



Mooloolaba Yacht Club

Mooloolaba Off The Beach Racing

Mooloolaba Bay, Mooloolaba

Mooloolaba Winter Series 08 June – 24 August 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. TERMS OF ENTRY

- 1.1 Prior to racing, the details of the entrant (s) must be appropriately registered.
- 1.2 All participating crew members must be holders of a current active AS Number or will have obtained a SailPass (a casual AS membership for the event) prior to racing.
- 1.3 Boats are insured by third party public liability cover of not less than \$10 million and accept liability.
- 1.4 Accurate boat identification is essential for recording your finish position and finish time. While every effort will be made to apply the correct time to each boat, it is not the Race Recorder's responsibility to correct any inaccuracies, and incorrectly identified boats may score a non-contestable DNC result.
- 1.5 Failure to comply with these Terms of Entry may result in a Did Not Start (DNS).

2. SIGN ON AND SIGN OFF

- 2.1 Sign-on / sign-off sheets will be located at the MYC Clubroom
- 2.2 All entrants whether launching off the beach or from the precincts of the Mooloolaba Marina must sign on prior to departure and sign off when returning to their departure point.
- 2.3 Signing on and signing off with the name of the competitor and the boat identification is essential for the safety of each competitor on-water safety. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.
- 2.4 The Beach Marshall shall inform the Race Officer (RO) of all vessels leaving the beach to race. If all boats have not identified themselves to the RO prior to the First Warning of the race, all racing will be delayed until the missing boat has been located.
- 2.5 All boats must sign off within 30 minutes of the finish of last race.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

- 3.1 Any change to Sailing Instructions will be posted as soon as possible on the day it will take effect and any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 11:00am on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 The Race Officer reserves the right to make changes to the SIs up to and including during the Race Briefing. Final changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made and communicated at the Race Briefing without updating these SIs.

4. ON-COURSE SAFETY

- 4.1 Once on the water, all vessels must present to the Start Boat to be checked-in, verifying that they are on the course. Prior to leaving the race area for any other reason, other than completion of the final race, entrants must inform the Start Boat, Safety Boat or other Organizing Authority (OA) boat of their intention.
- 4.2 During racing events, all vessels will be counted and identified when turning the top mark, when completing a lap of the course and on finishing a race.
- 4.3 In the event that a vessel is not able to be confirmed to be on course, all racing will cease until that vessel is located.
- 4.4 Any competitor in distress should haul or signal distress (eg waving arms) to any of the course boats who will render immediate assistance. Racing may be postponed, as required, to render appropriate assistance to a boat in distress.

5. EVENTS TIMETABLE

5.1	Competitor briefings will be at 11:30am in the MYC Clubroom.
5.2	The first warning for the first race each day will not before 12:30pm.
5.3	The warning signal for the last race each day not after 3:30pm.
5.4	2 races will be scheduled on 'Long Course' days (target time 40 minutes per race).
5.5	5 races will be scheduled on 'Short Course' days (target time 15 minutes per race).

