



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2017 – 2018

These are the Sailing Instructions (SI) for the Wagga Wagga Sailing Club Inc. (WWSC) Sailing Program (the Program), to be held on Lake Albert, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales unless otherwise advised. The events in the Program will be conducted by WWSC.

1. Rules

1.1 The events included in the Program will be governed by:

- the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS);
- the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS);
- these SI; and
- when a boat does not sail in accordance with their current class rules, the boat's yardstick will be adjusted in accordance with the auxiliary table of the current version of the YVC.

1.2 A competitor shall comply with AS Special Regulations applicable to the type of boat for Category 7 races. Appropriate navigation lights (as per Roads and Maritime Service Regulations) will be required for night races.

2. Advertising

2.1 Category "C" advertising is permitted (RRS 80).

3. Amendments to RRS

3.1 Time limit and scores will be altered to provide that boats not finishing within one hour of the first boat finishing in the relevant Division (or at the discretion of the Officer of the Day (OOD)) will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) (see SI 16.2) (RRS 35).

3.2 Competitors will not be disqualified for receiving outside assistance when such assistance is required to right a boat that has capsized (RRS 41).

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 Events included in the Program are open events for sailing craft.



- 4.2 Fees required will be as per the WWSC fee structure, to be paid prior to start of the event.
 - 4.3 Participating skippers and crew (adults and juniors) are required after three races to be members of AS for the purposes of personal accident insurance. This requirement is met by being a current financial member of WWSC.
 - 4.4 Participating boat owners are required to maintain current insurance cover for each boat that includes RACING AND \$5,000,000 MINIMUM LEGAL LIABILITY COVER for all events included in the Program. Each participating boat owner is required to sign the declaration included on the WWSC annual registration form related to the insurance of their boat(s). Casual boat owners who do not have or maintain current insurance for their boats are permitted to sail in the events included in the Program but will not be included in the results for the event(s) or accrue points for the various series and sub competitions.
 - 4.5 Competitors participate in the events included in the Program entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 “Decision to Race” (RRS 4). WWSC will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or after races that constitute the events included in the Program. Each participant (and his/her legal guardian if under 18 years) is required to sign the disclaimer included in the WWSC annual registration form before they will be permitted to sail in events included in the Program. By signing the disclaimer, participants (and their legal guardians) are acknowledging that they understand the risks (see 21 “Risk Warning”) associated with participation in the events associated with the Program and that they are participating entirely at their own risk and understand Rule 4 “Decision to Race” (RRS 4).
 - 4.6 All skippers MUST SIGN ON before their respective race to be eligible for scoring in the event.
5. Notices to Competitors
- 5.1 Wherever possible, notices to individual competitors will be sent to the email or postal addresses specified in the member database.
6. Changes to Sailing Instructions (SI)



- 6.1 Any changes to the SI will be announced at the pre-race briefings to be conducted prior to events included in the Program.

7. Signals made Ashore

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed between 0800h and 1400h from the signal mast adjacent to the WWSC Boat Shed.

8. Racing Schedule

- 8.1 As per the published or amended Program, amendments to the Program will normally be approved at monthly meetings or by an executive member of the WWSC management committee. When such changes are made, an updated Program will be published on the website and/or other media of the WWSC and/or emailed and/or posted to members.

9. Racing Area

- 9.1 Races will be held on Lake Albert, Wagga Wagga NSW unless otherwise advised.

10. Pre-Race Briefings

- 10.1 Pre-race briefings will be conducted approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of each scheduled race or group of races.

11. Courses

- 11.1 The course sailed by all Divisions will normally be a triangular or Figure 8 course consisting of triangular or Figure 8 and windward return (sausage) laps and any finishing legs necessary to cross the Finish Line, normally located in front of WWSC (as instructed at the pre-race briefing). Each race shall consist of the number of laps and finishing legs prescribed for the Division at the pre-race briefing unless the race is shortened. All marks on the course side of the Finish Line must be rounded to Starboard or Port as indicated at the pre-race briefing. Alternate courses may be sailed for any events as instructed at the relevant pre-race briefings.



12. Marks

- 12.1 The course marks will be WWSC buoys as indicated at the pre-race briefing. The Finish Line will normally be between the buoy with the appropriate flag and the signal mast adjacent to the WWSC Boat Shed or otherwise as instructed at the pre-race briefing.

