
Sail Port Stephens – Off the Beach

***Join us at the Bay Sailing Centre May 4th & 5th
2024 for the Off the Beach racing component of
Sail Port Stephens.***

***Racing will be conducted in front of the Bay
Sailing Centre Clubhouse.***

***The race format strives to deliver class racing
across multiple fleets and showcase our sport
on the Port Stephens racetrack.***



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club
- 1.2 The Venue will be the Bay Sailing Centre at Seaview Crescent, Soldier's Point

2 RULES

- 2.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 2.2 For Finn entrants, Appendix P5 shall apply in accordance with IFA Class Rules C.1.1. (1) and C.1.1. (2)
- 2.3 When wind speeds are averaging more than 12 knots, the Race Committee may fly Code Flag O, which overrides Rule 42.
- 2.4 If conditions alter and wind speed drops below 12 knots, the Race Committee vessel and/or Mark Boat, may fly Code Flag R accompanied by repeated sound signals. This is to indicate to competitors that Rule 42 now applies.

3 DAILY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Before leaving the shore, each helmsperson shall sign on by acknowledging the SMS prompt.
- 3.2 After returning to shore, each helmsperson shall sign off by acknowledging the SMS prompt.
- 3.3 Sign off shall be completed within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the session.
- 3.4 Boats whose helmsperson fails to sign on before leaving shore and up to the Warning Signal may be penalised without a hearing an additional five (5) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the first race in which they should have signed on. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 3.5 Boats whose helmsperson fails to sign off before the end of the protest time may be penalised without hearing by the addition of five (5) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the last race for which they should have signed off. This changes RRS 63.1.

4 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online noticeboard – <https://www.sailportstephens.com.au/bay-series/>
- 4.2 Sign On and Sign Off will be conducted by SMS links to the mobile listed in the skipper's SailSys profile.
- 4.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located on the balcony at the Bay Sailing Centre clubhouse.

5 IDENTIFICATION

- 5.1 Boats will be identified by their Sail Number.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 There shall be a maximum of three (3) races per day.
- 6.2 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.

6.3 The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, 4 th May 2024	0830 - 0930 hrs	Registration
	1000 hrs	Competitor Briefing outside at the front of Bay Sailing Centre boatshed
	1200 hrs	First Warning Signal (up to x3 races)
	1800 hrs	Daily Prizes at Cheeky Dog, Bannisters
Sunday, 5 th May 2024	1100 hrs	First Warning Signal (up to x3 races)
	1430 hrs	Latest Warning Signal
	ASAP after racing	Prizegiving Ceremony at the Cheeky Dog, Bannisters

**The OA may make changes to this schedule at any time.*

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The intended racing area will be at Port Stephens in the vicinity of the Bay Sailing Centre.

8 COURSE

8.1 The courses shall be windward/leeward and triangle configurations.

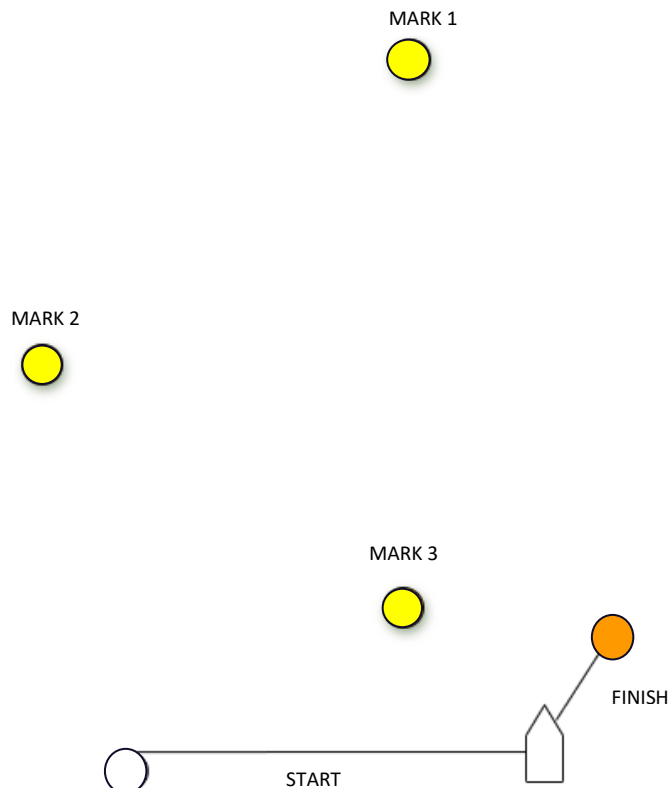
8.2 All marks shall be rounded to port.

8.3 The course will be as follows -

Warning Signal	Division	Course
Yellow	RS Aero	Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Finish
Light Blue	OK Dinghy	Start – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Finish
Pink	Finn	Start – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Finish
Green	Mixed Classes	Start – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Mark 1 – Mark 3 – Finish

WARNING:

Diagram – Not to scale



9 MARKS

- 9.1 The Start Mark will be a white buoy.
- 9.2 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be a yellow buoy.
- 9.4 The Finish Mark will be an orange buoy.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be a straight line between the port end Start Mark and an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel.
- 10.2 Start signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.3 A boat shall start not later than 5 minutes after her start signal.
- 10.4 Class Flags will be as follows –

RS Aero	Yellow Flag
OK Dinghy	Light Blue Flag
Finn	Pink Flag
Mixed Division	Green

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the Finish Mark and a Blue Flag on the Race Committee Vessel.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The Finishing Window will be 15 minutes, that is, within fifteen minutes of the first boat to finish in each division.
- 12.2 Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This Changes RRS 35.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Arbitration may be conducted as per Appendix T.
- 13.2 The Protest Time Limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day for her division.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 There will be a maximum of three (3) races per day.
- 14.2 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A5.2 will apply.
- 14.3 If fewer than six races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores.
- 14.4 If six races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast, for any purpose and in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed competitors in each division at the Prizegiving Ceremony on the last day of racing.
- 16.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those participating in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Competitors must acknowledge this prior to competing and release the OA and its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability by signing a form provided by the OA.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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