6. COURSES

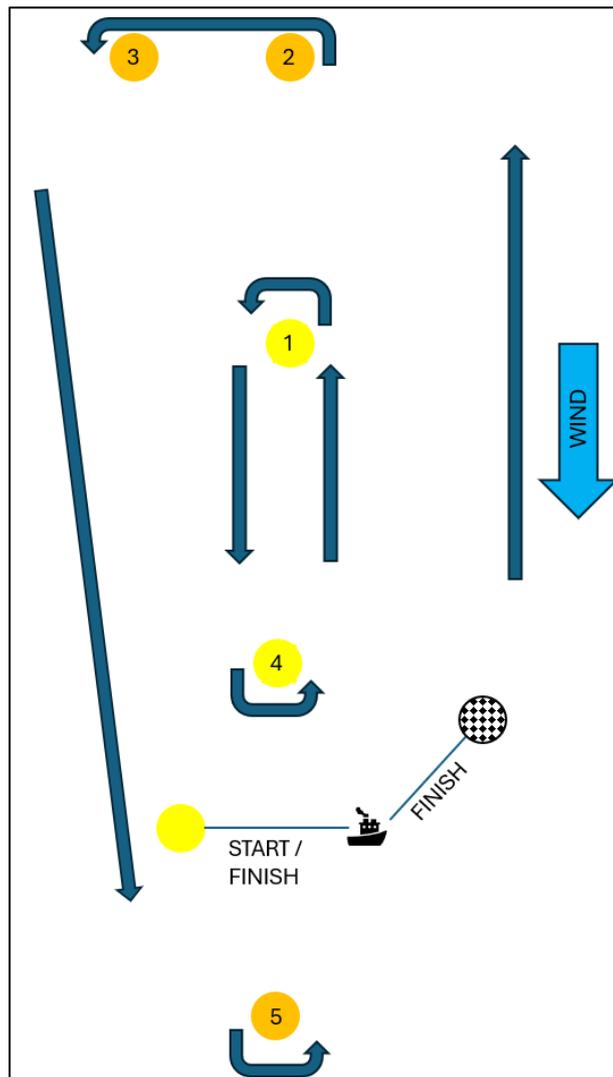
- 6.1 The courses will be windward – leeward as shown in the **Courses Diagram** below.
- 6.2 Expected race duration for Short Course races is 15 minutes.
- 6.3 Expected race duration for Long Course races is 40 minutes.
- 6.4 The length of the courses will be set by the RO of the day depending on the weather and seas conditions on the day of the event. The exact courses will be described at the pre-race briefing and will depend on wind direction and strength.
- 6.5 It is expected no changes to the course will be made once the start sequence has been completed.
- 6.6 Depending on the location of the course and prevailing conditions the RO may set an upwind finish.

6.7 The Courses.

CODE	COURSE	MARK DESCRIPTION
LA1	Start – 1 – 4 – Finish	All course marks will be inflatable buoys. The colours and shaped are as depicted in the Course Marks Table
LA2	Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – Finish	
LA3	Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – Finish	
L1	Start – 2 – 3 – 5 – Start/Finish	
L2	Start – 2 – 3 – 5 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Start/Finish	
L3	Start – 2 – 3 – 5 – 2 – 3 – 5 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Start/Finish	

- 6.8 For courses LA1, LA2 and LA3 the Finish Line will be between the Committee Boat and the Black and White inflatable buoy to the starboard side of the Committee Boat.
- 6.9 For courses L1, L2, and L3 the finish line will be between the Committee Boat and the Yellow inflatable buoy to the port side of the Committee Boat
- 6.10 The Start/Finish line and the Finish Line will be considered an obstruction during the race, other than at the start and at the finish (i.e. boats sailing the course may not sail through the Start/Finish or Finish lines unless they are starting or finishing a race).
- 6.11 Boats which have finished are to remain clear of the Finish Line. Breaches of this rule may result in protest and have a penalty applied, which may be disqualification

6.12 Course Diagram



6.13 Course Marks

Start – Finish Line: between the Start Boat and a Yellow Pencil Buoy marked with MYC	
Course Marks – orange or yellow buoys	 
Finishing Buoy to the starboard side of the Start Boat for LA1, LA 2, LA 3	

7. THE START

7.1 'The Start /Finish Line' on the Course Diagram will be the Start Line for all divisions.

7.2 The warning signal will be displayed 3 minutes before the start. This changes RRS 26.

7.3 The Starting Sequence:

Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal (Flag)	Sound Signal	Meaning
3	Division Flag UP P Flag UP	One Short	Warning Signal
2	-	-	-
1	P Flag DOWN	Long Sound	
START	Division Flag DOWN NEXT Division & P Flags UP	One Short	Start sequence for next division begins

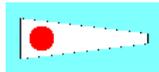
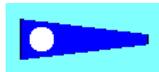
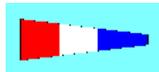
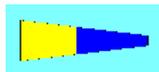
7.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other starts. Breaches may result in protest and may see a penalty applied, which may be disqualification.