13. Start

- 13.1 Races that are not started may be postponed prior to the start signal. Code Flag "AP" will be displayed on the start boat or ashore on the signal mast adjacent to the WWSC Boat Shed if this occurs.
- 13.2 There will normally be two start sequences. Division 1 (catamarans) will start before Division 2-4 (monohulls and sailboards). The start sequence will be as follows:

TIME	SIGNAL	VISUAL	SOUND (<i>advisory only</i>)
-5 mins	Warning (Div 1)	Code Flag A raised	One (short)
-4 mins	Preparatory (Div 1)	Code Flag I raised	One (short)
-1 min	One Minute (Div 1)	Code Flag I lowered	One (short)
0 mins	Start (Div 1) Warning (Divs 2-4)	Code Flag A lowered Code Flag B raised	One (long)
+1 min	Preparatory (Divs 2-4)	Code Flag I raised	One (short)
+4 mins	One Minute (Divs 2-4)	Code Flag I lowered	One (short)
+5 mins	Start (Divs 2-4)	Code Flag B lowered	One (long)

Note: This sequence, signals or flags may be changed by the OOD notifying competitors, usually at the pre-race briefing.

- 13.3 Individual and general recalls will be signified and conducted as per RRS 29.
- 13.4 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after the relevant starting signal.



14. Shortened Course

14.1 A shortened course will be signified by two long sounds and the laying of a buoy with Code Flag S (RRS 32) or otherwise as clearly directed by the OOD. If the Race Committee signals a shortened course (displays Code Flag S with two sounds, or otherwise as clearly directed by the OOD), the Finishing Line shall be:

14.1.1 at a rounding *mark*, between the *mark* and a staff displaying Code Flag S; or

14.1.2 at a line boats are required to cross at the end of each lap; or

14.1.3 at a gate, between the gate *marks*; or

14.1.4 or otherwise as clearly directed by the OOD.

14.2 The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the Finishing Line.

15. Abandoned Race

15.1 An abandoned race will be signified as per RRS 32.

16. Finish

16.1 Boats shall finish between the buoy with the flag designated at the pre-race briefing and the signal mast adjacent to the WWSC Boat Shed unless otherwise briefed.

16.2 Boats not finishing within one hour of the first boat in the relevant Division (or at the discretion of the OOD) will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This is an alteration to RRS 35.

16.3 Boats that re-cross the Finish Line or fail to keep clear of the Finish Line, or interfere with other boats still racing or their wind may be disqualified (RRS 24.1).



17. Protests

- 17.1** The OOD may establish and chair a protest committee as and when required.
- 17.2** Protests shall be in writing and submitted within 30 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the relevant Division. All parties involved in a protest will be notified of the time and venue of the protest hearing as soon as practicable after receipt of the protest.

18. Scoring: Appendix A RRS 2017-2020

- 18.1** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A (as modified herein) will apply for all events and sub competitions included in the Program. Competitors who do not finish (DNF) a race will be awarded points equivalent to the number of entrants in the relevant Division plus one (+1). Entrants that do not compete (DNC) a race will be awarded points equivalent to the number of entrants in the relevant Division plus two (+2).
- 18.2** Series point drops will be: 1-4 races nil drop, 5-8 races one drop, 9-11 races two drops, 12 or more races three drops.
- 18.3** Points accrued in each event belong to the skipper and will continue to accrue while the skipper is sailing a craft that belongs to the same Division.
- 18.4** A WWSC skipper may apply for their average points in a WWSC competition if they are representing WWSC in another Club's programmed regatta or higher level event on the same day as the WWSC event is run, so long as the WWSC event has been run and competitors have finished the course.



19. Prizes

Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded in the following Divisions/Classes depending on the number of entries in each Division/Class for sub competitions included in the Program (others may be awarded at the discretion of the event organisers).

