



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PORTARLINGTON SAILING CLUB Inc.

24th. October 2023 to 1st September 2024.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 apply for Off The Beach Boats.
- 1.3. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 6 plus VHF Radio or mobile telephone apply for Trailable Boats other than those in Long Races for which Category 5 will apply.
- 1.4. The number of persons on board a Trailable Boat racing in a Long Race shall be no fewer than 2.
- 1.5. All not started or started races will be abandoned if a maximum consistent wind reading over 22 knots at the Regional Channels Point Richards Weather Station is detected:
vrca.vic.gov.au/quick-links/tide-gauges/

2. Changes To Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes before the scheduled time of the first warning signal for the race/races it will affect.

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Garage.
- 3.2. VHF Channel 72 will be used by the race committee.
- 3.3. Club phone number 0492 859 686

4. Signals Made Ashore


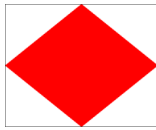
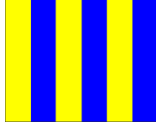
- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole situated in the Club grounds.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule Of Races

- 5.1. Races are scheduled as per the Event Calendar on the Club's Website: portarlingtongsc.org.au/calendar.
- 5.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6. Class Flags

6.1. Class flags will be:

Class	Flag	
OTB Catamarans	E	
OTB Monohulls	F	
Trailable boats	G	

7. Handicap System

- 7.1. Boats will be allocated a performance handicap by the Club handicapper.
- 7.2. Yachting Victoria Performance Handicap system (or a local variation) will be used.
- 7.3. Allocated handicaps shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1.

8. Courses And Marks

- 8.1. The courses and marks used in Club Course Racing will be indicated at a competitor information session conducted at least 90 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the first warning signal.
- 8.2. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 8.3. Long Races will be sailed on courses outlined in the PSC Long Race Courses document, available here: portarlingtonsc.org.au/sailing/race-documents/

9. The Start

9.1. Club Course Races

- 9.1.1. The starting line will be between the Committee Vessel and a blue conical inflatable mark.
- 9.1.2. The Starting Procedure for short course races **shall be a 5 minute sequence as per RRS 26.**

Signal	Flags	Minutes Before Start
Warning	Class	5
Preparatory	P, U or Black	4
One Minute	Preparatory Flag Removed	1
Start	Class Flag Removed	0

- 9.1.3. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

9.2. Long Races

- 9.2.1.** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2.2.** The Start Line will be as described in the PSC Long Race Courses document Note 3.
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9.3. Shorten Course**9.3.1. Club Course Races**

- 9.3.1.1.** After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display flag S with two sounds) at any mark of the course. All boats will travel from the mark to the ID mark (if laid) through the finish between the PSC Control tower and a blue conical inflatable mark

9.3.2. Long Races

- 9.3.2.1.** After the starting signal, the race committee may abandon the race (by communication over the radio), (a) because of foul weather, (b) because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will finish.

10. The Finish**10.1. Club Course Races**

- 10.1.1.** The finishing line will be between the PSC Control tower and a blue conical inflatable mark.

10.2. Long Races

- 10.2.1.** The finishing line will be between the Flagpole at the PSC Clubhouse and the Yellow Marker to the North East of the Club in the direction specified in the course description.

11. Time Limits**11.1. Club Course Races**

Type Race	Time Limit	Finishing Window
If 2 races scheduled	90 Minutes	25 Minutes
If 1 race scheduled	150 minutes	45 minutes

- 11.1.1.** Race Time Limit = Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish. - Finishing Window = Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes
- 11.1.2.** Boats still racing after the time limit expires will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

11.2. Long Races

- 11.2.1.** The time limit for all boats to finish is 6 hours after the start.
- 11.2.2.** Boats still racing after the time limit expires will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

12. Re Sailed Races

- 12.1.** The handicaps for a Resailed Race shall be those current at the date of the resail.

13. Long Races

- 13.1.** Long races are nominated as Category 5 for Australian Sailing Special Regulations. Entry to the Long Race Series requires a completed Category 5 Equipment Audit form submitted with club Boat Registration. Updated forms can be added to registration by sending the form via email to info@portarlingtongsc.org.au.
- 13.2.** Long Race Courses will be as detailed in the document "PSC Long Race Courses" available here: portarlingtongsc.org.au/sailing/race-documents/.
- 13.3.** 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. [DP]

14. Hearing Requests

- 14.1.** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.2.** Hearing request forms are available from the Control Tower.
- 14.3.** Notices will be posted as soon as practicable to inform competitors of the date, time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15. Scoring**15.1. Short Course Races**

- 15.1.1.** The Low Point Scoring System will apply. A5.3 will be applied, this changes rule A5.2.
- 15.1.2.** Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.1.3.** RRS Appendix A2, A4 and A5 are changed as follows:
 - If four (4) or fewer races are completed each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
 - If five (5) to nine (9) races are completed each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
 - If ten (10) to fourteen (14) races are completed each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.
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15.3. A minimum of two (2) boats are required to start in a division or class for a race to be scored.

16. Sign-On and Sign-Off

16.1. Before Racing:

Prior to leaving the shore to race, competitors shall Sign-On on the paper sheets supplied at briefing.

All crew must be a member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club (have a current AS Number), or purchase a Day Pass (use QR code posted on the Course Whiteboard).

16.2. After Racing:

Upon returning to shore, Sign-Off on the paper sheets at the club prior to the protest time limit. [DP]

16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

17. Official Vessels

17.1. Official Vessels will be identified by flying the Portarlington Sailing Club Flag (Orange Triangle with a White Band around the outside).

18. Prizes

18.1. Trophies to be presented based on Club Handicap include:

All Divisions:

Commodores Trophy

Winter Series

OTB Divisions:

Club Champion – based on Short Course Races

Trailable Division:

Wendy Searle Perpetual Trophy – based on Short Course Races

Long Race Champion

18.2. Trophies to be presented based on Yardstick include:

OTB Divisions:

Gough Strain Perpetual Trophy – based on the Short Course Races

Trailable Division:

Outsider Perpetual Trophy – based on the Short Course Races

18.3. Other trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

19. Risk Statement

19.1. 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 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.**

20. Insurance

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



Appendix A

Club Finish



Course Examples

