



2015/16 FARR 40 AUSTRALIAN OPEN SERIES
12-13 DECEMBER 2015
ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by:
- the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - the prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia
 - the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with the 2013-2017 Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7.
- 1.3 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)".
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 1.7 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

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 Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.

- 3.2 The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF 72 (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 Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 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 area bounded by Bayview in the south, Scotland Island and Stokes Point.
- 6.2 While racing, boats shall not sail within the area of water between registered moorings (including Police or NSW Maritime moorings) and the adjacent shoreline inside Pittwater including Scotland Island. These areas rank as obstructions.
- 6.3 A breach of the obstruction zone as outlined in appendix 'A' will not be subject to protest by competitors. This changes RRS 60.



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7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Sat, 12 Dec 2015	1100hrs	Racing commences (up to 4 races)
	1600hrs	Regatta Party (The Terrace, RPAYC)
Sun, 13 Dec 2015	1100hrs	Racing commences (up to 4 races)
	1600hrs	Trophy presentation (The Terrace, RPAYC)

- 7.2 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. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 7.3 After consultation, the Race Committee may modify the above programme according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.
- 7.4 On Saturday 12 December, racing will be combined with the RPAYC Sprint Series from 1300hrs.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 A board displaying the approximate compass bearing and course to Mark 1 will be displayed by the Race Committee Boat. The approximate distance to Mark 1 will be displayed on a separate board.

Course 1: Start - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)

Course 2: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)

Course 3: Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate- 1 - 1a – Finish (Downwind)

- 8.2 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will 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 The starting and finishing line will be between the signal mast of the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the course side of an black and white inflatable mark on the port end of the line.
- 9.2 Mark 1 and the Gate marks will be **yellow** inflatable cylindrical buoys.
- 9.3 Mark 1a (the offset mark) will be a **red** inflatable cylindrical buoy.
- 9.4 The “Change Mark” shall be a **pink** inflatable cylindrical buoy.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the start/finish mark as described in SI 9.1.
- 10.2 The Farr 40 Start Flag shall be the Farr40 Class Flag.

11. FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the start/finish mark as described in SI 9.1.
- 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

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. In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, marks 1 and 1a will be replaced by a new single Mark 1 (S9.4) and boats will 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.



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13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for each race shall be 60 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 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. 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 sixty (60) 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 7) 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.

15. FLAGS AND DECALS ON BOATS

- 15.1 Materials may be provided to each boat at registration. If provided, signage should be displayed from no later than the close of Registration on 6 December, 2014 until 1800 hours on 7 December, 2014.

16. REGISTRATION - Refer NoR 5

17. MEASUREMENT - Refer NoR 7

18. SCORING - Refer NoR 12

19. PRIZES - Refer NoR 13

20. SUPPORT BOATS - Refer NoR 15

21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - Refer NoR 16

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Refer NoR 19

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APPENDIX A 1: COURSE

Code	Course
C1	Start - 1 - 1a – Finish
C2	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate- 1 - 1a – Finish
C3	Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate- 1 - 1a – Finish

