



# Australian 29er

## 2026 CHAMPIONSHIP



January 3rd to 9th 2026

Organising Authority Sandy Bay Sailing Club

on behalf of

AUSTRALIAN 9ER ASSOCIATION INC.

Hobart, Tasmania

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the standard penalty for a breach of the rule may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) for the 2026 Australian 29er championship is the Sandy Bay Sailing Club (SBSC)
- 1.2. The 2026 Australian 29er championship is being conducted by the OA on behalf of the Australian 9er Association Inc. (9er Association).

### 2. RULES

- 2.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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. 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 63.5 (c).
- 2.4. RRS Appendix T Shall apply.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 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 Sandy Bay Sailing Club notice board located at the front of the club house.
- 4.2. The Race Office is located in the Sandy Bay Sailing Club training room, on the ground floor of the 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 62.
- 5.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, and seamanship, by any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

### **6. RACING SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. The first warning signal on championship race days is scheduled for 1300 hours on January 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

### **7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 7.1. On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1800hrs. On the last day of racing (9/1/26), no warning signal shall be made after 15:00hrs.
- 7.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole at the Start Box located above the SBSC clubhouse.
- 7.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in Race Signals AP.
- 7.4. [SP] [NP] A boat shall not leave shore until flag D is displayed ashore. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the schedule time, whichever is later.

### **8. CLASS FLAGS**

- 8.1. The class flag is the 29er class flag.

### **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 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 may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks are as described in Attachment B.

## 12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line is between a pole displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and a pole displaying an orange flag on the port pin end boat.
- 12.2. [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. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a 'change' mark. The Race Committee may further move other marks of the course to maintain the course configuration without additional signal. Changing the next leg of the course will be done in accordance with RRS 33.
- 13.2. When a subsequent course change is made, the original mark of the course will be used. When a change mark is laid for Mark 1a, it replaces Mark 1a and Mark 1b. The new mark shall be rounded as Mark 1a, and boats shall then sail directly to Mark 2s/2p.

## 14. THE FINISH

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

## 15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The Race Target Time is 30 minutes
- 15.2. 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       |

- 15.3. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.4. [SP] Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finishing Window, after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1. The protest time limit ends 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official 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.
- 16.6. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3(c).

## **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 boats 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/?ID=82088>.
- 18.2. [DP][NP] Failure to SIGN ON will result in that boat being penalised five (5) places for the first race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Failure to SIGN OFF shall result in that boat being penalised five (5) places for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.
- 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/?ID=82088>

- 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/?ID=82088>

## **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, 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 BOATS [DP]**

- 21.1. All coach and support vessels must be registered at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/sandybaysailing/events/324417>. Only registered vessels will be permitted in the areas where boats are racing.
- 21.2. Except when requested by the RC to participate in rescues, team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside area and areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for a race to 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.
- 21.3. Areas where boats are racing is defined as inside the course and within 100m of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.
- 21.4. All support boats must carry a working VHF radio and monitor it on the advised frequency
- 21.5. In accordance with RRS 37, when directed by the race committee, all support boats shall assist in an emergency.

