



Queensland Open Team Racing Championship Sailing Instructions

17th April 2021

Organising Authority
Pacer Queensland Inc. &
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by:
 - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in the *2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
 - 1.1.2. The Team Racing Rules (RRS Appendix D).
 - 1.1.3. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2 – for Off the Beach Boats 2021-2024.
- 1.2. Races will be umpired as per RRS Appendix D2.

2. Notices to competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, adjacent the RQYS Sailing Office.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0730 hours on the day of racing.
- 3.2. Verbal instructions may be given on the water by the race committee when code flag L is displayed. It will be the responsibility of each team to obtain any verbal instructions.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff adjacent to the Bill Kerby Jetty.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP (amends race signal AP).

5. Schedule of Events

RQYS, April 17, 2021	
Briefing	0800
First Warning Signal	0900
Presentation	1700

- 5.1. No warning signal will be made after 1630 hours.

6. Format

- 6.1. Racing will consist of multiple round robin series.
- 6.2. A round robin between all boats in a group will be sailed as per the draw issued on the morning of racing.
- 6.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the format at any time.

7. Boats

- 7.1. The regatta will be sailed in Pacer dinghies.

8. Race Area

- 8.1. Races will be conducted on Waterloo Bay, south-south-east of the Manly Harbour entrance lateral beacons (see attachment 1).

9. Courses

9.1. The course will be sailed in an “S” configuration as is illustrated in Attachment 2.

10. Marks

10.1. Marks 1 and 2 will be rounded to starboard and Marks 2 and 4 will be rounded to port (see attachment 2).

11. Start

11.1. Rule 26 will not apply.

11.2. Audible signals will govern the start.

11.3. The next two race numbers will be displayed on the start boat prior to the warning signal.

11.4. The starting sequence will be as follows:

Signal	Time before start	Sound indicator	Visual indicator
Warning	3 minutes	1 long	3 blue flags
Preparatory	2 minutes	2 long	2 blue flags
One Minute	1 minute	1 long	1 blue flag
	30 seconds	3 short	
	20 seconds	2 short	
	10 seconds	1 short	
	5 seconds	1 short	
	4 seconds	1 short	
	3 seconds	1 short	
	2 seconds	1 short	
	1 seconds	1 short	
Start	0 seconds	1 long	Blue flags lowered

11.5. The start signal for the prior race will be the warning signal for the next race (e.g. the start signal for race 4 will indicate 3 minutes before the start of race 5).

11.6. Signals will be timed from the beginning of the sound signal

11.7. Failure to hear a signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 (b)

11.8. Visual indication flags will be raised and lowered from the start boat to indicate the time before the start. Failure or mistiming of an indication flag shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 (b).

11.9. The starting line shall be a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.10. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and shall not interfere with any races in progress.

11.11. A boat shall not start more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.

11.12. When at a boat's starting signal, any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall promptly

display Flag X with one sound and hail the bow numbers of premature starters. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal. Failure of a hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hailed number, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1 (a).

12. Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

13. Time Limit

Boats not finishing within 5 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF without a hearing. This amends RRS 35 and D3.

14. Requests for Redress

- 14.1. Boats intending to protest or seek redress other than under RRS D2.2(a) shall notify the race committee or the umpires of that intent immediately on completion of that race including the type of redress being sought.
- 14.2. Breaches of sailing instruction 11.10, 16 and 17 shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

15. Scoring

- 15.1. Scoring will be as per RRS Appendix D.
- 15.2. RRS D3 (scoring a race) and D4 (scoring a series) shall apply.
- 15.3. The organising committee reserves the right to alter the format at any time.

16. Support Boats

- 16.1. No support or coach boat is allowed within 50 meters of the course, unless asked to assist by the race officer. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the Jury and may result in the disqualification of all boats associated with the offending coach or support boat.
- 16.2. In the event of extreme conditions, all Patrol and Support boats are to follow the commands of the Race Committee for their course on **VHF Channel 72**.
- 16.3. Speed around the course shall be kept to a minimum with the boats' engines to be in neutral when around people in the water.
- 16.4. Maximum speed in the Manly Boat Harbour shall be 6 knots except in emergency situations.
- 16.5. In the case of a medical emergency, the vessel offering first aid shall report the details to the RQYS Sailing Office on VHF channel 72 'RQ72' and proceed to the 'Fuel Pontoon' where RQYS staff will be on hand to assist.

17. Safety Regulations

All competitors shall comply with the following requirements within and in the vicinity of Manly Boat Harbour:

- 17.1. All boats shall keep to the right side of the channel when entering and exiting Manly Harbour
- 17.2. Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are, as soon as possible, to stay outside the main channel and to keep clear of powered vessels.
- 17.3. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat.
- 17.4. A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area or, if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible after returning to shore.
- 17.5. Flag AP over H displayed ashore means boats shall not leave the beach. Await further instructions from the Race Committee.

18. Prizes

- 18.1. The winner of the 2021 Queensland Open Team Racing Championship shall be awarded the perpetual trophy.
- 18.2. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded.

19. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. Rights to use name and likeness

- 20.1. By participating in this event, a competitor grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity to make use of and show at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the competition and in all material related to the event without compensation.

21. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 000 000 or the equivalent.

22. Further Information

For further information please contact:
2021 Queensland Open Team Racing Championship Organising Committee
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Attachment 2: Course Diagram – ‘S’ Configuration

Course

Start to finish, around all orange marks, as shown in the diagram below. Marks 1 and 2 are left to starboard and Marks 3 and 4 are left to port.

Marks

All rounding marks will be orange flags on a float.

The Start Pin and Finish Pin will both be orange blacks with a black, diagonal line, on a float.

