



# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing.
- 1.2 Yachts shall comply with the 2021-2024 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 4.
- 1.3 Farr 40 Class rules will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
  - a) Remove the second sentence of RRS 30.2 and replace with the following: *"If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 10% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (c)".*
  - b) Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following:

"A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of a rounding mark or finishing mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty."

- c) The maximum amount of drinkable liquid aboard each boat shall not exceed six litres per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 51.
- d) Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- e) Except on a beat to windward, the boats crew may pull in any sail any number of times in order to initiate or to maintain surfing or planing.
- f) Where there is a conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS63.7.

## 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event webpage located at -

https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/farr-40-national-championship-2022/

3.2 The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF 77 (International) before and during each race. Failure of such communication to be given or received, or the order in which OCS calls are broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress, except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the Race Committee or Jury. This changes RRS 62.1.

## 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before they will take effect and shall be approved by the Class representative. Other changes will be posted before 0900hrs on the day they take effect.
- 4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3rd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either orally or in writing.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff at the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club. The official flagstaff is located on the floating barge on F-arm of the Marina.
- 5.2 The Warning Signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".

## 6. RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area may be on the waters of Stockton Bright and/or the area to the South of Nobby's Lighthouse as illustrated on the last page of the SIs.
- 6.2 The race area will be dependent on the wind and sea conditions on the day.

## 7. SCHEDULE

See NoR 6.1

7.1 The Race Committee will conduct as many races as practical on each scheduled day of racing, up to a maximum of ten (10) races for the Series.





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No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.

7.2 After consultation, the Race Committee may modify the above programme according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

#### 8. COURSES

- 8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display a numeral pennant displaying the Course and a board displaying the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.2 The diagrams in SI 15 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.3 (a) In the event that Mark 1a is not in place, boats shall round Mark 1 to port and proceed to the gate or finish.
  - (b) In the event that a Gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing Leeward mark to port.
  - (c) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.

#### 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1 and 1a shall be **orange** inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The Gate marks shall be **yellow** inflatable buoys.
- 9.3 When a course change is signalled, the original mark(s) will be moved. This changes Rule 33.

#### 10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting and finishing line shall be between the signal mast of the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and a **black/white checkered** inflatable buoy on the port end of the line.
- 10.2 The Farr 40 Start Flag shall be the Farr40 Class Flag.

10.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

#### 11. FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line shall be between a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the start/finish mark as described in SI 10.1.
- 11.2 The finishing line may be a shorter length than the starting line.

#### 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

### 13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The target time limit for the first boat to finish each race shall be less than 60 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within ten minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that finished that race, plus 2, but not more than the total number of starters. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

#### 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the NCYC Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 90 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room listed on the protest log beginning at the time posted.





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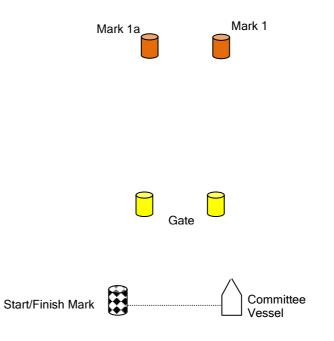
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- Breaches of Sailing Instruction 13.2, and Notice of Race 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) Within the protest time limit, if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

- 14.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.8 The penalty, if any for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and AS Special Regulations) is at the sole discretion of the protest committee in consultation with the class representative and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1

Numeral Pennant	Course
1	Start - 1 - 1a – Finish
2	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate- 1 - 1a – Finish
3	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate- 1 - 1a – Finish







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### **STOCKTON BIGHT RACE AREA**



### RACE AREA SOUTH OF NOBBY'S LIGHTHOUSE

