

Mooloolaba Open Inter-Club Regatta

Mooloolah River, Mooloolaba

01 June 2025

Sailing Instructions



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mooloolaba Yacht Club (MYC).

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified by this by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.3 The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with PDF Type 1 (AS 1512), PFD Type 2 (AS 1499), AS 4758 PFD (Level 50 or higher) complying with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 minimum 50S), or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat except briefly whilst adjusting clothing.
- 2.4 Class rules will not apply.

3. ADVERTISING

The OA may require all participating boats to display the Event's Sponsor advertising in accordance with Rule 6.1 World Sailing Regulation - Advertising Code. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.

4. VENUE

- 4.1 Racing will be conducted in the Mooloolah River in an area from the vicinity of the Mooloolaba Coast Guard building upriver to the Restricted Anchoring zone to the west, or at the race committee's discretion.
- 4.2 Commercial operators in the river will be notified of this event. Please note that commercial traffic will be passing along the Mooloolah River during racing.
- 4.3 MYC reminds competitors should make their intentions clear and avoid any collision when sailing in the vicinity of recreational boaters and commercial traffic. Collisions must be avoided between competing vessels and other river traffic.

5. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1 Notices will be posted on the Regatta Official Notice Board either inside or outside of the MYC Clubroom.

6. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than fifteen (15) minutes before they take effect.
- 6.2 All changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Regatta Official Notice Board. After racing has commenced changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced by the Race Officer by radio.

7. BOATS AND SAILS

- 7.1 The Event will be sailed in Elliott 6 class yachts.
- 7.2 Up to 4 boats will be provided.
- 7.3 Boats will be allocated to teams by random draw.
- 7.4 Safety Category 7 shall apply to all Elliott 6m sailboats provided for the event. No items required to meet Category 7 standards shall be removed from the boats at any time during the event.
- 7.5 The sails to be used will be one mainsail, one jib and one spinnaker, will be provided with each boat allocated by the Race Committee. A green flag and a red flag will be supplied
- 7.6 The green flag supplied should be displayed when indicating that attention is required. This may be a repair is required to the boat, or that medical attention is required. It is still the responsibility of the team to notify the Race Committee. If a team is changed onto a boat and identifies outstanding damage, the team must make the Race Committee aware of this prior to the Preparatory Signal, if they require additional time to effect repairs or to retrieve spare parts.

8. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 8.1 A VHF handheld radio will be issued to each boat. Communications will be on VHF Ch77.
- 8.2 Competitors are required to perform a radio check with the Start Boat when it is on station.
- 8.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

9. EVENT FORMAT

- 9.1 The regatta shall be run as short course fleet racing.
- 9.2 The regatta shall be a with maximum of four (4) boats fleet racing.
- 9.3 Each team must consist of four (4) crew members.
- 9.4 A Competitors' Briefing will be held at 0900hrs in the MYC Clubroom.
- 9.5 Following the Competitors' Briefing on Sunday morning each team will be allotted to a boat by draw.
- 9.6 There shall be a maximum of five (5) qualifying races, after which the top two (2) teams will compete in the final series. The final series will consist of up to (3) races.
- 9.7 The warning signal of the first race will be no earlier than 0955 hours.
- 9.8 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.
- 9.9 The OA may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round, or add finals.


10. SCHEDULE OF RACES

10.1

Sunday 01 June 2025	0900 hours	Competitors' Briefing
	Not before 0955 hours	First warning signal
	1530 hours	No warning signal will be made after this time
	ASAP After Racing	Presentation and prize giving

- 10.2 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.
- 10.3 The OA reserves the right to deviate from the above schedule.

11. CLASS FLAG

- 11.1 The Class Flag will be the International Code Flag E. 

12. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

- 12.1 The starting sequence of RRS 26 is amended as follows:

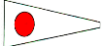


Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag – Code Flag E Letter A or B displayed on a board	One	Warning signal
2	P, U or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

