

# 2026 NT CHAMPIONSHIPS

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.*

*[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.*

*[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Darwin Sailing Club is the Organising Authority.
- 1.2. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 1.4. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from the event official.
- 1.5. Wing Foil crew shall wear a helmet to the minimum standard EN1385, EN1077, EN966, ASTM 2040, Snell S98 or equivalent, with a brightly coloured region of at least 300 square centimeters of the exterior surface that can be seen from above the water with crew lying face down or face up.
- 1.6. RRS 64.2 is amended to add: 64.2.(c) The Protest Committee may apply a discretionary penalty to any rule breach, excluding RRS 14. Such penalty may range from disqualification to no penalty score at all.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Official noticeboard is  
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/54/results/series/5536/noticeboard>
- 2.2. Where required, Supplementary Sailing Instruction (SSIs) will be posted not less than 24 hours prior to the first race, on the official noticeboard.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 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.

#### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. There are 8 races scheduled.
- 4.2. Races are scheduled as follows:

| DATE                    | TIME         | EVENT                                |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Thursday 23 July</b> | 1700         | Entries close                        |
| <b>Saturday 25 July</b> | 0955         | First warning signal                 |
| <b>Sunday 26 July</b>   | 0955<br>1800 | First warning signal<br>Presentation |

#### 5. SIGN ON

- 5.1. All boats must sign-on and sign-off underneath the DSC Tower.
- 5.2. Boats that fail to sign-on will be scored DSQ for the first race of the session, this changes Appendix A.
- 5.3. Boats that fail to sign-off will be scored DSQ for the last race of the session, this changes Appendix A.

#### 6. RETIRING

- 6.1. A boat retiring from a race will, wherever possible, inform a Race Committee Vessel when leaving the course, and by notifying the shore support as soon as possible after arriving ashore.
- 6.2. When a retired boat signs off, they will add 'retired' column of the sign off sheet located under the Tower.

#### 7. FLAGS

- 7.1. Flags for each start will be as per below.
- 7.2. Where starts are combined both division flags will be raised.

| DIVISION          | FLAG              |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| ILCA 6 & 7        | Class flag        |
| Tasar             | Class flag        |
| A-Class & Tornado | Numeral pennant 7 |
| Quest             | Numeral pennant 9 |

#### 8. COURSES

- 8.1. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying it on a course boat at the back of the start boat.
- 8.2. Course diagrams are in APPENDIX A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.

#### 9. MARKS

- 9.1. A list including a description of each mark can be found in APPENDIX A

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.2. The start sequence will be as per RRS 26.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made will avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 10.4. A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.5. The proposed starting sequence will be:
  - ILCA
  - Tasar
  - Quest
  - A-Class
  - Tornado
- 10.6. To avoid delays, classes may be started in an alternative order or combine classes.
- 10.7. The warning signal for any division will not be made within 5 minutes of the last boat finishing the previous race.

## **11. CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the black and white checked finishing mark.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1. The target time for races is 30-40 minutes.
- 13.2. The time limit for the first finisher in a race for A-Class & Tornado will be 50 minutes.
- 13.3. The time limit for the first finisher in a race for all other classes will be 40 minutes.
- 13.4. The target time for races is 30-40 minutes. Failure to meet this target time will not be grounds for request for redress.
- 13.5. The time limit for all boats is 15 minutes after the first boat in their division has finished.
- 13.6. Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. Protest forms are available from the Tower and on the DSC website Sailing Documents. Protests and requests for redress or reopening will be delivered in person to the race officer within the time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision will be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **15. PRESENTATION**

- 15.1. Medal presentation will take place at 1800 on Sunday.

