

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. RULES

Races conducted by Darwin Sailing Club (DSC) shall be sailed under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), relevant class rules (where applicable), the Australian Measurement System (AMS) rule (where applicable), the Notice of Race, (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and by these Sailing Instructions.

Unless stated elsewhere, events shall be classified as Category C in accordance RRS 79 and ISAF Regulation 20.

ISAF Rules 10 – 22 (inclusive) cease to apply between official sunset and sunrise and are replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea, except between competitors within 1,000 metres of the start line at night.

2. INDEMNITY

All individuals taking part in DSC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The DSC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

The DSC is not responsible for any damage or injury, either on shore or at sea to individuals or boats that might result from participation in DSC races.

A boat which is racing shall be subject to the direction and control of the Sailing Committee.

Attention is drawn to RRS 4, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

3. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 PERSONAL BUOYANCY – KEELBOATS, TRAILABLE BOATS, ETC (OTHER THAN OFF THE BEACH BOATS)

DSC strongly recommends that the skipper and crew of boats wear a suitable PFD when on deck, in conditions such that wearing of a PFD is warranted.

Conditions which a skipper / crew may consider warrant the wearing of PFD's include increased wind speeds, sea state, crew number and night sailing. Also note that PFD's should be selected having due consideration for the sailing environment.

RRS 40 (Flag "Y"), when invoked by the race committee, will apply to boats without fitted lifelines, and is a recommendation for boats with fitted lifelines.

3.2 PERSONAL BUOYANCY AND GENERAL SAFETY – OFF THE BEACH BOATS

3.2.1 Individuals participating in races for Off the Beach Divisions shall comply with YA Special Regulations; Part 2 For Off the Beach Boats, Specific Regulation R1 Personal Buoyancy and YA Recommendation 2. Personal Buoyancy. Any boat failing to comply with this instruction shall be deemed not to have started.

It is recommended that Off the Beach Boats competing in harbour races carry a mobile phone, or a hand held VHF radio, in a waterproof cover or container and a copy of the laminated harbour chart that is available from the Race Tower.

It is recommended that all Off the Beach Boats that are sailing in other than Darwin Sailing Club events carry a mobile phone, or a hand held VHF radio, in a waterproof cover or container and a copy of the laminated harbour chart that is available from the Race Tower.

3.3 ANCHORS

While racing, no anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part protruding outboard.

3.4 WATER

Drinking water shall be carried for:

3.4.1 Ocean races (including Category 3 (upgraded) races – at least six (6) litres per crewmember per day or part thereof.

3.4.2 Harbour Races – at least 2 litres per crewmember per day or part thereof.

3.5 DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS - KEELBOATS, TRAILABLE BOATS, ETC (OTHER THAN OFF THE BEACH BOATS)

A Safety Equipment Statement of Compliance (SESC) covering the annual Sailing Season shall be completed by all eligible entrants and be lodged with, and accepted by, the DSC prior to the commencement of the Sailing Season or prior to the first entered race. The entrant's SESC is not transferable to another entrant nor to another boat.

DSC reserves the right to refuse the entry of any boat not possessing a current SESC applicable to the appropriate race category.

DSC reserves the right to refuse the entry of any boat not complying with the current Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 as applicable to the appropriate race category. Race category will be as listed below:

Category 3 – Ocean Races

Category 5 – Short Harbour races that continue at night and around into Bynoe Harbour

Category 7 – Harbour races conducted in daylight hours (refer Marine Branch of Department of Planning and Infrastructure for extra requirements).

3.6 RADIO TRANSCEIVERS Radio Transceivers for Category 5 and above:

Marine VHF capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 16, 67 and 73 is required as a minimum

Category 3 (upgraded) races: Boats shall carry both of the following:

A transceiver with frequencies 4483 kHz, 2524 kHz and emergency channel 4125 kHz plus a marine VHF transceiver with channel frequencies 16, 67 and 73.

Note: DSC does not monitor 27 MHz.

