



Australian 9er

2025 CHAMPIONSHIPS



28/12/2024 – 03/01/2025

Organising Authority Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc.

on behalf of

AUSTRALIAN 9ER ASSOCIATION INC.

Lake Cootharaba, Qld

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) for the 2025 Australian 9er championships is the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc. (LCSC).
- 1.2. The 2025 Australian 9er championships are being conducted by the OA on behalf of the Australian 9er Association Inc. (9er Association).
- 1.3. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the National Jury.
[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
 - 2.1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing as at the commencement of the Regatta will apply for the duration of the Regatta.
 - 2.1.2. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats;
 - 2.1.3. The relevant Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the SI's); and
 - 2.1.4. These Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 2.2. The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - 2.2.1. The two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1.
 - 2.2.2. RRS Appendix P shall apply. For the 29er class only, Appendix P2.3 will not apply, and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

- 2.3. These SIs take precedence when there is a difference between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI). This changes RRS 63.7
- 2.4. A National Jury has been appointed by Australian Sailing for the Australian 9er Championships 2025.
- 2.5. RRS Appendix T Shall apply.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. 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 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board [ONB] located on the official website and may also be posted on the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC) notice board located at street level adjacent to the steps leading up to the club house.
- 4.2. The race office is located on the first floor of the LCSC clubhouse.
- 4.3. [DP] Except in an emergency, whilst racing a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats in the same race. For this rule, racing is deemed to have commenced at the commencement of the starting sequence for the relevant race.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1. [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. Support Persons are to note RRS 60.2(c) 60.3(d) and 64.5.
- 5.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, and seamanship, by any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 28 Dec 2024	0800 – 1600	Measurement / Registration
Sun 29 Dec 2024	0800 – 1600	Measurement / Registration
Mon 30 Dec 2024	See 6.4	Championship Racing
Tue 31 Dec 2024	See 6.4	Championship Racing
Wed 1 Jan 2025	See 6.4	Championship Racing

Thur 2 Jan 2025	See 6.4	Championship Racing
Friday 3 Jan 2025	See 6.4	Championship Racing

- 6.2. The regatta will consist of a series up to 15 races.
- 6.3. There shall be no more than 4 races per day.
- 6.4. The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Championship Racing days (30th Dec 2024 – 3rd Jan 2025) will be posted by 1800 on the previous day.
- 6.5. On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1730hrs. On the last day of racing (3/1/25), no warning signal shall be made after 1600hrs.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole located on the first floor of the LCSC clubhouse.
- 7.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes in Race Signals AP.

8. CLASS FLAGS

2.1 The class flags are:

Class	Flags
29er	29er class flag
49erFX	49erFX class flag
49er	49er class flag
Where two or more classes start together, an amendment to these SIs will be issued in accordance with 3.1. For combined class starts, all class flags will be raised simultaneously.	

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. Attachment A to these SIs shows the approximate location of the racing area.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The diagram in Attachment B to these SIs shows the courses, 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.
- 10.2. No later than the warning signal for each race, the start boat will display the course to be sailed

and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11. MARKS

11.1. Marks are as described in Attachment B to these SIs.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line is between a spar displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and a spar displaying an orange flag on the port pin end boat.
- 12.2. [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain 50 metres behind the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.3. [SP] A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. During the race, the course will not be changed.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finishing line is between a blue flag on the start boat and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes

- 15.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. [SP] The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored one more point than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. For each class, the protest time limit ends 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day, regardless of the class or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official online notice board.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms, on water penalty notification forms and scoring enquiry forms are

available from and shall be submitted to the race office.

- 16.3. Notices will be posted on the official online notice board 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 the time and place advised on the hearing notice.
- 16.4. A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted with Hearing Decisions on the ONB.
- 16.5. Penalties for breaches of the class rules, RRS 50.1 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP] are at the discretion of the National Jury and may be less than disqualification.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The regatta will consist of a series up to 15 races.
- 17.2. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4. When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 17.5. When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [SP] All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). The Sign On and Sign Off will be online at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81852>. A boat that does not SIGN ON or SIGN OFF will be scored DSQ without a Hearing.
- 18.2. [DP][NP] Failing to sign on or off will have a scoring penalty 5 places in the first race for failing to sign on and 5 in the last race for failing to sign off.
- 18.3. [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee of her retirement at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of the helmsperson at any time during the championship will not be allowed.
- 19.2. Substitution of a crew (i.e. other than the helmsperson) is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Jury or Race Committee. Please submit your request online at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81852>
- 19.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. Please submit your request online at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81852>

