



AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION (Inc.)
Applicable for all ARYA Ranking Events Conducted under
Simple Heat Management System (SHRS)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* as amended by Appendix E, the Radio Sailing Racing Rules.

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

The Simple Heat Management System 2026-1 will apply.

1.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

- E3.1: Amended to read “The control area will be defined on the course board. Competitors shall be in this area when controlling boats that are racing, except briefly to handle and then release or relaunch the boat.”
- E3.2: Amended to read “Launching area will be specified on the course board”
- E3.3: Amended to read “The course will be displayed on a Course Board. The board shall be located in or adjacent to the control area.”
- E3.6: Following the first general recall RRS 30.1 shall apply to the restart. For subsequent general recalls RRS rules 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 may apply.
- E5.1(a): Amended to read “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.”
- RRS 63.5 c (2): Amended to read: “If there is a conflict between the rules in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the race headquarters as described in the Notice of Race Clause 10.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions, either as permitted in the rule itself or in accordance with RRS 86.1, may be made at any time between heats, prior to the warning signal. Any changes will be posted on the official notice board. Two sound signals followed by a verbal announcement shall be made by the Race Officer to call attention to the change.

3.2 In the event that a rule in the Notice of Race conflicts with a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This amends RRS 63.5 (c) (2)

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Dates of racing: In accordance with the Notice of Race Clause 5.1

4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be as described in the Notice of Race Clause 5.2.

4.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an announcement and one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal will be made.

4.4 Racing will be held during the scheduled times with a maximum of 40 races for the series. There shall be no limit to the number of races/heats sailed on each day.

4.5 On the last day of the regatta no race will be commence after the time stipulated in the Notice of Race Clause 5.2.

5 THE COURSES

5.1 Course descriptions are to be displayed on the course board.

5.2 A description of the marks, including starting and finishing marks stating the order and side on which each is to be left shall be posted on the course board.

5.3 Courses can only be changed between heats or races. Any change to the course will be posted on the course board and before the next heat or race, a sound signal and a verbal warning will be made to signal the change.

6 LAUNCHING AND CONTROL AREA / OUTSIDE HELP

- 6.1** Boats shall be launched and retrieved from within the designated launching area.
- 6.2** A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held on the bank, taken ashore and re-launched at any time during the heat however they shall not be released for the first time after the first boat in that heat has finished.
- 6.3** While ashore or within a launching area boats may be adjusted, drained of water or repaired, have their sails/rigs changed or adjusted, have entangled objects removed, or have equipment repaired or changed.

7 RESCUE BOAT

- 7.1** Only an authorized boat crew, under the direction of the Race Officer, are to operate the rescue boat.

8 THE START

- 8.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS E3.4 with the warning signal made two (2) minutes before the starting signal.
- 8.2** Following the first general recall RRS rule 30.1 shall apply to the restart. For subsequent general recalls RRS rules 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 may apply. This changes RRS E3.6.

9 RACING TIMES

- 9.1** Racing is to start as soon as possible after the scheduled start times.
- 9.2** The warning signal will indicate the starting sequence for the next heat as soon as practicable after a heat has been concluded.
- 9.3** Except where an announcement is made during the initial briefing, or in exceptional circumstances where a majority of competitors agree, racing will continue until the times specified in the Notice of Race.

10 TIME LIMIT and TIME-OUT LIMIT

- 10.1** The Time limit for all heats will be 30 minutes from the start.
- 10.2** The Time Out Limit for racing after the first boat finishes shall be 5 minutes.
- 10.3** Boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, BFD, DNS, DNC, DSQ or DNE in that order, as appropriate.

11 PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1** Protests will be accepted in accordance with RRS E6.

11.2 The protest committee will consist of three competent persons, which may include competitors. If a party to a hearing objects to any individual competitor being a member of the protest committee, because they believe that person to be an interested party, they may object under RRS 63.3.

11.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be held at a time and place determined by the race committee

11.4 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(b).

12 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINALS SERIES

12.1 This regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series and a Finals Series.

12.2 The Qualifying Series will consist of between 8 and 12 races as determined by the Race Committee or, for multi-day events, the conclusion of Day 1, whichever comes first.

12.3 Boats will be allocated to fleets in the Finals Series based on their rank in the Qualifying Series.

12.4 If no races are completed in the Finals Series, boats will be ranked in accordance with their series score in the Qualifying Series.

13 SCORING

13.1 RRS Appendix A Low Point system will apply for single fleet events. For multi-fleet events, RRS Appendix A, as modified by SHRS and these Sailing Instructions shall apply.

13.2 A total of 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 Excluded scores (discards). When the total score is calculated for each boat, her worst scores will be excluded as follows:

- a. After 4 races have been completed, 1 discard
- b. After 8 races have been completed, 2 discards
- c. After 16 races have been completed, 3 discards
- d. One additional discard after each subsequent 8 races.

13.4 When scores are calculated, discards are applied separately for Qualifying and Final series meaning there is no “carry-over” of discards from Qualifying into the Final series results.

13.5 All Boats carry their Qualifying series points total (after discards) into the Final series fleet races.

13.6 The points total for each of the separate Final series races is used to find the overall finishing order of boats in the event.

13.7 A boat placed in a higher Final series fleet cannot be placed lower in the overall final standing of a boat in a lower Final series fleet. A boat in a lower Final series fleet cannot be placed higher than a boat in a higher Final series fleet in the overall standings.

13.8 When a tie needs to be broken to establish the order of finishing places between two or more boats in a race:

- a. For single fleet racing: RRS A7 and A8 will apply.
- b. For fleet racing: SHRS 5.6 (ii) will apply.

14 WITHDRAWN BOATS

- 14.1** Any competitor who intends to withdraw from racing, either permanently or temporarily, is to inform the race committee at the earliest opportunity.

15 OBSERVERS

- 15.1** 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.
- 15.2** (DP) The race committee may offer the offending Observer two One-Turn penalties to be taken immediately after the start of their next heat or race and before crossing the start line to avoid going to protest. However, the race committee is not obliged to make this offer, nor is a competitor obliged to accept it in which case a protest hearing shall proceed.

16 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 16.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

18 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as described in the Notice of Race Clause 14.

19 CONDUCT

- 19.1** The Australian Radio Yachting Association (Incorporated) recognises that major events offer considerable publicity opportunities to the Association and the sport generally. Competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny and in the event of any behaviour that is in breach of Principles of Sportsmanship and Fair Play, or which may bring the sport into disrepute may result in a protest hearing under RRS 2. or in accordance with RRS 69.
- 19.2** The Race Officer may offer a competitor a two turn on the spot penalty to avoid a protest hearing as in SI 19.1 however the Race Officer is not obliged to make this offer nor is a competitor obliged to accept it in which case a protest hearing may proceed.

20 SMOKING AND ALCOHOL

Smoking is prohibited within the control area or any enclosed spaces.

Participants are governed by the ARYA Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Management Policy 2025.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those entering or taking part in these Championships do so at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Australian Radio Yachting Association (Incorporated), Australian State Radio Sailing Associations, Australian Radio Sailing Clubs 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 these Sailing Instructions.”

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 conditions as they appear on the entry form for this event.