



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AYF), the rules of the respective classes, except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions.  
Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rules RRS 3 *Decision to Race*.
- 1.2. COVID-19 NSW Regulations will apply at the time of the regatta and SPASC encourages physical distancing and requires contact tracing recording for all participants, spectators, officials and visitors. SPASC is registered as a COVIDSAFE Business with a club specific COVID-19 Safety Plan.

### 2. ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted only from Skippers completing the prescribed Entry Forms (participants). All participants whose entries have been accepted must complete registration at Race Headquarters at Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Inc. before racing. Entries will only be accepted with payment for Racing at the same time and place at Race Headquarters or from Club Members who have paid for Season Entries.

### 3. RACE HEADQUARTERS

The Race Headquarters will be located at the Eastern end, upstairs in the Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Clubhouse. The Official Notice Board will be situated at Race headquarters.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located upstairs in the SPASC Clubhouse.

### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not less than 45 minutes before the start of any race to which it applies.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be flown from the flag mast outside Race Headquarters.

### 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 Race is scheduled as below:

<b>RACE DAY</b>	<b>WARNING SIGNAL</b>
Saturdays	Not before 1.55 p.m.

- 7.2 There will be a competitor's meeting at around 1:00 pm on Saturdays in the Clubhouse, or on the grounds adjacent to SPASC clubhouse.

### 8. RACING DIVISIONS

- 8.1 **Individual Classes** – Any class of boat may sail as a separate class if there is a minimum of six boats of that class registered with the Club.
- 8.2 **Miscellaneous Classes** – Where there are insufficient boats to form a class those boats will form a Miscellaneous Monohull Class and a Miscellaneous Multihull Class and compete with each other on yardstick.

Boats of all classes will be allocated to a start at the discretion of the Race Committee. Allocation may reflect the size or speed of craft, and the skippers' experience and ability.

Divisions to be sailed will be confirmed at the competitors meeting

### 9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Cockle Bay and Warners Bay at the northern end of Lake Macquarie.

**10. COURSES**

- 10.1 The course configuration will be a triangle bounded by Mark 1(windward), Mark 2 (wing), and Mark 3 (leeward).
- 10.2 The course to be sailed by each group of yachts will be announced at the competitors meeting.
- 10.3 Courses may be shortened at any mark or at the Clubhouse by displaying the "S" flag at that mark or at the Clubhouse with two sound signals. Yachts shall continue sailing from that mark to the finishing line at the Clubhouse, or directly through the finishing line if the "S" flag is displayed at the Clubhouse. This amends RRS 32.2

**11. MARKS**

- 11.1 The Starting and Finishing marks will consist of a buoy flying code flag "O".
- 11.2 Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be red inflatable buoys or as described in the competitors meeting (Section 7.2).For the avoidance of doubt, the definition of the Marks will be taken as that definition stated during the competitors meeting by the Officer of the Day.
- 11.3 An outer course may be laid using stick marks flying a pink flag.

**12. COMMITTEE VESSEL**

The Committee Vessel when used for races will display a plain orange flag when on station.

**13. THE START**

- 13.1 Races shall be started as follows, which changes RRS 26 and RRS 30.

Title	Signal		Minutes before starting Signal
Warning	Class/division indication lights no. 3, 2, and 1 displayed	1 sound	3
Preparatory	light no. 3 removed	1 sound	2
One Minute	light no. 2 removed	1 sound	1
Starting	light no. 1 removed	1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding class/division shall be made with the starting signal for the preceding class. The starting order of each group of yachts will be announced at the competitors meeting.

The warning signal will be made at 1.55pm on Saturdays.

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Scratch Starts – Clubhouse will normally apply for Club Championship heats and the President’s Cup.

