



SECTION 4

COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK SERIES

The following Sailing Instructions, in addition to those detailed in Section 1, are applicable to all Groups in the Combined Clubs Midweek Series 1-3 .

1. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Midweek Series One

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	11 Oct 2023	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	18 Oct 2023	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	25 Oct 2023	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	01 Nov 2023	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	08 Nov 2023	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	15 Nov 2023	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	22 Nov 2023	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	29 Nov 2023	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	06 Dec 2023	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	13 Dec 2023	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
		20 Dec 2023	DSS	Luncheon

Midweek Series Two

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	10 Jan 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	17 Jan 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	24 Jan 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	31 Jan 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	07 Feb 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	14 Feb 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	21 Feb 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	28 Feb 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	06 Mar 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	13 Mar 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
		20 Mar 2024	BYC	Luncheon

Midweek Series Three

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	27 Mar 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	03 Apr 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	10 Apr 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	17 Apr 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	24 Apr 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	01 May 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	08 May 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	15 May 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	22 May 2024	BYC	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	29 May 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
		05 Jun 2024	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.

2.1.2. 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;
- iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.2; and
- iv. Emergency Contact name and number

2.1.3. Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1.1 and SI 2.1.2 (i, ii, iii) will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes A5.1 RRS (2021-24).

2.2. 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

3.1. The Midweek Series races 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. Midweek Series 1-3 will be available from 12:00 on the day of the race.

4. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

4.1. **For DSS** - the starting and finishing lines will be between the main flagpole on the Castray Box and Mark O (orange inflatable buoy with a red band) approximately north east of the Castray Box.

4.2. **For RYCT** - the starting and finishing lines will be between the main flagpole on the Castray Box and Mark O (an orange flag mark) approximately north east of the Castray Box.

- 4.3. **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 STATING 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.
- 5.5. At subsequent five (5) minute intervals a sound signal will be made indicating the start of subsequent Groups which may be one or more boats.
- 5.6. The starting time for the first Group will be 13:30.
- 5.7. Competitors may be advised of starting procedure signals on VHF Channel 14.

6. RECALLS

- 6.1. For the Midweek Series there will be no individual recalls. As detailed in NoR 2.3.1. and 2.3.2 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 2 (two) 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/RVCT 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 as significant advantage in the race.

DSS/RVCT COURSES 01 – 12 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD

- 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 → D → O → 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
- 12 Start → CP → O → D → Finish

DSS/RVCT COURSES 13 – 17 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

- 13 Start → BP → SP → O → WP → D → Finish
- 14 Start → RB → BP → O → D → O → D → Finish
- 15 Start → RB → SP → O → D → O → D → Finish
- 16 Start → M → D → J → O → M → D → Finish
- 17 Start → ZW → Finish

8.3. BYC COURSES

BYC COURSES 01 – 09 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD

- 01 Start → N → R → A → D → Finish
- 02 Start → SP → A → B1 → Finish

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 significant advantage in the race.

- 03 Start → N → WP → R → A → N → WP → Finish
- 04 Start → B2 → N → R → A → B1 → Finish
- 05 Start → B2 → J → A → B1 → J → Finish
- 06 Start → N → J → A → D → Finish
- 07 Start → H → B2 → A → B1 → Finish
- 08 Start → B1 → R → A → B1 → R → A → B1 → Finish
- 09 Start → H → N → M → WP → J → Finish

BYC COURSES 10 – 17 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

- 10 Start → N → B2 → A → N → Finish
- 11 Start → J → B2 → A → J → B1 → Finish
- 12 Start → J → B1 → A → J → B1 → Finish
- 13 Start → J → D → B1 → A → J → B1 → Finish
- 14 Start → H → A → B1 → A → B1 → Finish
- 15 Start → N → B2 → A → B2 → Finish
- 16 Start → D → B2 → A → D → Finish
- 17 Start → B2 → A → B2 → Finish

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 1.5 nm SSE of Kangaroo Bluff (BYC2 Permanent).
- CP Yellow inflatable buoy laid NE of Cartwright's Point.
- 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 E of Nutgrove Beach.
- O Orange flag mark (RYCT) or an orange buoy with a red band (DSS) approximately NE from Castray Box.
- R Orange inflatable buoy approximately 170m S of Rosny Point (East of Shipping Lane).
- 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.
- ZW Yellow inflatable buoy laid NE of Zinc Works.

ADDITIONAL UPRIVER MARKS

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

10. RESULTS

Official provisional result sheets will be displayed on the official notice board of each club as soon as practical following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet. Results will be published on each club's website as soon as possible after the race.

11. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the BYC, DSS or RYCT by 14:00 on the day following the race. The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

12. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. The time limit for the Midweek Series 1-3 will be 16:00.

13.2. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

14. NUMBER OF CREW

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

15. RETIREMENTS

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

16. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS

16.1. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for announcements by the Race Committee.

16.2. 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 RACE COURSE CARD

