



2023 NSW
WASZP
Slalom
Championships

11th and 12th November 2023

Sailing Instructions

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht CLUB

16 Mitala St, Newport NSW 2106

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

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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.

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 SIs and/or the WASZP Class rules.
- 1.2 The WASZP Class rules apply.
 - 1.2.1 [DP] Consistent with C.5.2, WSAA (as the relevant NCA) has mandated that helmets must be worn with the strap done up while racing.
 - 1.2.2 This is a Tier 3 event.
- 1.3 The Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions and AS special regulations of Part 2 will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail (changes RRS 63.7).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Official Notice Board (ONB)
 - 3.1.1 Prior Saturday 11 Nov is located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/events>
 - 3.1.2 Will revert to the physical board outside the Jack Gale center.
- 3.2 The Eastcoast WASZP Owners Whatsapp Group will be used for timely non-official communication (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kg1Sbgk14xpE9k5iVV8pNe>); this supplements but does not substitute for the ONB.
- 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 boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable official requests.
- 4.2 [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.

5 VENUE

- 5.1 NoR Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

6 EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 Boats / equipment may be inspected at any time.

6.2 Boats / equipment shall comply with RRS 78.1 [DP]

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The Slalom series will consist of series of races with discards as set out in SI 12.3.
- 7.2 A Distance race is planned for Saturday after Slalom racing has concluded for the day. The indication that the Slalom racing has concluded and the Distance race is to go ahead will be AP over a purple WSAZP Class flag flown from the finishing boat. Competitors should go to the Distance race starting area.
- 7.3 The format and location of Slalom and Distance racing will be confirmed at competitor briefings.
- 7.4 Schedule of activities (subject to confirmation at competitor briefings)

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Sat 11th November	Registration	1100 hrs – 1130 hrs
	Competitor Briefing	1130 hrs
	First Warning Signal	1300 hrs
	Distance Race	After Slalom Racing
	Distance race presentation	After racing in clubhouse
Sun 12th November	Competitor Briefing	0945 hrs
	First Warning Signal	1100 hrs
	Last Warning Signal	No later than 1530 hrs
	Presentation	After racing (BBQ)

8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole located on the RPAYC Rigging Lawn.
- 8.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

9 [SP, NP] SIGNING ON/OFF

- 9.1 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 outside the Jack Gale centre.
- 9.2 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 Sailing Office.
- 9.3 The Sign Off period will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 9.4 On water Sign On or Sign Off will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 9.5 Competitors failing to comply with 9.1 will incur a 5 point penalty applied to the race(s) in closest proximity to the infringement(s), without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).

10 Courses

- 10.1 Slalom racing will be on a downwind course as set out in Attachment B.
- 10.2 The course for the Distance race is as set out in Attachment C.
- 10.3 The course will not be changed during a race.

11 SLALOM SERIES SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 RRS A5.3 applies.
- 11.3 Four completed Slalom races are required to constitute a series.

12 FORMAT

- 12.1 The Distance race will not part of the scoring of the Slalom Series.
- 12.2 The Slalom series will consist of up to 16 races.

- 12.3 Slalom series discards:
- 12.3.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a competitor's series score shall be the total of the competitor's race scores.
 - 12.3.2 When 5 to 10 races have been completed, a competitor's series score shall be the total of the boats' race scores excluding the competitor's worst score.
 - 12.3.3 When 10 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score shall be the total of the boats' race scores excluding the competitor's two worst scores.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM (INCLUDING OCS)

- 13.1 In RRS 44.1, the two-turns penalty is replaced by a tack penalty.
- 13.2 OCS whilst attempting to start:
 - 13.2.1 Competitors OCS shall drop off the foil completely (while continuing in the direction of Mark 1) and reinitiate foiling before continuing to race behind the middle of the fleet (i.e. half those starting that race) (changes RRS 28 and 29).
 - 13.2.2 OCS penalties must be served before getting approximately half way to Mark 1.
 - 13.2.3 The Race Committee may further penalise a competitor who has gained an advantage by pointing a red flag at them with a sound signal indicating the competitor should take a further "off the foil" penalty. If this is not taken, the competitor will be scored OCS.

14 FINISHING WINDOW

- 14.1 As the first finisher crosses the finish line, the Finishing Window opens; this will be indicated by the Finishing boat flying a red black white "Finish" flag.
- 14.2 For Slalom racing, the Finishing Window remains open for 5 minutes
 - 14.2.1 While the Finishing Window is open, competitors will be scored in their finishing order.
 - 14.2.2 At the time the Finish Window closes, any competitor who has not finished may receive a place allocated by the race committee (reflecting the competitor's progress along the course).
- 14.3 For the Distance race, the operation of the Finishing Window is explained Attachment C.