3.7 DOCUMENTS

Boats competing in Division 1, 3, 4 and 5 shall carry a current copy of the following:

- Darwin Tide Tables
- The Racing Rules of Sailing of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and the prescription and special regulations of Yachting Australia (The Blue Book)
- Charts for the race course being sailed
- Current Safety Guide for Pleasure Craft published by the NT Government Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

4. RACE ENTRIES

- 4.1 Boats may enter as detailed in the Notice of Race.
- 4.2 The skipper and all crew shall be members of a Yachting Australia affiliated Yacht Club. No crew member shall compete in more than three races before joining a Yachting Australia affiliated Yacht Club.
- 4.3 A person who is not a member of DSC may crew in no more than three (3) races in any one sailing season. The onus remains with the skipper of the boat to ensure that their crew members comply with this rule. Non-compliance with this provision may result in disqualification after a hearing.
- 4.4 Change to Entry Detail
- An entrant shall notify the Sailing Committee of any:
- (a) Change in sails, sail numbers, rigging or hull measurements
 - (b) Change of skipper or
 - (c) Change of helmsman

Failure to meet these requirements may lead to disqualification of the boat from any event, after protest.

5. DIVISIONS & HANDICAPS

5.1 DIVISIONS

- 5.1.1 Boats are organised into divisions as listed below. Any decision by the Sailing Committee on eligibility or allocation of a boat to a division will be final. Boats shall not be permitted to change division during the sailing season without the written agreement of the Sailing Committee.

5.1.2 The Divisions of Racing within the Darwin Sailing Club are:

Division	Type	Class Flag
1	Keelboats and Trailables with Performance Handicap >800	Naval Numeral 1
2	Off the Beach Monohulls with Yardstick <100	Naval Numeral 2
3	Large Multihulls	Naval Numeral 3
4	Keelboats and Trailables with Performance Handicap 700 - 800	Naval Numeral 4
5	Keelboats and Trailables – Cruising / Performance Handicap <700	Naval Numeral 5
6	Off the Beach Monohulls with Yardstick >100 - 126	Naval Numeral 6
7	Off the Beach Monohulls with Yardstick 126 - 150	Naval Numeral 7
8	Off the Beach Multihulls with Yardstick <71	Naval Numeral 8
81	Off the Beach Multihulls with Yardstick 71 - 77	Flag “F”
9	Off the Beach Multihulls with Yardstick >77	Naval Numeral 9
10	Off the Beach Monohulls with Yardstick > 150	Naval Numeral 0

5.1.3 Where there are five (5) or more boats of similar type consistently racing, the Sailing Committee may establish a separate result for that type.

5.1.4 At the discretion of the Sailing Committee, a boat that does not qualify for a divisional start due to lack of sufficient starters may be allocated to another division.

5.2 HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS

The DSC Sailing Committee at its absolute discretion, reserves the right to alter or adjust any performance handicap prior to the scheduled starting time of the race concerned.

The DSC Sailing Committee reserves the right to alter or adjust, at any time, any handicap found to be incorrectly published in supplementary Sailing Instructions or incorrectly calculated.

5.3 POSTING OF RATINGS

Current handicaps (or time correction factors) for boats competing in a race will be posted on the Race Tower Notice Board a minimum 24 Hours prior to the scheduled start of a race.

5.4 RACES / DIVISIONS DESIGNATED AS NO- EXTRAS

For races / divisions designated “no extras” or “non spinnaker”, boats may only carry normal working sails tacked in their normal working position for going to windward. Boats shall not carry additional headsails, spinnakers or the like. Headsails may be poled out.

5.5 CLASS / DIVISION FLAGS (DIVISIONS 1, 3, 4 & 5)

5.5.1 Whilst racing, a boat shall carry a racing flag on her backstay or another conspicuous position. The racing flag shall be as follows:

Division 1: Numeral Pennant 1

Division 3: Numeral Pennant 3

Division 4: Numeral Pennant 4

Division 5: Numeral Pennant 5

5.5.2 A boat not carrying a racing flag may be subject to protest by the Sailing Committee (Penalty disqualification).

5.5.3 A boat carrying a racing flag that is not distinguishable from a distance of 15 Metres in good visibility may be subject to protest by the Sailing Committee (Penalty disqualification).

