



**2019/20 FARR 40 AUSTRALIAN OPEN SERIES**  
**ONE DESIGN TROPHY: 16 & 17 NOVEMBER 2019**  
**NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB**  
**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 2017-2020 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.

## **2. NON-COMPETING CLASS REPRESENTATIVE**

Jennie Hughes is the Farr 40 Class Administrator.

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Regatta Office in the Trophy Room at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.
- 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.
- 6.2 The race area will be dependent on the wind and sea conditions on the day.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

See NoR 6.

- 7.1 The Race Committee will conduct as many races as practical on each scheduled day of racing, up to a maximum of eight (8) 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 A numeral pennant displaying the Course and a board displaying the compass bearing to Mark 1 shall be displayed by the Race Committee Boat. The approximate distance to Mark 1 may be displayed on a separate board.
- 8.2 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and may be positioned to port of Mark 1.
- 8.3 (a) In the event that a Gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing Leeward mark to port.  
(b) Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the Race Committee Signal Boat.  
(c) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.4 Except for when there is a change of course: the finish line will be to leeward of the Gate.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Mark 1, 1a and the Gate marks shall be **yellow** inflatable buoys.  
9.2 The "Change Mark" shall be an **orange** inflatable buoy.

## **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.

## **11. FINISH**

- 11.1 The finishing line shall be between an orange 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.  
11.3 The finishing vessel may be different to the starting vessel.

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

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, marks 1 and 1a shall be replaced by a new single Mark 1 (SI 9.2) and boats shall round the new Mark 1 and proceed directly to the Gate or to the Finishing Line, as appropriate. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

## **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.

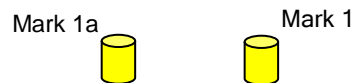
## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 All decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.  
14.2 The protest time limit is ninety (90) minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of that day.  
14.3 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes after expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room.  
14.4 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and YA Special Regulations, Category 4) other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Jury in consultation with the Class representative, and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.  
14.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:  
(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
(b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

14.6 The Protest time limit for sailor classification is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes in the last race of Day 1.

**COURSES**

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



**STOCKTON BIGHT RACE AREA**



**RACE AREA SOUTH OF NOBBY'S LIGHTHOUSE**