19.1 Summer Competition (separate competitions for all Classes and Divisions 1, 2 & 3) as follows:

19.1.1 Overall Class Championship – 1st for 3+ entries; 2nd for 5+ entries; 3rd for 7+ entries.

19.1.2 Division 1 (multihulls) Championship – 1st; 2nd if 5+ entries; 3rd if 7+ entries.

19.1.3 Division 2 (monohulls <126) Championship - 1st; 2nd if 5+ entries; 3rd if 7+ entries.

19.1.4 Division 3 (monohulls >=126) Championship - 1st; 2nd if 5+ entries; 3rd if 7+ entries.

19.2 McArthur Cup (all Classes and Divisions included in single competition) - 1st; 2nd if 5+ entries; 3rd if 7+ entries.

19.3 The Short Course Series will be awarded as for the Championship event.

19.4 Handicap Pointscore Series

19.5 Winter Series Cool Comp (all Classes and Divisions included in single competition).

20. Safety

20.1 All competitors' attention is drawn to the fundamental RRS 1 Safety and RRS 4 Decision to Race.

20.2 All participants in WWSC events shall wear a fully serviceable personal flotation device (PFD) of an approved design (RRS Amendment 9 ?? RRS 1.2 ??) and appropriate capacity secured about their body in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions at all times when on the water.



- 20.3** All competitors shall sign on the race or event sheet for each race or group of back-to-back race prior to the relevant race warning signal. (See Section 4 Eligibility and Entry).
- 20.4** All boats must comply with Application and General Requirements Category 7 (AS SR Part 1 Section 2), these SI and relevant Class rules. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with this requirement.

21. Risk Warning

- 21.1** This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by WWSC and RMS, pursuant to the *Civil Liability Act 2002* to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by WWSC.
- 21.2** Participants are warned that, regardless of any precautions that may be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.
- 21.3** As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
- the extremes of weather and lake conditions;
 - the potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with other vessels or objects;
 - the sudden movement of a vessel at any time with the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in injury or death;
 - the possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel;
 - the absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available; and
 - exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 21.4** WWSC and RMS also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event conducted by WWSC.



21.5 Participants are also advised that although WWSC is covered by third party liability insurance, this is for onshore activities only and DOES NOT extend to any on water activities. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Yachting NSW.

21.6 WWSC also warns that Club owned vessels used for these or any other events are maintained with the best intention of being seaworthy, however participants will board and use these vessels at their own risk.

22. Media Rights

22.1 In participating in any WWSC event, a competitor or volunteer official grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of any event, the rights in perpetuity to make, reproduce, edit, use and show, from time to time, and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him or herself, taken during the period of any event, including preparations and remediation of said event, and to use his/her likeness, voice, name and any other information in any material related to the event without compensation.

Annexes:

A	Protest Form
B	Race Signals

Commodore:

G. Williams

Vice Commodore / OOD

D. Gilson

Secretary

G. Tapper

October 2017



Received by race office: Number Date and time Signature

PROTEST FORM – also for requests for redress and reopening

Fill in and tick as appropriate

1. **EVENT** Organizing authority Date Race no.

2. TYPE OF HEARING

Protest by boat against boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for redress by boat or race committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protest by race committee against boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consideration of redress by protest committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protest by protest committee against boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request by boat or race committee to reopen hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Consideration of reopening by protest committee	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. BOAT PROTESTING, OR REQUESTING REDRESS OR REOPENING

