



INTERGALACTIC CHAMPIONSHIP 2022
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
BAY SAILING CENTRE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) of World Sailing (WS).
- 1.2. RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.
- 1.3. RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.4. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.5. For infringements of rules other than in Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may award a penalty less than disqualification.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which will be the event webpage – <https://baysailingcentre.com.au/regattas/rs-aero-2022/>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start time of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag poles at the northern end of the Bay Sailing Centre
- 4.2. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed'. Boats shall not go afloat until this signal is made.
- 4.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, it means that the display of flag D onshore is postponed. Flag D will be displayed shortly after flag AP is removed. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.4. When flag AP or flag D is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date of Event	Event	Location	Time
Saturday, 2 nd April 2022	Registration	Bay Sailing Centre	0830-0930 hrs
	Competitor Briefing		0930 hrs
	First Warning Signal	Port Stephens	1100 hrs
	Social dinner	Soldiers Point Bowling Club	1800 hrs
Sunday, 3 rd April 2022	First Warning Signal	Port Stephens	0930 hrs
	Prizegiving Ceremony	Bay Sailing Centre	ASAP after racing

- 5.2. The race committee may modify the programme due to extreme weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first scheduled race.
- 5.3. No more than four races will be sailed in any one day.
- 5.4. In the event of a race being recalled, restarted, re-sailed or abandoned the next race sailed will be that race with subsequent races being sailed thereafter in their scheduled order.

- 5.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs unless fewer than two races have been completed by that time, when no warning signal shall be made after 1600hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG & REGATTA FORMAT

- 6.1. The Class flag will be 'RS Aero' with white background.
- 6.2. Additional Class flags may be introduced at the discretion of the OA in order to achieve separate starts for division(s).

7. RACING AREAS

The race areas will be in Salamander Bay, Port Stephens, NSW.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The courses are defined in Attachment A, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3. The course to be sailed will be indicated on the Committee Boat.

9. MARK DESCRIPTIONS

9.1

Course Mark	Description
Start / Finish Mark	Black / White Checkered buoy
Mark 1 (RS Aero 5)	Orange buoy
Mark 1 (RS Aero 7 & 9)	Yellow buoy
Mark 2	Yellow buoy
Mark 3	Yellow buoy

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a mast displaying orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a black/white checkered buoy at the port end.
- 10.2. Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole course is in excess of four knots.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2. Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the nearby finish mark.
- 12.2. The Race Committee may record the position of boats on the course when the time limit expires as per SI 13.4.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1.

Time limits	Minutes
Mark 1 time limit	30
Race target time	45
Race time limit	90

- 13.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing, unless SI 13.4 applies. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.4. After the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course. Flag W will be displayed in the vicinity of boats being finished on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located upstairs at the Bay Sailing Centre. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.3. 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 in the protest room at the Bay Sailing Centre beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15. EXONERATION PENALTY

- 15.1. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
- 15.2. When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:
- Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
 - The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

16. ARBITRATION

- 16.1. When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
- 16.2. If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call an Arbitration Hearing. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.
- 16.3. When there is not agreement to use Arbitration or when, after Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. RRS 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to an arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalisation. She may also retire.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Championship will consist of a maximum of 6 races.
- 17.2 Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
 - (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a competitor may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. If a request for correction is rejected, the time limit for requesting redress for the alleged error will run from the time that the rejection is advised to the competitor.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 18.2. A sign on and sign off will be in operation:
 - 18.2.1. The sign on/off control point will be located near the entrance to the Bay Sailing Centre
 - 18.2.3. Sailors shall individually check-out before racing by personally signing the sign on sheet
 - 18.2.4. Sailors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, but no later than the protest time limit, by signing the sign-off sheet.
 - 18.2.5. Failure to sign-out or sign-in will result in a penalty of three points added to the boat's score for the race finishing nearest to the time of initial failure to sign in or out.
- 18.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Replacement of helm will not be allowed.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 21.1. Boats shall display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 21.2. When provided at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items on their boat and sails as directed. If sponsor promotional items come off whilst racing, competitors must obtain replacement items from the RS Association before the start of racing the following day, if the Association has sufficient stocks available.
- 21.3. There will be no restriction on the number or coverage of advertisers logos or slogans except as specified in SI 23.1 above [see ISAF regulation 20 Advertising Code]
- 21.4. Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items, e.g. flags, banners, prizes, etc. shall be the subject of a report by the Race Committee to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.2(a).

