



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.

Mixed Fleet:



International Cadets:



Bravo Course Sailing Instructions

**1st October 2023 to
30th September 2024**

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[DP] – A rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the jury or protest committee.

1 Rules

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), Part 2 for Off-the-Beach Boats and their Class rules.
- 1.2 Boats racing with a sail number other than that registered in the TopYacht Entry System or as advised to the Race Committee at the warning signal of the first race of the day will be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, A5 and G4.

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions (SI's)

- 2.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions that are made ashore will be posted before 09:00 hours on the day it will take effect
- 2.2 Changes to the Schedule of Races will be posted at least three (3) days prior to the day that the change is to take effect.
- 2.3 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the Race Committee displaying Flag L.

3 Communications to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 3.2 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the OTB flagpole in the north-east corner of the RGYC Hardstand.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned. Boats are advised not to leave the shore when AP is displayed. This changes Race Signals AP.

5 Schedule of Races






- 5.1 Races are scheduled as per the 2023/24 available at <https://rgyc.com.au>.
- 5.2 There will be two (2) races scheduled per day other than those races listed in Appendix "B"
- 5.3 Extra races may be sailed on any day provided that racing does not become more than one (1) race ahead of schedule.

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- 5.4 The Race Committee will signal AP over A after the final race of the day to signal “no more races will be started”.

6 Classes and Class Flags

6.1

Class/Division	Class Flag	
Mixed “A” Fleet	Yellow Flag with letter “A”	
Mixed “B” Fleet	Yellow Flag with letter “B”	
International Cadet	White Flag with black ‘C’ Insignia	
Optimists	Flag with Optimist Insignia	
Visiting Class Fleet	Flag F or relevant Class Flag	

- 6.2 To qualify to race in the Mixed “A” Fleet a boat shall have an Australian Sailing yardstick of 112 or lower.

- 6.3 Other Mixed Fleet boats will race in the Mixed “B” Fleet.

7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Corio Bay.

8 Courses

- 8.1 Courses to be sailed are described in Appendix A.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RCV will display a course flag and course board where applicable.

9 Marks

- 9.1 The marks are described in Appendix A.

10 The Start

- 10.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RCV at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end start mark.

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10.2 The starting Procedure shall be:

Signal	Flag	Minutes before Start
Warning	Class Flag	3
Preparatory	P, U or Black	2
One-Minute	Preparatory removed	1
Start	Class Flag removed	0

This changes RRS 26

10.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 Boats failing to start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

11 The Finish

11.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RCV and the finish mark.

11.2 [DP] Boats not racing shall stay clear of the finish line.

12 Time Limits

12.1

Type	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
If 2 races scheduled	90 Minutes	25 Minutes
If 1 race scheduled	150 minutes	45 minutes
Sprint Races	20 minutes	7 minutes

- 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

12.2 Boats still racing after the time limit expires will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

13 Protests and Requests for Redress

13.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in her division has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing

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today, whichever is later.

- 13.2** Hearing Request forms are available from the box beside the notice board located in the Club Member's Bar.
- 13.3** Protests and requests for redress or re-opening, shall be delivered to a Race Officer, Flag Officer or the Sailing Manager within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.4** 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.

14 Scoring

- 14.1** Boats that join the series after one or more completed races will be given the Did Not Compete (DNC) score for each earlier race.
- 14.2** When a class boat is replaced by one of the same design during the season, the aggregate points scored will carry forward to the replacement boat. The replacement boat shall be allocated a provisional handicap.
- 14.3** A replacement boat of a different design, class or change of ownership, shall be deemed to be a new entry.
- 14.4** Only boats listed on the Club's register that have submitted a season entry will be eligible to score series aggregate points.
- 14.5** Casual entries will be ineligible for trophies or series points but may be eligible for any "prize-of-the-day" at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes RRS A2.2.

14.6 Discards

Series	Races Completed	Discards
Saturday Aggregate	1 - 5	0
	6 - 10	1
	11 - 15	2
	16 - 19	3
	20 or more	4

14.7 Requests for allocated race score

- 14.7.1** A boat which does not race because its crew has volunteered for race

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management duties on a particular race day may request the OA for an allocated score. Applicants for allocated scores are to email sailing@rgyc.com.au.

