

**THE 125 CLASS
41st
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
For
2017 - 2018**

Sailing Instructions

The 125 Association- New South Wales Division and the
Gosford Sailing Club
Invites entries to race
on Brisbane Waters

December 29th 2017 to January 4th 2018



1 **RULES**

The Championship shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and each boat must conform to 125 Class rules. A measurer may check any items deemed necessary, or as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

Protest mediation hearings may be conducted as outlined in the Sailing instructions.

If there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located in the down stairs foyer of the Gosford Sailing Club.

3 **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 1hour prior to the first race of that day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Gosford Sailing Club flagpole located on the South Western side of the Club House.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 40minutes in the race signal "AP".

5 **SCHEDULE OF RACING**

- 5.1 The Australian Championships will consist of 9 races scheduled over 5 days of racing
- 5.2 The events are scheduled for:

Date/ Day	Time	Event
Friday 29 th December 2017	0900 – 1600	Registration(Boat Shed) and Measurement Checks (GSC boat park)
Saturday 30 th December 2017	0900 -1100	Registration and Measurement Checks
	1130	Competitors Meeting
	1245	Invitation race warning (GSC start area)
	Not before1400	Race 1 (Brisbane Waters course area)
	1900	Welcome dinner (Boatshed Bar)
Sunday 31 st December 2017	Warning Signal not before1400	Race 2 and 3 (Brisbane Waters course area)
	After Racing	Complimentary Sausage Sizzle after racing New Year's Eve Celebrations GSC
Monday 1 st January 2018	New Year's Day	Lay Day
Tuesday 2 nd January 2018	Warning Signal not before1400	Races 4 and 5 (Brisbane Waters course area) Complimentary Sausage Sizzle after racing
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	Warning Signal not before1400	Races 6 and 7 (Brisbane Waters course area) Complimentary Sausage Sizzle after racing
Thursday 4 th January 2018	Warning Signal not before1300	Races 8 and 9 (Brisbane Waters course area)
	1540 1900	Last Warning Signal 7pm Presentation Dinner

5.3 The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races sailed at any time but will only advance the Championship by not more than 1 race per day.

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1540hrs on Thursday 4th January.

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Class Flag will be the 125 Class Flag.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be Brisbane Waters approximately south of Gosford Sailing Club as shown in "Attachment 1" of the Sailing Instructions.

7.2 Competitors are advised that the water north of the cardinal mark at Point Frederick is extremely shallow.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Race courses will be Triangle and Windward/Leeward configuration as described in "Attachment 2" of the Sailing Instructions.

8.2 A Red flag displayed from the Start Boat means all marks shall be left to Port.

8.3 A Green flag displayed from the Start Boat means all marks shall be left to Starboard.

8.4 The course to be sailed shall be indicated by a numeral pennant displayed no later than the Warning Signal.

8.5 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.6 Back to back races, after finishing a race, boats should proceed to the starting area in anticipation of sailing another race 'back to back' unless a postponement is signaled on shore by raising of flag 'AP' and/or signaled on the Start Boat by raising of flags 'AP Over H' or 'AP over A', or abandonment is signaled

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2 & 3 shall be orange cylinders.

9.2 New Mark (Change Course) shall be an Orange cylinder with a black band.

9.3 The start/Finish mark will be a stick buoy with an Orange flag.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTION

10.1 While racing, the area between any registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline shall be considered PROHIBITED WATER, and therefore an obstruction.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the mark with an orange flag at the port end.

11.3 A crowding mark may be laid adjacent to the Committee Boat. When laid, boats approaching the line to start shall leave the crowding mark on the same required side as the Committee Boat.

11.4 A boat shall not start later than 6 minutes after her starting signal.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 12.1 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark and will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33.
- 12.2 The course may be shortened after the start in accordance with RRS 32. A committee boat may display the shortened course signal at the leeward end of the course.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finishing Line will be between a mast displaying a Blue Finish flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the Finish stick mark buoy with an Orange flag at the port end.
- 13.2 Boats shall not cross the finish line when Race Committee Vessel is displaying a Blue finishing flag unless they are finishing. Failure to observe this may result in that boat being scored DSQ. However it is not grounds for protest by a competitor. This changes RRS 28 & 63.1

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15 TIME LIMIT and TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The time limit for the race will be 110 minutes.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 The target time for the first boat to finish the course in conditions which do not require or compel the Race Committee to shorten course will be 75 minutes. Failure to meet target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 PROTESTS, REDRESS AND ARBITRATION

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests are to be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area, and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices shall be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, the order of hearings and the time of the first hearing.
- 16.4 Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1 (b).
- 16.5 Breaches of Instructions 18, 23, 24 and 25 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a).
- 16.6 The Protest Committee may make any determination in respect of penalties for a breach of a rule other than in Part 2.
- 16.7 On the last day of the Championship a request for reopening of a hearing shall be delivered: within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.
- 16.8 An arbitration hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 and SI 16, which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or Part 4 or Rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