8. FLAGS

8.1 The orange flag will be displayed when the Committee Boat is on station and is ready to conduct races.

8.2 There will be a delay of at least 1 minute following the display of the Orange Flag before the first Division flag is displayed.

8.3 The Orange Flag will be lowered after all starts have been completed successfully and any recall times have expired.

The Division flags will be as follows:	
Division 1: - Numeral 1 Pennant	
Division 2: - Numeral 2 Pennant	
Division 3: - Numeral 3 Pennant	
Green Fleet with an ASY of 145 or greater: - Numeral 4 Pennant	
Introduction to racing with an ASY of less than 145: - Numeral 5 Pennant	
Windsurfer LTs – Numeral 6 Pennant	

9. SCORING

9.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

9.2 There are a possible maximum of 19 races in this series: 15 Short Course Races (SC) and 4 Long Course Races (LC).

9.3 10 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. The number of dropped races (worst scoring races) allowed is shown in the table below:

Number of Races Completed (X)	Number of Drops Allowed (Y)
19	4
15 – 18	3
10 – 14	2
5 – 9	1
<5	0

Series Final Score = Total of X Scores – Total of Y Scores

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 (Rule 60.2) A boat wishing to lodge a protest should hail 'Protest' and identify the boat at the first opportunity to do so. However, if the protestee is not within hailing distance at the time of the incident then the only requirement of the protestor is to inform the protestee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 10.2 Any protest should be verbally lodged with the RO on the Start Boat prior to the First Warning for the following of the next race.
- 10.3 Protest forms are available from the gazebo on the Mooloolaba Spit Beach. When completed they must be handed to the Race Officer or a club committee member.
- 10.4 When delivered, a protest shall be in writing and identify the protestor, the protestee and the incident. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 10.5 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit has expired to inform competitors of hearings in which they may be a parties or witnesses.
- 10.6 Protests will be settled by Arbitration as per RRS Appendix T – Arbitration.

11. 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) for all classes. This changes RRS 44.1.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats must register with the race committee and comply with instructions as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 All Official Boats designated by the OA and other Support Boats associated with competitors are required to have a VHF radio and shall operate on VHF Channel 77.
- 13.2 Support boats and other competitors who may have a radio, except in an emergency, shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.

14. BERTHING

Boats may be rigged within the Mooloolaba Marina Precinct provided they obtain permission from the Mooloolaba Yacht Club Commodore.

15. PRESENTATION AND BARBEQUE

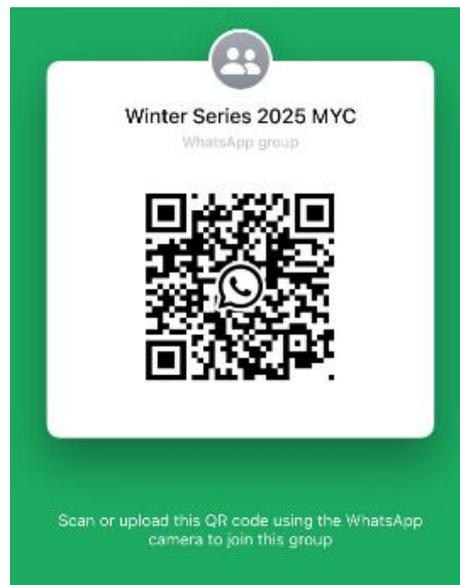
- 15.1 A barbeque will be provided at MYC Clubroom after the final race on Sunday, 24 August 2025.
- 15.2 A presentation will be held at the barbeque after racing on Sunday, 24 August 2025.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Communications to participants will be distributed on WhatsApp Group “Winter Series 2025 MYC”



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