



SECTION 3

COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK RACING

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. Midweek Racing will be governed by the current version of the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing found [HERE](#) including except as amended by this NoR and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI),
- 1.2. The Midweek Racing will be sailed on the River Derwent and will be Category 7. In all cases AS SR Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1(i), shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck) shall apply.
- 1.3. Under World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:
 - **Start** A boat *starts* when it's hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line and having complied with rule 30.1, if it applies, any part of its hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either;
 - a. at or after it's starting signal; or
 - b. during the last minute before the starting signal.
 - When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, it may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, if it does not the starting penalty shall be: 2 minutes added to its elapsed time.
- 1.4. ANCHORS - While racing, boats shall not allow deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.
- 1.5. The minimum number of adult crew members to be on board is two (2). Crews on boats sailing two-handed shall wear a suitable PFD whilst racing. The OA recommends that all crew wear a lifejacket at all times.
- 1.6. Only a mainsail, mizzen and headsails as defined in the RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay.
- 1.7. TIME LIMIT - The time limit for the Midweek Racing 1-3 will be 16:30.
Boats that have not then finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35 and A5.1.

2. CREW DECLARATION

- 2.1 For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before their warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:
- i Name;
 - ii Contact phone number; and
 - iii Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.3.
- 2.2. [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 2.3. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#). In unforeseen circumstances competitors may be advised on VHF Channel 14 of any change to the SI's before the warning signal of each Group.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1. The official noticeboard for each race will be the online [Official Notice Board](#). Copies of notices may be placed on the noticeboard of the Club assigned to conduct the race and other Club's notice boards as soon as practical before and following a race.
- 4.2. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for announcements by the Race Committee.
- 4.3. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Midweek Racing One

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	07 Oct 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	14 Oct 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	21 Oct 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	28 Oct 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	04 Nov 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	11 Nov 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	18 Nov 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	25 Nov 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	02 Dec 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	09 Dec 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
		16 Dec 2026	DSS	Luncheon

Midweek Racing Two

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	06 Jan 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	13 Jan 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	20 Jan 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	27 Jan 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	03 Feb 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	10 Feb 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	17 Feb 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	24 Feb 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	03 Mar 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	10 Mar 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
		17 Mar 2027	BYC	Luncheon

Midweek Racing Three

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	24 Mar 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	31 Mar 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	07 Apr 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	14 Apr 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	21 Apr 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	28 Apr 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	05 May 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	12 May 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	19 May 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	26 May 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
		02 Jun 2027	RYCT	Luncheon

7. GROUPS

Midweek Racing will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and speed (where known). The composition of each Group and allocated start times will be displayed on each club's notice board and will be available from 12:00 on the day of the race.

8. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 8.1 **For DSS & RYCT** - the starting and finishing lines will be between the main flagpole on the Castray Box and Mark O (Yellow inflatable buoy) laid approximately Northeast of the Castray Box.
- 8.2 **For BYC** - the starting and finishing line will be between the flagpole on the BYC Victoria Esplanade Box and Mark A (a black and white chequered inflatable buoy) approximately West of the BYC Victoria Esplanade Box.

9. STARTING TIMES AND STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Boats will be divided into starting groups with the slowest group of boats commencing first, with progressively faster groups of boats starting at five (5) minute intervals. All boats will be given individual handicaps, and the time offset of the start taken into account to arrive at a single corrected time result for the fleet.
- 9.2 A sound signal will be made 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the first boat(s). This amends RRS 26.
- 9.3 A sound signal will be made, and a course board will be displayed five (5) minutes before the start of the first Group.

9.4 A sound signal will be made to indicate the start of the first Group at 13:30.

9.5 At five (5) minute intervals after the start of the first Group a sound signal will be made indicating the start of following Groups which may be one or more boats.

10. SHORTENING COURSE

10.1. Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, Code flag S will be displayed on the start box flagpole. This will be accompanied by two (2) sound signals and means that boats shall finish at the end of that lap by crossing the finishing line from the course side. The Race Committee may give verbal instructions via VHF Channel 14.

10.2. In order to achieve a result, the Race Officer may give directions on VHF Channel 14 which may vary the length of the course or race instructions.

11. COURSES

11.1 RYCT/DSS COURSES

DSS/RYCT COURSES A – R - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD

- A Start → N → O → D → O → D → Finish
- B Start → N → O → N → O → D → Finish
- C Start → D → O → D → O → D → Finish
- D Start → N → M → O → N → M → O → D → Finish
- E Start → N → M → O → N → O → D → Finish
- F Start → N → WP → O → D → WP → O → D → WP → Finish
- G Start → D → M → O → D → M → O → D → M → Finish
- H Start → M → O → M → O → M → Finish
- I Start → JGL → N → M → WP → O → D → O → D → Finish
- J Start → D (to Port) → B1 → N → O → M → Finish
- K Start → D (to Port) → B1 → M → O → D → M → Finish
- L Start → B1 → D → O → B1 → D → O → D → Finish
- M Start → B1 → WP → O → D → WP → O → D → WP → Finish
- N Start → B1 → B2 → D → O → D → Finish
- O Start → B2 → O → D → O → D → Finish
- P Start → B2 → N → O → D → O → D → Finish
- Q Start → B2 → JGL → O → D → O → D → Finish
- R Start → JGL → O → D → O → D → Finish