22. SUPPORT BOATS & SUPPORT PERSONS

Support boats and support persons must comply with the requirements of the Notice of Race, except that NoR 13.3.1 is modified so that each competitor, whilst still obliged to comply with the requirements of RRS 41, may only receive support from:

- (a) Other competitors, excluding the transfer of physical items.
- (b) Safety boats in the performance of safety duties
- (c) Race committee boats (start boat and finish boat only) for toilet facilities. Note that starts will not normally be delayed whilst competitors use these facilities.
- (d) The race committee start boat for provision of a limited supply of replacement parts. Note that failure to provide replacement parts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 .

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official boats. NO trash may be thrown overboard.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

25. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as specified in the Notice of Race.

26. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

27. INSPECTIONS

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.

28. INSURANCE

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

29. RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

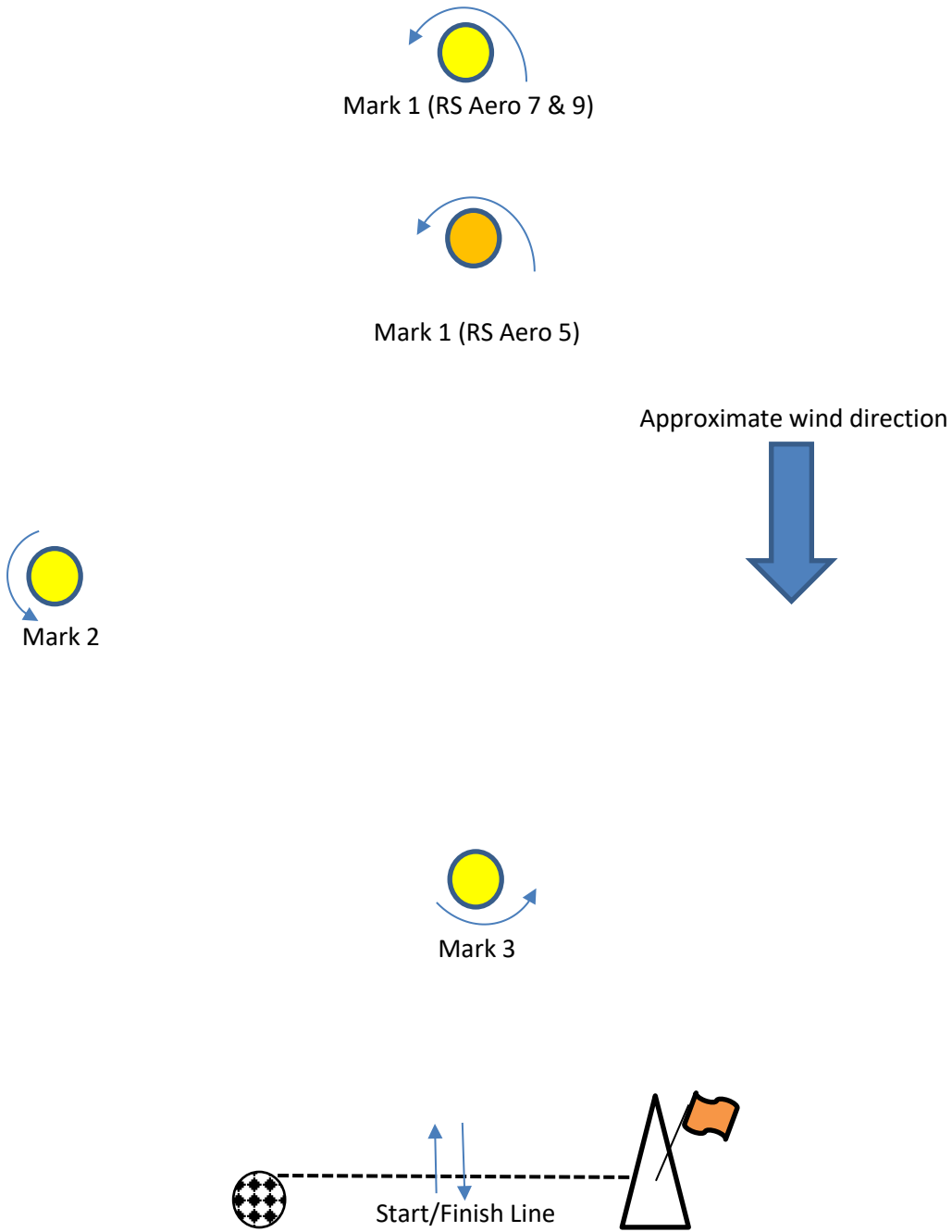
By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the national and International Class Associations and the sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion picture, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

30. USE OF DRONES

Event drones (UAVs/UASs) may be used in close proximity to obtain media for an event. All UAV operators must be licenced by Civil Aviation Safety Authority and have authorisation to fly at this event on land and/or over water. Any material gained from their use can be used by the event team or sponsors for PR and media purposes.

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAM

*Warning – Diagram not to scale



Course Number (Numeral Pennant)	Course Description
1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish