

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS V1

1. RULES

- 1.1. As stated in the NoR.
- 1.2. Race signal AP is changed so that the warning signal may be made at any time after it has been lowered. When lowered ashore the RC will allow 10 minutes for boats to launch off the beach.
- 1.3. Provided the flag remains on the buoy there shall be no penalty when a boat touches any part of a flag which does not surround the staff of a mark. This amends RRS 44.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board <https://sscabc.com.au/vtsc/>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Written changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Notice Board 5 minutes before the first warning signal of the races they affect.
- 3.2. After this time, race officers or umpires may communicate a change to the sailing instructions on the water by telling teams, usually the team captains.

4. BOATS

- 4.1. Boats will be provided and allocated by the Organising Authority.
- 4.2. The race committee shall determine whether mains will be reefed or not.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. All signals made ashore will also be displayed on the Notice Board.

6. DAILY SCHEDULE

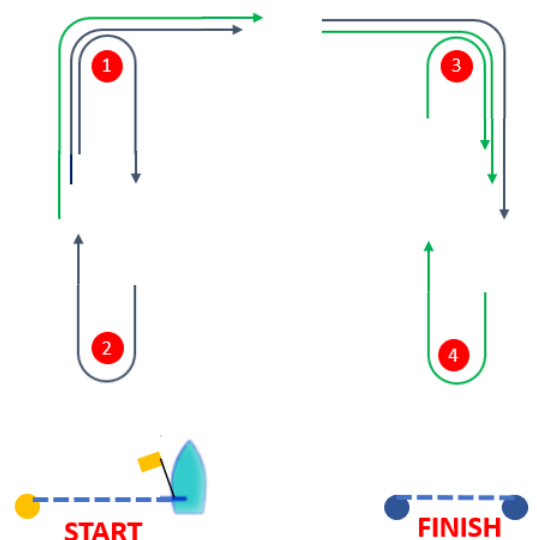
Arrive - All help register and Rig / Marks	9:00
Competitor Information Session #	9:30
Racing - First Warning Signal	10:00

7. MARKS

Marks will be buoys with flags or a Race Committee Vessel at the start line

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. Course with two parallel windward leeward legs, starboard roundings and downwind finish.
 - Course 1** Start - 1-3-4 - 3-Finish
 - Course 2** Start - 1-2 - 1-3-Finish
- 8.2. The course to be sailed will correspond to the numeral pennant used as the warning signal.
- 8.3. The angles between marks may vary. The race committee may change a leg of the course before boats begin that leg without signalling a change of course. This changes rule 33.
- 8.4. Rule 27.2 is changed so that a Starting mark may be moved before the 1-minute signal.



9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and an orange starting mark.
- 9.2. Races will be started by using Signals in **bold**. When an Auto-Hooter sound signal is used, the timing shall be taken from the sound signals. This changes Rule 26.

Signal	Mins B4 start	Sound / Hooter	AUTO HOOTER Sounds	Flag – accompanied by 1 sound
Warning	3	1 Short	<i>Short cheep every 10 secs.</i>	Course Flag displayed
Preparatory	2	1 Short	<i>Long cheep at 15,</i>	Code Flag P displayed
1 Min	1	1 Long	<i>Short cheeps at, 5s, 4s, 3s, 2s, 1s</i>	Code Flag P removed
Start		1 Short		Course Flag removed

- 9.3. OCS boats may also be identified by hailing. A hail not being made or failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rules 29.1 and 41.
- 9.4. In rule 29.1 "four minutes" is replaced with "two minutes" When a boat does not start within 2 minutes of her starting signal she shall be scored 4 points.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between two finishing marks.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1. Time limits for protests, scoring enquiries, requests for redress and re-opening of hearings are changed in rules 61.3, 62.2 as follows:
- Boats intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee, or the Umpires, immediately upon completion of that race or if that is not possible at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident or the reason for the redress request, giving details about the boats being protested or the form of redress being sought.
 - Teams are required to check their scores at the first reasonable opportunity, which is usually before going afloat again. Scoring enquiries and any subsequent requests for redress must be made to the changeover dock at the first reasonable opportunity.
 - Requests to re-open a hearing must be made within 10 minutes of being informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. After any contact between boats, all boats involved shall inspect their boat for damage and shall report both the contact and any damage to the race umpire and follow the damage assessment instructions. A breach of this SI will result in that boat having 3 points added to her score without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1 and D3.1 (a).
- 12.2. A boat that loses any equipment shall have 3 points added to her score. This changes rules 63.1 and D3.1 (a).

- 12.3. When RRS D2 applies and the race umpires together with one other umpire (when available) decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team by half a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with RRS D3.1(d) (the penalty from a hearing may be higher). This amends RRS 63.1
- 12.4. When the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 2, has had no effect on the outcome of a race, it may make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty. This amends RRS 64.1 and D3.1.

13. CHANGEOVERS

In accordance with the draw, a team shall be ready to changeover and stationed at the designated changeover point. [DP]

ANNEXURE A - BOAT HANDLING RULES [DP]

1. General

- 1.1. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise boats, variations will not be grounds for redress (amends Rule 62).
- 1.2. Immediately after changeover competitors shall inspect their boat and ensure that the front bumper is fully operational and report any breakdowns to the race committee.
- 1.3. All teams, unless excused, shall share the work of positioning, rigging, de-rigging, cleaning, securing and storing the boats and shall comply with any related Race Committee request.
- 1.4. Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule, handing over their boat as empty of water as practical and in racing trim and without interfering with any race in progress.

2. Prohibited Items and Actions

- 2.1. The following are prohibited:
- o The adjustment or use of equipment or fittings for a purpose other than that intended.
 - o Any additions or alterations of equipment supplied, other than as allowed in 3.1

3. Permitted Items and Actions

- 3.1. Competitors shall not modify the boats in any way except that:
- o Wind indicators may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
 - o Additional bailers may be used.
 - o Provided rules 41 and D1.1 (g) are not breached, electronic devices are permitted.
 - o Spare protest flags may be carried.