

RS100 and VS 15

2024 National Championships

Sailing Instructions

Toronto Amateur Sailing Club

26- 28 January 2024

The Organising Authority will be Toronto Amateur Sailing Club (TASC), 27 Victory Parade, Toronto, NSW 2283 on 26 to 28 January 2024, in conjunction with the RS Sailing Association Australia and conducted under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS).

1. Rules:

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and AS Special Regulations Part 2 will apply.

2. Notice to Competitors:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located upstairs inside TASC.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole located at TASC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.

5. Schedule of Races:

5.1 Dates of Racing:

Friday	26 January 2022	Competitor Briefing	1130
Friday	26 January 2022	First Warning Signal not before	1300
Saturday	27 January 2022	First Warning Signal not before	1300
Sunday	28 January 2022	First Warning Signal not before	1000

5.2 9 races in total are scheduled with a maximum of 4 races in one day.

5.3 On the last day of the Regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6. Class Flags:

RS100: Class Flag

VS 15: Class Flag

7. Racing Areas:

The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Macquarie.

8. The Courses:

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the course including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. This diagram is not to scale.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the course to be sailed

Course 2: Windward Leeward 2

Course 3: Windward Leeward 3

9. Marks:

9.1 Marks 1, 2P and 2S will be large yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys. Mark 1a will be a large red cylindrical inflatable buoy. The pin end of the start/finish line will be a chequered flag buoy.

9.2 The starting flag will be a staff with an orange flag, the finishing flag will be a staff with a blue flag.

10. Obstructions:

The shoreline and moored boats may be designated as obstructions, there are no other permanent obstructions.

11. The Start:

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a chequered flag buoy at the port side of the starting line.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12. Change to the Next Leg of the Course:

Courses will not be changed after the start.

13. The Finish:

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat and a chequered flag buoy at the port side of the ~~as the~~ finish line.

14. Penalty System:

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. Time Limits and Target Times:

- 15.1 The time limit for each race is 60 minutes with a target time of 40 minutes. If no boat has passed the first mark (1 or 1a) within 15 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. Mediation:

Mediation will be available and conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T amended as follows:

- the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee.
- Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.
- The Mediator will be the chairman of the Protest Committee or in his absence the Principal Race Officer.

17. Protests, Requests for Redress and Re-openings:

17.1 A boat that has broken a rule of part 2, 4 or rule 31 may take a penalty after racing but prior to a protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to 30% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ, rounded up to the next whole number. The penalty for a boat that has caused injury, serious damage or gained a significant advantage from her breach shall be to retire. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

17.2 Protest forms are available at TASC Clubhouse adjacent to the Regatta Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

17.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at TASC, beginning at the time posted.

17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17.6 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 19, 22, 27, 28, and 29 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day and;
- b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

18. Scoring:

18.1 The low point scoring system as described in Appendix A of RRS will be used.

18.2 A maximum of 9 races are scheduled to be completed over the Regatta, of which 4 races shall constitute a series. (This amends Appendix A1)

18.3 Series Scores: (This amends Appendix A2)

18.3.1 When 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

18.3.2 When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. Safety Regulations:

19.1 All skippers are required to sign on at TASC prior to starting the first race of the day. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being scored as a DNC for the first race of the day.

19.2 All skippers are required to sign off on the provided sheet at TASC within 60 minutes of the last competitor finishing the last race of the day. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being scored as a DNC for the last race of the day. This changes RRS Appendix A4.1

19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible verbally on the water, by phoning the Race Officer on 0414 652 484 or by informing the shore officer.

20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment:

20.1 Substitution of helmsperson will not be allowed.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. Equipment and Measurement Checks:

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22. Advertising:

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority as advised at registration.

23. Official Boats:

Official boats will be marked with either marked TASC Rescue or RMYC Toronto Start Boat Figtree.

24. Prizes:

Prizes will be given as follows:

24.1 RS100:

Scratch Placings: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Masters Results (age 45 to 54): 1st place

Grand Masters Results (age 55 to 64): 1st place

Great Grand Masters (age 65 and over): 1st place
(ages as at 31 January 2024)

24.2 VS 15:

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the VS Class Association.

25. Disclaimer of Liability:

It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS.

All competitors who enter the Regatta, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing (AS), the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:

25.1 RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 46.

25.2 As per The Australian Sailing Special Regulations; the Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

25.3 All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states; 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'. Australian Sailing (AS), Race Committees and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the event.

25.4 The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, warrants to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning above.

25.5 the person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority, acknowledges receipt of the risk warning above and releases the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

26. Insurance:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000.000 per event or the equivalent.

27. Support Boats:

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 50 metres away from areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

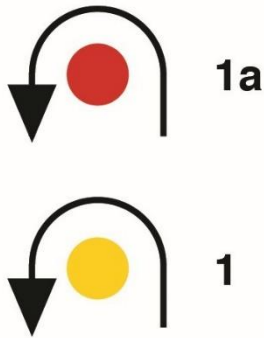
28. Radio Communication:

Except in an emergency, 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.

29. Rubbish Disposal:

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

Attachment A - Windward Leeward Course

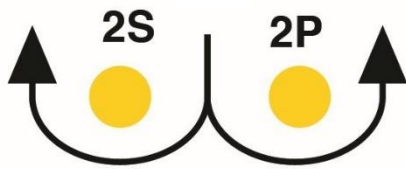


Course 2

RS100	Start	1P;	2S/2P;	1P;
	Finish			
VS 15 Skiff	Start	1a;	2S/2P;	1a;
	Finish			

Course 3

RS100	Start	1P;	2S/2P;	1P;
	2S/2P;	1P;	Finish	
VS 15 Skiff	Start	1a;	2S/2P;	1a;
	2S/2P;	1;	Finish	



Start / Finish

Mark 1 is to be rounded to port. Marks 2S and 2P are gate marks and boats are required to pass between them on the downwind leg (rounding 2S to starboard or 2P to port) except on the final leg to the finish where they are not marks of the course.