Sailing Season 2026 - 2027

Off The Beach

Sailing Instructions Version 1

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The Organising Authority is the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc (RBYC)

Version Number	Effective Date	Revision
1	01/10/2026	Initial Release

1. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

1.1. The Official Notice Board is the Online Notice Board located at https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=3

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than two hours before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast situated on the western perimeter of the RBYC OTB Yard.

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

4. CLASS FLAGS

4.1. Class flags will be class logo.

5. THE COURSES

5.1. The courses and marks are as described in Appendix A and B.

5.2. All marks are to be rounded or passed (as appropriate) to port except the gate marks.

5.3. Courses for each division will be displayed on a board or by signal flag located at the stern of the Committee Vessel.

6. MARKS

6.1. Laid Marks are described in Appendix A and B.

7. THE START

7.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

7.2. The Warning signal will be made 3 minutes prior to the Starting signal.
The Preparatory signal will be made 2 minutes prior to the Starting signal.
This changes RRS 26.

8. THE FINISH

8.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

9. TIME LIMITS

9.1. Trapezoid Course: Target time 45 minutes; Finishing Window: 15 minutes.
9.2. All other classes and courses: Target Time 30 minutes; Finishing Window: 15 minutes
9.3. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced with a one-turn penalty.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1. Protests can be made online at following Link to Online Protest . Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be posted online &/or delivered to the RBYC Sailing Office within the appropriate time limit. This changes RRS S 13.1.
11.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes (1 hour) after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
11.3. 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 and where the hearings will be held.

12. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

12.1. 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.

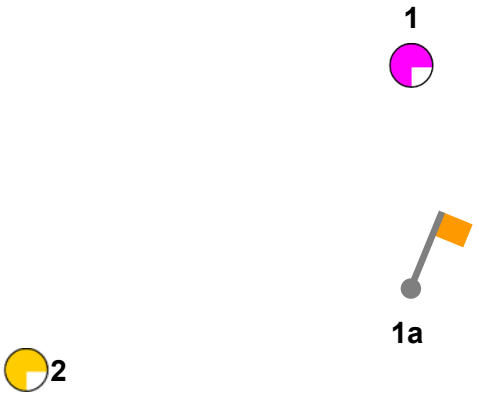
13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1. For each race session boats intending to race shall "sign on" either via mobile phone or at the Regatta Office before departing the beach and shall "sign off" either via mobile phone or at the Regatta Office upon their return after racing.
13.2. Failure to sign on prior to racing or off prior to protest cutoff time may result in a 3-point penalty for the first race of the day. This changes RRS A4.

APPENDIX A - OTB Courses.

Description of Marks:

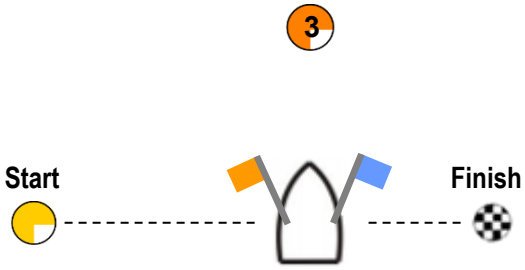
Mark	Description
Start Pin	Yellow Buoy
Finish Pin	Black & White Checkered Buoy
1	Pink Buoy
1a	Stick with red flag
2	Yellow Buoy
3	Orange Buoy
Change mark	Pink Buoy with Black band



Courses:

Optimists:

Course	Course to be sailed
1	Start - 1a - Finish
2	Start - 1a - 3 - 1a - Finish
3	Start - 1a - 3 - 1a - 3 - 1a - Finish



Single Handed Classes:
(ILCA, RS100, etc)

Course	Course to be sailed
1	Start - 1 - Finish
2	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
3	Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish

Double Handed Classes:
(Quest, 29ers, 420 etc)

Course	Course to be sailed
1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 (pass to Port) - Finish
2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - Finish
3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish

APPENDIX B - OTB Trapezoid Courses.

Description of Marks:

Mark	Description
Start Pin	Yellow Buoy
Finish Pin	Black & White Checkered Buoy
1, 2	Pink Buoy
3p, 3s	Yellow Buoy
4p, 4s	Orange Buoy
5	Orange Buoy

Courses:

Course	Course to be sailed
I2	Start - 1 - 4p/4s - 1 - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p/3s - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish

