



COUTA BOATS, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI) for Season 2024-25 V2

1. [DP] CREW REGISTER & SIGN-ON

1.1 For each race, Boats shall register all crew on board using the *Sailinghub* crew register process on the ONB before going to their boat to race.

1.2 Boats shall sign-on with sail number and POB only via VHF 73 to the Tower before leaving the mooring. (This can be from a RHIB)

1.3 Boats shall sign-off via VHF 73 upon return to the moorings or jetty, before coming ashore.

1.4 A boat that retires or stops racing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible via VHF 73.

2. CHANGES TO SIs

Any change to the SIs will be posted 1.5 hours before the warning signal of the race it will affect or 10 minutes before AP is removed ashore, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board here: www.sscbc.com.au/coutaboats/

3.2 WhatsApp messages and emails are a secondary courtesy notification.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Eastern signal mast.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. CLASS FLAGS



Division 1



Division 2 & Jubilees

6. RACING AREA

The racing area will generally be as set out in the Normal Course Sheets or as detailed in an RSI.

7. COURSES

7.1 The courses are described in the Normal Course Sheets, Fixed Course Sheets or RSIs.

7.2 An RSI will detail special provisions for Box Starts, Races around Fixed Marks and for Passages Races.

7.3 Prior to the warning signal, the course will be broadcast on VHF 73 and may be displayed from the Race Committee Vessel.

7.4 Mark X1 will replace Mark 1 for the Div 2 course.

7.5 If Mark 1A (horizontal hitch) is laid for Div 1 in the vicinity of Mark 1, Div 1 shall leave Mark 1A to port after rounding Mark 1.

7.6 WA and LA Courses Gate Marks: If only one gate mark is in position, that mark shall be rounded to port.

8. INFLATABLE MARKS

Start Pin/New Mark	Orange
Finish Pin	Blue
Div 2 Mark X1	Pink with black band
Other Marks	Pink

9. THE START (RRS 26)

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26

9.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the orange port-end starting mark.

9.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

9.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A.

10. RECALLS (RRS 29)

The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS boats by sail number on VHF, which may be up to a minute after the starting signal. RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that a boat may not request redress for an action or inaction under this SI.

11. CHANGING THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the blue port-end finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

The Time Limit for Division 1&2 is changed to the greater of 30 minutes or 130% of the elapsed time of the mid boat in the fleet.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM TURNS

14.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a part turn is required.

14.2 On a leg to a windward mark, a part-turn is a gybe and luffing to a close-hauled course as soon as reasonably possible.

14.3 On other legs a part-turn is a tack and bearing away as soon as reasonably possible to more than 90 degrees from the true wind.

14.4 Penalties shall not be taken in the zone of a mark or between marks 1 and 1A (Hitch leg)

15. PROTESTS, SCORING ENQUIRIES & HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 Protests, Scoring Enquiries and Hearing Requests shall be delivered to the race office using the link on the ONB, or by physically delivering it to the race Office. Forms available at the race office may be used.

15.2 The protest time limit and redress time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat of each division has finished the last race of the day. It will be reasonably extended by the PC when appropriate "or two hours after the incident, whichever is later" is deleted from rule 61.2(b)(1).

15.3 A request for redress based on an incident identified in a scoring enquiry will meet the time limit if:

- the scoring enquiry was delivered within the time limit specified as changed by SI 15.2; and
- the request for redress is delivered as soon as reasonably possible after being notified of the race committee's response to the scoring enquiry.

15.4 Notices will be posted or communications made within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform boats of hearings that will be held that day.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

[DP] At the first reasonable opportunity, usually at least two hours before a warning signal, a boat must advise any change of equipment, helmsman or crew that may have a material change in performance using the form on the ONB.

17. USE OF ENGINE TO AVOID COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

17.1 Boats with a reasonable apprehension of interfering with commercial shipping shall use their engine to stay clear:

17.2 [DP] A boat shall inform the Race Committee by radio when she uses her engine under this instruction

17.3 [DP] After engine use, a boat shall not have gained an advantage in the race.