15 CLASS FLAGS

- 15.1 Slalom Racing; WASZP insignia on a **Pink** background.
- 15.2 Distance Race; WASZP insignia on a **Blue** background.

16 START AND FINISH

- 16.1 To alert that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange start line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 16.2 The start line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the Start Mark (see Attachments B and C).
- 16.3 Races will be started using RRS 26, modified as follows:

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

- 16.5. A competitor not starting a race within 3 minutes of their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 16.6. The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the Finish Mark (see Attachments B and C).

17 SLALOM RACE TIMINGS

17.1

Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit (see RRS 35)	Finishing Window
5 minutes	2 minutes	10 minutes	5 minutes

- 17.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 17.3 If no boat finishes within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 17.4 Operation of the Finishing Window is set out in SI 14.
- 17.5 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available from the Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the protesting party has reached shore after the last race of the session.
- 18.3 The time limit for scoring queries is 30 minutes after results are published.
- 18.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest is received to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 18.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform competitors under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision is posted.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A competitor retiring from a race shall notify the race committee at their first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2 A Safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an Obstruction.
- 19.3 [DP] Competitors shall follow the instructions of Safety boats. Failure to do so may be reported to the Race Committee, which may protest the competitor. Competitors penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty the Protest Committee decides (changes RRS 64.1(a)).
- 19.4 [DP] Competitors who received outside help shall retire or report this to the Protest Committee on a form available from the race office before the protest time limit of that session.
- 19.5 Competitors are not to sail or pass between a boat on a mooring and the nearby shore.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, NOR and / or SIs.
- 21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a competitor shall proceed to a designated area for inspection with their boat / equipment.

22 [DP] COACHES AND SUPPORT TEAMS

- 22.1 Team leaders, parents, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside racing 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.
- 22.2 All support teams shall monitor the Race Officer nominated VHF channel for race committee communications.

22.3 All coaches and support teams shall render assistance when and as directed by the Race Officer.

22.4 When the Race Committee boat displays code flag 'W', all support boats must remain on water and provide safety assistance until code flag 'W' is lowered. The Race Officer will endeavour to notify support boats by radio when code flag 'W' is hoisted or lowered.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes may be given as follows:

24.1.1 WASZP Slalom State Champion; highest placed resident of NSW

24.1.2 First, second and third overall

24.1.3 Distance race winner

25 BERTHING

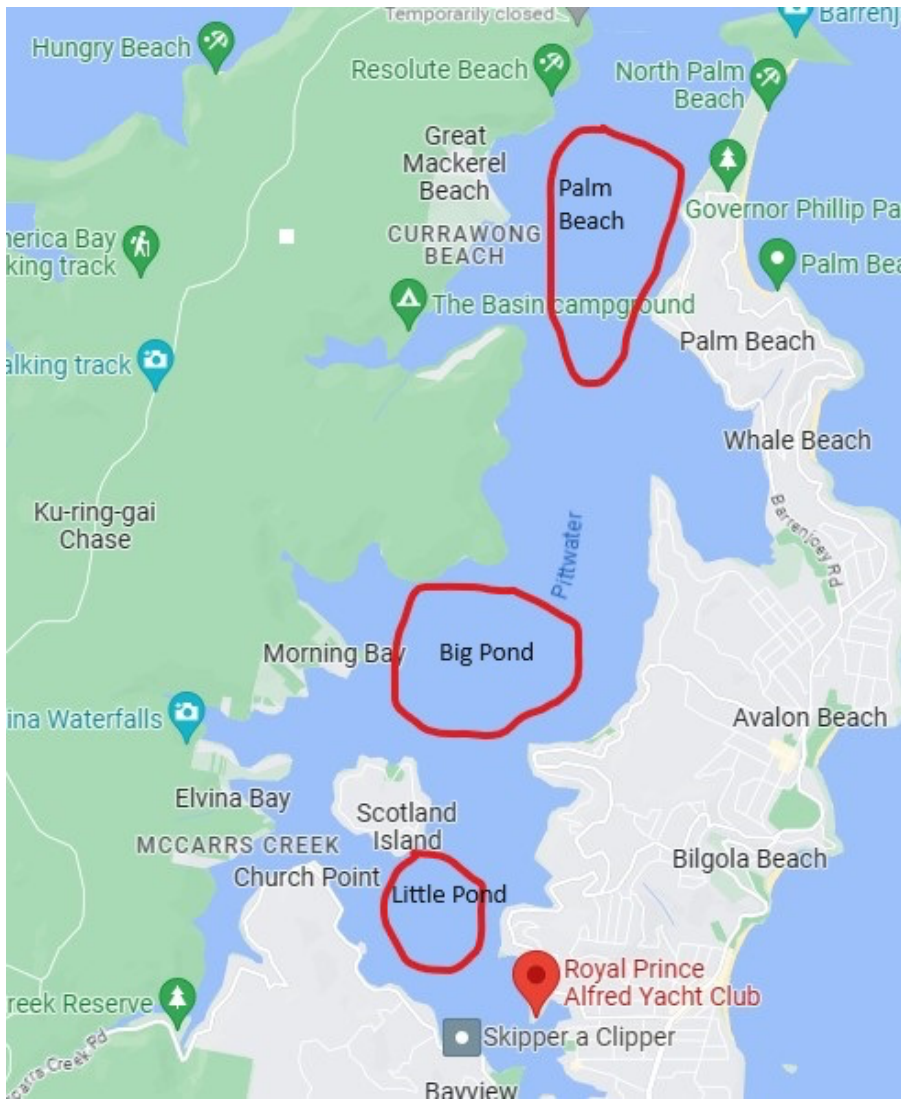
25.1 Rigging and parking areas are set out in the Competitors Info tab on RaceHub.