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. The Race Committee may appoint a Technical Committee.
- 20.2. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, a notice of race and the sailing instructions.
- 20.3. [DP] When instructed by a race official, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21. SUPPORT TEAMS [DP]

- 21.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. No support team shall be forward of the start line or it's extensions during the starting sequence unless acting in a support or safety role under the instruction of the race officer.

22. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 22.1. Rubbish must be disposed of ashore or placed aboard official or support person vessels. No rubbish of any kind (including bio-degradable items such as food scraps) should be thrown into the lake.

23. RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 23.2. Competitors are reminded that RRS 3 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.
- 23.3. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent and shall be made available upon request.
- 24.2. By entering the event, each competitor declares that they have the required insurance cover. Neither the OA nor the 9er Association will be liable if a competitor declares that they have insurance and it subsequently transpires that this was not true.

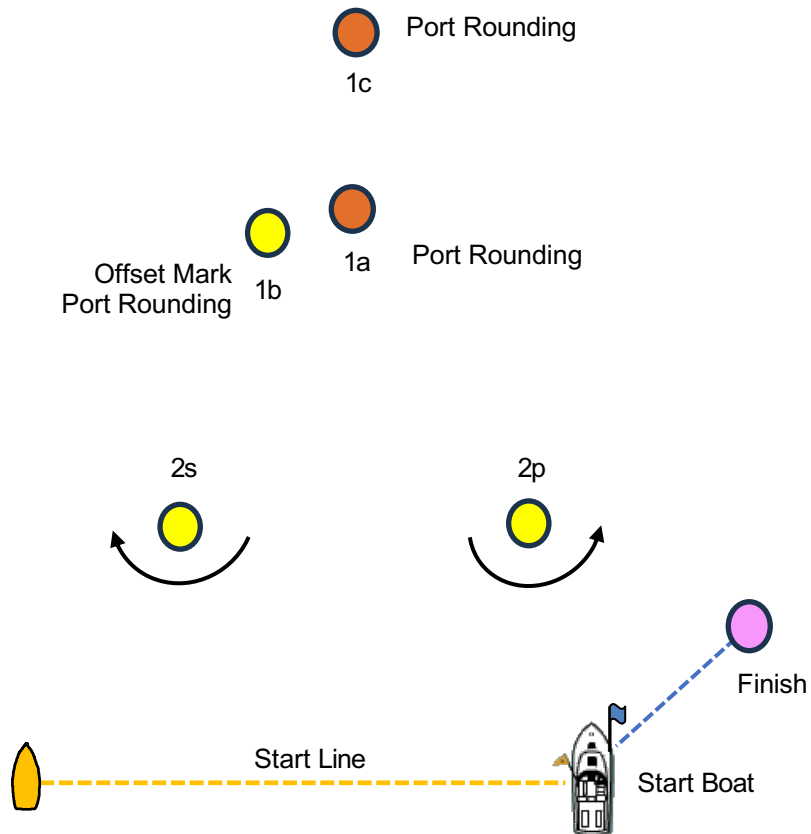
Attachment A - Racing Area



Attachment B

Marks			
Mark 1a	Orange inflatable buoy	Mark 1b	Yellow inflatable buoy
Mark 1c	Orange inflatable buoy	Marks 2s & 2p	Yellow inflatable buoy
Pin End Boat	Orange Flag	Finish Mark	Pink inflatable buoy
Courses 29er			
1	Start, 1a, 1b, 2s/2p, 1a, 1b, 2p, Finish		
2	Start, 1a, 1b, 2s/2p, 1a, 1b, 2s/2p, 1a, 1b, 2p, Finish		
Courses 49er & 49erfx			
1	Start 1c, 2s/2p, 1c, 2p, Finish		
2	Start 1c, 2s/2p, 1c, 2s/2p, 1c, 2p, Finish		

Courses



- All marks are to be taken to port except 2s, which is part of a gate and is to be taken to starboard.
- Course map not to scale.