- 13.2 **Scratch Starts – On Water** races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

**13.3 Handicap Starts**

A handicap start means that boats will start off a handicap which is based on a back-calculated yardstick on an estimated race time of 100 minutes, rounded to the nearest minute, with the limit boat starting first and the scratch boat starting last. All handicap starts will be from the Clubhouse. The preparatory signal for the start time shall be in accordance with **13.2: Scratch Starts**. The extinguishing of the last light shall be the starting signal for the start time. Boats will start in accordance with their handicap times as displayed in the clubhouse before the start.

The time of the next start will be displayed on a board at the front of the clubhouse; and one light will be displayed for each minute prior to that start, to a maximum of five lights; one light will be extinguished after each minute, and the extinguishing of the last light will signal that start.

This procedure will be repeated for subsequent starts.

Handicap starts will normally apply for Point Score races.

- 13.4 The starting line will be either:
  - a) between the starting lights on the Club House and the starting mark (for starts in accordance with 13.1 and 13.3); or
  - b) between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark (for starts in accordance with 13.2).
- 13.5 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 13.6 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

#### **14. RECALLS**

- 14.1 Individual recalls shall be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1.
- 14.2 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2 except that when a General Recall has been signalled for a group, the new preparatory signal for that group shall be the start of the last designated group.

#### **15. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Clubhouse or Committee Boat and the finishing mark in front of the Clubhouse.

#### **16. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit will be three hours for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class/division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. If no boat in their class/division finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race. This changes RRS 35.

#### **17. PROTESTS**

- 17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Club and delivered there within one hour after the time of the finish of the last boat in the class. There is no protest fee
- 17.2. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 17.3. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

#### **18. SCORING – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 18.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Rule A9 will apply, modified so that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series at the time of the race.
- 18.2 Seven races are scheduled, of which four races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4 Financial members only will be allotted Club Championship points.
- 18.5 Race placings for Miscellaneous Divisions will be obtained by using the Speers Point yardstick.

#### **19. SCORING – POINT SCORE COMPETITION**

- 19.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Rule A9 will apply, modified so that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series at the time of the race.
- 19.2 All Point Score races on the sailing program count in this competition.
- 19.3 Division Results will be based on the points awarded to each yacht based on her corrected time calculated on the VYC Yardstick. Yachts must be configured in rig and crew for their allotted Class VYC Yardstick or a Yardstick will be assigned to them at the sole discretion of the race committee.
- 19.4 In races with a handicap start, competitors' places shall be determined by the order in which they cross the finish line.

#### **20. SAFETY**

A member of each crew is required to sign on up to 30 minutes before each race using the sign on/off forms provided at Race Headquarters. The sign-on/sign-off forms may be part of the Entry forms completed by all skippers racing in the session as provided at Race Headquarters. If it is indicated at the competitors meeting in Section 7.2 that sign-off is required for the day's racing session, competitors signing on for the racing session must sign off after each day's racing session within one (1) hour after the last yacht finishes using the sign off forms provided at Race Headquarters. Entrants in breach of this instruction (Section 20) shall be disqualified.

## 21. INDEMNITY

All those taking part in this Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Inc. and all sponsors (as noted in Section 20) are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of the equipment or the competency of its helms person or crew. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry or withdraw a previously given acceptance of an entry.

**Attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states "*The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is his or hers alone*".**

## 22. RISK NOTIFICATION

Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Inc. warns that participation in events at the Club involves risk of personal injury / death. The risk of injury/death can result from but is not limited to the following scenarios: attack from or injury caused by marine fauna; collision with participants; fixtures, boats, vehicles, third parties; falls, slips; being struck by objects/other participants; suffering physiological symptoms including, but not limited to, heart attacks, heat exhaustion, dehydration.

## 23. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All competitors shall wear Standards Australia approved personal flotation devices, of either PFD1, PFD2 or PFD3 type, in accordance with RRS YA Specific Regulations Part 2, Specific Regulations 5, at all times whilst racing.

## 24. WIND SPEED LIMIT

Racing will be abandoned for all classes when the average wind speed exceeds 25 knots for a minimum of 30 seconds or a gust of 30 knots or above is observed, or at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 25. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 26. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows – 'SPASC' and Committee Boat will display starting flags.

