and daily race presentation
Thur 26	No Racing – Australia Day		
Fri 27	1400	Championship Race Day 4; <i>No warning after 1700 hrs</i>	<b>Presentation Night</b> ; timing TBC

### Notes:

- *The PDSC canteen will be open for lunches each racing day*
- *Championship Racing is targeted for 1400 - 1600 each day with the option for an alternative morning session 0930 - 1200 if conditions dictate (if officially notified)*

## **22. SCORING**

- 22.1. Scoring for Slalom racing and Championship racing are set out in Attachments A and B respectively.
- 22.2. Scoring of SailGP Inspire Selection; For competitors who have also submitted a valid application to Sydney SailGP Inspire 2023 (the Inspire Candidates), there will be separate Inspire scoring using high point scoring based on the number of Inspire Candidates including:
  - 22.2.1. Results within the Inspire Candidates for each Championship Race (with discards as set out in SI40).
  - 22.2.2. The overall result within the Inspire Candidates for the Slalom Race Day.
  - 22.2.3. Points for active participation in WSAA state-based events from Oct – Dec 2022; equivalent to a Championship Race win within the Inspire Candidates (up to a max of two such race wins; one for each event (as notified to the OA by WSAA)).
- 22.3. Scoring Rule A5.3 applies.

## **23. ADVERTISING AND BOAT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS**

- 23.1. Boats may be required to display identification numbers on their sail and advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 23.2. When provided by the OA, boats and competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
  - 23.2.1. Event and class sponsor advertising
  - 23.2.2. Cameras and sound equipment
  - 23.2.3. Fleet Ribbons

## **24. RISK STATEMENT**

- 24.1. Rule 3 of the RRS 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 while taking part in the event;
  - 24.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 24.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefings held for the event.
  - 24.2.8. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor.

## **25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors indemnify the OA (including WSAA) their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 25.2. The OA (including WSAA) their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
- 25.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.

## **26. INSURANCE**

- 26.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 (AUD) per incident or the equivalent.
- 26.2. All competitors who lodge an entry are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance at registration.

## **27. PRIZES AND AWARDS**

- 27.1. Prizes may be given for the Slalom racing as follows:
  - 27.1.1. First, second and third overall
- 27.2. Prizes may be given for the Championship racing as follows:
  - 27.2.1. The Australian WASZP Champion; highest placed resident of Australia
  - 27.2.2. First, second and third overall
  - 27.2.3. First in each age group; Junior, Youth, Apprentice, Master, Super Master (as categorised on RaceHub on the day of registration)
  - 27.2.4. First in each classification; Female, 6.9 rig, Family (parent and child combined score)
- 27.3. The top 2 female and top 2 male Inspire Candidates will be awarded spots in the Sydney SailGP Inspire program for Sydney in February 2023
- 27.4. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA

## **28. MEDIA, VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE RIGHTS**

- 28.1. By participating in the event, competitors grant to the OA (including WSAA) and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at the OA's discretion any motion or still pictures, audio recordings, or similar media. This provision shall be interpreted as broadly as possible.
- 28.2. Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, positioning equipment, or other electronic devices as providing by the OA.
- 28.3. The top three competitors each day, as well as individual race winners, may be required to participate in a press conference.
- 28.4. Competitors may be required to participate in interviews during the regatta.

## **29. PARKING**

- 29.1. The OA will not be held liable for any damage to vehicles, boats, trailers or any equipment or belongings of competitors or visitors while at the PDSC or other parking areas.

### 30. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 30.1. See Competitor information on Racehub
  - 30.2. Visit Perth Dinghy Sailing Club website at [perthsailing.org.au](http://perthsailing.org.au)
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### 31. MAJOR SPONSORS



### ***ClearStart Watches and Timers***

*Official timekeeper of the 2023 Waszp Nationals*



## ATTACHMENT A; Details of Slalom Races

### 32. FORMAT AND SCORING

- 32.1. A qualifying round robin series will be conducted between groups of mixed abilities as selected by the race committee and to be outlined at that day's competitor briefing. The results of the qualifying rounds will determine the final round fleet competitors.
- 32.2. There will be up to 3 qualifying rounds and up to 3 final rounds.
- 32.3. There will be 3 fleets in the qualifying rounds with Fleet 1 starting under the Numeral Pennant 1 and displaying a Red ribbon; Fleet 2 starting under the Numeral Pennant 2 and displaying a Blue ribbon and Fleet 3 starting under the Numeral Pennant 3 and displaying a Green ribbon.
- 32.4. Following the qualifying series all competitors will go to shore where the boats sailing in each fleet of the finals series will be announced.
- 32.5. The outcome of the qualifying round robin will be used to seed competitors into finals fleets (gold, silver and bronze). The qualifying scores will not carry into the finals series.
- 32.5.1. Places 1 - 5 from each qualifying group (i.e. a fleet of 15) become the Gold Fleet for the finals and will determine the first 15 placings including the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place-getters for the slalom series. This fleet will start under the Numeral Pennant 1 and display a Gold ribbon.
- 32.5.2. Placings 6 - 10 from each qualifying group (i.e. a fleet of 15) become the Silver Fleet for the finals and will be racing to determine the 16th to 30th placings. This fleet will start under the Numeral Pennant 2 and display a Silver ribbon.
- 32.5.3. The remaining places from each qualifying group become the Bronze Fleet for the finals and will be racing to determine the remaining placings. This fleet will start under the Numeral Pennant 3 and display a black ribbon.
- 32.7. One completed round of qualifying and one completed final is required to constitute a series.
- 32.8. There will be no discards in either the qualifying or final series.

