



2026 INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE CLASS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Incorporating the Eddie Cowell Perpetual Trophy

19th to 23rd August 2026

AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Lake Kawana, Sportsman Parade, Bokarina, Sunshine Coast

This is an ARYA Ranking Event

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organised under the overall authority of the Australian Radio Yachting Association Incorporated (ARYA), Queensland Radio Yachting Association, Sunshine Coast Radio sailing Club and conducted by its duly appointed Race Committee.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 (RRS) as amended by Appendix E (Radio Sailing Racing Rules).

2.2 The following documents will apply: This Notice of Race (NoR), the event's Sailing Instructions (SI), International Class Administration Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), the respective International Class Rules, the ARYA Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Management Policy 2025.

2.3 Simple Heat Racing System 2026-1 will apply in the event that multiple fleets are utilized.

2.4 The following Racing Rules will be changed:

- E3.1: The control area will be defined on the Course Board.
- E3.2: Launching area will be specified on the Course Board
- E3.3: The course will be displayed on the Course Board.
- E3.6: Following a general recall, Rule 30.1 shall apply to the restart. For subsequent general recalls Rules 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 may apply.
- E5.1 (a): The race committee will appoint Observers, who may be competitors.

E6.4: Add “but prior to the preparatory signal for the next heat or race.”

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The competition is open to:

- (a) affiliated members in good standing with ARYA and;
- (b) members in good standing with the IRSA Delegated National Member of their country of residence.

3.2 Entry will be denied to anyone who has been expelled or is currently serving a suspension from the ARYA (Inc) or any state or territory RC sailing association affiliated with the ARYA.

3.3 Competitors who reside outside of Australia entering in accordance with 3.1(b) are required to become a Temporary Affiliate Member of ARYA for the duration of the event. Temporary Affiliate Membership will be provided at no cost to the competitor.

This requirement may be waived for competitors who provide evidence of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$20 million per incident, or the equivalent.

3.4 The following class will be sailed:

International One Metre (IOM)

All boats must have either:

- (a) a current measurement certificate for the class entered for classes which issue measurement certificates, or;
- (b) a current hull registration number and sail number issued by the Class Association for the class entered for classes which do not issue measurement certificates.

3.5 Eligible boats may enter online via the official event website: **aryanationals.com** Entries close at: **2100 hrs on 14 August 2026**

Payment Methods:

- **Direct Deposit:**

Westpac Bank

Account Name: Sunshine Coast Radio Sailing Club

BSB: 034 676

Account Number: 497593

Payment must include the competitor’s Surname and Sail Number as a reference

- **Credit Card:**

Payment by credit card will also be accepted via the online entry system. A surcharge may be applied to cover processing costs

An entry shall not be considered complete until both the entry form and payment have been received

3.6 Final Entry: No further entries will be accepted after 2100 hrs on 14/08/2026

3.7 Entry Limit

The maximum number of competitors shall be **80**.

If this limit is exceeded:

- Entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority
- A waiting list may be maintained
- The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse entries in accordance with RRS 76

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Class International One Metre

2026 IOM Australian Championship AUD\$135

4.2 *Late fee:* N/A

5 EVENT SCHEDULE

5.1 International One Metre on 19/08/2026 to 23/08/2026

5.2 Racing Times:

All times are local time as available on local mobile phone services.

Measuring / Registration : Wednesday 19/08/2026

Registration: 1000hrs to 1500hrs

Measurement and inspection: 1000hrs to 1500hrs

Practice session: 1100hrs to 1500hrs

Race Day 1 Thursday 20/08/2026

Briefing commences: 0930hrs

Warning signal for first race: 1000hrs

Racing concludes: No heat will commence after 1700hrs

Race Day 2 Friday 21/08/2026

Briefing commences: 0930hrs

Warning signal for first race: 1000hrs

Racing concludes: No heat will commence after 1700hrs

Race Day 3 Saturday 22/08/2026

Briefing commences: 0930hrs

Warning signal for first race: 1000hrs

Racing concludes: No heat will commence after 1700hrs

Race Day 4 Sunday 23/08/2026

Briefing commences: 0930hrs

Warning signal for first race: 1000hrs

Racing concludes: No race will commence after 1500hrs

5.3 Racing will be held during the scheduled times with a maximum of 40 races across the Qualifying and Final Series. There shall be no limit to the number of races/heats sailed on each day.

5.4 The warning signal for the next race/heat shall occur as soon as practical following the previous race/heat.

5.5 A break for lunch may be included at the discretion of the Race Officer. Lunch will be taken at a time to best fit in with the racing.

Lunch, bottled water, tea & coffee will be provided.

5.6 Qualifying and Final Series Transition

The transition from the Qualifying Series to the Final Series will occur as follows:

- The Qualifying Series shall be completed no earlier than the conclusion of racing on Day 2 (Friday 21 August 2026)
- If a race is in progress at the conclusion of Day 2, unsailed heats of that race shall be completed at the commencement of racing on Day 3 (Saturday 22 August 2026)
- The Final Series shall commence as soon as practicable after the completion of that race

The Race Committee will confirm the transition point and the composition of Final Series fleets prior to the commencement of Final Series racing

6 MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall produce a current, valid measurement certificate at registration for classes which issue measurement certificates, or display a sail number issued by the National Class Association for classes which do not issue Measurement Certificates.

All registration formalities, including payment and any measurement checks, must be completed in accordance with the schedule outlined in this Notice of Race. (Refer paragraph 3 and 5.)

7 FREQUENCIES

For frequency bands other than 2.4 Ghz, each competitor shall nominate a minimum of three (3) frequencies with their entry. Permitted frequency bands are 27, 29, 36 and 40 Mhz and 2.4 Ghz.

8 PERSONAL SAIL NUMBERS

8.1 Authorised Personal Numbers shall take preference over other conflicting sail numbers provided the member seeking to use their Personal Number has entered the event, and paid the entry fee prior to the nominated date (2100 hrs on 14th August 2026) as set out in this Notice of Race.

8.2 Skippers wishing to use authorized Personal Numbers shall produce a current, valid personal number certificate at registration.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The ARYA Standard Sailing Instructions are available on the ARYA website (www.arya.asn.au) and a copy will be placed on the Event Notice Board prior to the commencement of racing.

10 VENUE

10.1 The event will be sailed at: Lake Kawana, Sportsman Parade, Bokarina, Sunshine Coast

10.2 Launching details : Dry launch

11 COURSES

11.1 Where possible, the course will comprise a first leg and a finish leg to windward. The course will generally be a windward/leeward course utilizing a gate at the leeward end of the course.

11.2 The Race Committee will attempt to set a course which will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes for the first boat to complete.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM, PROTESTS and OBSERVERS.

12.1 RRS 44.1 is amended by RRS E4.3: Taking a Penalty.

12.2 The Arbitration System for Protest Hearings (Sailing Instructions Appendix A) will be used.

12.3 A Protest Committee will be appointed to hear any protests arising from the event and may comprise competitors not involved in the incident. RRS 60.3 and 61.1c may be replaced by a verbal notification and hearing if all parties affected by the incident agree.

12.4 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(b).

12.5 Competitors entering this event may be appointed to act as an Observer in a race or heat by the Race Committee. An Observer appointed for a heat who is not present in the control area from the Warning Signal until released by the race committee, or who fails to act diligently as an Observer, may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing.

13 SCORING

13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series except for single day events, at which the minimum number will be three (3) races.

13.2 Where there are less than 21 competitors, the event may be sailed in one fleet.

13.3 For multiple fleet racing, allocation of boats for the first race will be made in accordance with the relevant scoring system, using the most recent ARYA Ranking Table.

13.4 The scoring system is as follows:

(a.) For single fleet racing

- i) The Low Point System (RRS A4) will apply.
- ii) After 4 races have been completed, 1 discard.
- iii) After 8 races have been completed, 2 discards.
- iv) After 16 races have been completed, 3 discards, then adding one extra discard for every further 8 races completed.

(b.) For multi fleet racing RRS A4 as amended by Simple Heat Racing System and the Event Sailing Instruction shall apply.

13.5 Qualifying Series Fleet Allocation

For the Qualifying Series, fleet allocation shall be conducted in accordance with Clause 3.2 (Pre-Assignment) of the Simple Heat Racing System (SHRS) 2026-1.

Heat assignments for the Qualifying Series will be published prior to the commencement of racing.

13.6 Final Series Fleet Allocation

At the completion of the Qualifying Series, competitors will be assigned to Final Series fleets in accordance with the Simple Heat Racing System (SHRS) 2026-1.

14 PRIZES

Prizes for the IOM Class Australian Championships will be awarded as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Overall
- 1st Place Masters (65 to 74 years)
- 1st Place Grand Masters (75 years and over)
- 1st Place in each Final Series Fleet (Silver, Bronze and Copper)

Prizes for the Eddie Cowell Perpetual Trophy will be awarded as follows :

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Overall
- 1st Place Masters (65 to 74 years)
- 1st Place Grand Masters (75 years and over)

15 CONDUCT

The Australian Radio Yachting Association Inc and the Queensland Radio Yachting Association recognise that all events offer considerable publicity opportunities to Clubs, Associations and the sport generally. Competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors.

Behaviour by a competitor that is in breach of good manners or sportsmanship or which may bring the sport into disrepute shall result in a hearing in accordance with RRS 2 or RRS69.1 or the PRO may offer a competitor a two turns on the spot penalty

to avoid going to protest. However, the PRO is not obliged to make this offer, nor is a competitor obliged to accept it in which case a protest hearing shall proceed.

16 DIGITAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

By taking part in this event, the competitor gives the organisation and the event's sponsors the right to use and show at any time static or moving pictures, films and TV recordings of the competitor and/or their boat made during this ARYA Ranking regatta in any materials, on any Web pages, and on any social media in support or in connection with the event, including the publication of results.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those entering or taking part in these Championships do so at their own risk and responsibility. (See RRS 4). The Australian Radio Yachting Association Incorporated, Queensland Radio Yachting Association, Sunshine Coast Radio Yachting and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim:

“Any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, material damage, personal injury or death, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, prior to, during or after the regatta, as a consequence of entering or participating in the Championship covered by this Notice of Race.”

At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves plus the decision to participate or continue must rest solely with and remain at all times with the competitors.

A competitor may only enter the event by accepting the ARYA Regatta Terms and Conditions.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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NOTES :

A welcome function will be held on Wednesday 19/08/2026 – details to be advised.

Lunch, bottled water, tea, coffee & sunscreen will be provided on Race Days 1,2,3,4.

Simple Heat Racing System

Version 2026-1

5TH February 2026

These rules will apply when the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions state that racing will be run using the Simple Heat Racing System.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 When each race will consist of two or more heats the series will consist of a Qualifying Series and a Final Series otherwise the event will be sailed as a single fleet as if it were a Qualifying Series. Except that sections 2 to 4 will not apply.
- 1.2 **Qualifying Series**
Boats shall be assigned to heats in accordance with **3. QUALIFYING SERIES**
- 1.3 **Final Series**
Finals fleet assignments shall be in accordance with 4.2 below.
- 1.4 The number of races in the Qualifying Series, or the method of determining when the Qualifying Series will end and the Final Series will start, shall be stated in the Notice of Race and/or in the Sailing Instructions
- 1.5 If no races are completed in the Final Series boats will be ranked according to their series score in the Qualifying Series.
- 1.6 RRS T1, Post-Race Penalties applies.

2. NUMBER AND SIZE OF HEATS

- 2.1 The number of heats shall be as few as possible.
- 2.2 The number of boats in each heat shall be as equal as possible.
- 2.3 The maximum number of boats in a heat shall be 20.

3. QUALIFYING SERIES

The Notice of Race will state whether assignments for the Qualifying series will be either progressive assignments (3.1) or pre-assignments (3.2) below.

The Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions will state how boats will be seeded. If no ranking or seeding list is available boats will be ranked first by alphabetical order of their national letter, then by numerical order of their sail number.

3.1 Progressive Assignment

The Race Committee shall inform boats in writing which Heat Movement Table shall apply.
The Race Committee will assign boats to heats.

- i) For Race 1 boats will be assigned to heats starting from the top ranked boat in the order 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- ii) Following Race 1 boats will be assigned to heats based on their finishing position in the previous race and heat using the Heat Movement Table from Part II.
- iii) Boats that have no finishing position shall be assigned to heats based on their scores determined by the race committee under RRS A5 in the following order: DNF, RET, NSC, OCS, DNS, DNC, UFD, BFD (and then DSQ, but only when a boat is disqualified in the race by an umpire).
- iv) When boats are tied in a heat, boats shall be assigned in alphanumerical order of national letter and sail number.
- v) Protest committee decisions shall not change heat assignments.

