



2023/2024 WASZP Australian Slalom Championships

24/27 January 2024

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 of the sailing instructions (SIs) 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 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 Rule 64.2

1 RULES

- 1.1 The rules are stated in the NOR.
- 1.2 Where there is a difference between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs take precedence.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted 60 minutes before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the rigging lawn flag pole.
- 3.2 Race Signal AP is changed so that when flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'.

4 FORMAT AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Six races are planned per day.
- 4.2 A maximum of 14 races will be sailed for the championship.

5 THE START

- 5.1 The class flag will be a gold flag with the class insignia.
- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the pink starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least three minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3 All races will be started using RRS 26, modified as follows:

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

- 5.4 The starting line is between the staff displaying the pink flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the start mark.
- 5.5 A boat that does not start within three minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

6 COURSE AND MARKS

- 6.1 Course; Start – 1 (port) – 2 (stbd) – 3 (port) – finish
- 6.2 Marks; colours are as set out in the course diagram.
- 6.3 The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Finish Vessel and the Finish mark
- 6.4 The course will not be changed during a race.

7 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

7.1

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

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

8 OCS PENALTY

- 8.1 OCS whilst attempting to start:
 - 8.1.1 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).
 - 8.1.2 OCS penalties must be served before getting approximately half way to Mark 1.
 - 8.1.3 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.

9 FINISHING WINDOW

- 9.1 As the first finisher crosses the finish line, the Finishing Window opens; this will be indicated by the Finishing boat flying a Finish flag.
- 9.2 The Finishing Window remains open for 5 minutes or until the last boat has finished
 - 9.2.1 While the Finishing Window is open, competitors will be scored in their finishing order.
 - 9.2.2 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).

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores discarding her worst score in each type of race as follows:

Number of Races	Number of Discards
Fewer than 4	none
4 – 7	1
8 – 11	2
12 – 14	3

- 10.3 Competitors may submit scoring enquiries at the RPAYC sailing office.

11 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

12 HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 The protest time limit is 40 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.
- 12.2 Hearing request forms can be obtained from (and submitted to) the RPAYC sailing office.
- 12.3 Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 12.4 On January 27th, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision is posted.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 13.2 [SP] Boats shall sign on before going afloat and sign off at the first reasonable opportunity after returning ashore. Signing sheets will be outside the Jack Gale Centre. The penalty for a breach of this instruction is 5 points added to the race sailed closest to the breach of the rule, but no worse than the score for disqualification.
- 13.3 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an Obstruction.
- 13.4 Boats shall follow the instructions of 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 scored DNE, or such other penalty that the Protest Committee may decide. This changes rule 64.1(a).
- 13.5 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.

COURSE DIAGRAM

