



PORT PHILLIP
**WOMEN'S
CHAMPIONSHIP
SERIES**



The Organising Authority will be the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc.
The Organising Authority for the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS) Race Day
will be Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc.

Sailing Instructions

3rd May 2026

1 Rules

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 - 6, shall apply for Keelboats.
- 1.3 The ORC Rule where applicable.
- 1.4 The Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable.
- 1.5 The Australian Sailing Keelboat Handicap Rule (PHS) where applicable.

2 Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located on the RBYC website. <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82124>

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

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 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast situated on the western perimeter of the RBYC property. Repeats of these signals may be displayed on flag masts located at the Race Control Tower or the Hard Stand Area on the Middle Brighton Pier.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 1 hour' in the race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Sunday	3 rd May	1100	Warning Signal for Non-Spinnaker Division (1 passage race is scheduled)
		1105	Warning Signal for BLiSS, RBYC Associates Cup & PPWCS Race Day 5 (up to 3 races are scheduled)
		Approx. 1600	BLiSS Presentation in the RBYC Member's Bar

5.1 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.

No warning signal will be made after 1430.

6 Class Flags

The class flag for the PPWCS Division will be flag "R".

The Class flag for the Non-Spinnaker Division will be Flag "T".

7 Racing Areas

Racing will be on the waters of Port Phillip adjacent to the Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

8 The Courses

8.1 Courses will be as described in Appendix A & B.

8.2 The Race Committee shall designate the course to be sailed before or at the warning signal for the class by displaying a Numeral Pennant(s) corresponding to the Course number.

8.3 The Committee Vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 Marks

Marks for the PPWCS Division are described in Appendix A.

Marks for the Non-Spinnaker Division are described in Appendix B.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

The following area is designated as an obstruction:

DANGER!! BONNET ROCK

Bonnet Rock is marked by an unlit starboard beacon located at 37° 54'.82 S 144° 58'.81 E and is surrounded by VERY SHALLOW WATER. This pile shall be passed on the seaward side.

11 The Start

11.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, 30 & 35.

12 Change of Course

To change the next leg of the laid mark 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.

13 The Finish

The finishing line for the PPWCS division will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and the finishing mark on the side of the Committee Vessel as designated in Appendix A.

The finish line for the Non-Spinnaker Division will be between the black line on the RBYC tower and Mark 6 as designated in Appendix B.

14 Time Limits

14.1 The Target Time for the Windward/Leeward racing, Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
60 minutes	30 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.3 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 points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14.4 The Time Limit for the Non-Spinnaker Division is 3 hours.

14.5 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

15.1 Protest forms are available at the RBYC Sailing Office and in the RBYC Members' Bar. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the RBYC Sailing Office within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 Protests must be supplied online [HERE](#)

15.3 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.

15.4 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 in the protest room, located at RBYC, beginning at the time posted.

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

16 Scoring

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 The Keelboat Safety Category for each race will be Category 7.
- 17.2 By entering the series all competing boats declare that they have lodged a Safety Compliance Declaration and Checklist covering the appropriate safety category at their home club, prior to racing in this event. Boats failing to comply will have their entry rejected.
- 17.3 In addition to the requirements of the designated Safety Category, the following additions apply to all keelboats:
 - 17.3.1 While racing, no anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bow or with any part protruding outboard.
 - 17.3.2 All keelboats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting on channels 16 & 77. The radio may be permanently installed or a waterproof handheld.
 - 17.3.3 All crew on deck competing under the following conditions shall wear a lifejacket: On a Keelboat competing as Category 7 without lifelines complying with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 - lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 (minimum 50S).
- 17.4 Failure of a crew member to comply with RRS 40 ("Y" flag) will result in their boat being scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 40.
- 17.5 Competing boats will sign-on for racing by hailing the Committee Boat as they are sailing past its stern on starboard tack.

18 Radio Communication

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 RBYC Race Control will monitor and use VHF Channel 77 during races.
- 18.3 It is recommended that all boats monitor/transmit on VHF Channels 77 and 16.

Sponsors



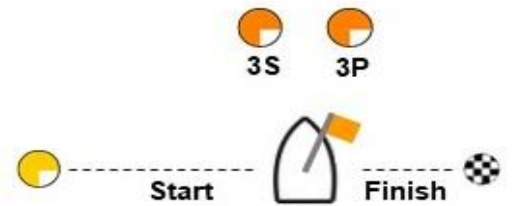
APPENDIX A – W/L Courses

- All courses use temporary laid marks.
- Start and Finish at Committee Vessel.
- All marks are to be left to port with the exception of gate marks.
- If one of the gate marks is missing boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

Course	Course to be sailed
1	Start - 1 - 2 - Finish
2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p/s - 1 - 2 - Finish



Mark	Description
Start	Yellow
1	Pink
2	Pink
3s & 3p (Gate)	Orange
Finish	Black/White checkered
1 Change mark	Pink & Black band
3s & 3p Change marks	Yellow



APPENDIX B Passage Race Boat/Tower Courses

- Courses use a mixture of laid gate marks, RBYC Fixed Marks (**1-6**) and other racing marks: **R2, R3, R4**, Spoil Ground (**SG**), Outer Anchorage (**OA**), Pipelines 2 & 3 (**P2, P3**).

Boat Start from a Committee Vessel and Tower Finish.

- Gate Marks will be **PINK** inflatables, laid to weather of the start.