3.2 Pre-Assignments

- i) For all races, boats will be assigned, as far as possible to heats of equal size and ability.
- ii) Heat assignments for the entire qualifying series will be published before racing.

4. FINAL SERIES

- 4.1 There will be the same number of fleets in the Final Series as heats in the Qualifying Series. However, if the number of boats that have withdrawn from the event allows, the number of Final Series Fleets may be reduced.

Boats shall compete in the same Fleet throughout the Final Series. Fleets will be designated as Fleets Gold, Silver, Bronze and Copper, unless otherwise indicated in the sailing instructions. The Fleets shall, as far as possible, have an equal number of boats. Silver Fleet shall be no larger than Gold Fleet the Bronze Fleet no larger than Silver Fleet and Copper Fleet no larger than Bronze Fleet.

- 4.2 Boats will be assigned to Finals Fleets based on their ranking in the Qualifying Series, with the best ranked boats being assigned to Gold Fleet, except that boats withdrawn from the event at the time of division will be placed in the lowest heat.
- 4.3 If the Qualifying Series consists of more than five but less than eight completed races, then a boat's second worst race score shall be temporarily excluded but only for the purpose of establishing a ranking for assigning boats to fleets in the Final Series.
- 4.4 In the Final Series a race for each fleet shall consist of one heat. The Race Committee may change the heat schedule in the Final Series to run two or more consecutive races for the same fleet.
- 4.5 In the Final Series fleets may not all sail the same number of races.

5. SCORING

- 5.1 RRS Appendix A Low Point Scoring System shall apply for the Qualifying and Final Series except as changed by 5.2 to 5.6 below. In the Finals Series each fleet shall be scored separately.
- 5.2 In RRS A5.2 replace "the number of boats entered in the series" with "The number of boats in the largest heat".
- 5.3 Boats shall be recorded in the order of their finishing place in the heat and then, for each heat, in the order DNF, RET, NSC, OCS, DNS, DNC, WTH (DNC - withdrawn from series), UFD, BFD, DSQ or DNE. Ties will be recorded in alphanumerical order of national letter and sail number.
- 5.4 **Discards:**
A boat's series score in the Qualifying and Final Series will be the total of her race scores in that series, except that:
 - After 4 races have been completed in that series a boat's score will be the total of her race scores in that series excluding her worst score in that series;
 - After 8 races have been completed in that series, a boat's score in that series will be the total of her race scores in that series excluding her two worst scores in that series.In each series 1 additional race score will be excluded for every 8 additional races completed.
The Race Committee may change this rule before the warning signal for the first race in a series.
- 5.5 A boat's overall event score will be the total of her series scores in the each of the Qualifying and Final Series. The boat with the lowest overall event score in Gold Fleet wins. Other boats will be ranked accordingly with boats in Gold Fleet ranked before boats in Silver Fleet, boats in Silver Fleet before boats in Bronze Fleet and so on.
- 5.6 **Redress:**
If the protest committee decides to give redress based on average points, averages shall be calculated separately for each of the Qualifying and Final Series.
- 5.7 **Ties:**
Event ties shall be broken as follows:
 - i. Single heat events - RRS A8.1 and A8.2
 - ii. Multiple heat events - RRS A8.1 and A8.2 except that:
 - 1) Only scores for races in which the tied boats competed in the same heat shall be used to break ties.
 - 2) For the purposes of breaking ties excluded scores shall be used. This changes RRS A8.1
 - 3) If more than 2 boats are tied the higher place tie shall be resolved before the lower placed tie.
 - 4) If the tied competitors did not sail against each other in any heat RRS 8.1 and 8.2 shall be used without modification.

Heat Movement Tables (Progressive Assignment Qualifying Races Only)

Be aware that when there is a difference in the number of boats in heats (e.g. 16 in heat 1 and 15 in heat 2) at the start of the event, the largest heat size could move from one heat to another.

****: In 2 heat events it is possible to change the movement to "odd places to 1 and even places to 2". However, be aware that with entries of 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34 and 38 every second race will result in Heat 1 having 2 more boats than Heat 2.