## 27. VISITING BOATS

Visiting crews and boats may take part in any race conducted by the Club, to a maximum of three race days, or at the discretion of the Race Committee. Visiting boats shall not be entitled to score in either Club Championship or Club Point Score competitions.

## 28. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Unless approved by the Race Committee, a skipper and boat combination must stay constant throughout the season to accumulate points in Club Championship and Point Score competitions.

If however the skipper changes to another boat within the same class/division, points will accumulate with the skipper, and continue while s/he sails within that class/division, but not if s/he changes to another class/division. In the latter case all points accumulated before the change will be totalled to that point. All points accumulated after the change will become a new competition total and will not be added to the first total.

## 29. AVERAGE POINTS

- 28.1 Average points may be awarded on written application to the race committee when a boat competes in a Club-approved Class Association event away from the Club which coincides with a Club Point Score, or at the discretion of the Race Committee, e.g. when performing support boat or similar "at home" duties.
- 28.2 The average points awarded will be the average of points scored for the best 3 scores in the season within the Series.
- 28.3 If the Club race is abandoned, no points will be scored even though a race may have been sailed.
- 28.4 The awarding of average points will not entitle the boat concerned to a handicap change on the day concerned.

**ADDENDUM A**

**COURSES (please read together with Addendum A, SEQUENCE OF MARKS)**

<i>Division</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Marks</i>
Division 3	△ 0 △	Red Buoys
Division 4	△ 0 △ △	Red Buoys
Division 5	△ 0 △ △	Red Buoys, but when running an outer course, the windward mark is pink flag, positioned outside Division 2,3,4 mark
Division 6	△ 0 △ 0 △	Red Buoys, but when running an outer course, windward mark [leeward mark when windward mark is in Cockle Bay] is pink flag, positioned outside Division 3,4 mark

