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# 141<sup>st</sup> Sailing Season

## OFF THE BEACH

06/09/2025  
Thru to  
28/03/2026

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## (SI)

Including **amendment 1 & 2**

ORGANISING AUTHORITY  
ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD  
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## INTRODUCTION

This is the 141<sup>st</sup> Sailing Season at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. Seasons racing has been a regular part of the Squadrons activities during that period, first on the Brisbane River, and then on the bay, predating the clubs move to its current location in Manly.

Off the Beach and Etchells Sailing at the Squadron encompasses a range of classes on a number of courses, with Saturdays sometimes featuring several different varieties of sailing occurring over the day and on the bay.

**Off the Beach** refers to dinghies, catamarans, boards, VX One and skiffs. Most of this racing is one-design (OD) and the club has long fostered strong OD classes. There is also an element of Yardstick (VYC – Class Based Handicapped) for boats that do not have enough entries to constitute a division.

As a parallel to Off the Beach racing, the Squadron's Etchells fleet also races on Saturdays, sharing the Northern Course with the Finns, Multihulls, OK Dinghies, Skiffs, VX Ones.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes RRS 60.5 and RRS 64.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the NoR and/or SIs means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing per RRS60.5(b)(3).

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS Appendix B will apply to all windsurfing classes.
- 1.3. The applicable class rules will apply.
  - 1.3.1.[DP][NP] Sailors in the Nacra 15 class shall wear a suitable helmet at all times while racing.
- 1.4. The Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 will apply (See Attachment C).
- 1.5. For Etchell Class Boat NoR 1.4 is amended to "AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply".
- 1.6. RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.8. RRS Appendix P may be applied at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 2. SCHEDULE

- 2.1. Opening Day of the 141<sup>st</sup> Season (2025 – 2026) shall be on Saturday 30 August 2025.
- 2.2. Racing will be conducted on Saturdays for Off the Beach classes as per the [Online Sailing Program](#).
- 2.3. Seasons Points races will be every race of the Season.
- 2.4. Squadron Championships races will be as per the [Online Sailing Program](#).
- 2.5.

Race	First Warning Signal
Northern Course	1300 hours
Southern Course	1330 hours
27 September 2025 Northern Course	1200 hours
27 September 2025 Southern Course	1230 hours

- 2.6. A maximum of 2 races shall be sailed per day of racing.
- 2.7. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 2.8. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

## 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks.
- 3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### 4. CLASS FLAGS

4.1. Class flags shall be:

<b>Fleet</b>	<b>Flag</b>
<b>Northern Course</b>	
Etchells	White with Blue Class Insignia
Finn	White with Blue Finn Class Insignia
Nacra 15	White with Blue Class Insignia
Hobie 16	Blue with Black Class Insignia
OK Dinghy	White with Red OK Dinghy Insignia
VX One	White with Black Class Insignia
12ft, 14ft, 16ft and 18ft Skiffs	Yellow and Blue 12ft Class Flag
29er	White with Red 29er Class Insignia
Northern Mixed Fleet	Yellow Flag
Northern Mixed Catamaran	Code Flag E
<b>Southern Course</b>	
ILCA 7	White with Red Class Insignia
ILCA 6	Green with Red Class Insignia
ILCA 4	Yellow with Red Class Insignia
Sailboards	White with Red Bic Techno Class Insignia
Flying 11	White with Blue Class Insignia
RS Feva	White with Black & Pink Class Insignia
RS 200	Code Flag E
Optimist and Sabot	White with Optimist Black Insignia
Southern Mixed Fleet	Yellow Flag

#### 5. COURSES

- 5.1. The diagrams in SI Attachment C shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 5.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

#### 6. MARKS

- 6.1. Marks are described SI Attachment C.
- 6.2. If one of the gate marks is missing, then the remaining mark shall be left to port.