## **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 water.

## **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 theirs 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.

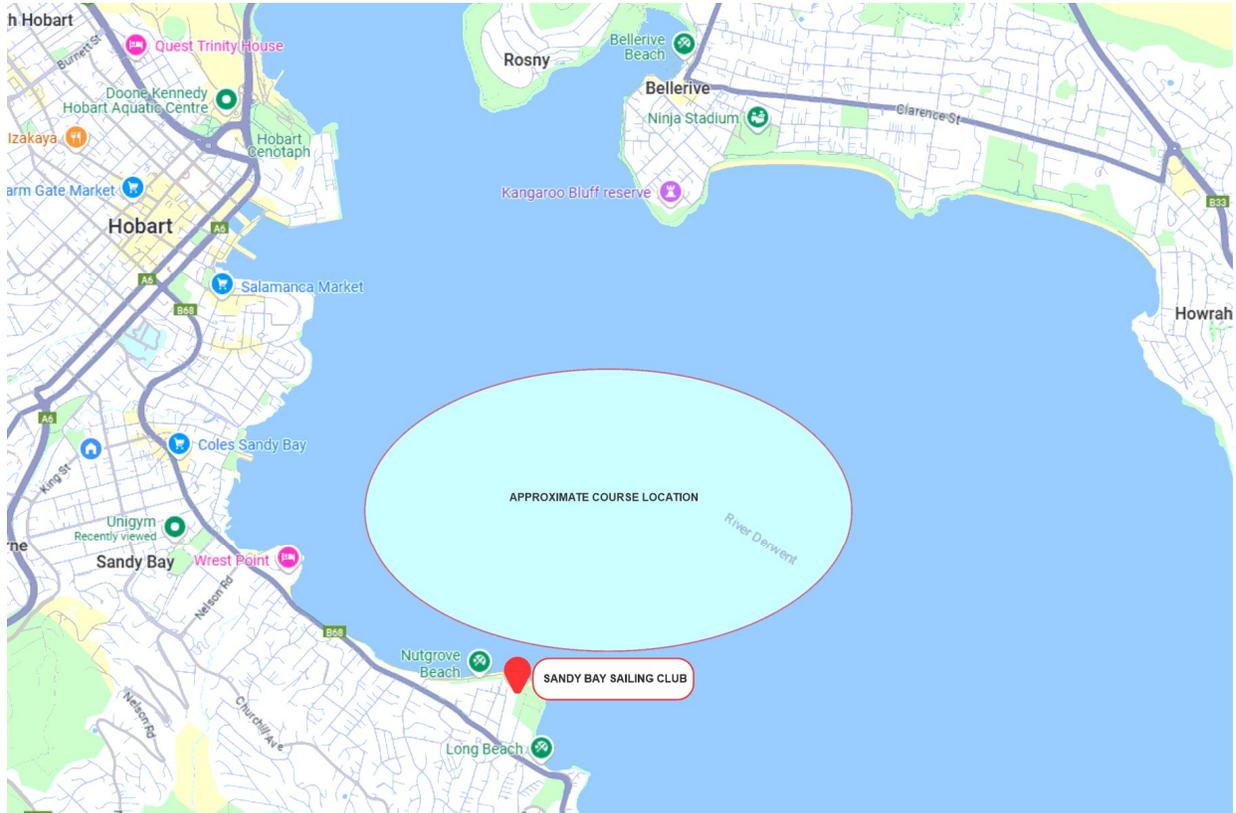
## **24.INSURANCE**

- 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.

## **25.LOCAL TRAFFIC AND COMMERCIAL VESSELS**

- 25.1. Boats racing, support boats and other craft shall comply with all applicable navigation laws and harbour regulations for the River Derwent.
- 25.2. Competitors and support vessels shall always keep clear of commercial vessels and shipping movements. Large vessels under pilotage identified by the display of the international Code Flag and other commercial vessels with restricted maneuverability have priority and shall be given ample room by all recreational and race craft.

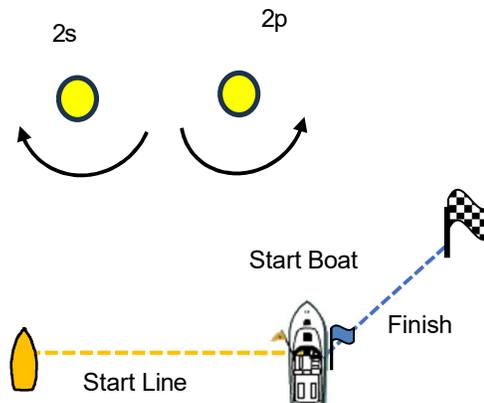
## Attachment A - Racing Area



## Attachment B

| Marks         |   |             |                                |
|---------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Mark 1a       | Orange inflatable buoy                                  | Mark 1b     | Yellow inflatable buoy         |
| Marks 2s & 2p | Yellow inflatable buoy                                  | Change Mark | Blue inflatable buoy           |
| Pin End Boat  | Orange Flag   | Finish Mark | Black and white chequered flag |
| Courses       |   |             |                                |
| 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



- 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.
- If one mark of the gate is missing, the remaining mark must be rounded to port