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be in writing and posted on the race tower notice board.

7. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by the Sailing Committee no later than two hours before the advertised start time for a race or a series, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect. Alternatively changes to instructions may be communicated orally on the water in accordance with RRS 89.2 (c). (Refer also SI 10.1)

8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed between 0800hrs and 2000hrs from the main flagpole located in the DSC boat yard.

8.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in race signal AP. (alteration of RRS Race Signals)

9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races will be conducted on the dates shown in the DSC Sailing Program, as updated from time to time on the DSC Website (www.dwnsail.com.au). Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect. This clause does not preclude the Sailing Committee from postponing or abandoning a race.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The course to be sailed for a race will be detailed in these sailing instructions, or posted on the race Tower Notice board not less than 3 hours before the scheduled start of the race or series. Where there is a conflict of information with respect to the course to be sailed, the details on the Race Tower Notice Board will take precedence. Should there be a change to the course as detailed in the Sailing Instructions, this information will also be advised in accordance with Clause 10.2.
- 10.2 If it is found necessary to alter a course a DSC rescue boat shall display code flag 'L' prior to the warning signal and notify all boats in the relevant division(s) by detailing changes on a placard.
- 10.3 Where no course details are shown in these sailing instructions, (classics, offshore, passage, night races, etc), course details will be posted on the Race Tower Notice Board not less than 3 hours before the scheduled start of the race or series, or detailed in supplementary sailing instructions.
- 10.4 A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 10.5 For courses 1 – 59, the length of legs will be set to suit prevailing conditions
- 10.6 No boat is to pass through the start/finish line unless starting or finishing. A boat so doing will incur a 20% time penalty without protest. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 10.7 Racing areas are defined as follows:
 - 10.7.1 Off Shore Races: Races conducted to seaward of the area defined in 10.7.2 below.
 - 10.7.2 Harbour Races: Races conducted wholly within the Darwin Harbour area limited by Charles Point, Charles Point Patches (no 5 buoy) and Lee Point.
 - 10.7.3 Bay Races: races conducted in Darwin Harbour inside the area bounded by east point, 'O' buoy and Emery point.



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DIAGRAM 1 – Triangular Courses

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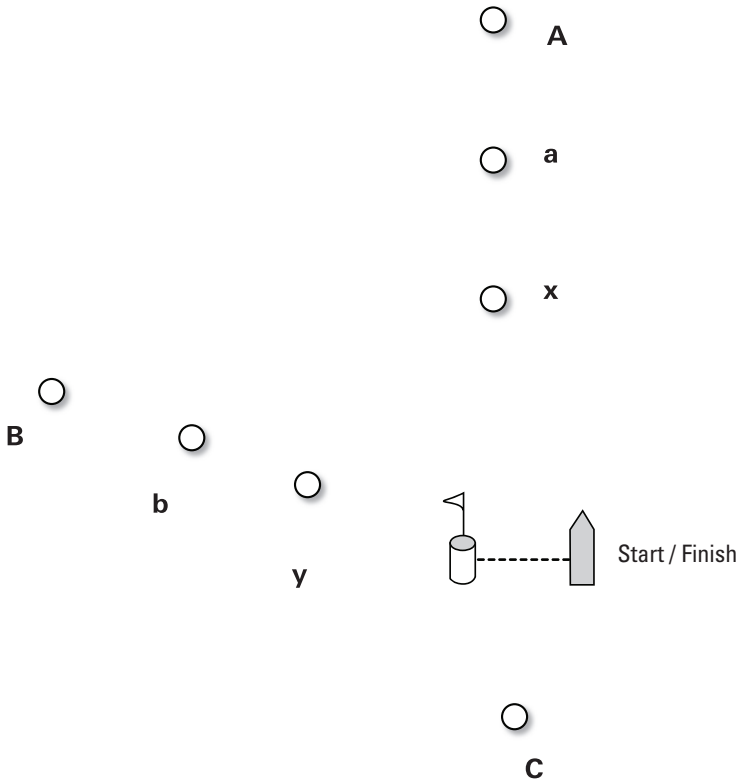
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DIAGRAM 2 – Trapezoidal Courses

