



J/70 NSW CHAMPIONSHIP

8 – 10 December 2022



Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) in conjunction with the Australian International J/70 Class Association.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing 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 Racing will be governed by the rules, as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 Changes to the SIs

- 2.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board and RSYS website by 1200 hours on the day they will take effect and signaled as per RRS Race Signals. After this time, any changes to the sailing instructions, including oral instructions given on the water, will be indicated by displaying code flag L on the committee vessel.
- 2.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 hours the day before it will take effect.

3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board and may be posted on the RSYS website.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 74.
- 3.3 The list of entries will be placed on the RSYS website and official notice board no later than 2 hours before the start of each race.

4 Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RSYS main flag mast located on the Squadron's front lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.
- 4.3 Entrants who have advised their phone number at the time of entering may be advised of the display/removal of AP by text message.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1

Dates	Event	Scheduled Warning Signal
Thursday 8 December	Race 1	from 1300 hours
Thursday 8 December	Race 2	asap after Race 1
Thursday 8 December	Race 3	asap after Race 2
Thursday 8 December	Race 4	asap after Race 3
Friday 9 December	Race 5	from 1300 hours
Friday 9 December	Race 6	asap after Race 5
Friday 9 December	Race 7	asap after Race 6
Friday 9 December	Race 8	asap after Race 7
Saturday 10 December	Race 9	From 1300 hours
Saturday 10 December	Race 10	asap after Race 9
Saturday 10 December	Race 11	asap after Race 10

5.2 Eleven (11) races are scheduled with up to four (4) races sailed each day. Up to five (5) races may be sailed on one day if needed to complete the scheduled number of races. The race committee, at its discretion, may run fewer total races.

5.3 The first scheduled warning signal will be no earlier than 1300 hours on each day.

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1630 hrs.

6 Class Flag

6.1 The class flag will be International Code Flag J.

6.2 After the start of the first race each day subsequent races will start as soon as practicable after completion of the previous race.

7 Racing Area

7.1 Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour.

7.2 The race committee shall advise competitors on VHF channel 74 of the intended starting area.

8 Courses

8.1 The diagrams and the accompanying notes in Attachment A show the course and marks including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 Marks

9.1 Marks 1, 1a and 3P/3S will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

9.2 The start/ finish mark will be a black and white inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

9.3 Change marks as provided in clause 13 will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and black bands.

10 Prohibited Areas/Obstructions

10.1 For the purposes of RRS 19 the following are continuing obstructions and prohibited areas:

10.2 **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by cardinal marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions.

10.3 **Moorings** – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

10.4 **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

10.5 **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the yellow AS Shark Island mark and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.

11 The Start

11.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 Recalls

12.1 To assist competitors, the race committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF channel 74. This changes RRS 29.

12.2 The sail numbers of the recalled boats or any boats identified as BFD or UFD may be announced on VHF Channel 74. This changes RRS 29 and 30.

12.3 Failure to announce the sail number or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 Change of Course

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

13.2 When the position of Mark 1 is changed, Marks 1 and 1a may be replaced by a new single Mark 1, and boats shall round the single mark to port. Similarly, if the position of Marks 3P/3S is changed, and there is only one new mark in place, boats shall round the single mark to port.

14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark when viewed from Mark 1.

15 Penalty System

- 15.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.
- 15.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA of that race.

16 Time Limit

- 16.1 The absolute time limit for each race will be 60 minutes.
- 16.2 A boat that starts and does not finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

17 Boats Retiring

- 17.1 [NP] A boat that retires shall notify the race committee by direct contact or on VHF channel 74 or by phoning the Sailing Office on 9017 0152.

18 Hearing Requests

- 18.1 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.2 Hearing request forms are available from the RSYS sailing office.
- 18.3 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit or as soon as possible thereafter to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest.

19 Scoring

- 19.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.2 and the amendments detailed in clauses 19.2 and 19.3.
- 19.2 A boat shall drop any one (1) race, except if three (3) races or less have been completed, no score will be discarded.
- 19.3 Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.

