

ATSA



Australian Team Sailing Association

2023 WA Secondary Schools Team Sailing Championship

Wednesday 19 to Thursday 20 April

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority:

Nedlands Yacht Club



Supported By:



Abbreviations:

[DP] - The notation [DP] in a rule in these SIs indicates that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

[NP] - The notation [NP] in a rule in these SIs indicates that breaches of that rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 will apply.
- 1.3 The Pacer Class rules shall not apply.
- 1.4 All races shall be umpired as per RRS Appendix D2.
- 1.5 A boat which capsizes while racing shall promptly retire. A boat is deemed to have capsized when her mast tip touches the water.
- 1.6 Attachment A - Rules for Boat Handling will apply.
- 1.7 Attachment B - Format for the Qualifying Series will apply.
- 1.8 Attachment C - Finals Series Knock-Out Format will apply.

2 CHANGES TO RULES

- 2.1 With reference to RRS Appendix D2, a flag is deemed "conspicuously displayed" when it is raised at least 50cm above the deck. Once a penalty has been taken or the Umpires have signalled a decision all flags shall be returned to their inactive position.
- 2.2 RRS D1.2(c) – the Request for Redress flag colour is changed to a black.
- 2.3 RRS D1.2(d)(1) and D2.4(c) - the umpire flag colour to report an incident to the protest committee is changed to black.
- 2.4 RRS D5.2 the breakdown flag colour is changed to green.
- 2.5 RRS 31 – Touching a Mark is changed to add: "There shall be no penalty when a boat touches any part of a flag which does not surround the staff of the mark".

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the window of the Regatta Office.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than fifteen (15) minutes before the first race to which it applies, except that any change to the start time of the first race of the day will be posted by 1630 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Oral instructions may be given on the water by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires, prior to the warning signal, when flag L is displayed. It will be the responsibility of each team to obtain any oral instructions given.

5 BOATS

- 5.1 Boats and equipment may only be changed in accordance with Attachment A, Rules for Boat Handling.
- 5.2 The Race Committee may report to the Jury for its action under RRS Appendix D1.2(d)(2) any incident of material damage occurring to a boat whilst in the charge of a competitor. [NP]

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm above the Race Office.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 5 minutes' in the race signal AP.

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- 7.1 The Qualifying series will be sailed using a Round Robin series. Refer to “Attachment B, Format for the Qualifying Series”.
- 7.2 At the conclusion of the Qualifying Series the top four (4) ranked teams will proceed to the Final Series. Refer to Attachment C for the Finals Series format. The Race Committee will decide which fleets of boats will be used.
- 7.3 Following a breakdown, which in the sole opinion of the Umpires leaves a boat unable to effectively race, races for that flight may be completed using a 2 boat vs 2 boat format until repairs have been completed.
- 7.4 The Race Committee may change the format, terminate any series or stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

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Wednesday 19 April - Qualifying Series (Meetings at Nedlands YC)

- 0800 Coaches / Managers' Meeting with the RO and Chief Umpire
- 0815 Competitors' Meeting
- 0915 Time of first warning signal
- After racing Umpire debrief

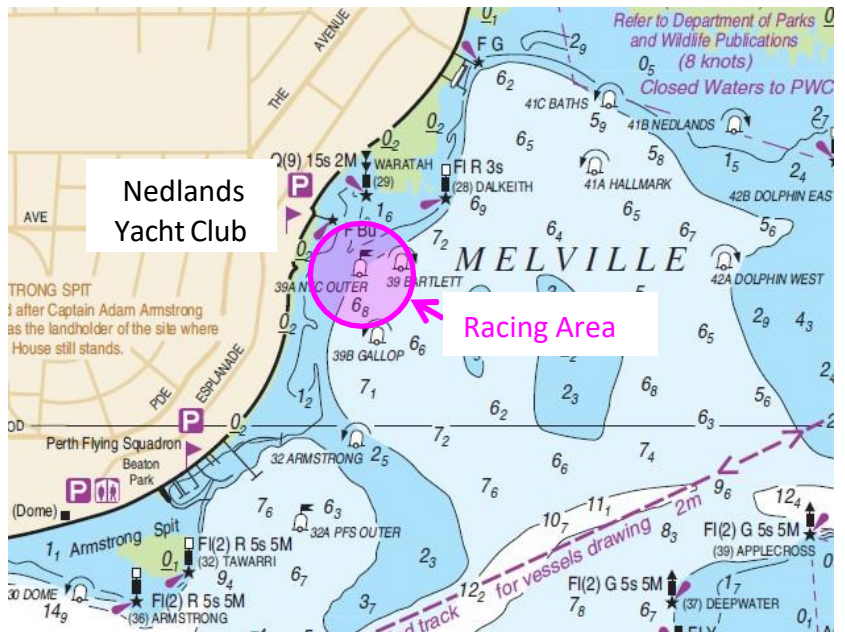
Thursday 20 April - Completion of the Qualifying Series followed by the Final Series

- 0815 Competitors' Meeting
- 0915 Time of first warning signal
- No warning signal for the first race of a 'stage' of the Finals Series will be made after 1700.