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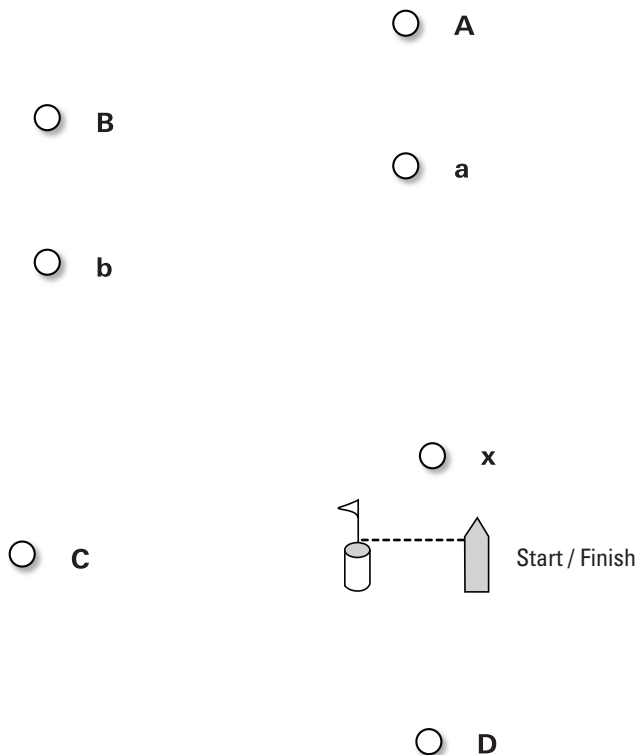
**Course 11** Start – A – x – A – B – C – D – Finish**Course 12** Start – A – x – A – x – A – B – C – D – Finish**Course 13** Start – A – x – A – x – A – x – A – B – C – D – Finish**Course 14** Start – a – x – a – b – C – D – Finish**Course 15** Start – a – x – a – x – a – b – C – D – Finish**Course 16** Start – a – x – a – x – a – x – a – b – C – D – Finish**Course 17** Start – A – B – C – B – C – D – Finish**Course 18** Start – A – B – C – B – C – B – C – D – Finish**Course 19** Start – A – B – C – B – C – B – C – B – C – D – Finish**Course 20** Start – a – b – C – b – C – D – Finish**Course 21** Start – a – b – C – b – C – b – C – D – Finish**Course 22** Start – a – b – C – b – C – b – C – b – C – D – Finish**Course 23** Start – A – D – A – D – Finish**Course 24** Start – A – D – A – D – A – D – Finish**Course 25** Start – A – x – A – D – Finish**Course 26** Start – A – x – A – x – A – D – Finish**Courses 27 – 29** – Refer to special course as notified on the Race Tower Notice Board.

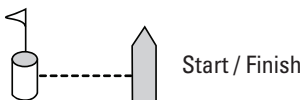
DIAGRAM 3 – Windward / Leeward Courses

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Course 31 Start – A – C – A – C – Finish

Course 32 Start – A – C – A – C – A – C – Finish

Course 33 Start – a – C – a – C – finish

Course 34 Start – a – C – a – C – a – C – Finish

Course 35 Start – x – C – x – C – finish

Course 36 Start – x – C – x – C – x – C – Finish

Courses 37 – 39 – Refer to special course as notified on the Race Tower Notice Board.

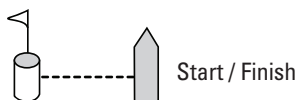
DIAGRAM 4 – Windward / Leeward Gate Courses