## **16. RESULTS**

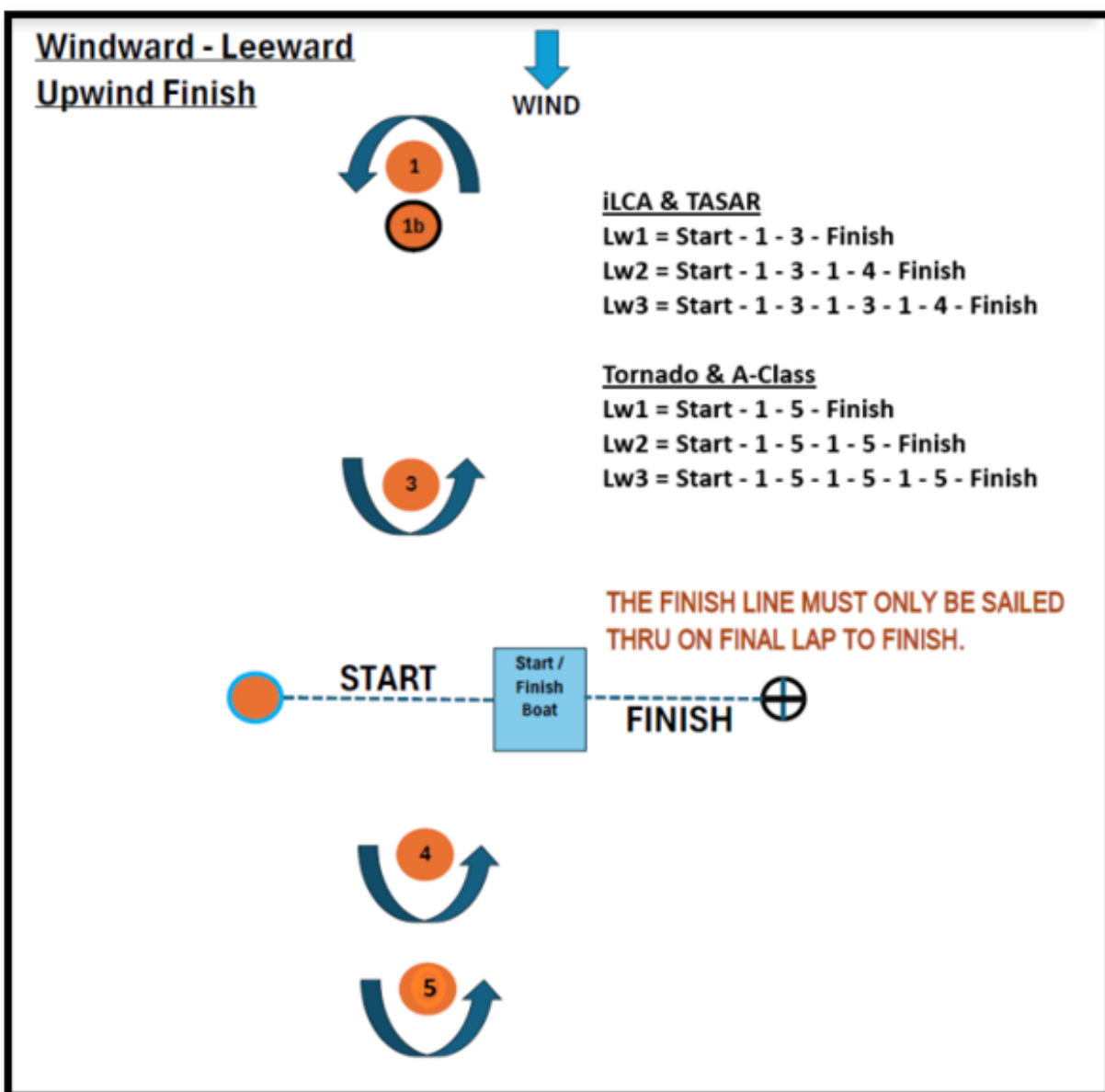
- 16.1. Results will be online at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/54/profile?tab=results>

## **17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

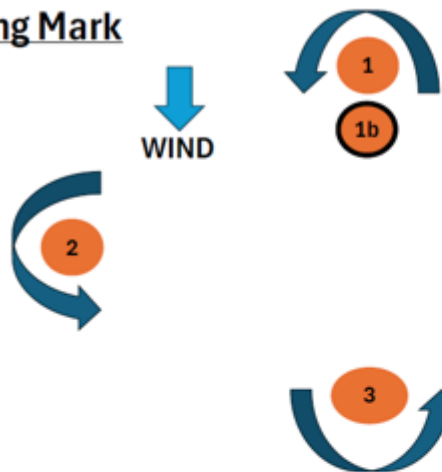
- 17.1. Contact [rcsailing@dwnsail.com.au](mailto:rcsailing@dwnsail.com.au)

## APPENDIX A

| MARKS                 | DESCRIPTION                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Port Start Mark       | Orange cylindrical buoy with blue band  |
| Starboard Start Mark  | Orange flag on the committee start boat |
| 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5        | Orange cylindrical buoy                 |
| 1a                    | Orange cylindrical buoy with black band |
| Starboard Finish Mark | Blue flag on the committee start boat   |
| Port Finish Mark      | Black and white cylindrical buoy        |



## Wing Mark



1 = A-Class & Tornado  
1b = iLCA & TASAR

### iLCA & TASAR

W1 = Start - 1b - 2 - 3 - Finish

W2 = Start - 1b - 2 - 3 - 1b - 2 - 3 - Finish

W3 = Start - 1b - 2 - 3 - 1b - 2 - 3 - 1b - 2 - 3 - Finish

### A-Class / Tornado (Windward Leeward Only)

W1 = Start - 1 - 3 - Finish

W2 = Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

W3 = Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

W4 = Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

