

2019 Kingston Sprint Series

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB (inc) Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 December 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Sailing Instructions. Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2, Off The Beach boats will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Sandringham Yacht Club Lou Abrahams Off The Beach.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the scheduled time for the first race 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located adjacent to the OTB sailing Centre. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday	21 December 2019	1130 Information Session	
Saturday	21 December 2019	Warning Signal not before 1300	
Sunday	22 December 2019	Warning Signal not before 1100	

There is no maximum number of races scheduled. The start times for the second and succeeding races on each day will be as soon as practical after the conclusion of the preceding race, at the discretion of the Race Officer.

Flags "AP" over "A" will be flown on the Finish Boat at the end of the day which will indicate that there will be no more racing for that day.

No races will be started after 1500 Sunday 22 December

6. DIVISIONS & FLAGS

The divisions shall be posted on the notice board.

Divisional flags will be the corresponding Numeral Pennants for each division which shall replace Class Flags referred to in RRS 26 - Starting Races



7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip off Sandringham Yacht Club.

8. COURSES

The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the course and mark rounding sequences.

All marks will be left to port.

The direction of legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. All marks need not be in position at that time. This changes RRS rule 33.

Courses will be designated on a board on the Race Committee Vessel located on the starboard end of the start line and displayed before or with the warning signal.

9. MARKS

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys.

Marks A and B will be yellow inflatable buoys.

The starting mark will be an orange inflatable buoy.

The finish mark will be a black and white checked inflatable buoy.

10. THE START

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. This changes RRS rule 26.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes before start signal
Warning	Class/Division flag	1 sound	3
Preparatory	Preparatory flag	1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 long sound	1
Starting	Starting Class/Division flag removed	1 sound	0

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end. A clearance buoy may be laid near the Race Committee Vessel and the buoy together with its mooring line shall be considered a part of the Race Committee Vessel.

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag may be displayed with a long sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS rules A4 and A5.

Any boat sailing through the start line in either direction when not actually starting or finishing may be disqualified without protest. This changes RRS rule 63.1.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel and a black and white checked inflatable buoy.

Any boat sailing through this line in either direction without having completed the required course may be disqualified without protest. This changes RRS rule 63.1.



12. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

13. TIME LIMIT

Boats that fail to finish within ten (10) minutes of the first boat of their class to sail the course, and finish, will have their approximate placing at that time recorded for scoring purposes. Any boats so recorded are excluded from any request for redress under this Sailing Instruction. No times will be recorded for such boats. The result may be included to calculate an overall result.

14. PROTESTS

Protest forms will be available from the Boating Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they see in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS rules 61.3 and 62.2.

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit expiry to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS rule 61.1(b).

Requests to reopen a hearing shall be in writing and lodged at the Regatta Office and shall include the grounds for the request. On the last day of the regatta, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:

- within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This amends RRS rule 66.

15. SCORING

Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.

When 5 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When 10 races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must 'sign on' before leaving the shore and 'sign off' as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing.

The Sign Off period for each Class/Division will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.

Failure to Sign On in accordance with SI 16 may result in that boat being scored DNS in the first race in the session of the omission without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

Failure to Sign Off in accordance with SI 16 may result in that boat being scored DNF in the last race in the session of the omission without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

A boat that wishes to leave the race course prior to the end of the racing session shall advise the Race Officer, or rescue craft, of their intention to leave the vicinity of the course. If this is not possible, the boat shall immediately make its way to shore and notify the Beach Marshall and sign off.



17. EQUIPMENT MEASUREMET AND REPLACEMENT

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee or allowed by class RRS rules. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

Boats displaying a sail number other than the number recorded on the entry form may be scored DNC by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS rules A4, A5 and 63.1.

18. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

Race committee boats and patrol boats may display the SYC Burgee.



Appendix 1 - Courses TRIANGULAR, WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES



OUTER COURSES

O1 = START-1-3-FINISH

O2 = START-1-3-1-3-FINISH

O3 = START-1-2-3-FINISH

O4 = START-1-2-3-1-3-FINISH

INNER COURSES

I1 = START-A-3-FINISH

I2 = START-A-3-A-3-FINISH

I3 = START-A-B-3-FINISH

I4 = START-A-B-3-A-3-FINISH









