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# **RQYS School Teams Racing Term 1 2026**

22 February – 15 March 2026  
(4 weeks)

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

Organising Authority  
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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.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Where there is a difference between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) the SI take precedence.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix D (Team Racing Rules) will apply.
  - 1.3 (a) RRS Appendix D2 may apply subject to resourcing.
- 1.4 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply (Time Limit for changes to race scores) and is amended to "... more than 72 hours after...".

## 2. SCHEDULE

2.1.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 22 February, 01 & 08 March 2026	Division 2 Briefing at RQYS Windsurfing Centre	0815 hrs
	Division 2 First Warning Signal	0900 hrs
	Division 1 Briefing at RQYS Windsurfing Centre	1200 hrs
	Division 1 First Warning Signal	1300 hrs
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Sunday 15 March 2026	Division 2 Briefing at RQYS Windsurfing Centre	0815 hrs
	Division 2 First Warning Signal	0900 hrs
	Division 2 Presentation location TBA	After Racing
	Division 1 Briefing at RQYS Windsurfing Centre	1200 hrs
	Division 1 First Warning Signal	1300 hrs
	Division 1 Presentation location TBA	After Racing

- 2.2 On all scheduled race days, no warning signal for Division 2 will be made after 1230 hrs and for Division 1 1630 hrs.

## 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the RQYS Windsurfing Centre for excellence near the beach access gate.
- 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. The Class flag is the Pacer Class flag.

## 5. COURSES

- 5.1. The diagram in SI Attachment A shows the course, 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.

## 6. MARKS

- 6.1. Marks are as described in SI Attachment A.

## 7. THE START

7.1. Races will be started as described below. This changes RRS 26.

7.1.1. Audible signals shall govern the start.

7.1.2. The race number shall be displayed on the start boat prior to the warning signal.

7.1.3. The starting sequence shall be:

SIGNAL	TIME BEFORE STARTING SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL	VISUAL INDICATION FLAGS
Warning	3 Minutes	3 Long	3 Blue Flags
Preparatory	2 Minutes	2 Long	2 Blue Flags
One (1) Minute	1 Minute	1 Long	1 Blue Flag
	30 Seconds	3 Short	
	20 Seconds	2 Short	
	10 Seconds	1 Short	
	5 Seconds	1 Short	
	4 Seconds	1 Short	
	3 Seconds	1 Short	
	2 Seconds	1 Short	
	1 Second	1 Short	
Start	0 Seconds	1 Long	All Blue Flags Lowered

7.1.1. Signals shall be timed from the beginning of the sound signal.

7.1.2. Failure to hear the signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

7.1.3. Visual indication flags shall be raised and lowered from the start boat to indicate the time before the start. Failure or mistiming of an indication flag shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

7.2. 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.

7.3. [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

7.4. A boat that does not start within two minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS D3.

## 8. THE FINISH

8.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## 9. TIME LIMITS

9.1. Boats not finishing within 5 minutes of the first boat shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and RRS D3.

## 10. HEARING REQUESTS

10.1. Boats intending to protest or seek redress other than under RRS D2.2(a) shall notify the race committee or the umpires of that intent immediately on completion of that race including the type of redress being sought.

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

- 11.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 11.2. 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 RQYS Windsurfing Centre for Excellence.
- 11.3. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
  - 11.3.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.**
  - 11.3.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
- 11.4. No sailing vessel shall berth on or impede traffic to/from the RQYS fuel dock without permission from the RQYS Sailing or Marina Office.
- 11.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 11.6. Pacers must be towed in and out of the harbour when conditions dictate. This will be indicated by flying code flag V from the official flagpole.

## **12. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **13. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 13.1. Official vessels will be identified by displaying a white flag or sticker with black letters 'RC' or 'J' or white flag with red letters 'MEDIA' or 'M'.

## **14. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 14.1. No support or coach boats are allowed within 50 metres of the course, unless asked to assist by the race officer. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement shall be at the discretion of the Jury and may result in the disqualification of all boats associated with the offending coach boat.
- 14.2. In the event of extreme conditions and if code flag "V" is flying from the committee boat, all Patrol and Support boats are to follow the requests of the Race Committee for their course on VHF Channel 77 (as per RRS 37).
- 14.3. Speed around the course shall be kept to a minimum with the boats engine to be in NEUTRAL when around sailors/people in the water.
- 14.4. Maximum speed whilst in the Harbour shall be 6 knots except in emergency situations.
- 14.5. In the case of a medical emergency, the vessel offering the First Aid, shall report the details to the Sailing Office on VHF Channel 77 "RQ77" and proceed to the "Fuel Pontoon" where RQYS Staff shall be on hand to assist.

## **15. TRASH DISPOSAL**

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

## 16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. 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.**
- 16.2. 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 16.1 of the Notice of Race.

## 17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. 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

COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish	<b>Mark 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4:</b> Pink Flag on float
	<b>Start/Finish Pin:</b> Orange Flag with Black Stripe on float