**CLASSES OF BOAT WITHIN DIVISIONS:**

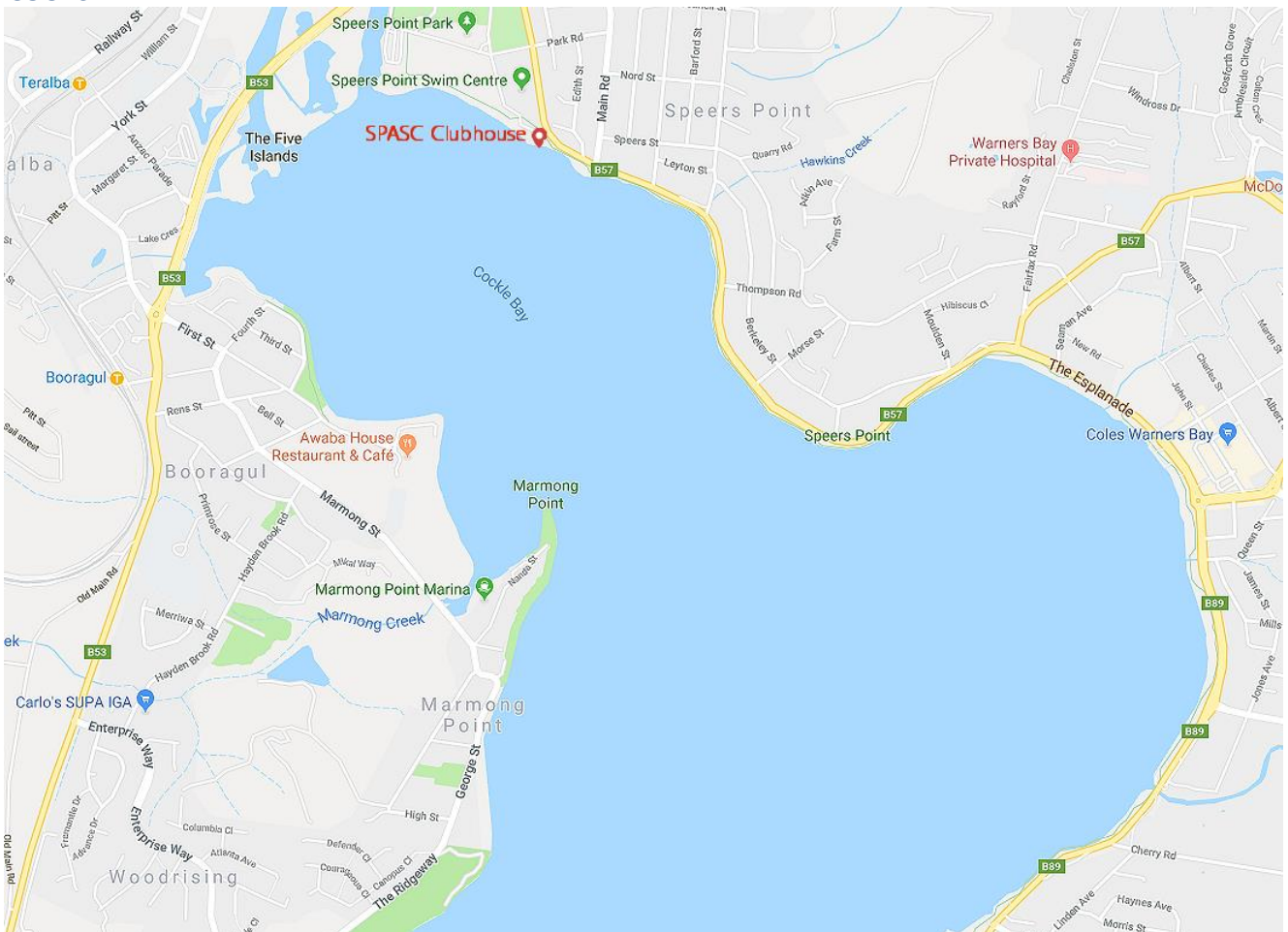
Division 3: Miscellaneous monohulls with yardstick >120

Division 4: Tasar, Miscellaneous monohulls with yardstick <120

Division 5: Miscellaneous multihulls <16 feet with SENIOR skippers

Division 6: Miscellaneous multihulls >16 feet with SENIOR skippers

**COURSE AREA:**



**SEQUENCE OF MARKS (please read together with Addendum A, COURSES)**

Location of marks:

- 1 = Home buoy in Cockle Bay, off SPASC Clubhouse
- 2 = Marmong Point buoy
- 3 = Warner's Bay buoy

S = Start    F = Finish

<b><i>COURSE</i></b>	<b><i>DIV. 3</i></b>	<b><i>DIV. 4</i></b>	<b><i>DIV. 5</i></b>	<b><i>DIV. 6</i></b>	<b><i>Leave marks to</i></b>
<i>PORT 1</i>	S231 21 23F	S231 21 231 23F	S231 21 231 23F	S231 21 231 21 23F	PORT
<i>PORT 2</i>	S231 23 23F	S231 23 231 23F	S231 23 231 23F	S231 23 231 23 23F	PORT
<i>PORT 3</i>	S1* 231 31 23F	S1* 231 31 231 23F	S1* 231 31 231 23F	S1* 231 31 231 31 23F	PORT, * dummy work
<i>STARBOARD 1</i>	S321 31 32F	S321 31 321 32F	S321 31 321 32F	S321 31 321 31 32F	STARBOARD
<i>STARBOARD 2</i>	S321 32 32F	S321 32 321 32F	S321 32 321 32F	S321 32 321 32 32F	STARBOARD
<i>STARBOARD 3</i>	S1* 321 21 32F	S1* 321 21 321 32F	S1* 321 21 321 32F	S1* 321 21 321 21 32F	STARBOARD, * dummy work (leave first mark to PORT)