#### 7. THE START

- 7.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 7.2. [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 7.3. A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 8. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 8.1. When Sailing Courses I2a, I3a, O1a, O2a, O3a, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. All other courses to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 8.2. Northern Course Windward/Leeward Only: If Mark 1 is changed Mark 1A will be ignored.

## 9. THE FINISH

- 9.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## 10. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 10.1. The Race Target Time, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Target Time	Finishing Window	Finishing Window Optimist and Flying 11
40 minutes	15 minutes	25 minutes

- 10.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 10.3. The time limit for the first boat in each class will be 60 minutes.
- 10.4. Failure to meet the Time Limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

## 11. HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 11.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at <https://www.rqys.com.au/documents-auditing/> or hard copies can be requested from the RQYS Sailing Office (adjacent to Main Rigging Lawn).
- 11.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and place advised on the hearing notice.

## **12. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 12.1. All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). The sign on will be available near the Sailing Office & Rigging Lawn 2.
- 12.2. [SP] Failure to SIGN ON shall result in that boat being penalised three (3) points for the first race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Failure to SIGN OFF shall result in that boat being penalised three (3) points for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a hearing.
- 12.3. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
  - 12.3.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
  - 12.3.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
- 12.4. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 12.5. No sailing vessel shall berth on or impede traffic to/from the RQYS fuel dock without permission from the RQYS Sailing or Marina Office.
- 12.6. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore.
- 12.7. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **13. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 13.1. Vessel entries may change sails and equipment throughout the season and retain points if they remain in the same division (a change of details / equipment form must be submitted and approved before the change is made).
- 13.2. If a skipper changes boat, classes or divisions, points for their season entry will remain with the boat, class / division they received these points in.
- 13.3. Boats intending to race with a sail number other than stipulated on their entry shall complete the Change of Details Form prior to racing. Failure to comply may result in the boat being scored DNC without a hearing for all races on that day. This changes RRS 60.5(b), A4 and A5.
  - 13.3.1. Online Change of Details form can be found here:  
<https://www.rqys.com.au/documents-auditing/>

## **14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 14.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 14.2. [DP][NP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **15. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 15.1. Official vessels will be identified by displaying a white flag with letters 'RC' or 'J' in black or red 'MEDIA'.
- 15.2. Club Coaches may provide advice to any competitor during club racing but not in races for which Squadron Championship points shall be awarded.

## **16. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 16.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## 17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 17.2. All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats, and any Class Rules that may apply. The Squadron encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armour, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 17.1 of the Sailing Instructions.

## 18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

## SI ATTACHMENT A

### **Most Consistent Skipper in a Junior Class**

~ Harold Dean Memorial Trophy ~

### **Best Result at a National Regatta**

~ Vidgen Perpetual Trophy ~

### **Most Improved Junior Skipper**

~ T E Passey Trophy ~

### **Junior Sailor of the Year**

~ Lady Stonehaven Challenge Cup ~

### **Youth Sailor of the Year**

~ W A O'Hare Memorial Trophy ~

### **Squadron Champion for an Olympic Class**

~ Astra Trophy ~

### **Longest Serving Member of a Season Points Winner**

~ The Governor's Trophy ~

### **Most Consistent Skipper in a Senior Class**

~ Callisto Cup – AM Greenfield Trophy ~

### **Most Consistent Contributor**

~ Maurice Tilley Perpetual Trophy ~

### **Corinthian Yachtsman of the Year**

~ Model Elliott ~

### **Best Performing Female Crew**

~ Erica Blumson Trophy ~

### **Best Performance in an Olympic Class**

~ John H Robinson Memorial Trophy ~

### **Leading Forward Hand**

~ Past Commodore Greg Clarke Trophy ~

### **Keelboat Crew of the Year**

~ E Sparkes Trophy ~

### **Sailor of the Year**

~ Hardy Brothers Jewellers Trophy ~

## SI ATTACHMENT B

### SAFETY FIRST

As part of a national incentive by Australian Sailing, RQYS has adopted 'Whole of Fleet' Safety Audits appropriate to your race category.