- 8.2 It is the sole responsibility of each team to be available on the beach ready for changeover prior to their scheduled race. Teams not available at the time of changeover shall be scored a loss for that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

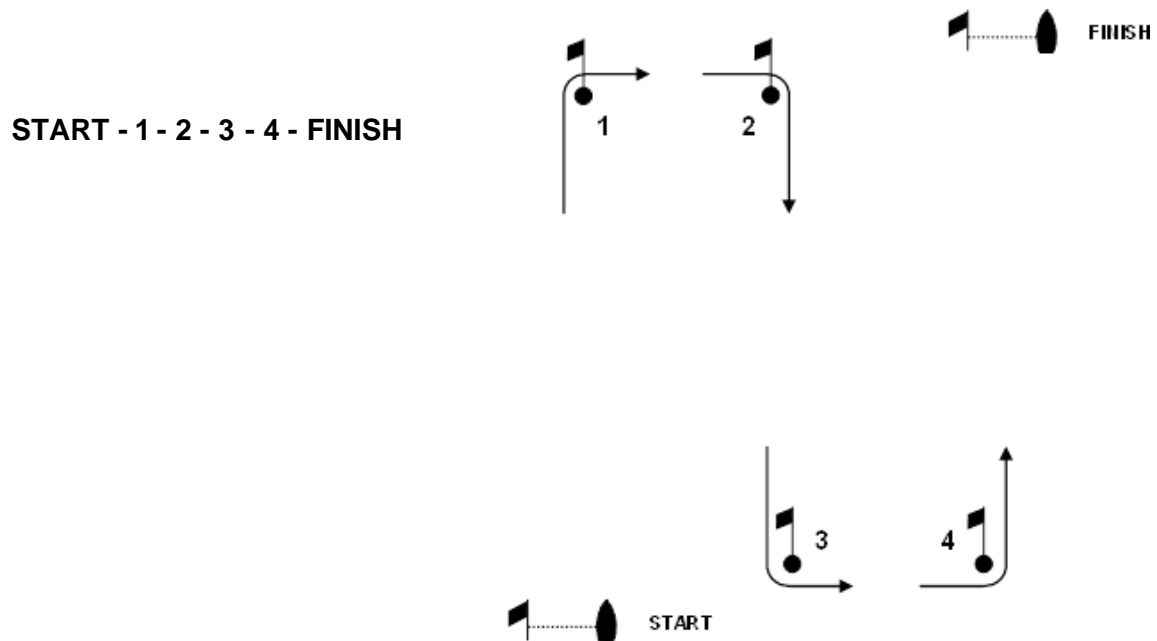
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The racing area will be adjacent to the club grounds.



10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 The diagram below shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



- 10.2 The Race Committee may move marks of the course at any time. RRS 33 will not apply. This changes RRS 33.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be a buoy with an orange flag on a staff over a white foam float.
- 11.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a buoy with a green flag on a staff over a white foam float.

12 THE START

- 12.1 RRS 26, Starting Races, will not apply, the starting sequence is as described in SI 12.4.
- 12.2 Audible signals will govern.
- 12.3 The race number will be displayed on the start boat before the preparatory signal.
- 12.4 The starting sequence will be

Signal	Time before starting signal	Sound Signal	Visual Indication Flags
Warning	3 minutes	3 long	Team sail colours
Preparatory	2 minutes	2 long	Flag P
One-minute	1 minutes	1 long	Flag P removed
	30 seconds	3 short	
	20 seconds	2 short	
	10 seconds	1 short	
	5 seconds	1 short	
	4 seconds	1 short	
	3 seconds	1 short	
	2 seconds	1 short	
	1 second	1 short	
Start	0 seconds	1 long	Team sail colours removed

- 12.5 A series of short sounds will be made prior to the first warning signal of a starting sequence.
- 12.6 Signals will be timed from the beginning of the sound signal.
- 12.7 Failure to hear a signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

- 12.8 Visual indication flags will be raised from the start boat to indicate the time before the start. Failure or mistiming of an indication flag shall not be grounds for redress.
- 12.9 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 12.10 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and shall not interfere with any races in progress. [DP][NP]
- 12.11 Boats returning to the change-over area after finishing or sailing to the start area before their warning signal shall sail outside of the course area and shall not interfere with races in progress. [DP][NP].
- 12.12 A boat that does not start within two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS in accordance with RRS D.3.1(a). This does not apply to a boat signalled as OCS and returning to start nor to a boat issued a penalty by an Umpire in the process of starting.
- 12.13 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound and hail the boat number(s) of the premature starter(s). The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal. Failure of a hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hailed number, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

14 ABANDONING

The Race Committee may abandon a race for any reason. Abandonment(s) may be advised orally by the Umpires of that race. This changes RRS 32 and Race Signals.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within five minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF in accordance with RRS D3.1(a). This changes RRS 35.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed mark one within five (5) minutes the race will be abandoned.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS D1.2, and SI section 2, boats intending to protest or seek redress shall display the black flag at the first reasonable opportunity then notify the Umpires or the finish boat of their intent immediately upon completion of that race, giving the boat number(s) being protested or the form of redress beingsought.
- 16.2 A completed protest form must be lodged with the Race Office within 30 minutes of the finish of the associated Qualifying series race, or within 15 minutes of the finish of associated Finals series race.
- 16.3 Any protest or request for redress hearing outcome that changes a result of a race will not change the make-up of any future draw that has already been published.
- 16.4 The notation [NP] in a rule in these SIs indicates that breaches of that rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a).