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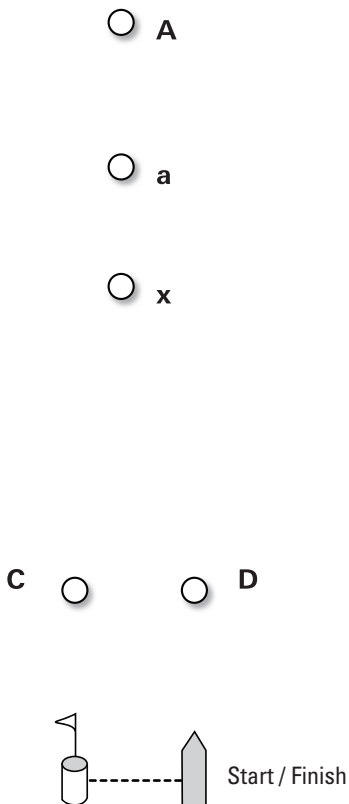
Course 41 Start – A – (C or D) – A – (C or D) – Finish**Course 42** Start – A – (C or D) – A – (C or D) – A – (C or D) – Finish**Course 43** Start – a – (C or D) – a – (C or D) – finish**Course 44** Start – a – (C or D) – a – (C or D) – a – (C or D) – Finish**Course 45** Start – x – (C or D) – x – (C or D) – finish**Course 46** Start – x – (C or D) – x – (C or D) – x – (C or D) – Finish**Courses 47 – 49** – Refer to special course as notified on the Race Tower Notice Board.

Note: At the Leeward Gate (C or D), boats shall approach from the last mark and sail between marks C & D, rounding either mark C to Starboard or mark D to Port.

Courses may be shortened by a committee vessel displaying Flag "S" (together with repetitive sound signals) in the vicinity of marks C and D. Boats shall then round P or Q and proceed directly to the finish.

DIAGRAM 5 – Windward / Leeward Gate Courses Downwind Finish

Diagram not to scale

**Course 51** Start – A – (C or D) – A – Finish**Course 52** Start – A – (C or D) – A – (C or D) – A – Finish**Course 53** Start – a – (C or D) – a – Finish**Course 54** Start – a – (C or D) – a – (C or D) – a – Finish**Course 55** Start – x – (C or D) – x – finish**Course 56** Start – x – (C or D) – x – (C or D) – x – Finish**Courses 57 – 59** – Refer to special course as notified on the Race Tower Notice Board.

Note: At the Leeward Gate (C or D), boats shall approach from the last mark and sail between marks C & D, rounding either mark C to Starboard or mark D to Port

11. MARKS

11.1 Course Marks:

Starting Mark: Buoy displaying Flag "O".

Type and colour of buoys will be advised in each race notice.

Harbour and offshore Marks:

See schedule of fixed Marks

Mark	Designation	Description	Position
D Buoy	D	Orange Marked D	12° 26.10' 130° 49.20'
E Buoy	E	Alum Marked E (Fl Y 2s)	12° 25.56' 130° 48.80'
MD Buoy	MD	Orange Marked MD	12° 27.31' 130° 46.27'
O Buoy	O		12° 24.30' 130° 48.25'
Sandbar Bcn Post	SBB	Qk Fl Blue	12° 27.06' 130° 48.90'
Sandbar Buoy	SB	Orange	12° 25.735' 130° 48.544'
Myilly Point	MP	Red Fl	12° 27.10' 130° 48.85'
No.1 Abbott Shoal	1	Red Fl.(4) R 16s	11° 49.635' 131° 31.592'
No.2 Rooper Rock	2	Red Fl.(2) R 8s	12° 04.290' 131° 10.692'
No.4 Marsh Shoal	4	Green Fl.(3) G 12	12° 05.413' 130° 55.873'
No 5 Charles Point Patches	5	Green Fl. G 2.5s	12° 20.24' 130° 41.73'
No.6 Channel Rock	6	Red Fl (2) R 2.5s	12° 25.150' 130° 46.850'.
No.7 Buoy	7	Green Iso. G 2s	12° 23.519' 130° 44.683'.
No.7A Buoy	7A	Green Iso. G 2s	12° 26.073' 130° 46.823'
No.8 Bennett Shoal Buoy	8	Red Fl.R 3s	12° 25.012' 130° 48.986'
No.9 Buoy	9	Green Iso. G 2s	12° 28.037' 130° 48.065'
No.9A Buoy	9A	Green Iso. G 2s	12° 28.371' 130° 48.368'
No.10 Quarantine Buoy	10	Yellow Iso. Y 2s	12° 28.540' 130° 49.880'
No. 11 Junction Buoy	11	Black /Yellow Q	12° 29.150' 130° 50.017'
No.12 Buoy	12	Yellow Fl.(5) Y 12s	12° 28.788' 130° 51.322'
No.14 Buoy	14	Red Fl.(2) R 5s	12° 29.195' 130° 52.421'
No.16 Buoy	16	Red Fl.(4) R 10s	12° 29.68' 130° 52.93'
Submarine	SM	Yellow	12° 28.02' 130° 47.58'

