



SECTION 4

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(a).

1. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Midweek Racing One

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	08 Oct 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	15 Oct 2025	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	22 Oct 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	29 Oct 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	05 Nov 2025	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	12 Nov 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	19 Nov 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	26 Nov 2025	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	03 Dec 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	10 Dec 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
		17 Dec 2025	DSS	Luncheon

Midweek Racing Two

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	07 Jan 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	14 Jan 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	21 Jan 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	28 Jan 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	04 Feb 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	11 Feb 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	18 Feb 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	25 Feb 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	04 Mar 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	11 Mar 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
		18 Mar 2026	BYC	Luncheon

Midweek Racing Three

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	25 Mar 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	01 Apr 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	08 Apr 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	15 Apr 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	22 Apr 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	29 Apr 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	06 May 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	13 May 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	20 May 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	27 May 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
		03 Jun 2026	RYCT	Luncheon

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1. Crew Declaration

2.1.1. 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 2.1.1. 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. 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.

4. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

4.1. **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.

4.2. **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.

5. STARTING TIMES AND STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. 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.

5.2. A sound signal will be made 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the first boat(s). This amends RRS 26.

5.3. A sound signal will be made, and a course board will be displayed five (5) minutes before the start of the first Group.

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

5.5. 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.

6. RECALLS

For the Midweek Racing there will be no individual recalls. As detailed in NoR 2.3 a boat whose hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side during the last minute before her starting signal may return to the pre-start side of the line but if she does not then a penalty of two (2) minutes will be added to her elapsed time.

7. SHORTENING COURSE

7.1. 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.

7.2. 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.

8. COURSES

8.1. 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

8.2. 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

8.3. BYC COURSES

BYC COURSES 20 – 25 - 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

BYC COURSES 26 – 37 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT unless otherwise indicated in course description.

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

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9. 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.
- 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.

10. RACE AREA AND SAFETY CATEGORIES

- 10.1 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 (i) (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.
- 10.2 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.

11. 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.

12. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the BYC, DSS or RYCT 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.

13. 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.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for the Midweek Racing 1-3 will be 16:30.
- 14.2. Boats that have not then finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, A4 and A5.

15. NUMBER OF CREW

The minimum number of adult crew to be on board is two (2).

16. 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.

17. RETIREMENTS

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

18. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS

- 18.1. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for announcements by the Race Committee.
- 18.2. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

SECTION 4 MIDWEEK RACING COURSE CARD