17 COMMUNICATION [DP][NP]

- 17.1 Coaches, team managers and any other team officials or persons accompanying teams will not be allowed on the race course. No coaching related communication shall be made with teams while racing or on water.
- 17.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make electronic voice or data transmissions and shall not receive electronic voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Perpetual trophies and Team trophies will be awarded as follows:

- 1st placed open team

18.2 Medallions will be presented to:

- 1st placed open team
- 2nd placed open team
- 3rd placed open team

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk - see RRS 3, Decision to Race.

19.2 The OA will not accept any liability for material loss or damage, inconvenience, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Championship. The OA includes all parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the event.

The support from the following yacht clubs and colleges is greatly appreciated:

- ***Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club***
- ***South of Perth Yacht Club***
- ***Christ Church Grammar School***
- ***Scotch College***

ATTACHMENT A - RULES FOR BOAT HANDLING

1. General

- a. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- b. Competitors shall inspect assigned boats before each race for possible damage, breakdown and missing equipment. Discrepancies shall be reported to the Beach Master as soon as possible.
- c. Competitors must comply with any request from the Beach Master regarding the berthing or hauling out of boats.
- d. During the Finals Series, after finishing and prior to their next race in that match, competitors shall sail around the outside of the course area to the starting area as soon as possible and without interfering with any races in progress.

2. Handover of boats

- a. Handover of boats between races shall be completed without delay.
- b. After finishing competitors shall sail directly to the changeover area, without interfering with any races in progress.
- c. Competitors shall leave the boat as empty of water as is possible.
- d. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Beach Master as soon as possible.

3. Prohibited Items & Actions

Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by a race official or Umpire, the following are prohibited:

- Perforating sails.
- Cleaning or washing hulls, or foils with anything other than water.
- Adjusting or altering standing rigging, halyards and main sail batten tension.
- Removing purchases on the mainsheet.
- Marking of the hull or equipment other than by removable adhesive tape.
- The use of equipment or fittings for the purpose other than that intended.
- Intentional damage/tampering with boats.
- Any additions to or alterations to equipment supplied.
- Inserting any object between the front of the mast and the mast gate.

4. Permitted Items & Actions

- a. All equipment provided with the boat shall be carried while afloat including 2 red flags, 2 ~~yellow flags~~, 1 green flag, 1 black flag and 1 bailer.
- b. It is permissible to take on board and make appropriate use of,
 - Sunscreen.
 - Drinking Water.
 - Yarn or thread.
 - Easily removable adhesive tape.
 - Line (elastic or otherwise of 3mm diameter or less) that may be used for making minor repairs and preventing further damage.
 - Tell-tails may be attached to sails with sail tape and shall then not be removed.
 - Wind indicators (yarn, thread, audio-tape or similar material) may be tied or taped to the side stays and shall then not be removed.
- c. All fittings or equipment designated to be adjusted may be adjusted except those items listed in Item 3.

ATTACHMENT B - FORMAT FOR THE QUALIFYING SERIES

Qualifying Series Format

1. A Round Robin will be used for the Qualifying Series.
2. The Qualifying series will consist of multiple Round Robin rounds. A “round” is where each team has raced every other team once. A minimum of one complete round will be raced to form a Qualifying series. Subsequent rounds will be started at the completion of each round.
3. The Race Committee may finalise the last round of the Qualifying series at the end of a flight of races. A “flight” of races is where each team has raced the same number of races. At this point every team would have raced the same number of races but may not have raced each other team the same number of times. This alters RRS D4.3.
4. If the final flight cannot be completed, its part completed results will be ignored.
5. The Race Committee may alter race sequence to maintain an orderly start procedure [NP].
6. Races that cannot be sailed in order or for which results are not entered or complete will be ignored for scheduling purposes. Subsequently corrected or altered results will not affect a published schedule.
7. Resails will be scheduled by the Race Committee. Race committee decisions on resails will be final, changing RRS 60.1 (b).

Tie-breaks

Ties for the qualifying series will be broken, as per RRS D4.4

Attachment C - Finals Series Knock Out Format

The finals series will be run as a Page-McIntyre hybrid elimination series between the top 4 placed teams from the qualifying series as shown below.



Contingencies:

- 1) In the event that a match in the final series is incomplete, the result of the match will be determined by RRS D4.5(b).
- 2) Should the Race Committee determine there is insufficient time to complete the Finals Series, earlier matches may be discarded in favour of later matches.
- 3) The order of Finals matches may be changed by the Race Officer to suit the prevailing conditions or to maintain an orderly start sequence [NP].