- 16.9 The arbitrator will decide the time and place of the arbitration hearing and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 16.10 After taking testimony at the arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- a. The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - b. The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because the rules other than Part 2 or Part 4 or Rule 31 are involved or may be involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason as decided by the arbitrator.
 - c. No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - d. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finish and disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted. If not accepted the protest shall proceed to a hearing of the Jury. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 16.11 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 16.12 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low points score system as described in RRS appendix A,
- 17.2 9 races are scheduled of which 3 completed races are required to constitute the Championship.
- 17.3 Each boat's score will be the total of her race scores with the following discards applied depending on the number of races completed. If only 5 races are completed there shall be no discards. If 6 or 7 races are completed there shall be one discard. If 8 or more races are completed there shall be 2 discards.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 **Sign-on and Sign-off.** The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors. Failure to comply may lead to a boat being recorded as Did Not Finish without a hearing to disqualification. This changes rule 63.1 & A5.
- a) Before leaving the beach each skipper shall sign-on. The sign on/off desk will be located outside the GSC sailing office.
 - b) Each skipper shall sign off within the protest time limit and all are encouraged to sign off promptly.
 - c) Boats failing to sign on before leaving shore may be scored DNS without a hearing for the first race for which they should have signed on. Boats failing to sign off before the end of protest time may be scored DNF for the last race for which they should have signed off.
- 18.2 A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable and sign off as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at least ninety (90) minutes before the start of the days racing. In all circumstances the replacement crew shall meet the eligibility requirements of the series.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee member to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules.

21 ADVERTISING

- 21.1 Boats shall display advertising if supplied by the organising authority

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1 Official boats may fly a GSC burgee.

23 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 23.1 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

24 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Boats shall not dispose of any litter such as plastic bags, cans, bottles, etc. into the water. Rubbish may be placed on the Race Committee boats between races. Boats infringing may be disqualified.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 25.1 Except for a GPS receiver, the use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first Warning Signal (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat or with the express permission of the International Jury or the Race Committee.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes given are listed in the Notice of Race
- 26.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta. Attention is drawn to clauses 16 of the Notice of Race.

28 INSURANCE

- 28.1 All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum recommended Aud \$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.
- 28.2 All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 28.3 Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

29 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 29.1 In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of this Event, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

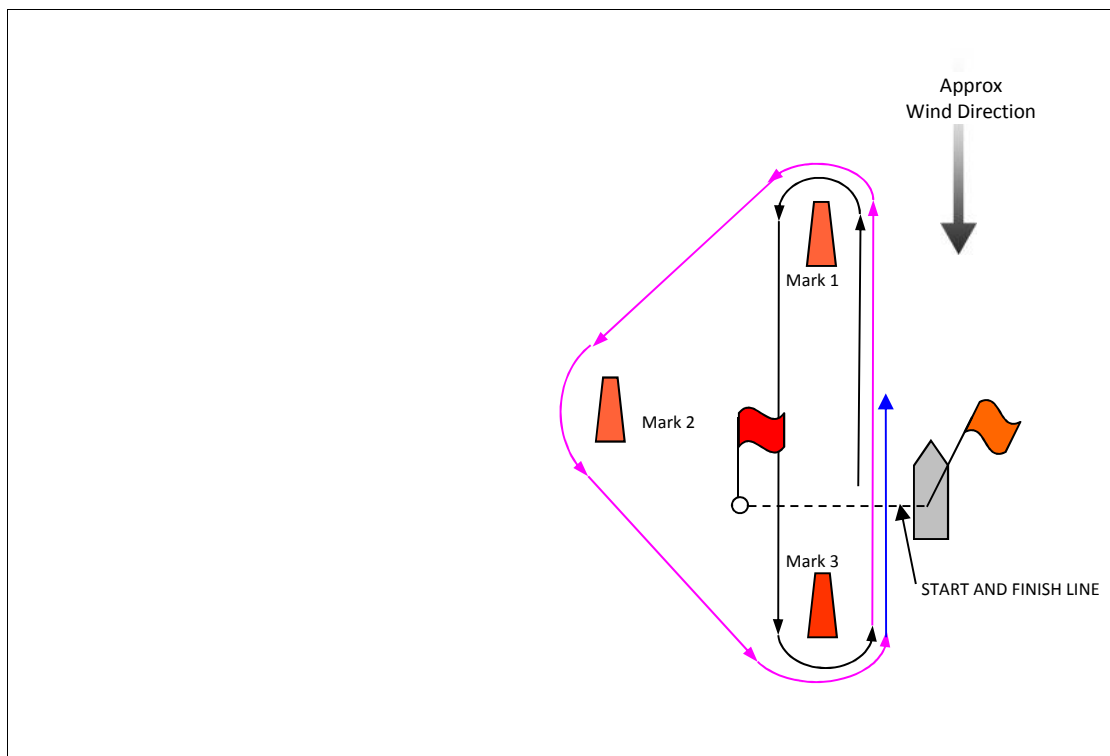
Attachment 1: Course Area



Attachment 2: Courses

The indicative course layout is shown below. The diagram is approximate only, is not to scale, and does not override any other Instructions

Port Course shown



Course Description

Course Signal	Course Configuration	Approx. Internal Angles
Numeral pennant 1	START – 1 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	All = 60 ⁰
Numeral pennant 2	START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH	All = 60 ⁰
Numeral pennant 3	START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – FINISH	All = 60 ⁰