Buoy MA-1	MA-1	Green Iso. G 2s	12° 28.818' 130° 48.650'
Buoy MA-2	MA-2	Red Iso. R 2s	12° 29.411' 130° 49.275'
Buoy MA-3	MA-3	Green Iso. G 2s	12° 30.325' 130° 49.530'
Buoy MA-4	MA-4	Red Fl.(2) R 4s	12° 30.710' 130° 50.497'
Buoy MA-5	MA-5	Green Iso. G 2s	12° 31.297' 130 50.126'
Buoy MA	MA-6	Black/Red/Black Fl.(2) 5s	12° 31.500' 130° 50.540'
Buoy MAA	MA-A	Yellow Iso. Y 2s	12° 31.780' 130° 50.850'
DSC Race Tower			12° 25.76' 130° 50.11'

Note all descriptions and locations are approximate only. Check also relevant charts. No boat shall pass between the Sandbar Marker Post and the Sandbar.

11.2 All marks as defined in DSC SI 11.1, apart from Harbour and off-shore marks, will be left to port or starboard as indicated by the red flag (leave mark to port) or a green flag (leave mark to starboard) flying from the DSC Start boat at the preparatory signal for the division.

12. THE START

- 12.1.1 Except for races designated as starting at Stokes Hill wharf, the start line is an imaginary line between a mast or staff flying an orange Flag on the committee boat and the port starting mark, or as otherwise defined in the sailing instructions or Special Instructions for a race. An Inner Distance Buoy may be positioned off the Committee boat and, if laid, shall be deemed to be an extension of the Committee Boat. The direction of the start is towards the first mark of the course.
- 12.1.2 For races starting at Stokes Hill Wharf, the start line is an imaginary line between a mast or staff flying an orange flag on Stokes Hill wharf and the port starting mark.
- 12.1.3 The start line will remain in position for a period of 10 minutes after the start of the race of the last Division.
- 12.1.4 A boat not having started before the start line is removed shall be deemed not to have started.

12.2 STARTING SEQUENCE

Generally the starting sequence will be:

- Division 8
- Division 81
- Division 9
- Division 1
- Division 3
- Division 4 & 5
- Division 2 & 6
- Division 7
- Division 10

Where a division is not competing in a particular event, the Sailing Committee may delete that division from the above sequence, or otherwise change the sequence. The class flags displayed in the starting sequence will take precedence over this clause of the Sailing Instructions. Actual starting sequence will be notified by division flags in accordance with the Starting Procedure.

12.3 STARTING AREA

Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the Starting area and of all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made. Boats failing to comply with this instruction may be subject to disqualification after protest by the Sailing Committee.

12.4 STARTING PROCEDURE (Refer also RRS 25, 26, 27)

12.4.1 The race starting procedure shall be as shown below:

12.4.2 Starts shall follow at three (3) minute intervals.

12.4.3 Where there is a conflict between starting signals, visual starting signals shall govern (RRS 26).

12.4.4 The starting sequence will be notified by division flags in accordance with the Starting Procedure.

SIGNAL FLAG	SOUND	TIME
Warning Division Flag	1 sound	Minus 5 Minutes
Preparatory P, I, Z. Z with I or Black	1 sound	Minus 4 Minutes
One Minute Preparatory Flag Removed	1 long sound	Minus 1 minute
Starting Division Flag Removed	1 sound	0 Minutes
Change Port/Starboard as appropriate	Nil	Plus 30 seconds
Preparatory P Flag & Division Flag Hoisted	Nil	Plus 1 minute
One Minute P Flag removed	1 long sound	Plus 2 minutes
Starting Division Flag Removed	1 sound	Plus 3 minutes

12.5 POSTPONED OR DELAYED START

12.5.1 When more than one Division is racing, a postponed start for a division applies to the division and all divisions who have not yet started. On resumption of the start for that division the starting procedure as in Sailing Instructions 12.4 shall resume.

