



# Bay Hotel Motel Australian 9er National Championships 2023

04/01/2023 – 10/01/2023

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Organising Authority

South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club and WANGI RSL AMATEUR  
Sailing Club Ltd

ON BEHALF OF

AUSTRALIAN 9ER ASSOCIATION INC.

**Lake Macquarie NSW**

We acknowledge that Aboriginal people in this area, the Awabakal, were the first people of this land and are the proud survivors of more than two hundred years of continuing dispossession. We respect the rights of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to pursue their own values and culture. We pay respect to knowledge holders and community members of the land and waters and pay respect to Elders past, present and future.

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(a).

The notation **[DP]** in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. These changes Rule 64.2

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
  - 1.1 (a) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
  - 1.1 (b) Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off-the-Beach Boats,
  - 1.1 (c) The Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the SIs),
- 1.2 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
  - 1.2 (a) RRS 60.1(a) is changed so that NP denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat,
  - 1.2 (b) RRS 63.1(a), 64.1 & Appendix A5 will be amended in the SIs to enable the Race Committee to apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing for some breaches of the rules.
  - 1.2 (c) RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
  - 1.2 (d) For the 29er class only, Appendix P2.3 will not apply, and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
  - 1.2 (e) RRS 20.1(c) will not apply at this event
- 1.3 The SI takes precedence when there is a difference between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.4 A National Jury has been appointed by Australian Sailing for the 9er National Championships 2023.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix P shall apply.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T Shall apply.
- 1.7 Competitors must follow all Club's COVID-19 Policies.

## 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81405> and physical notice board located inside the club.
- 3.2 The race office is located at South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club.
- 3.3 [DP]While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP]Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP]Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided

by the organizing authority with care, and seamanship, by any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole located on the veranda.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes in Race Signals AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 6.1 Schedule

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday, 04 Jan 2023	Registration & Measurement	1300 – 1600 hrs
Thursday, 05 Jan 2023	Registration & Measurement	1000 – 1600 hrs
Friday, 06 Jan 2023	Competitors Briefing	1100 hrs
	Racing Commencing	1300 hrs
Saturday, 07 Jan 2023	Racing Commencing	1300 hrs
Sunday, 08 Jan 2023	Racing Commencing	1300 hrs
Monday, 09 Jan 2023	Racing Commencing	1300 hrs
Tuesday, 10 Jan 2023	Racing Commencing	1200 hrs

- 6.2 On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1730 hrs; on the last day of racing (10/01/23), no warning signal shall be made after 1430 hrs.
- 6.3 The Regatta will consist of up to 15 races.
- 6.4 There shall be no more than four races per day.
- 6.5 The Organising Authority may decide, based on entry numbers, to split the 29er class into two fleets, in which case racing will be conducted along the following lines:
  - 6.5 (a) The Organising Authority will allocate boats into two approximately equal fleets (Yellow/Gold and White/Silver) for day one of racing, after which they will be reallocated on subsequent days based on series results in an attempt to have a consistent standard between the two fleets
  - 6.5 (b) A list of boats in each fleet will be posted on the notice board no later than 2 hours before the scheduled start time.
  - 6.5 (c) The first two race days will be used for qualifying races, with a minimum of 3 races required to constitute a series. Should three qualifying races not be completed at the end of day 2, then all races on day three will be used as qualifying races.
  - 6.5 (d) After qualifying, the top half (rounded up) of the boats, based on their combined overall

results, will be allocated to the Gold fleet, with the remained allocated to the Silver fleet for the duration of the finals.

6.5 (e) Finals races will commence on the day after the qualifying series concludes.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are:

Class	Flags
29er	29er class flag, If the fleet is split, will be accompanied by Yellow (Gold) Flag and White Flag (Silver)
49er FX	49er class flag
49er	49er class flag

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 SI Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

## 9. COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Attachment B 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.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 10. MARKS

10.1 Marks are as described in SI Attachment B.

## 11. THE START

11.1 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.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.3 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.

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

12.1 During the race, the course will not be changed.

## 13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on race committee vessel and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-

turn penalty.

- 14.2 For the 29er class only, Appendix P2.3 will not apply, and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

## 15. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 15.1 The Race Target Time, Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	15 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 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, penalised 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.
- 15.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 For each class, the protest time limit ends 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day, regardless of the class or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office or online at:  
<https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81405>
- 16.3 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.

