



THE ROYAL
YACHT CLUB
OF TASMANIA



2024 SHOWDOWN REGATTA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Off-the-Beach Classes

[DP] Discretionary Penalty

[NP] Not protestable by a competitor

1. Organising Authority

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

2. Rules

As per NoR 1.

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

As per NoR 3.

4. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the OTB Centre of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

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 OTB Centre of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered." This changes *Race Signals*.

[NP] [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

7. Schedule of Races

Races are scheduled as follows: There are seven races scheduled over the two days with the warning signal for the first race on Saturday 7 Dec at 1300 hours and Sunday 8 Dec at 12:00.

Subsequent races will be back to back.

[NP] The Warning Signal for back to back races will be made not less than five (5) 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. Division Flags

Division flags will be:

Division	Warning Signal	Classes
One	One	ILCA 6
Two	Two	Optimist, Opti Intermediate
Three	Three	Sabot, ILCA 4
Four	Four	Sabre
Five	Five	Cadet, Flying 11
Six	Six	B14, 29er
Seven	Seven	Waszp, Moth
Eight	Green	Green Fleet

9. Racing Area

Course area will be between Battery Point and Bellerive Bluff.

10. Courses

Courses shall be as described in Attachment 1. Green Fleet courses will be advised by coaches depending on the weather conditions. Course Number will be displayed on a course board on the Race Committee Boat.

11. Marks

Marks shall be as described in Attachment 1.

12. The Start

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Division flag, 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, U or Black, 1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory removed, 1 long sound	1
Starting	Division flag removed, 1 sound	0

This changes RRS 26. The Race Committee may choose to start two or more Divisions at the same time. This will be indicated by the display of the two or more Division flags at the Warning signal. Divisions may be started out of numerical order.

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

[DP] [NP] A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. [NP] A boat starting later than three (3) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

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. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a pole displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the Finish mark as described in Attachment 1.

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.

15. Time Limit (NP)

The time limit will be 60 minutes for all Classes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat in its Class or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35.

16. Protests

Protests shall be delivered to the race office within 45 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 arbiter may form part of a subsequent protest committee.

17. Scoring

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

18. Sign On, Sign Off

All competitors launching from and returning to RYCT shall sign on at the OTB Centre before going afloat and sign off there within one hour of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today.

Boats sailing directly to the start area from their club or not returning to RYCT and proceeding directly from the finish area to their respective clubs shall sign on and off by notifying the Race Committee boat.

[DP][NP] All boats shall sign on prior to their start at the Committee Boat for their course area once it is on station for starting.

Failure to sign on ashore will result in that boat being penalised five (5) places for the first race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Failure to sign off ashore shall result in that boat being penalised five (5) places for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a hearing.

This changes Rule 63.1.

19. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

20. Responsibility

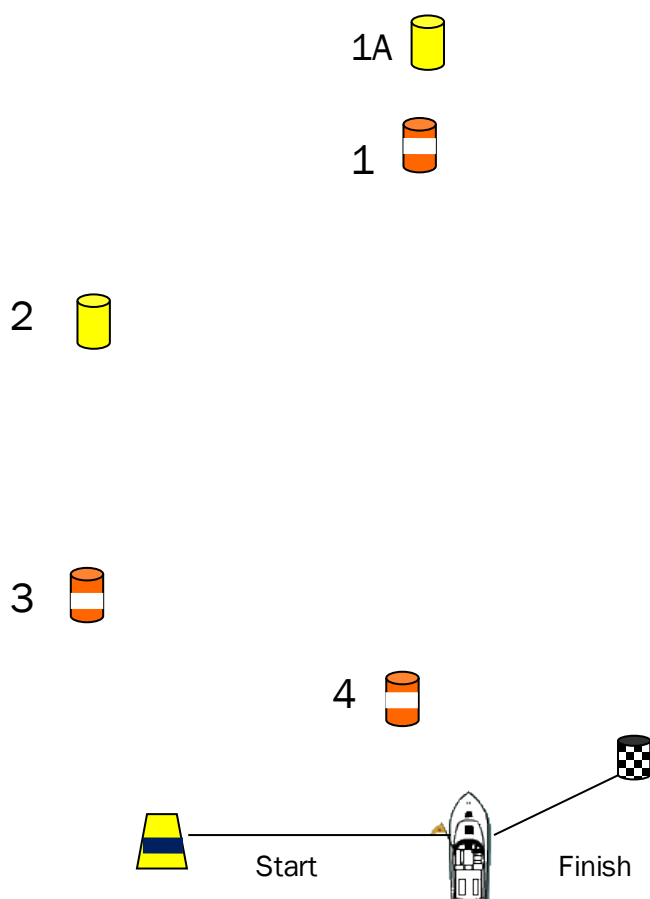
All those taking part in the 2024 Showdown races do so at their own risk and responsibility. RYCT, its Directors, sponsors or volunteers are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 which states

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

Attachment 1 Courses and Mark Descriptions

This diagram shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Mark 1A will be approximately 900 metres from Mark 4. Mark 1 will be approximately 600 metres from Mark 4.



Course Marks

Marks 1, 3 & 4 will be orange and white inflatables. Marks 1A & 2 will be yellow inflatables. Marks 1, 1A, 2, 3 & 4 will be left to port.

The Start mark will be a yellow inflatable with a blue band.

The Finish mark will be a black & white chequered inflatable.

Change of course Mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable with a black band and Mark 1A will be an orange inflatable.

Green Fleet marks will be yellow training buoys.

Course Number will be displayed on a course board on the Race Committee Boat.

Course 2

Optimist, Sabot:

Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - Finish (2 Laps)

ILCA 4:

Start - 1A - 4 - 1 - 4 - Finish (2 Laps)

Cadet, F11:

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish

Sabre:

Start - 1A - 2 - 4 - 1A - 4 - Finish

ILCA 6 & 7:

Start - 1A - 4 - 1A - 4 - Finish (2 Laps)

B14, 29er, Waszp, Moth:

Start - 1A - 4 - 1A - 4 - 1A - 4 - Finish (3 Laps)

Course 3

Optimist, Sabot:

Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - Finish (2 Laps)

Cadet, F11, ILCA 4:

Start - 1A - 4 - 1 - 4 - Finish (2 Laps)

Sabre:

Start - 1A - 4 - 1A - 4 - Finish (2 Laps)

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