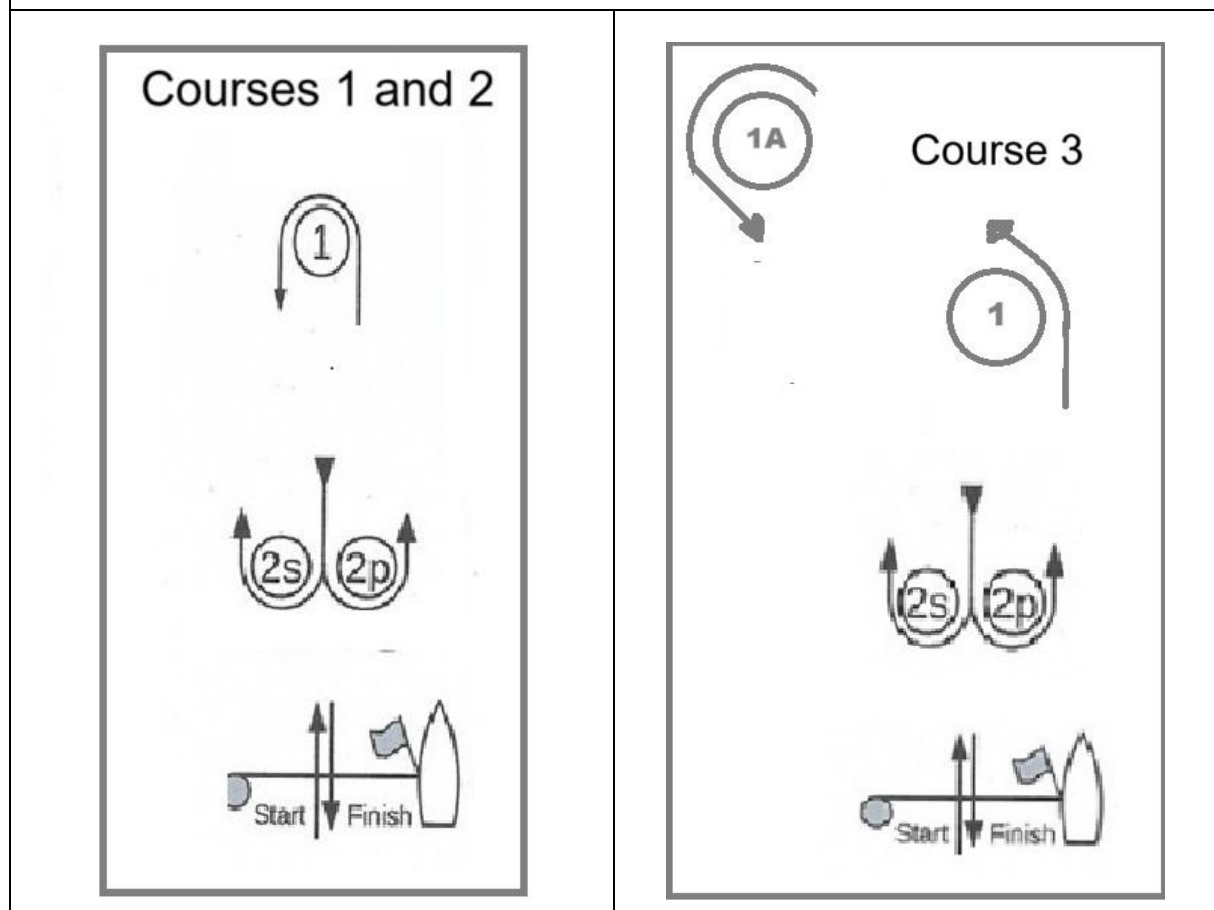
13. SCORING SYSTEM


- 13.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply

14. COURSES

- 14.1 The courses may be windward/leeward configuration or a combination of reaching/windward/leeward configuration.
- 14.2 The starting signals will be made from the Start Boat indicated by an Orange Flag when on station
- 14.3 The Start/Finish line will be between the Start Boat and yellow pencil buoy marked with MYC.
Course buoys 1, 1A, 2S and 2P will be large orange buoys marked with MYC.

Courses	
Signal Flag	Course Instruction
1: 	Start – 1 – 2s/2P – 1 – Finish
2: 	Start – 1 – Gate2S/2P – 1 – Gate2S/2P – 1 – Finish
3: 	Start – 1 – 1A - Gate2S/2P – 1 – 1A - Gate2S/2P – 1 – Finish



- 14.4 The course number to be sailed will be displayed on a blackboard on the stern of the Start Boat.
- 14.5 Finishing will be between the Start Boat and the yellow pencil buoy.
- 14.6 If wind speed across the course is less than 4 knots or greater than 20 knots the Race Officer may postpone the start.
- 14.7 Conditions may be such that the Race Officer may declare that spinnakers must not be deployed. The Race Officer will announce the restriction over the radio and the Start Boat will display International Code Flag 'D' .
- 14.8 If wind speed across the course is 25 knots or greater during the race the Race Officer may abandon the race.
- 14.9 The race time limit for any course shall be 30 mins.
- 14.10 Boats not completing the course within 5 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored DNF.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 Boats will be supplied with a red flag. Boats wishing to lodge a protest should show the red flag. Any protest should be lodged prior to the First Warning for the following of the next race.
- 16.2 Protests will be settled by Arbitration as per RRS Appendix T – Arbitration.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 The Trophy will be presented to the winning club team.
- 17.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

18. MEDIA, IMAGES & SOUND

- 18.1 The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast, for the purpose of promoting women's sailing and the MYC in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

19. DISCLAIMER

- 19.1 It is each competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: ***"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"***.
- 19.2 The Organizing Authority, the Race Committee, other race officials and sponsors accept no responsibility in respect of material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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