#### **So why extend equipment audits to all of our fleet?**

The simple answer is compliance and good safety practice within the club. We have a Duty of Care to those participating in RQYS events and this extends beyond RQYS responsibility to boat owners and skippers.

Nationally, self audits have not, in the majority of cases, been completed to a satisfactory standard and it is our intention to engender into our sailors a culture of safety which benefits us all.

Chris Morgan, a division yacht owner and Queensland's Senior Sailing Australia Equipment Safety Auditor, has agreed to undertake the management of this program alongside the sailing office.

- All yacht owners and off the beach boats will be required to complete the appropriate Sailing Australia category form applicable to the club racing they intend to enter.  
[Off the Beach Audit](#) (most recent version at May 2024)  
[AS SR Safety Equipment Checklists](#)
- Owners will then be required to contact an RQYS / Class approved fleet auditor(s) to arrange an inspection and sign off.

It is not our intention to be heavy handed and disqualify boats that do not have an audited form on race day, however boats without a valid audit will not receive posted results until a valid audit is supplied, this is in the spirit of building a culture of safety in the club from the juniors up.

If you are interested in becoming an auditor please contact the Sailing Office or Local Class Association.

#### **RQYS SAFETY INSPECTORS for Off the Beach Boat**

##### **ILCA**

Greg Kemp  
Jan Kemp  
George Meikle  
**Optimist**  
Greg Kemp  
Jan Kemp  
Mick Patrick  
Simon Tribe

##### **RS Dinghy**

Simon Tribe  
**Multihull**  
Colin Bilston  
Andrew Warneke  
Chris Davey  
**VXONE**  
Greg Kemp  
Jan Kemp

##### **FINN**

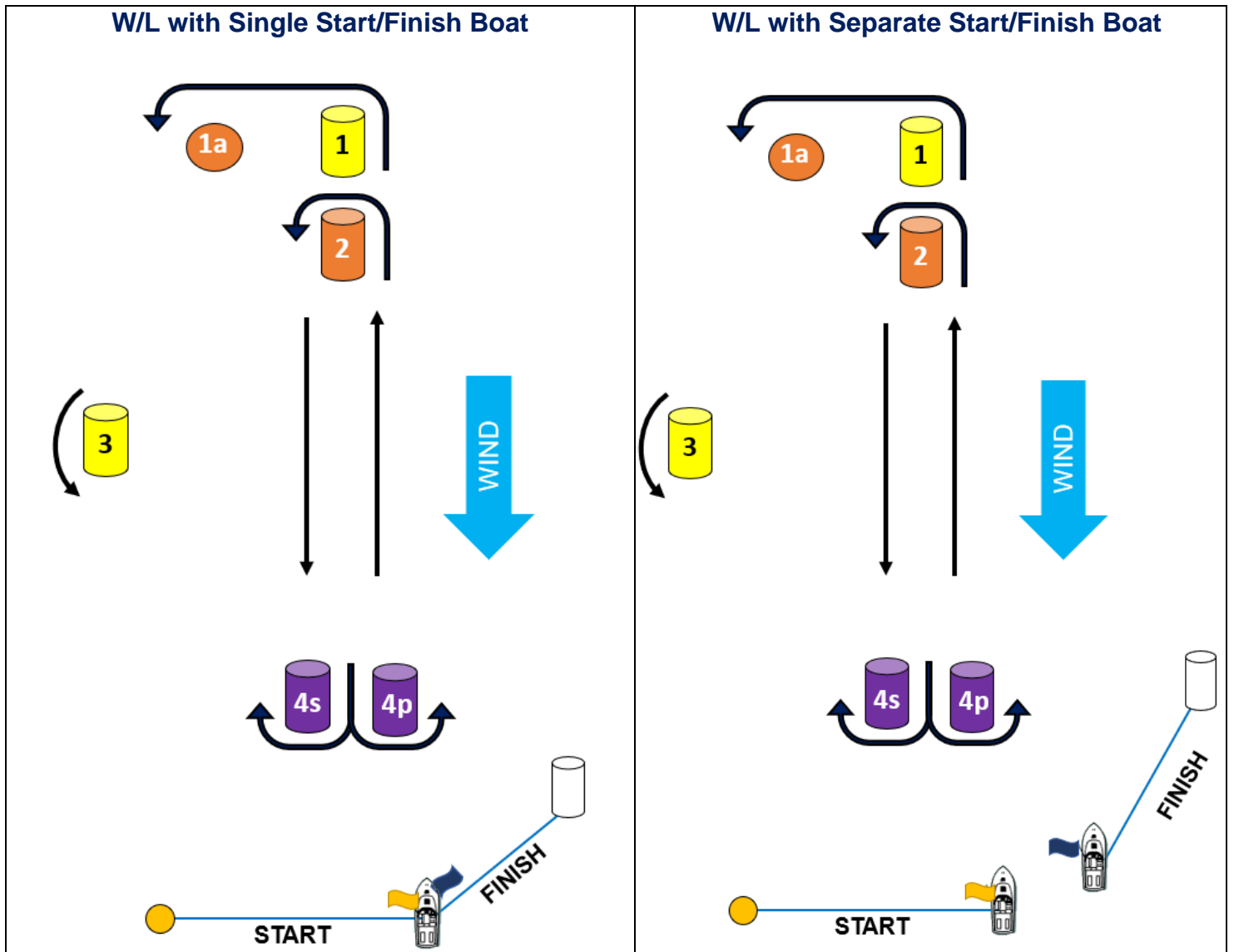
Stuart Watson  
Craig Padman  
**Flying 11**  
Mick Patrick  
**Windsurfing**  
Scott Luxton  
**9er**  
Simon Albrey  
Mick Patrick