DSS/RyCT COURSES – S - Z - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

- S Start → M → N → O → M → N → O → M → N → Finish
- T Start → WP → M → D → O → WP → M → D → O → WP → M → D → Finish
- U Start → N → B1 → O → D → O → D → Finish
- V Start → D → B1 → J → O → D → O → D → Finish
- W Start → D → B1 → O → D → B1 → O → D → Finish
- X Start → WP → JGL → B2 → B1 → O → D → Finish
- Y Start → JGL → B2 → O → D → O → D → Finish
- Z Start → B2 → B1 → O → D → O → D → Finish

11.2 ADDITIONAL UPRIVER COURSES

When sailing under Tasman Bridge all boats must pass through the Illawarra Span. To avoid contact with the bridge a boat may use an engine to navigate under the bridge provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

DSS/RyCT COURSES 01 – 11 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE IN COURSE DESCRIPTION

- 01 Start → SP → BP → through Starting/Finishing line → D → O → D → Finish
- 02 Start → BP → through Starting/Finishing line → D → O → D → Finish
- 03 Start → SP → through Starting/Finishing line → D → O → D → Finish
- 04 Start → J → B2 → O(to Port) → D → O(to Port) → D → Finish
- 05 Start → J → B1 → N → O → D → O → D → Finish
- 06 Start → J → B1 → O → B1 → O → B1 → Finish
- 07 Start → J → D → O → D → Finish
- 08 Start → J → D → M → O → D → M → Finish
- 09 Start → Z → D → WP → O → Z → D → WP → O → Z → D → WP → Finish
- 10 Start → Z → B1 → WP → O → Z → D → WP → O → Z → D → WP → Finish
- 11 Start → D → WP → O → D → WP → O → D → WP → Finish

DSS/RyCT COURSES 12 – 15 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

- 12 Start → BP → SP → O → WP → D → Finish
- 13 Start → RB → BP → O → D → O → D → Finish
- 14 Start → RB → SP → O → D → O → D → Finish
- 15 Start → M → D → J → O → M → D → Finish

11.3 BYC COURSES

BYC COURSES 20 – 26 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD

- 20 Start → N → WP → A → N → WP → Finish
- 21 Start → N → J → A → D → Finish
- 22 Start → B2 → N → A → B1 → Finish
- 23 Start → B1 → R → A → B1 → R → A → B1 → Finish
- 24 Start → H → B2 → A → B1 → Finish
- 25 Start → H → N → M → WP → J → Finish
- 26 Start → H → P → B1 → B2 → Finish

BYC COURSES 26 – 41 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT unless otherwise indicated in course description.

- 27 Start → N → A → D → Finish
- 28 Start → N → B2 → A → B2 → Finish
- 29 Start → N → B2 → A → N → Finish
- 30 Start → H → A → B1 → A → B1 → Finish
- 31 Start → J → B2 → A → J → B1 → Finish
- 32 Start → J → B1 → A → J → B1 → Finish
- 33 Start → J → D → B1 → A → J → B1 → Finish
- 34 Start → B1 → J → B1 → A → J → Finish
- 35 Start → D → B2 → A → D → Finish
- 36 Start → B2 → A → B2 → Finish
- 37 Start → B2 → A → B1 → Finish
- 38 Start → B2 → H → A → B2 → Finish
- 39 Start → B2 → H → A → B1 → Finish
- 40 Start → SP → through Starting/Finishing line leaving A to Starboard → B1 → Finish
- 41 Start → B2 → P → H → B1 → B2 → Finish

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12. MARKS

- A Black and White Chequered band inflatable buoy laid to the W of the Victoria Esplanade Box.
- B1 Yellow permanent mark 0.5 NM SE, Kangaroo Bluff (BYC1 Permanent).
- B2 Yellow permanent mark 1.2 NM SSE of Kangaroo Bluff (BYC2 Permanent).
- D Orange illuminated mark 0.5 NM ENE of Wrest Point (DSS Permanent).
- H Orange float mark 0.25 NM SW of Howrah Point.
- J Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NE of Gunpowder Jetty (Government House Permanent).
- JGL John Garrow Light.
- M Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NNE of Maning Reef.
- N Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM N of Nutgrove Beach.
- O Yellow inflatable buoy laid approximately NE from Castray Box.
- P Yellow permanent float mark 0.5 NM SW of Punched Reef.
- R Orange inflatable buoy approximately 170m S of Rosny Point.
- WP White pyramid mark 150 m E of Wrest Point.
- Z Yellow inflatable buoy laid on a line between Battery Point and the Tasman Bridge.

ADDITIONAL UPRIVER MARKS

- RB Permanent Yellow buoy 200 m N of Rose Bay Beach.
- BP Permanent outer Green Beacon 400 m W of Beltana Point.
- SP Permanent Yellow cylindrical 0.2 NM NE of Cornelian Bay Point.

13. RESULTS

Official provisional result sheets will be posted on the Combined Clubs website as soon as practical following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet. Results may be posted on each club's Notice Board as soon as possible after the race.

14. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the RYCT, BYC or DSS within two (2) hours of the last boat finishing in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling "No More Racing Today". The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

15. RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

SECTION 3 MIDWEEK RACING COURSE MAP

