



# 2024 Winter Wednesday Series

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### R-A-N SAILING ASSOCIATION

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '[DP]' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) as applicable to Category 7 races.
- 1.2 Competitors are reminded that boats racing are not in any way excused from compliance with IRPCAS and NSW Maritime Safety Regulations with respect to vessels not racing and compliance with directions of Port Authorities or officers of RMS.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1300 on the day 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The race office is located at the RANSA Boatshed, telephone 9363 9939 email [sailing@ransa.com.au](mailto:sailing@ransa.com.au).
- 3.2 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the RANSA [on line Official Notice Board](#) and may be posted on the sailing notice board at the RANSA Boatshed.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73.
- 3.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the RANSA Boatshed.

## 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The series will consist of 21 Wednesday afternoon races from 1 May 2024 to 18 September 2024.
- 4.2 The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 1350.

## 5 DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 Divisions and handicaps will be advised on list of entries available from the website [Winter Wednesday 2024 \(sailsys.com.au\)](http://Winter Wednesday 2024 (sailsys.com.au)) or the race office,
- 5.2 Class flags are

Division	Class Flag	Scheduled Warning Signal
Division 1(S)	Numeral 0	1350
Division 1	Numeral 1	1355
Division 2	Numeral 2	1400
Division 3	Numeral 3	1405

## 6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The course to be sailed will be designated by code flag A for Course A and code flag B for Course B and will be displayed before the warning signal.
- 6.2 Boats shall leave marks to starboard unless the letter (P) is used to denote that they shall leave the mark to port.
- 6.3 **Division 1 (S):**  
Course A: Start - CP - EC - RB - PP - LM - SIM - N3(P) - N2(P) - FINISH  
Course B: Start - CP - EC - RB - N3(P) - N2(P) - FINISH
- 6.4 **Division 1:**  
Course A: Start - LB - EC - RB - PP - LM - SIM - N3(P) - N2(P) - FINISH  
Course B: Start - LB - EC - RB - N3(P) - N2(P) - FINISH.
- 6.5 **Division 2:**  
Course A: Start - BB - EC - RB - PP - LM - SIM - N3(P) - N2(P) - FINISH  
Course B: Start - BB - EC - RB - N3(P) - N2(P) - FINISH
- 6.6 **Division 3:**  
Course A: Start - EC - RB - PP - LM - SIM - N3(P) - N2(P) - FINISH  
Course B: Start - EC - RB - N3(P) - N2(P) - FINISH

## 7 MARKS

- 7.1 Mark descriptions are abbreviated as listed below:-

**BB** Yellow AS mark approximately 200m south of the Sow & Pigs Reef ('Beashel Buoy')

**CP** AS mark in the vicinity of Cannae Point

**EC** AS mark 100m SW of the Eastern Channel Pile Light

**LB** Yellow AS mark off northern end of Lady Bay

**LM** Orange laid mark approximately 50m north of Shark Island Lighthouse

**N2** Naval Buoy No2 approximately 150m NW of Clarke Island

**N3** Naval Buoy No3 approximately 200m ENE of N2

**PP** AS mark off Point Piper

**RB** AS mark approximately 200m north west of the Rose Bay red can

**SIM** Shark Island Mark AS mark approx 5-10m ESE of Shark Island south cardinal mark

**Starting/Finishing Mark** Orange laid mark

- 7.2 Marks that a string representing a boat's track from the preceding mark to the next mark touches are rounding marks.

## **8 OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 The following areas and lines are obstructions.

- (a) **Cardinal Marks** - boats shall not sail within the area bounded by Cardinal Marks.
- (b) **Moorings** - except for Naval moorings, boats shall not sail within mooring areas.
- (c) **Shark Island** - boats shall not sail between the AS Shark Island Mark (SIM) and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island or between Shark Island and the Shark Island Light (north of Shark Island).
- (d) **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** - boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or near the naval wharf in Chowder Bay.

## **9 THE START**

- 9.1 The starting line will be in the vicinity of Rushcutters Bay.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel (RANSA 1) at the starboard end and at the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.4 A boat may use prohibited propulsion after its Preparatory Signal to arrive at the starting line provided it ceases to use such propulsion at least 100 m from the starting line, promptly makes one turn including one tack and one gybe while keeping well clear of other boats and, if the starting signal has been made, start. This changes RRS 42.
- 9.5 A boat that has not started within 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.

## **10 RECALLS**

- 10.1 There will be no recall signal, however any boat on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and not returning and starting in accordance with the rules may be penalized 2 minutes or more. This changes RRS 29 and 30.
- 10.2 The race committee may advise competitors of recalls on VHF 73. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1 The finishing line will be in the vicinity of Rushcutters Bay.
- 11.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## **12 TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1 The race time limit is 1630..

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 Two-Turns Penalty shall apply for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or rule 31. A boat may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T for breaking any rule. This changes rule T1. In hearing a valid protest for a breach of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, the Protest Committee may decide that the Post Race Penalty is not an applicable penalty and impose any greater penalty within its powers...

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Sailing Office by email to [office@ransa.com.au](mailto:office@ransa.com.au) or by hand, not later than 10:00 on the next working day following the race.
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available at [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/protestform-\[976\].doc](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/protestform-[976].doc) or from the Sailing Office.

- 14.3 RRS Appendix T Arbitration may be applied by the protest committee. Arbitration may take place promptly after racing or at some other time as advised to the parties. Arbitration may take place by email, telephone, or other electronic means.
- 14.4 Protests and Requests for Redress will be heard at the RANSA Boatshed on the following Wednesday evening unless otherwise decided by the race committee. The parties involved will be notified of the hearing time. Notices may also be posted [online here](#)

## **15 SAFETY**

### **15.1 Commercial Shipping:**

- (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 m from the bow and 30 m from the side or stern of the Seagoing Ship
  - (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200 m from the bow, and 30 m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the Orange Diamond.
- 15.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.3 Boats shall report any incident involving Injury or Significant Damage likely to costs more than \$5,000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by direct contact, or on VHF 73, or by mobile phone on 0424 484 513, or by phoning the RANSA Sailing Office on 9363 9939.

## **16 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 16.1 The Race Committee Vessel will be RANSA 1 or another vessel flying the RANSA burgee.