



SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB OFF THE BEACH SAILING CENTRE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE SPRING, TWILIGHT, AUTUMN & WINTER SERIES
2024 – 2025

1. RULES

- 1.1. All series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Addendum A Part 2, and the current class rules for the competing classes and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for all series.
- 1.3. **SYC Membership**
All persons on board shall be either a member of SYC or comply with SYC's Day Membership requirements through the Sail Pass Scheme.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the OTB section of the club website – <https://syc.com.au/on-water/off-the-beach/race-documents/>
- 2.2. Information Sessions may be held approximately 75 minutes prior to the start of scheduled races for the day.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not later than one hour prior to the start time of the race it will affect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 2000 on the day before it is to take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal masts located at the Off The Beach Sailing Centre.
- 4.2. When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. When flag 'AP' over 'H' is displayed ashore, boats shall not leave the shore. A new warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the signal is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races is as per the NOR.



6. DIVISIONS & FLAGS (Refer Appendix 1 for further details)

6.1. The divisional flags will be as follows:

Division 1	Numeral Pennant '1'
Division 2	Numeral Pennant '2'
Division 3	Numeral Pennant '3'
Division 4	Numeral Pennant '4'
Division 5	Numeral Pennant '5'
Division 6	Numeral Pennant '6'

6.2. This changes RRS Race Signals.

7. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on Port Phillip off Sandringham Yacht Club.

8. COURSES

All marks shall be left to Port. Refer Appendix 2 for configuration details.
The course to be sailed for Twilight racing will be as detailed at the briefing.

9. MARKS

Refer to Appendix 2.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a black and white checked inflatable cylindrical buoy at the port end.
- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 metres extending from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 10.3. A clearance mark may be positioned close to the race committee boat. Boats shall not pass between the clearance mark and the committee boat.
- 10.4. RRS 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

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a blue inflatable truncated buoy.
- 11.2. Boats must stay clear of the finish line unless finishing a race or in a starting sequence.



12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. The race time limit is 90 minutes for each division or 10 minutes after the first boat finishes in each division, whichever occurs first.
- 12.2. A boat failing to finish within the time limit for its division will be scored DNF, or if it is possible to determine the order of such boats, be recorded as finishing in its order. This shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer and is not subject to redress.

13. SIGN-ON / SIGN-OFF

- 13.1. Boats shall sign-on before leaving the beach at <http://topyacht.com.au/tyow/623>. 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.
- 13.2. Boats shall sign-off upon returning to shore at <http://topyacht.com.au/tyow/623>. 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.

14. RETIREMENT

A boat that wishes to leave the racecourse prior to the end of the racing session shall endeavour to advise the race committee, 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 Boating Office and sign-off.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the SYC Boating Office. Protests shall be lodged there within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the session. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, and as soon as possible.
- 15.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for all series.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. There will be a maximum of three (3) races per day to count to the series scores. Six races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4. When 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 16.5. When 15 to 19 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores.
- 16.6. When 20 to 24 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst four scores.
- 16.7. When 25 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst five races.
- 16.8. Boats who do not sail due to volunteering as part of OTB race management will be awarded average points for all races sailed on that given day.



17. SAFETY

- 17.1. When the race committee considers a boat, its equipment, or crew not adequate for the likely conditions or otherwise at risk, it may require the boat to accept assistance or return to shore. Such action shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 17.2. Competitors who require assistance should wave an arm. The race committee reserves the right to assist competitors who, in its opinion, require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a). The penalty for receiving outside help in these circumstances will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.

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 (2021-2024) 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

Sandringham Yacht Club – OTBSC – DIVISIONAL SPLITS

<u>Division 1 (Yardstick =< 99)</u>		<u>Division 3 (Yardstick 114 - 140)</u>		<u>Division 4 (Cadets)</u>	
29er	96.5	K1	112.0	Int. Cadet	153.0
49er	77.3	Laser	114.0	Open Bic	153.3
505	97.5	Laser Radial	118.5		
B14	94.0	Laser 4.7	125.0		
Int 14	84.0	Pacer	127.5		
Musto Skiff	91.0	RS Aero 5	116.8		
Waszp	70.0	RS Aero 7	112.5		
		RS Aero 9	109.3		
		RS 200	108.9		
		Sabre	127.0		
<u>Division 2 (Yardstick 100 - 115)</u>				<u>Division 5 (Optimists)</u>	
Contender	106.5			Optimist	170.0
Int 420	115.0				
Tasar	108.0				
Flying 15	109.0				
				<u>Division 6 (Green Fleet)</u>	
				Optimist	170.0
				Int. Cadet	153.00

APPENDIX 2 - COURSES

TRIANGULAR, WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES



OUTER COURSES

O1=START-1-3-FINISH

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

O3=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-A-3-FINISH

GREEN FLEET INNER COURSES

I1 START-G-3-FINISH

I2 START-G-3-G-3-FINISH