Class Fleet Sail no. Boat's name

Represented by Tel., e-mail

4. BOAT(S) PROTESTED OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDRESS

Class Fleet Sail no. Boat's name

5. INCIDENT

Time and place of incident

Rules alleged to have been broken Witnesses

6. INFORMING PROTESTEE How did you inform the protestee of your intention to protest?

By hailing ☐ When? Word(s) used

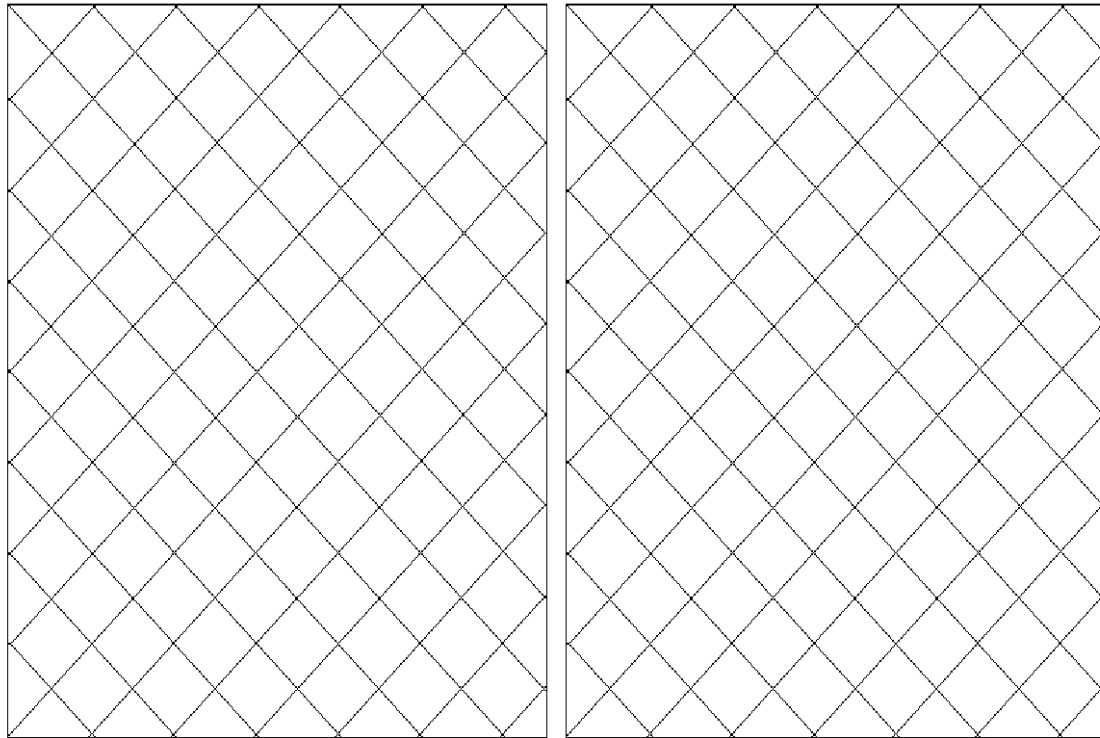
By displaying a red flag ☐ When?

By informing her in some other way ☐ Give details

7. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (use another sheet if necessary)



Diagram: one square = hull length; show positions of boats, wind and current directions, marks.

[illegible]



23. **THIS SIDE FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE** Number
with numbers

Heard together

24. *Fill in and tick as appropriate*

25.

26. Withdrawal requested ☐ Signature

Withdrawal permitted ☐

27. Class Fleet Race Protest time limit

28. Protest, or request for redress or reopening, received within time limit ☐

Time limit extended ☐

29. Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by

30. Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by

31. Names of witnesses

32. Interpreters

33.

Remarks

34. No objection about interested party ☐

35. Written protest or request identifies incident ☐

36. 'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity ☐

37. No hail needed; protestee informed at first reasonable opportunity ☐

38. Red flag conspicuously displayed at first reasonable opportunity ☐

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40. Protest or request valid; hearing will continue ☐ Protest or request invalid;
hearing is closed ☐

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42. **FACTS FOUND**

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58. Diagram of boat ... is endorsed by committee ☐ Committee's diagram is
attached ☐

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60. **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

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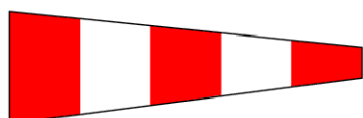


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65. **DECISION**
66. Protest: dismissed ☐ Boat(s) is (are) disqualified
from race(s)
67. penalized as follows ☐ :
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69. Redress: not given ☐ given as follows ☐ :
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71. Request to reopen a hearing: denied ☐ granted ☐
72. Protest committee chairman and other members
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76. Chairman's signature Date and time

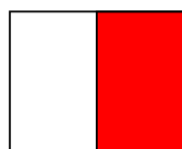
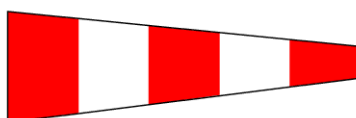
RACE SIGNALS

The meanings of visual and sound signals are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down (↑ ↓) means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot (•) means a sound; five short dashes (-----) mean repetitive sounds; a long dash (—) means a long sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

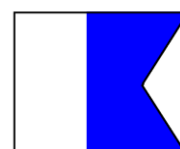
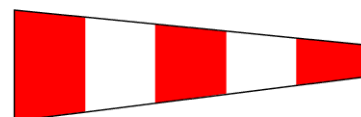
Postponement Signals



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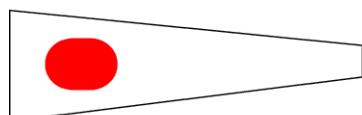


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AP Races not started are *postponed*. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *postponed* again or *abandoned*.