(Classes may approve other Inspectors)

SI ATTACHMENT C

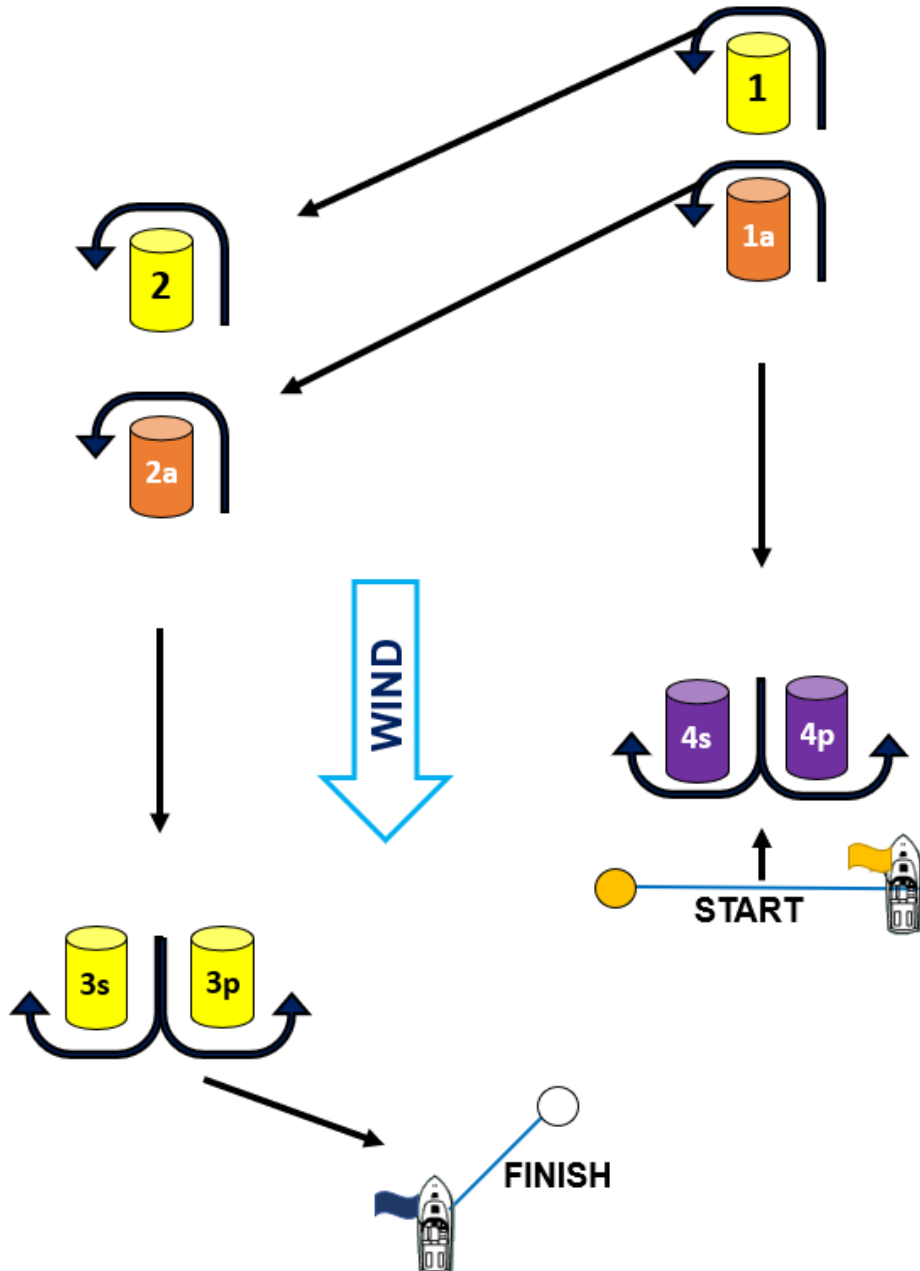
Northern Course Windward / Leeward

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
LA1	Start – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	Mark 1 & Mark 3: Yellow Inflatable
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	Mark 2: Orange Inflatable
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	Marks 4s/4p: Purple Inflatable
L1	Start – 2 – 4p – Finish	Start Pin & 1a: Orange teardrop
L2	Start – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4p – Finish	Finish Pin: White Inflatable
L3	Start – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4p – Finish	Change Mark: Mark 1: White Inflatable Mark 2: Purple Inflatable
T1	Start – 2 – 3 – 4p – Finish	
T2	Start – 2 – 3 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4p – Finish	
T3	Start – 2 – 3 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 3 – 4p – Finish	