Note: A line between Point Gellibrand Light and Point Gellibrand is an obstruction.

Abbreviations: Sth = South, Nth=North, Stbd=Starboard

Num	Wind & Start Dir'n	Nm	Leave Marks to	Course
10	N	14	Port	Start - Gate - R3 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - R2 - 2 - 1 - Finish
11	N	18	Port	Start - Gate - R3 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 1 - Finish
12	N	20	Port	Start - Gate - R3 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - R2 - 2 - 1 - Finish
13	N	15	Port	Start - Gate - R4 - R2 - 2 - 4 - R3 - R2 - 2 - 1 - Finish
14	N	20	Port	Start - Gate - R4 - R2 - 2 - 4 - R3 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 3 - 1 - Finish
15	N	21	Port	Start - Gate - 5 - R4 - SG - 1 - Finish
16	N	26	Port	Start - Gate - 5 - R4 - SG - 1 - 6 - 5 - 3 - 1 - Finish
17	NW	10	Port	Start - Gate - R3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish
18	NW	15	Port	Start - Gate - R3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 3 - 1 - Finish
19	NW	16	Port	Start - Gate - 4 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 3 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 1 - Finish
20	NW	14	Port	Start - Gate - R4 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 3 - R2 - 2 - 1 - Finish
21	NW	19	Port	Start - Gate - R4 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 3 - R2 - 2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 3 - 1 - Finish
22	NW	25	Port	Start - Gate - R4 - R2 - R3 - R4 - R2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - R3 - R2 - 1 - Finish
23	W	11	Stbd	Start - Gate - R2 - 4 - 6 - R2 - 4 - 5 - Finish
24	W	11	Stbd	Start - Gate - P2 - R3 - 5 - Finish
25	W	19	Stbd	Start - Gate - P2 - R3 - R2 - P2 - 4 - 5 - Finish
26	W	23	Stbd	Start - Gate - P2 - R3 - 5 - 6 - 2 - P2 - R3 - 5 - Finish
27	SW	10	Stbd	Start - Gate - R2 - R3 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 5 - Finish
28	SW	14	Stbd	Start - Gate - R2 - R3 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 5 - Finish
29	SW	17	Stbd	Start - Gate - SG - P2 - R3 - 5 - Finish
30	SW	18	Stbd	Start - Gate - SG - P3 - R3 - 5 - Finish
31	SW	21	Stbd	Start - Gate - SG - P2 - R3 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 3 - 5 - Finish
32	SW	23	Stbd	Start - Gate - SG - P3 - R3 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 3 - 5 - Finish
33	S	12	Stbd	Start - Gate - 2 - R2 - R3 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 6 - 5 - Finish
34	S	16	Stbd	Start - Gate - 2 - R2 - R3 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 6 - 5 - Finish
35	S	18	Stbd	Start - Gate - 2 - R2 - R4 - 2 - R2 - R3 - 5 - Finish
36	S	23	Stbd	Start - Gate - 2 - R2 - R4 - 2 - R2 - R3 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 3 - 5 - Finish
37	S	21	Stbd	Start - Gate - SG - OA - R4 - 5 - Finish
38	S	26	Stbd	Start - Gate - SG - OA - R4 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 3 - 5 - Finish
39	SE	12	Stbd	Start - Gate - 1 - 2 - R3 - 6 - 3 - 4 - 5 - Finish
40	SE	15	Stbd	Start - Gate - 1 - 2 - R3 - 4 - 6 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 3 - 4 - 5 - Finish
41	SE	16	Stbd	Start - Gate - 1 - P2 - R4 - 5 - Finish
42	SE	21	Stbd	Start - Gate - 1 - P2 - R4 - 5 - 6 - 1 - 3 - 5 - Finish
43	SE	25	Stbd	Start - Gate - 1 - OA - P3 - R2 - P2 - R3 - Finish
44	SE	30	Stbd	Start - Gate - 1 - OA - P3 - R2 - P2 - R3 - 6 - R3 - 5 - Finish
45	E	10	Port	Start - Gate - R3 - R2 - 2 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 2 - Finish
46	E	14	Port	Start - Gate - R3 - R2 - 2 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 2 - 6 - 5 - 6 - 2 - Finish
47	E	15	Port	Start - Gate - 4 - R2 - 6 - 4 - R2 - 6 - 4 - R2 - 5 - Finish
48	E	15	Port	Start - Gate - P2 - 1 - R2 - 1 - Finish

Num	Wind & Start Dir'n	Nm	Leave Marks to	Course
49	E	20	Port	Start - Gate - P2 - 1 - R2 - 1 - 6 - R2 - 1 - Finish
50	E	24	Port	Start - Gate - 5 - R3 - P2 - 1 - R2 - P2 - 1 - Finish
51	E	31	Port	Start - Gate - 5 - R3 - P2 - 1 - R2 - P2 - 1 - 6 - 5 - R3 - R2 - 5 - Finish
52	NE	17	Port	Start - Gate - 5 - R3 - P2 - R2 - 4 - R3 - R2 - 2 - Finish
53	NE	18	Port	Start - Gate - R3 - P3 - SG - 1 - Finish
54	NE	22	Port	Start - Gate - 5 - R3 - P2 - R2 - 4 - R3 - R2 - 2 - 6 - 5 - 3 - 2 - Finish
55	NE	24	Port	Start - Gate - R3 - P3 - SG - 2 - 6 - 5 - R3 - R2 - 2 - Finish