### 33. OCS

- 33.1. OCS boats shall immediately slow down until they are mid-fleet before continuing to race (changes RRS 28 and 29).
- 33.2. An OCS penalty not competed prior to halfway to Mark 1 will result in the competitor being scored OCS.

### 34. GENERAL RECALLS

- 34.1. When there are fleets in the same Round of starts yet to start, the Warning Signal for a fleet which has a General Recall start may be displayed at the start signal for the last fleet in the Round. This changes RRS 29.2.

### 35. RACE TIMINGS

35.1.

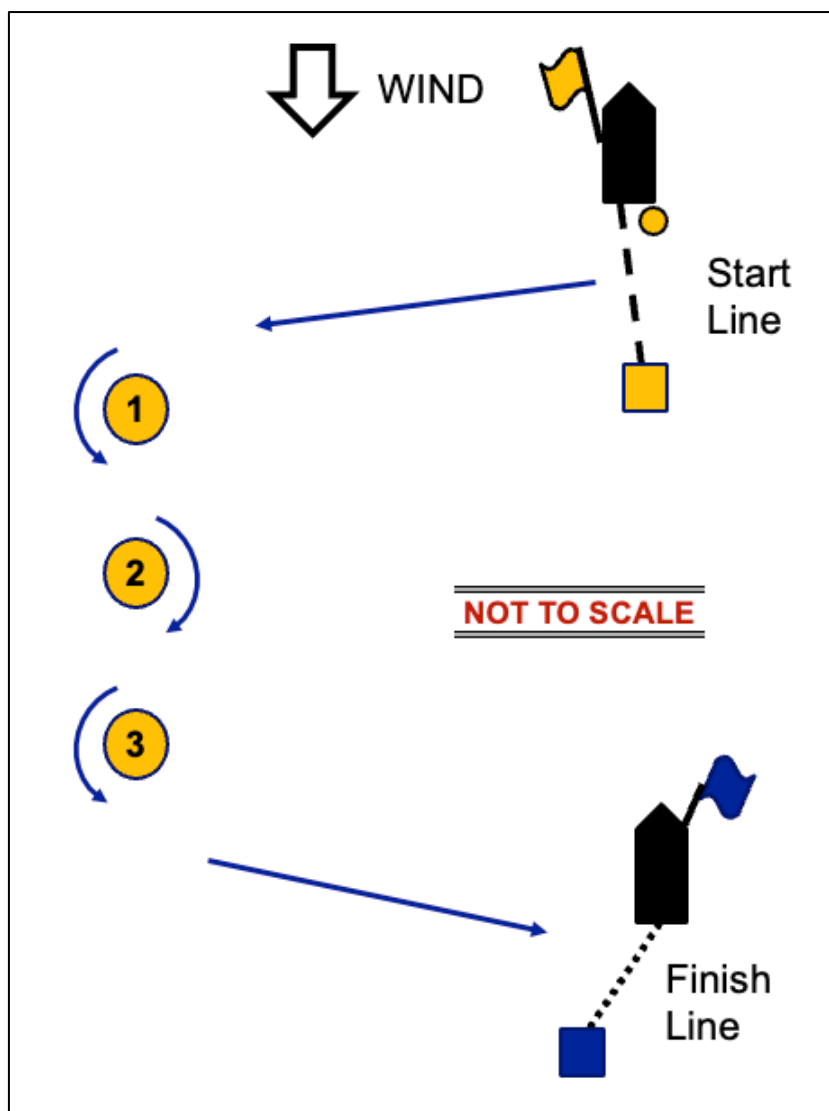
Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
4 minutes	2 minutes	10 minutes	5 minutes

- 35.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 35.3. If no boat Finishes within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 35.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### 36. COURSES AND COURSE MAP

- 36.1. Slalom Racing will be on a downwind course.
- 36.2. The course will not be changed during a Slalom Race.

Course configuration and mark rounding order
Start – 1 (port) – 2 (stbd) – 3 (port) – Finish



### 37. MARKS

- 37.1. **Start Mark** Orange mark
- 37.2. **Mark 1** Orange inflatable mark
- 37.3. **Mark 2** Orange inflatable mark
- 37.4. **Mark 3** Orange inflatable mark
- 37.5. **Finish Mark** Blue mark

## ATTACHMENT B; Details of Championship Races

### 38. FORMAT

- 38.1. Three Championship Races are scheduled per day.
- 38.2. There will be a maximum of twelve Championship Races.