12.6 STARTING RACES AFTER SUNSET

12.6.1 Where the starting time is after official sunset, RRS 10 – 22 inclusive shall apply between competitors within 1,000 metres of the start line.

12.6.2 For all starts after dark (except Harbour races) all competing boats shall report to the DSC committee boat (or DSC Tower) by VHF Channel 73.

12.6.3 The Race Starting procedures (except harbour races which may be amended on the course sheet) shall be:

Night Harbour races shall start between 'E' buoy and the Race Control Tower at 1900 hours on the sound signal for the ABC radio news.

OR STARTING RACES AFTER SUNSET (FROM COMMITTEE VESSEL OR RACE TOWER)

MEANING	SIGNAL	TIME
Warning	1 Sound Signal, 1 White Light	Minus 10 Minutes
Preparatory Signal	1 Sound signal, 2 White Lights	Minus 5 Minutes
Start	1 sound signal, 3 white lights	0 Minutes

12.6.4 A boat on the course side of the starting line after the preparatory signal but before her starting signal shall return to the pre-start side of the line around one of its ends without passing back through the start line.

12.7 LATE STARTERS

12.7.1 A boat late for a start may use her engine or other means of propulsion after the preparatory signal for the purpose of proceeding to the start line provided that; before crossing the start line the boat shuts off its engine or ceases other means of propulsion, performs a 360 degree turn under sail and does not thereby obtain an unfair advantage. A boat taking advantage of this concession shall record the circumstances in a declaration after the race and the Sailing Committee, at its discretion, shall decide whether the boat has started correctly.

12.7.2 A late starter shall not impede a start in progress for any division

12.8 POSTPONED AND ABANDONED RACES

Postponed and abandoned races may be re-sailed at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. With the exception of Paragraph 12.9, Offshore races shall not be abandoned.

12.9 SOLE STARTER

A lone starter shall be permitted to start and to sail the course.

12.10 KEEPING CLEAR

12.10.1 A boat whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of any starting areas and all boats whose preparatory signal has been sounded.

12.10.2 A boat shall not interfere with the proper control of the starting or finishing procedure of the Sailing Committee or with any boat engaged on rescue or race management operations.

12.10.3 A boat shall not interfere with commercial shipping in the Harbour.

- 12.10.4 A boat shall keep clear of any exclusion zones declared by the Darwin Port Corporation
- 12.10.5 A boat breaching this instruction shall be subject to disqualification or alternative penalties. On these circumstances the time limit for the receipt of report under DSC Sailing Instruction 17 may be extended by the Sailing Committee.

13. RECALLS

13.1 RACES STARTING BEFORE SUNSET

13.1.1 General Recalls

General Recall shall be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2

13.1.2 Individual Recalls (Changes RRS 29.1)

One sound signal and code flag 'X' is displayed for a minimum of two (2) minutes or until all premature started boats have returned.

13.2 RACES STARTING AFTER SUNSET (Changes RRS 29)

13.2.1 General Recalls

- Signalled by a flashing white strobe light and two sound signals.
- Following a General Recall there shall be no subsequent warning signal. Five (5) minutes after the recalled start the strobe light will be extinguished, a fresh Preparatory Signal (two white lights) and one sound signal made signalling five (5) minutes to the recalled start.
- When returning to the start line Paragraph 12.6.4 shall apply

13.2.2 Individual Recalls

- One sound signal and a red light displayed until the recalled boat(s) have returned to the pre-start side of the line or a shorter period as determined by the Race Committee. Recalled boats may be identified and broadcast on VHF Channel 73.
- Recalled boats shall return to the pre start side of the line around one of its ends without passing back through the line.

14. SHORTENING COURSE (RRS 32)

Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2 and Race Signal "S".