14.7.2 Allocated scores will be applied as follows;

- i) The boat's allocated race score shall be the average of her previous five (5) race scores within this current season, prior to the date of the missed Club race day identified in the request, excluding other allocated scores will be scored DUT (Duty). In the event that five races have not been completed, the score will be allocated once five races are completed.
- ii) The scores of other boats shall not be changed.
- iii) A boat may be given an allocated score for a maximum of 2 Club race days per season.

This changes RRS A4 and A5.

14.8 Designated Non-Aggregate race days

14.8.1 Class designated non-aggregate race days will be detailed in Appendix B.

14.9 Handicap System

14.9.1 Mixed Class OTB Championship:
Australian Sailing's Yardstick system shall be used.

14.9.2 International Cadet Handicap:
The relativity across the whole fleet shall be maintained using a Performance-based Handicap system (PHS).

14.9.3 Optimist Handicap:
A Performance-based Handicap (PHS) system shall be used.

14.10 The Club Handicapper shall be notified, preferably in writing, at least three hours before the race of any substantial change to hull, rig or replacement sails which are likely to change performance.

14.11 Provisional results will be displayed on the Club's Web Site as soon as practicable.

15 Special Conditions for Scoring Designated Sprint Races

15.1 On those race days designated "Sprints" in the Racing Calendar the scores for each boat will count towards the Sprint Series scores only.

15.2 The total score for each boat will determine the finishing position for the series.

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16 Safety Regulations

16.1 A Sign-on and Sign-off sheet will be located in the shipping container adjacent to the OTB boat ramp. The skipper (or crew) of each boat shall sign-on by signing this sheet prior to leaving the shore, and sign-off by signing this sheet as soon as possible upon returning to shore at the completion of racing, but no later than the protest time limit.

(a) Failure to “Sign On” prior to racing will result in a 5 point penalty for the first race of the day.

(b) Failure to “Sign Off” within the required time will result in a 5 point penalty for the last race of the day.

(c) The scoring abbreviation SCP (scoring penalty) will be used. The penalty will be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

16.2 [DP] Prior to starting, boats shall “report” their intention to race by hailing their sail number to the RCV, after it is on station at the starting line, and shall have their hail acknowledged.

16.3 A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify a rescue boat operator or the RCV as soon as possible.

17 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

17.1 Substitution of helms person is permitted as per Class rules.

18 Prizes

18.1 Prizes will be given for:

Optimist Class	
A K Lloyd Trophy	Optimist Championship Winner
International Cadet Class	
Ruth Plummer Perpetual Trophy	Cadet Whose Activities Embody the Spirit of the Cadet Fellowship
E J Fairnie Perpetual Cup	Cadet Class: Winner of Open Championship
Garner Family Cadet Rudder	Cadet Crews’ Race
Gordon Jackson Perpetual Cup (Maiden Helm)	Any skipper who has Not won any handicap race before date scheduled.

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C H Fleet Perpetual Trophy	Most Improved Cadet Skipper
Searle Bros Perpetual Cup	Cadet Class: Winner of Handicap Blue or Combined if no Red
Gar Vautier Memorial Trophy	Best Performing Cadet Member for the season
Heath Perpetual Championship Cup	Crew of the Red Division Championship winner
Landfall Perpetual Cup	Single-Handed Race: International Cadet
Naval Auxiliary Patrol Trophy	Cadet Best in National Championship
Neil R Ritchie Cadet Captains Bowl	Cadet Sub Aggregate for ALL Windward / Leeward / Triangle races
Robin Robbins Trophy	Cadet Last Race of the Season
W Mackinlay 1936 Perpetual Cup	Cadet Division Windward-Leeward Combined Handicap sub-Aggregate
Doug Hocking Perpetual Trophy	Combined Handicap Winner of the Event so Named
Senior Members Dinghy Race Perpetual Trophy	
Gordon Jackson Perpetual Cup (Best Found Boat)	Best Found and Maintained Boat
Kelly Perpetual Trophy	Recognise the RGYC Off the Beach (Junior) Captains and Vice Captains for their leadership and Commitment for the Season
Deakin Worldly Cadet Championship Trophy	Blue Division Championship winner
Mixed Fleet	
Arthur Collins 'Waroo' Cup	Mixed Fleet Yardstick Championship
Cam Dawson Ford Perpetual Trophy	Laser Class Only. Winner of Championship