### 39. SCORING OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP RACING

- 39.1. Four completed Championship Races are required to constitute a series.
- 39.2. Discards; a Competitors' series score shall be the total of their race scores excluding their worst scores based on the following table of discarded races:

Number of completed Championship races	Discards
Up to 4	0
5 to 7	1
8 to 10	2
11 or more	3

### 40. RACE TIMINGS

40.1.

Target Time	Gate 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	10 minutes	35 minutes	15 minutes

- 40.2. If no boat has passed through the gate between Marks Is and 1p within the Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 40.3. If no boat Finishes within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 40.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

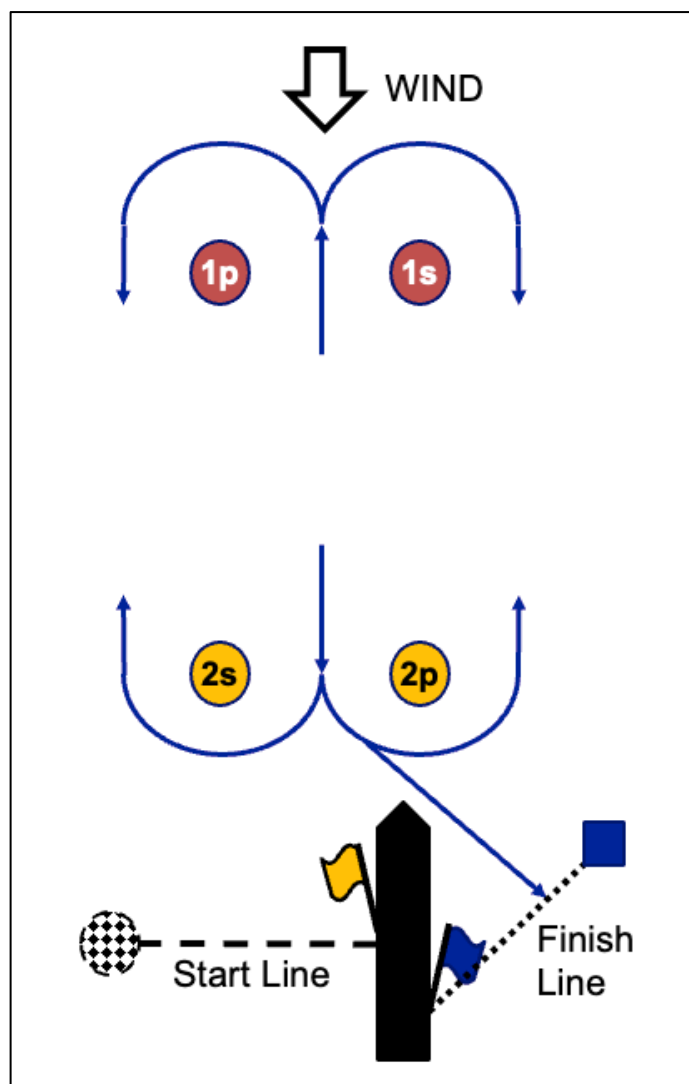
### 41. COURSES

- 41.1. Championship Racing will be on windward/leeward courses with windward and leeward gates as set out below.
- 41.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat will display the course to be sailed by flying a Numeral Pennant corresponding to the course number.
- 41.3. The course will not be changed during a Championship Race.

## 42. COURSES AND COURSE MAP

Course number (= # laps)	Course configuration and mark rounding order
2	Start – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – Finish
3	Start – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – Finish

*Note: If any gate mark is not laid, the mark that is laid shall be rounded to port.*



## 43. MARKS

- 43.1. The windward gate marks (Gate 1) will be red inflatable buoys.
- 43.2. The leeward gate marks (Gate 2) will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 43.3. The Start Mark will be a black and white chequered inflatable buoy.
- 43.4. The Finish mark will be a blue buoy.

## **ATTACHMENT C; WSAA Light Air Guidance to Race Officers**

**WASZP Championship Races should be predominantly in foiling conditions.**

To achieve this, Race Officers are requested to use their judgement within the following guidelines:

- a) Championship Races should not be started when it appears that less than 50% of the race distance will be foiling.
- b) A race completed where less than 25% of the race distance was foiling shall be considered a "Low Riding Race".
- c) Once a Low Riding Race has been completed, no further Championship Races should be started unless conditions have changed in line with (a) above.
- d) Ideally, no more than one Low Riding Race should be completed on any Championship Race day.
- e) Completing an event with only Low Riding Races is to be avoided.

Where alternative race formats have been agreed, the warning flag and rounding marks must be distinct from those for the Championship Racing. This is to avoid competitor confusion and potential protests.

It is appropriate to consider an alternative format for non-foiling conditions that keeps the competitors near the starting area and allows the course set up for Championship racing to remain largely intact. One potential alternative format is a short (~200-300m) multi-lap windward leeward to a single top mark (possibly relaying the finish mark) with the start line as the (wide) leeward gate and finish line.

Alternative format races should be abandoned if foiling conditions take hold; Championship Races should be prioritised.