20 Abandoned Races

- 20.1 Abandoned races may be re-sailed at the discretion of the race committee.

21 Other Instructions

- 21.1 [NP] Boats shall comply with the following with regard to 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 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the seagoing ship.
 - (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the orange diamond.
 - (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
 - (d) Boats reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be scored DNE (non-excludable disqualification) without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
- 21.2 Boats shall report any incident involving Injury or significant damage likely to cost more than \$5000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

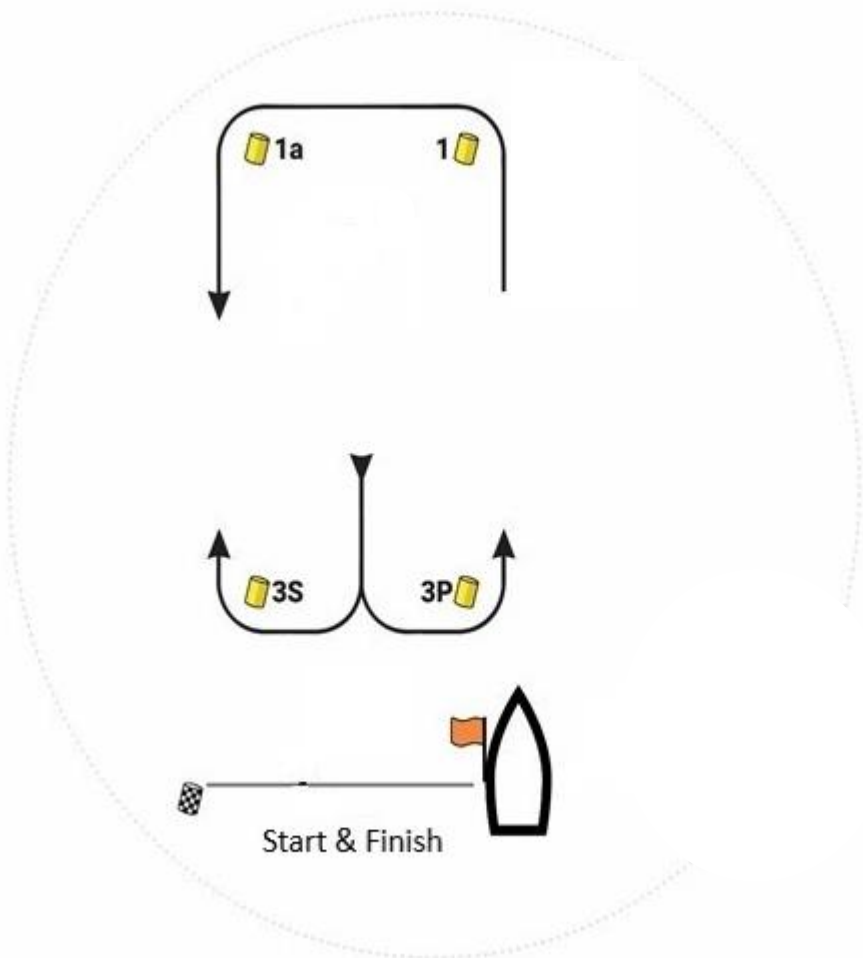
22 Responsibilities

- 22.1 The attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in the notice of race clauses 13.1 – Safety Requirements, 17.1 – Risk Warning, 17.2 – Competitors' Declaration and 17.3 – Disclaimer of liability.

Attachment A - Course Configuration

The Course

The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration. Mark 1 will be to windward of the starting line, and Mark 1a will be an offset mark approximately 50m from Mark 1. Marks 3P/3S are a gate and will be approximately 50m to windward of the Start/Finish.



The Courses

Course 1: Start – 1 – 1a - Finish

Course 2: Start – 1 – 1a - 3P/3S – 1 – 1a - Finish

- Marks 1 and 1a shall be left to port.
- Marks 3P/3S are a gate. When a boat passes through the gate it shall leave either Mark 3P to port or Mark 3S to starboard.
- In the event that either Mark 3P or 3S is not in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.
- No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant and the approx. compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.