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# **2023/2024 WASZP NSW State 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 Four races are planned per day.
- 4.2 A maximum of 9 races will be sailed for the championship.
- 4.3 Enforced Low Riding (ELR) races:
  - 4.3.1 Will be indicated by the signal vessel displaying Code Flag E approximately one minute before the Warning signal
  - 4.3.2 From the Warning signal until they Finish or the race is postponed or abandoned, competitors will raise their wands in a fixed position and will not foil. If foiling is initiated, the foiling boat will return to a position clearly behind the boat immediately behind them before they foiled.

### **5 COURSE AND MARKS**

- 5.1 Course; Start – 1p/1s – 2p/2s – 1p/1s – 2p – Finish
- 5.2 Marks; colours are as set out in the course diagram.
- 5.3 If any gate mark is not laid, the mark that is laid shall be rounded to port.
- 5.4 The course will not be changed during a race.
- 5.5 ELR course dimensions will be reduced to match the Target time.

## 6 THE START

- 6.1 The class flag will be a gold flag with the class insignia.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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

- 6.4 The starting line is between the staff displaying the pink flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the start mark.
- 6.5 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.

## 7 GRAND PRIX FINISH

- 7.1 The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Start / Finish Vessel and the Finish mark
- 7.2 When the leading boat rounds mark 2p for the final time, the Start / Finish Vessel will display the Finish flag with a sound signal. A Vessel near mark 2s may display a repeater Finish flag. The Finish flag on the Start / Finish Vessel will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit or when all boats have finished.
- 7.3 All boats that:
- 7.3.1 Have completed a lap before the Finish flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
  - 7.3.2 Cross the finishing line while the Finish flag is displayed,
- shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps they have completed. Their positions in the race will be based on the order when they either completed their last lap or finished, with those having completed more laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4
- 7.4 [DP] When the Finish flag is displayed, all boats on a downwind leg shall round mark 2p and sail to the finishing line. Boats that round mark 2p when the Finish flag is displayed shall not attempt a further lap.
- 7.5 [DP] To aid lap counting, a Finish RIB displaying a blue flag may be positioned on the Finish line. All boats completing 2 laps shall finish between the Start / Finish Vessel and the Finish RIB. All boats completing 1 lap shall finish between the Finish RIB and the Finish mark. A boat finishing on the incorrect section of the line shall inform the Start / Finish Vessel as soon as it is safe to do so (to clarify the number of laps they have completed).
- 7.6 If a boat racing is asked by an official vessel, it shall return to the starting area. Such boats will be scored in their last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

## 8 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 8.1 For championship racing (incl. ELRs), the Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are as follows:

Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 Minutes	10 minutes	35 minutes	10 minutes

- 8.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 8.3 If no boat finishes within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 8.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress.

## 9 HEARING REQUESTS

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 Hearing request forms can be obtained from (and submitted to) the RPAYC sailing office.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 On January 27<sup>th</sup>, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision is posted.

## 10 SCORING

- 10.1 Each ELR race score will be weighted 25% of a non-ELR (i.e. foiling) race.
- 10.2 Three foiling races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 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	
	Foiling Races	ELRs
Fewer than 4	none	none
4 – 7	1	1
8 – 9	2	N/A

- 10.4 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 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.2 [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.
- 12.3 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an Obstruction.
- 12.4 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).
- 12.5 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.
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### COURSE DIAGRAM