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.4 Should the Organising Authority decide to run a Qualifying/Finals series for the 29er class, it will be scored along the following lines:
- 17.4 (a) There shall be a minimum of 3 races & maximum of 6 races in the qualifying series, with competitors allowed to discard their worse qualifying race score if 5 or 6 races are completed.
- 17.4 (b) Races scores (after discards if applicable) from the qualifying series will carry over into the final series.
- 17.4 (c) A maximum of 9 races are scheduled for finals, and if five or more races are completed, competitors will be allowed to delete their worst finals race score but not their points from

qualifying.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS ([DP])[NP]

- 18.1 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 and Sign Off will be via online tool. <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81405>
- 18.2 Failing to sign on or off will have a scoring penalty 5 places in the first race for failing to sign on and 5 in the last race for failing to sign off.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of the helm will not be allowed.
- 19.2 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Jury or Race Committee. Please submit your request via the online tool: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81405>
- 19.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. Please submit your request via the online tool: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81405>

## 20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

## 21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1 Official race management boats will be flying Wangi Sailing Club burgees.

## 22. SUPPORT TEAMS [DP]

- 22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## 23. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

## 24. BERTHING [NP] [DP]

- 24.1 Boats shall only be stored and rigged in the destinated areas.

## 25. PRIZES

25.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

29er Class Prizes	
Prizes	Conditions
<b>29er Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy</b>	Awarded to the 1st placed Australian competitor.
<b>1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open)</b>	
<b>1st All Female Perpetual Trophy</b>	Awarded to the first Australian competitor.
<b>1st Female Skipper Perpetual Trophy</b>	NB for mixed crew, awarded to the 1st placed Australian female skipper with male crew.
<b>1st Junior Skipper Perpetual Trophy</b>	Awarded to the 1st placed Australian skipper whose age is under 16 on 31 Dec 2022.
<b>1st Junior Perpetual Trophy</b>	Awarded to the 1st placed skipper and crew whose age is under 16 on 31 Dec 2022. Team can be male, female, or mixed.

49er FX Class Prizes	
Prizes	Conditions
<b>49erFX Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy</b>	Awarded to the 1st placed Australian competitor.
<b>1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open)</b>	
<b>1st All Female Perpetual Trophy</b>	Awarded to the first Australian competitor.
<b>1st Non-Australian Sailing Squad Members</b>	Current Australian Sailing Squad Members including Australian Sailing performance path sailors are excluded from this prize.

49er Class Prizes	
Prizes	Conditions
<b>49er Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy</b>	Awarded to the 1st placed Australian competitor.
<b>1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open)</b>	
<b>1st Non-Australian Sailing Squad Members</b>	Current Australian Sailing Squad Members are including Australian performance path sailors are excluded from this prize.

## 26. RISK STATEMENT

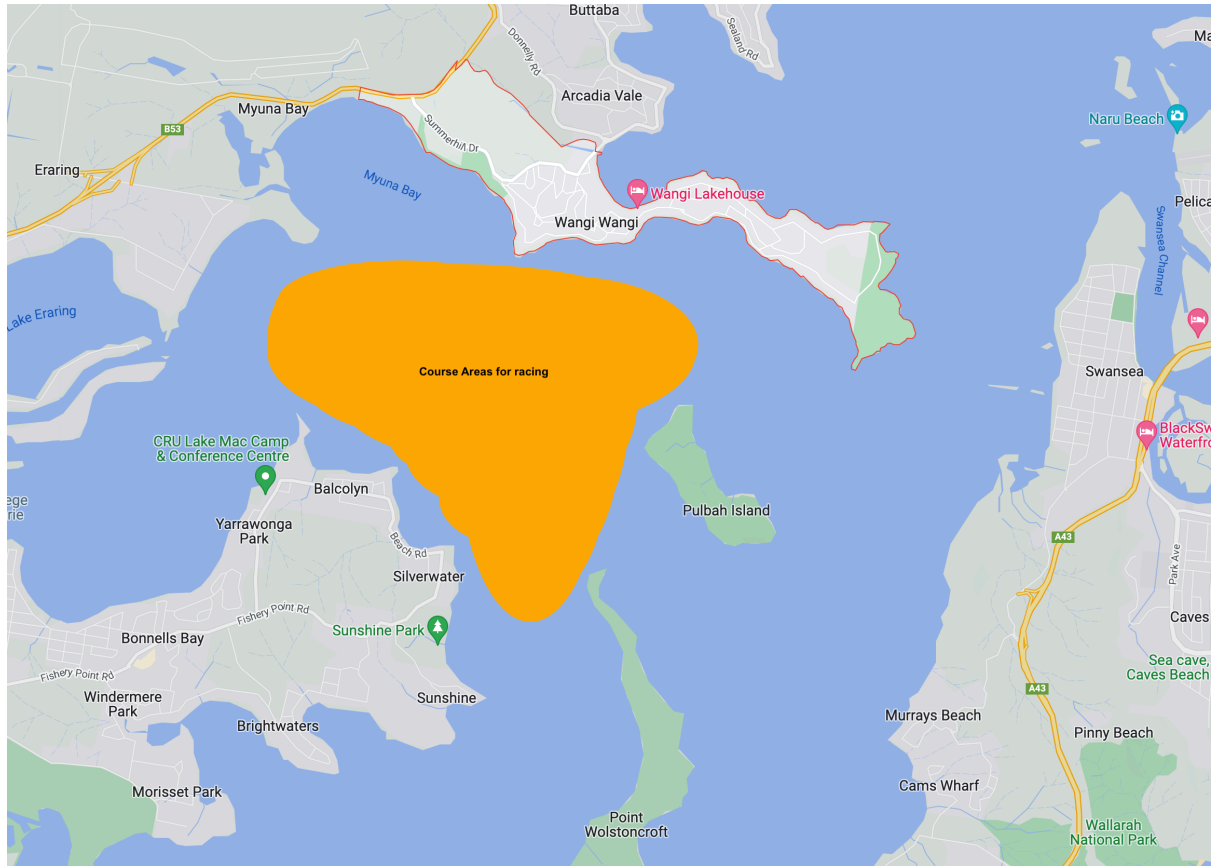
- 26.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds 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 an 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.