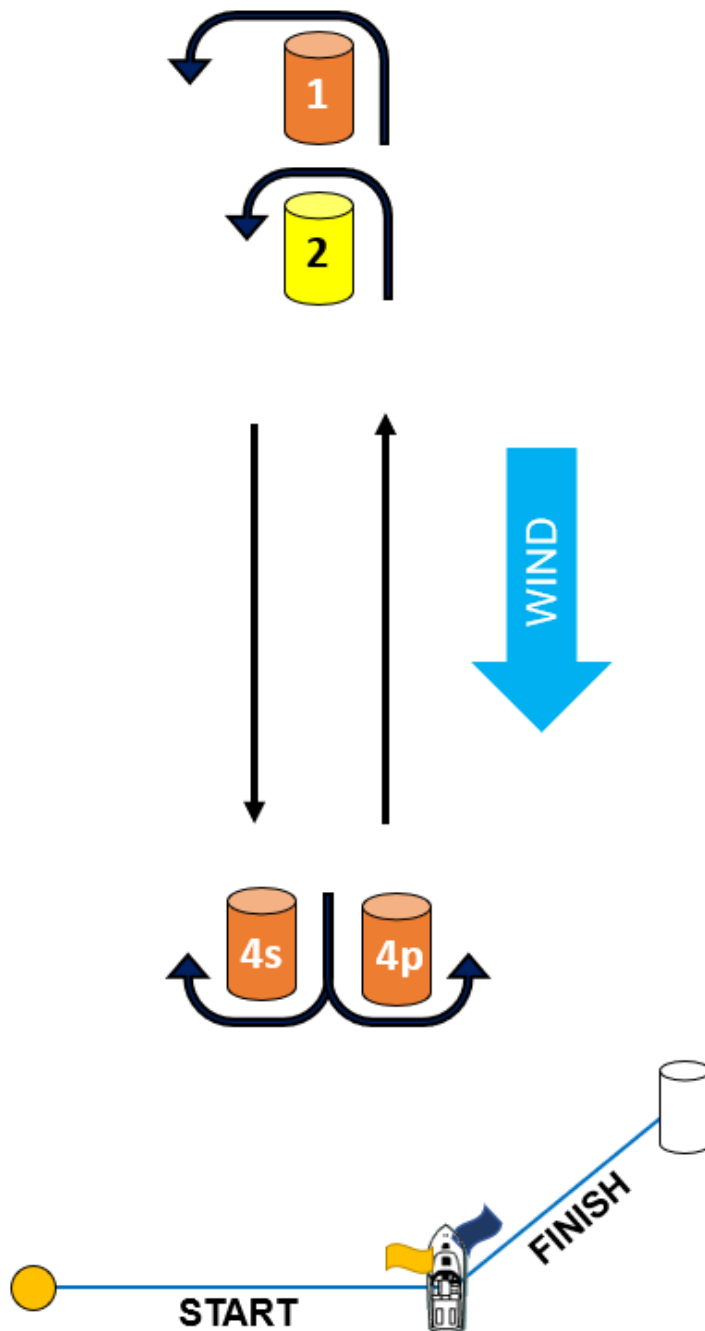
## Northern Course Trapezoid

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
I2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish	<b>Marks 1, 2 &amp; 3s/3p:</b> Yellow Inflatables <b>Marks 1a &amp; 2a:</b> Orange Inflatables <b>Marks 4s/4p:</b> Purple Inflatables <b>Start pin:</b> Orange Teardrops <b>Finish pin:</b> White Inflatable <b>Change Mark:</b> Purple Inflatable
I3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish	
I2a	Start – 1a – 4s/4p – 1a – 2a – 3p – Finish	
I3a	Start – 1a – 4s/4p – 1a – 4s/4p – 1a – 2a – 3p – Finish	
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish	
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – Finish	
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – Finish	
O1a	Start – 1a – 2a – 3p – Finish	
O2a	Start – 1a – 2a – 3s/3p – 2a – 3p – Finish	
O3a	Start – 1a – 2a – 3s/3p – 2a – 3s/3p – 2a – 3p – Finish	



### Southern Course Windward/Return

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
LA1	Start – 1 – 4p – Finish	Marks 1 & 4s/4p: Orange Inflatables
LA2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4p – Finish	Mark 2: Yellow Inflatable
LA3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4p – Finish	Start Pin: Orange Teardrop
L1	Start – 2 – 4p – Finish	Finish Pin: White Inflatable
L2	Start – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4p – Finish	Change Mark: Mark 1: White Inflatable Mark 2: Purple Inflatable
L3	Start – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4p – Finish	



## Southern Course Trapezoid

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
I2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish	<b>Marks 1, 2 &amp; 4s/4p:</b> Orange Inflatables <b>Marks 1a, 2a &amp; 3s/3p:</b> Yellow Inflatables <b>Start &amp; Finish pin:</b> Orange Teardrops <b>Change Mark:</b> White Inflatable
I3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish	
I2a	Start – 1a – 4s/4p – 1a – 2a – 3p – Finish	
I3a	Start – 1a – 4s/4p – 1a – 4s/4p – 1a – 2a – 3p – Finish	
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish	
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – Finish	
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – Finish	
O1a	Start – 1a – 2a – 3p – Finish	
O2a	Start – 1a – 2a – 3s/3p – 2a – 3p – Finish	
O3a	Start – 1a – 2a – 3s/3p – 2a – 3s/3p – 2a – 3p – Finish	