15. FINISH LINE

- 15.1.1 The finish line for course diagrams 1 - 5 shall be an imaginary line between a mast or staff on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag, and the finishing mark.
- 15.1.2 An alternative finish line will be laid when the committee boat is unable to be on station for the finish of Course diagrams 1, 2, and 3. This finish line will be

an imaginary line between a buoy displaying flag 'O' and the Race Tower. The alternative finish may be signalled by code flag 'A' at 'C' buoy. After rounding (not passing) this buoy in the required direction for the race boats shall proceed directly to the alternative finish line.

- 15.1.3 This finish line for harbour races unless prescribed in a special instruction shall be an imaginary line between 'D' buoy and the Race tower, leaving 'D' to Starboard.
- 15.1.4 For offshore races and night races, unless prescribed in a special instruction the finish line will be a transit of 'E' buoy (to starboard) and Emery Point light.
- 15.1.5 No boat shall pass through the start/finish line unless starting or finishing.

15.2 FINISHING AT NIGHT

- 15.1.1 When finishing at night a boat shall illuminate its sail number and note its finishing time in the declaration form provided. A boat should also note the finishing times of boats finishing about the same time.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Ocean Races – No time limit.
- 16.2 Harbour Races (Divisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 81 & 9) – Where no boat is finished by 1800 hours the race will be declared an abandoned race. When one or more boats finish a race before 1800 hours then any boat finishing that race after 1800 hours shall take its own finishing time and record it on a declaration form located below the Race Tower.
- 16.3 Harbour Races (Divisions 2, 6, 7 & 10) – Six (6) hours after the start or 1800 hours – whichever occurs first. Any boat finishing that race after 1800 hours shall take its own finishing time and record it on a declaration form located below the Race Tower.
- 16.4 Laid courses (Division 1-10) – Three (3) hours after the start. Any boat that has not finished before 1800 Hrs, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35.
- 16.5 Back to Back Races (Divisions 2, 6, 7, 8, 81, 9, & 10). Any boat that has not finished within 20 minutes after the first boat in its division will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes Rule 35.

17. PROTESTS

A Protest Flag shall be flown in accordance with the RRS 61.1(a). Protests arising from a race shall be lodged with the Sailing Committee within two (2) hours of finishing a race except for Ocean Races and races finishing after official sunset, where a 24 hour limit applies. Where a race finished before sunset protests will be heard on the day they are lodged if possible but no later than the Tuesday following the race. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the Race Tower Notice Board and interested parties notified as soon as possible after the expiry of the protest period.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 The Sailing Committee will monitor VHF Channel 73 during racing.
- 18.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

The Sailing Committee Vessel is the boat engaged in race management activities and shall fly the DSC Burgee. Other official boats will display the DSC Burgee.

20. SIGNING OFF

- 20.1 Sign off is required for ocean races. Notification must be made to the race tower officials at the earliest possible time if a boat retires from a race.
- 20.2 A boat finishing when the Race Tower is unattended shall record her finishing time on the sign on form provided or phone or email her finishing time to the Race Tower within six (6) hours of finishing.
- 20.3 Skippers of divisions 2, 6, 7, 8, 81, 9 & 10 boats are required to sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat in their Division finishing. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty after protest.

21. RESULTS

- 21.1 Results of a race will be posted within 24 hours of the completion of that race. Where a protest is pending the results will be marked 'provisional' and the boats involved in the protest shall be identified.
- 21.2 Results will be given for each Division if 2 boats take to the water and compete. A separate Class (i.e. laser, tasar, pacer, tornado etc) result will also be given if 4 or more boats of a Class take to the water and compete, provided that result is different from the Division result.

22. ADDITIONAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 22.1 A boat may be inspected at any time by a person appointed as a DSC Inspector by the Sailing Committee

23. LITTER

Boats observed intentionally littering will be penalised as follows:

- 23.1 First offence constitutes a warning
- 23.2 Second offence shall incur a 20% time penalty (without a hearing – this changes RRS 63.1)
- 23.3 Third or subsequent offences, the boat may be subject to protest (penalty disqualification).