## 27. INSURANCE

- 27.1 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.



# 1. SI ATTACHMENT A

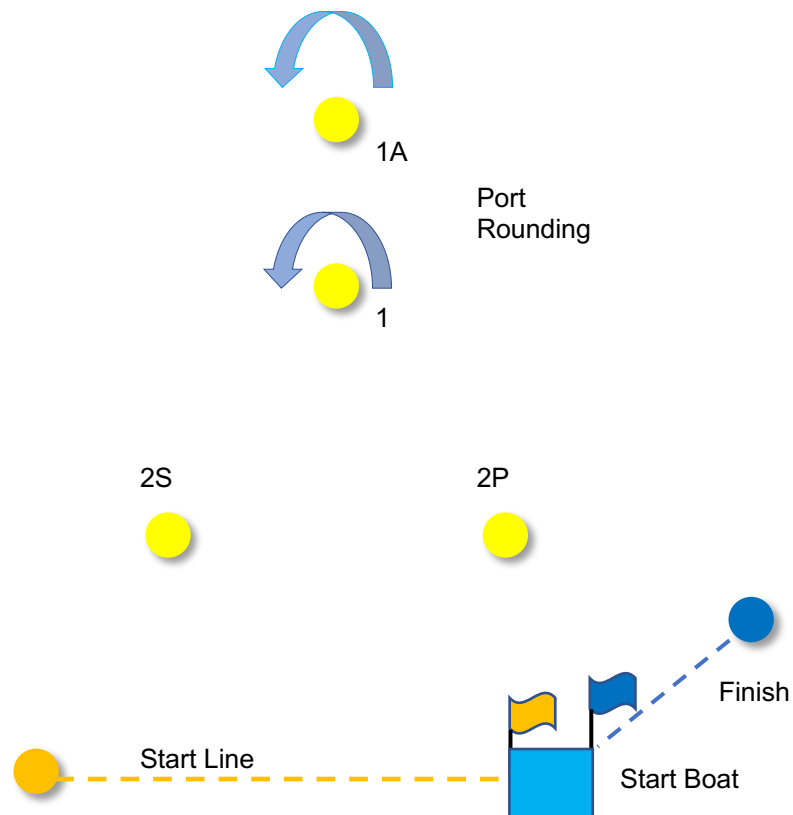


## 2. SI ATTACHMENT B

Marks	
Marks 1, 2p, 2s	Will be yellow inflatable cylindrical marks
Mark 1A	Will be yellow inflatable cylindrical mark with black stripe
Start Mark	Will be a red stick mark with an orange flag
Finish Mark	Will be a red stick mark with a blue flag

Courses		
29ers	W2	Start, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2p, Finish
	W3	Start, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2p, Finish
49er & 49erFX	W2	Start, 1A, 2s/2p, 1A, 2p, Finish
	W3	Start, 1A, 2s/2p, 1A, 2s/2p, 1A, 2p, Finish

### Courses



All marks are to be taken to port except 2s which is part of a gate and is to be taken to starboard