25.2 The OA may place restrictions on where equipment is stored and / or rigged.

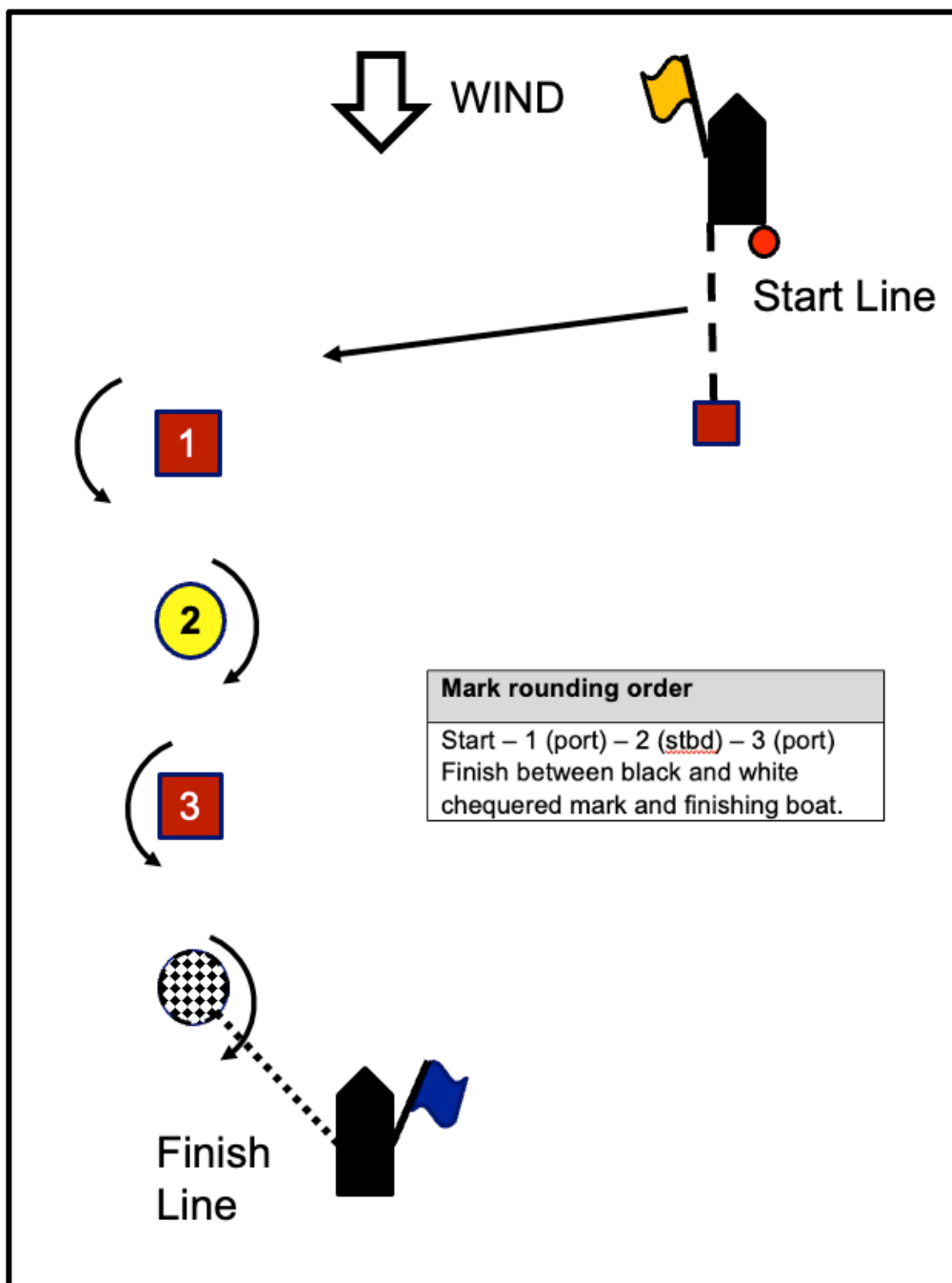
26 FURTHER INFORMATION

26.1 For further information please contact Gary Essex by phone 0408 187 154.

