
Sail Port Stephens – Off the Beach

*Join us at the Bay Sailing Centre April 24th &
25th for the Off the Beach racing component of
Sail Port Stephens 2021.*

*Racing will be conducted from 12.30pm each
day in front of the Bay Sailing Centre
Clubhouse.*

*Racing will be windward/leeward format and
will include the Olympic Finn division, an Open
division and a Junior division.*



Startline at Sail Sydney - photo © Robin Evans 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club
- 1.2 The Venue will be the Bay Sailing Centre at Seaview Crescent, Soldier's Point

2 RULES

- 2.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 2.2 Appendix P5 shall apply in accordance with IFA Class Rules C.1.1. (1) and C.1.1. (2)
- 2.3 When wind speeds are averaging more than 12 knots, the Race Committee may fly Code Flag O, which overrides Rule 42.
- 2.4 If conditions alter and wind speed drops below 12 knots, the Race Committee vessel and/or Mark Boat, may fly Code Flag R accompanied by repeated sound signals. This is to indicate to competitors that Rule 42 now applies.

3 DAILY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Before leaving the shore, each helmsperson shall sign on at the sign on/off registration desk located near the entry door to the clubhouse.
- 3.2 After returning to shore, each helmsperson shall sign off at the sign on/off registration desk.
- 3.3 Sign off shall be completed within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the session.
- 3.4 Boats whose helmsperson fails to sign on before leaving shore and up to the Warning Signal may be penalised without a hearing an additional five (5) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the first race in which they should have signed on. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 3.5 Boats whose helmsperson fails to sign off before the end of the protest time may be penalised without hearing by the addition of five (5) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the last race for which they should have signed off. This changes RRS 63.1.

4 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event webpage – <https://baysailingcentre.com.au/regattas/sail-port-stephens-otb/>
- 4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located on the balcony at the Bay Sailing Centre clubhouse.

5 IDENTIFICATION

- 5.1 Boats will be identified by their Sail Number.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 There shall be a maximum of three races (3) races per day.
- 6.2 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.

6.3 The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, 24 th April 2021	1000 -1100 hrs	Registration
	1100 hrs	Competitor Briefing out the front of Bay Sailing Centre boatshed
	1230 hrs	First Warning Signal (up to x3 races)
Sunday, 25 th April 2021	1030 hrs	First Warning Signal (up to x3 races)
	1500 hrs	Latest Warning Signal
	ASAP after racing	Prizegiving Ceremony at the Bay Sailing Centre clubhouse

**The OA may make changes to this schedule at any time.*

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The intended racing area will be at Port Stephens in the vicinity of the Bay Sailing Centre.

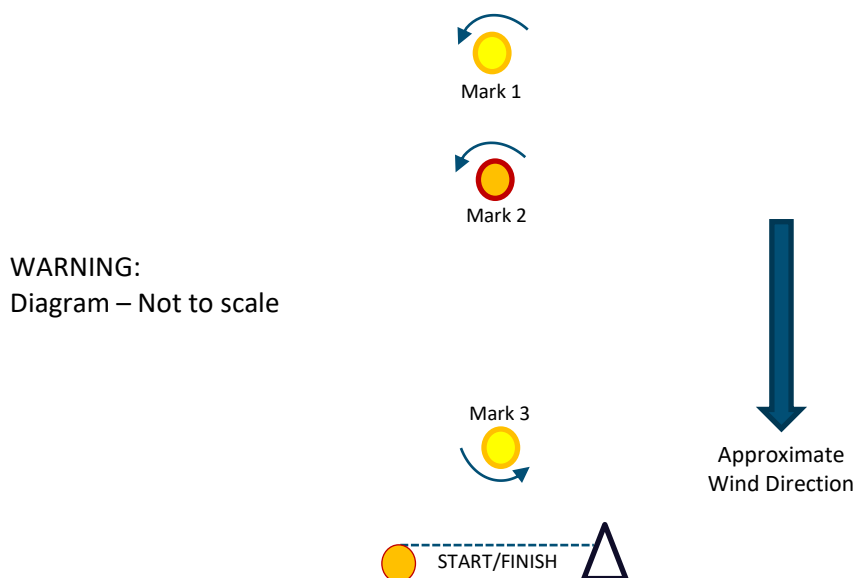
8 COURSE

8.1 The courses shall be windward/leeward configurations.

8.2 All marks shall be rounded to port.

8.3 The course will be as follows -

Warning Signal	Division	Course
Code Flag "F"	Finn	Start – Mark 1 (P) – Mark 3 (P) – Mark 1 (P) – Finish
Code Flag "W"	Open	Start – Mark 2 (P) – Mark 3 (P) – Mark 2 (P) – Finish
Code Flag "K"	Junior	Start – Mark 2 (P) – Finish



9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 & 3 will be yellow buoys.

9.2 The Mark 2 and the Start/Finish Mark will be orange buoys.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be a straight line between the port end Mark and an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel.
- 10.2 Start signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.3 The Warning Signal will be the Class Flag of each division.
- 10.4 A boat shall start not later than 5 minutes after her start signal.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the Start/Finish Mark and an Orange Flag on the Race Committee Vessel.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The target time for the first boat to finish will be approximately 45 minutes.
- 12.2 The Finishing Window will be 15 minutes, that is, within fifteen minutes of the first boat to finish.
- 12.3 Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This Changes RRS 35.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Arbitration may be implemented as per Appendix T.
- 13.2 The Protest Time Limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day for her division.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 There will be a maximum of three (3) races per day.
- 14.2 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A5.2 will apply.
- 14.3 If fewer than six races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores.
- 14.4 If six races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast, for any purpose and in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed competitors in each division at the Prizegiving Ceremony on the last day of racing.
- 16.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those participating in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Competitors must acknowledge this prior to competing and release the OA and its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability by signing a form provided by the OA.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

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