



TASMANIA

LEXUS TASMANIA SHOWDOWN 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Dragon Class

[DP] Discretionary Penalty

[NP] Not protestable by a competitor

1. Organising Authority

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

2. Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

There may be on-water rules observers, who may notify competitors on the water that a rule breach was observed. In this case competitors may consider taking a penalty at the time or initiating a protest. Protests arising from these observations may be initiated by the Protest Committee under RRS 60.3.

3. Entries

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority in accordance with the Notice of Race.

4. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the southern end of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania clubhouse.

5. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 60 minutes prior to the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

6. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania marina entrance.

Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered." This changes *Race Signals*.

7. Schedule of Races

Races are scheduled as follows: There are eight races scheduled over the two days with the warning signal for the first race on Saturday 9 Dec at 1300 hours and at 1200 hours on Sunday 10 Dec.

Subsequent races will be back to back.

The Warning Signal for back to back races will be made not less than five minutes after the last boat has finished the previous race. Competitors are expected to remain afloat and in the vicinity of the starting line.

After a long postponement, or to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound. The orange flag will be displayed for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

8. Class Flag

Class	Flag
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Dragon	Dragon Class Flag
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9. Racing Area

Between a line from Castray Esplanade to Kangaroo Bluff to the North and a line from Crayfish Point to Trywork Point to the South.

10. Course

The course shall be as set out in Attachment 1.

11. Marks

1	Orange inflatable buoy
2	Orange inflatable buoy
Start & Finish Mark	Yellow inflatable buoy with a red band
Change of Course	Yellow inflatable buoy

12. The Start

The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark.

[DP] [NP] A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

Information may be relayed to competitors using VHF Channel 14.

13. Change of Course After the Start

A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. This changes Rule 33.

14. Shortening Course

The course may be shortened at the end of the first lap by the display of code flag S with two sound signals on the Committee vessel. Boats shall sail through the Finishing line. This changes rule 32.2.

15. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a pole displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the finishing mark.

Flag L when flown from a race committee boat at the Finish shall mean **Another Race will start as soon as practical**. This changes Race Signals.

16. Time Limit

[NP] The time limit will be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35.

17. Penalties

Rule 44.1 is amended so that one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required unless the infringement occurs in the zone or if the boat infringed is from another fleet when the two-turns penalty will apply.

18. Protests

Protests shall be delivered to the race office within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish for the last race of the day.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

Appendix T – Arbitration will apply to this regatta amended so that an arbitrator may form part of a protest committee in a subsequent hearing.

19. Electronic Communications

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive electronic communications while racing which are not available to all boats. This includes mobile phones. Race information may be broadcast on VHF Ch 14.

20. Scoring

Three races will constitute a series. Where six or more races are completed a boat's worst score will be excluded. Where fewer than six races are completed there will be no discard. This changes Appendix A.2.

21. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as per the Notice of Race.

22. Responsibility

All those taking part in the 2023 Showdown races do so at their own risk and responsibility. RYCT is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 which states. ***The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.***

Attachment 1

Course



Start/Finish

Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish

Marks 1 and 2 are to be left to port.