



2023 Kingston Sprint Series

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB

Saturday 9 - Sunday 10 December 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024 and the Sailing Instructions. Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2, Off The Beach boats will apply.
- 1.2. Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T. The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee or may observe and give evidence to a Protest Committee.

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 Centre.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 1 hour 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

- 5.1. The schedule will be as per the NOR.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. No races will be started after 1500 Sunday 11 December

6. DIVISIONS & FLAGS

- 6.1. The divisions will be as stated in Appendix 1.
- 6.2. 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

- 8.1. The diagram in Appendix 1 shows the course and mark rounding sequences.
- 8.2. All marks will be left to port.
- 8.3. Courses will be as stated in Appendix 1.



9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. Marks A and B will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.3. The starting mark will be an orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.4. The finish mark will be a blue inflatable buoy.
- 9.5. Any change of course mark will be the original marks used.

10. THE START

- 10.1. RRS rule 26 is amended as follows:

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

- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5. 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.
- 10.6. Any boat sailing through the start line in either direction when not actually starting may be disqualified without protest. This changes RRS rule 63.1.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel and a blue inflatable buoy.
- 11.2. Any boat sailing through the finish line in either direction when not actually finishing 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

The intended target time will be 15-20 minutes. 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 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

- 14.1. Protest forms will be available from the SYC Boating Office.
- 14.2. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5. 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:
 - 14.5.1. within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 14.5.2. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 14.6. This amends RRS rule 66.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When 5 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. When 6 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4. When 12 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

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. Competitors can sign on and off through the following link: <http://topyacht.com.au/tyow/594>
- 16.3. The Sign Off period for each Class/Division will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.
- 16.4. Boats failing to sign-on will have three (3) points added to the first race of the session, but will not be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 16.5. Boats failing to sign-off will have three (3) points added to the last race of the session, but will not be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

17. EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENT AND REPLACEMENT

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. 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. LIABILITY

- 18.1. All those taking part do so at their own risk and responsibility. Sandringham Yacht Club, its servants and volunteers are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or for the adequacy or sufficiency of its equipment.
- 18.2. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 18.3. Each boat participating shall have valid Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of \$5 Million. Boats without the required insurance are ineligible to compete.



APPENDIX 1 – DIVISIONS & COURSES

Classes will be assigned as follows:

Division 1:	29er, Musto
Division 2:	Tasar
Division 3:	Aero, Contender, Laser
Division 4:	Cadet
Division 5:	Optimist

The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

Division 1:	S – 1 – 4 – 1 – 3 – 5 – F
Division 2:	S – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – F
Division 3:	S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – F
Division 4:	S – A – B – 3 – 5 – F
Division 5:	S – A – B – 3 – 5 – F