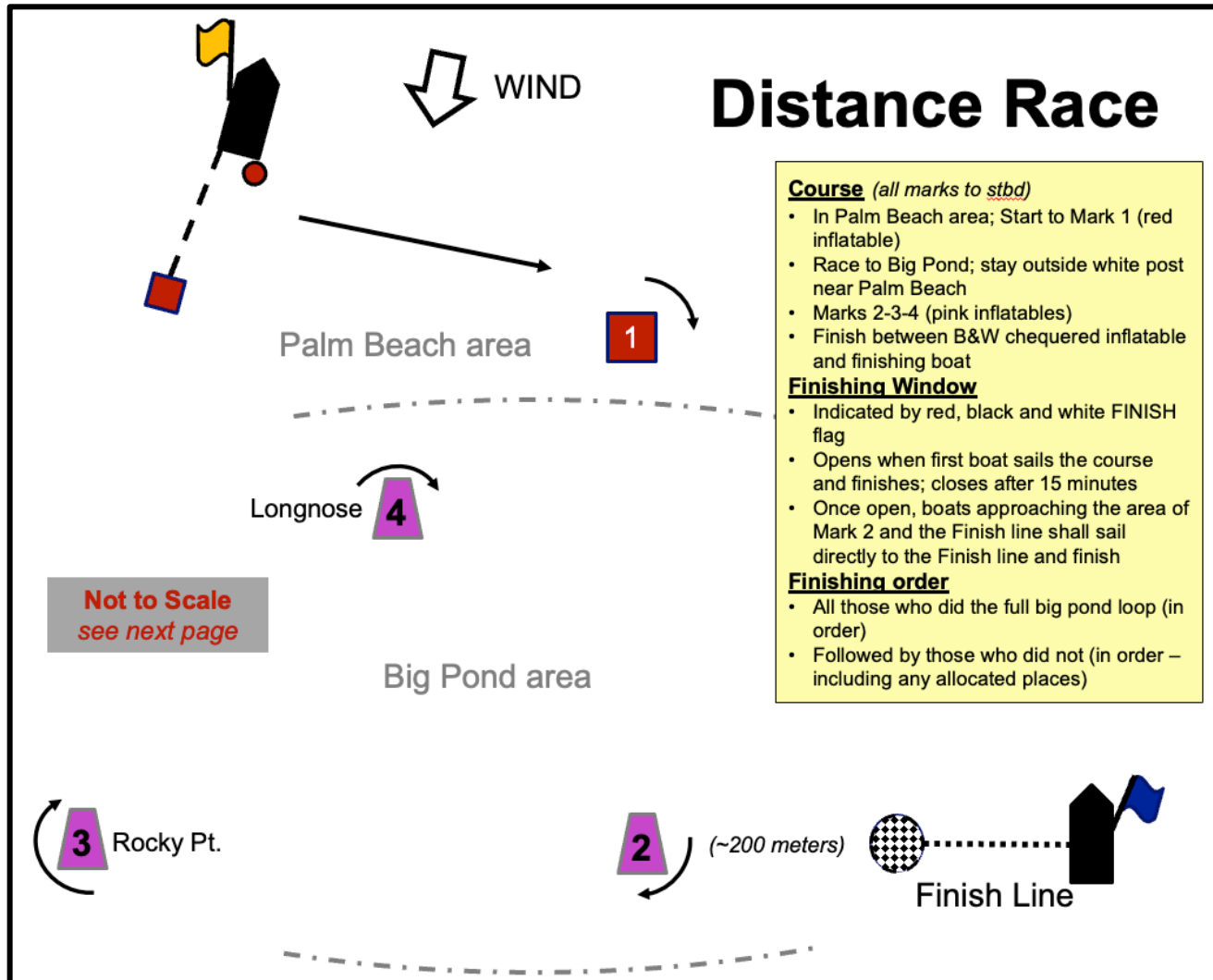
Attachment A; Approximate Racing Areas



Attachment B; Slalom Course



Attachment C;



Distance Race

To scale – approximate mark positions