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Sandigol Jon Cup	Fireball Championship Aggregate Winner
John Sykes Youth Award Memorial Trophy	Youth Mixed Class Member Deemed Most Worthy

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.**

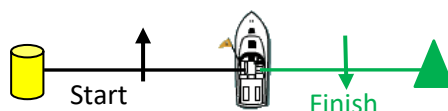
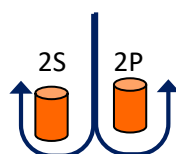
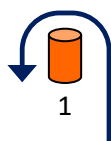
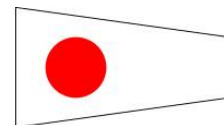
20 Insurance

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured for racing and with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident.

APPENDIX A – COURSES

Windward – Leeward Course

Signal – Numeral Pennant 1



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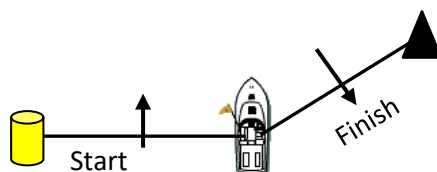
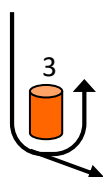
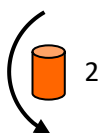
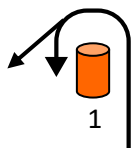
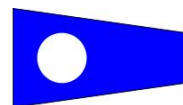
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Optimist	Start - 1 – Finish
Cadet & Mixed B	Start - 1 – 2s/2p – 1 - Finish
Mixed A	Start - 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p - 1 - Finish

Mark	Description
Start	Yellow Pencil
Marks 1, 2s and 2p	Orange Cylinder
Finish	Black Cone
Change Mark	Orange Cylinder with Black Band

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Triangle Windward – Leeward Course 2

Signal – Numeral Pennant 2



- All marks shall be left to Port

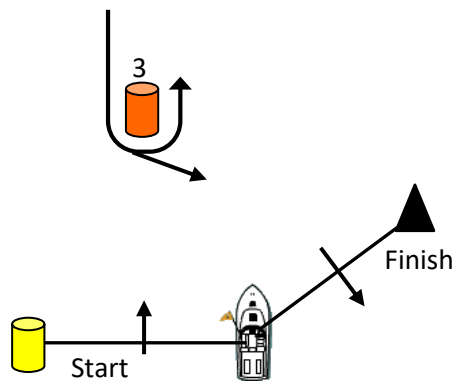
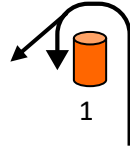
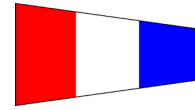
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Optimist	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
Cadet	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
Mixed A&B	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Mark	Description
Start	Yellow Pencil
Marks 1, 2 & 3	Orange Cylinder
Finish	Black Cone

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Triangle Windward – Leeward Course 3

Signal – Numeral Pennant 3



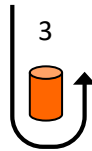
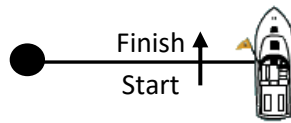
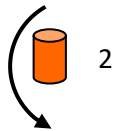
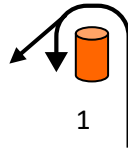
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Group	Mark Rounding Order
Optimist	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish
Cadet	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish
Mixed A&B	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Mark	Description
Start	Yellow Pencil
Marks 1, 2 & 3	Orange Cylinder
Finish	Black Cone