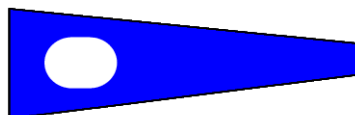
AP over H Races not started are *postponed*. Further signals ashore.

AP over A Races not started are *postponed*. No more racing today.



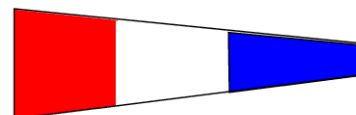
Pennant 1

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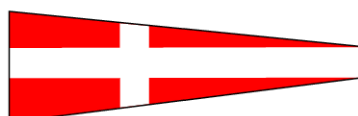
Pennant 2

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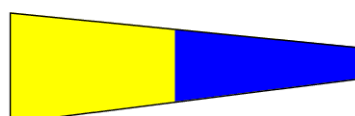
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Pennant 4

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Pennant 5

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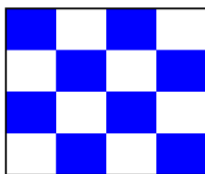


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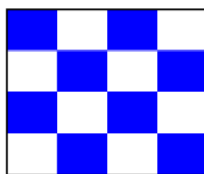
AP over a numeral pennant 1-6 *Postponement* of 1-6 hours from the scheduled starting time.

Abandonment Signals

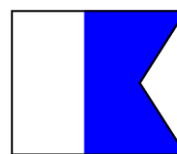
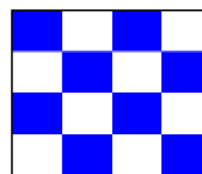


N All races that have started are *abandoned*.

Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *abandoned* again or *postponed*.

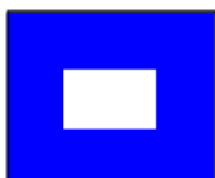


N over H All races are *abandoned*. Further signals ashore.

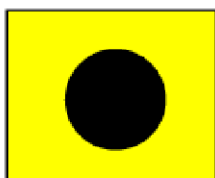


N over A All races are *abandoned*. No more racing today.

Preparatory Signals



P Preparatory signal.



I Rule 30.1 is in effect.

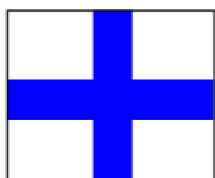


Z Rule 30.2 is in effect.

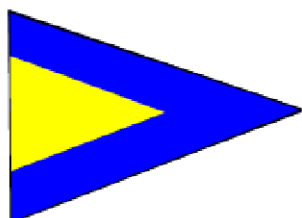


Black flag. Rule 30.3 is in effect.

Recall Signals



X Individual

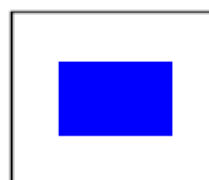


First Substitute General

Changing the Next Leg

Warning signal
1 minute
after removal.

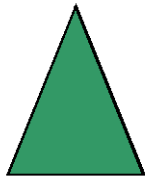
Shortened Course



S The course has been shortened.
Rule 32.2 is in effect.



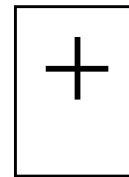
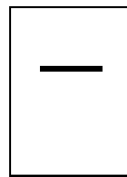
C The position of the next *mark* has been



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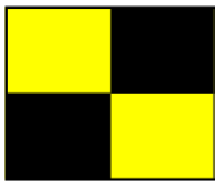


to decrease the length of the leg;



to increase the length of the leg.

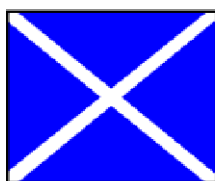
Other Signals



L

Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted.

Afloat: Come within hail or follow this boat.



M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



Y Wear a personal flotation device.



(no sound)

Blue flag or shape. This race committee boat is in position at the finishing line.