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Sprint Racing Course



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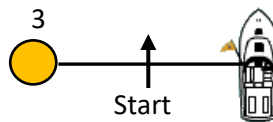
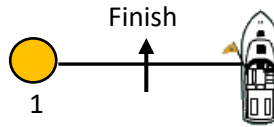
Mark Rounding Order		
W/L Course: NP 4		Start – 1 – 3 – Finish
TWL Course: NP 5		Start – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish

Mark	Description
Start & Finish Mark	Black Cone
Marks 1, 2 and 3	Orange Cylinder

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Special Course

Signal: Numeral Pennant 6



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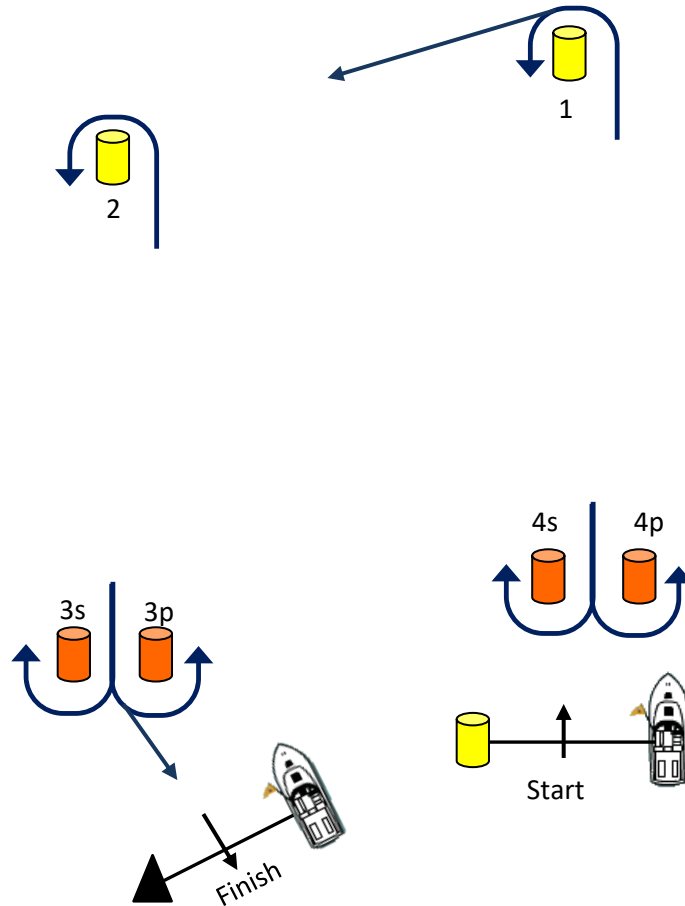
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Opti & Cadets	Start - 1 - 2 - 4 - 1 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 3 - Finish
Mixed A & B	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

Mark	Description
Mark 1,2,3 & 4	Orange Cylinder

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Trapezoid Course 8

Signal – Numeral Pennant 8



When one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

Group	Inner/Outer	Mark Rounding Order
Opti & Cadets	Outer 2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
Mixed A & B	Inner 2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish

Mark	Description
Start	Yellow Pencil
Marks 1 & 2	Yellow Cylinder
Marks 3s , 3p, 4s, 4p	Orange Cylinders
Finish	Black cone

APPENDIX B

Race Schedule -Additional Information

1. Designated Non-Aggregate Race Days

Class	Event for Non-Aggregate Club race
Cadet	Sail Sandy Lipton Cup Kingston Sprints

2. Special Race Days: Race Per Day

Race Day	Target Number of Races
Season Opening Day	1 race
Sprints	10 per day
Soos Trophy Race	1 race

APPENDIX C

Signal Flags
For Information Only

A		K		U		1		1	
B		L		V		2		2	
C		M		W		3		3	
D		N		X		4		4	
E		O		Y		5		5	
F		P		Z		6		6	
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Revision Record

Version	Revision Date	Clause Affected/Notes
VFINAL	07/09/2023	Final version for release and publication
VREVISED	03/10/2023	Course 1 finish updated. Appendix T removed.
VREVISED	17/11/2023	Appendix A – missing gate mark added.
VREVISED	28/02/2024	TWL Course 2 and 3 updated for Cadet, Mixed A and Mixed B