



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON



Salty Dingo RS Aero Australian Championships 2026



Sailing Instructions V1

18th – 22nd January 2026



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron in conjunction with the RS Aero Class Association (Aus) Inc.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR and SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by boat. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)

The notation '[SP]' denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

1 Rules

- 1.1 A National Jury has been appointed and decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3 (c).
- 1.2 [NP]The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration of RRS will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS42, will apply.
- 1.5 RRS P2.2 & 2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.1 is changed so that it will apply to all penalties (this changes the NOR).
- 1.6 A boat may receive outside help where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance to right a capsized vessel to continue racing. This changes Rule 41, RRS.
- 1.7 RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82125>

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board not less than one hour before the race or races affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed above the class flag flown from one of the eastern halyards of the BYS Yardarm in front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

5 Scheule of Social Events

Sun 18 Jan	1500 – 1600 1600 - 1615 1800	Jon Emmett talk – Racing Lounge Jury Chairman discussion – RRS 42 onwater Welcome function – Clubhouse Deck
Mon 19 Jan	After Racing	Tips & Tricks Dinner & live music available at the Club.

Tue 20 Jan	0830 0930 After Racing	Aviso Specialty Breakfast of Champions – Southern Waters Room (SWR) AGM SWR Tips & Tricks Dinner & live music available at the Club.
Wed 21 Jan	After Racing	Tips & Tricks Dinner & live music available at the Club.
Thu 22 Jan 2026	1900	Presentation Dinner

6 Schedule of Races

Sun 18 Jan	1600 - 1730	Registration
Mon 19 Jan	0900 - 1015 1030 1400	Registration Competitors' Briefing Championship Racing Warning
Tue 20 Jan	1400	Championship Racing Warning
Wed 21 Jan	1600	Championship Racing Warning
Thu 22 Jan	1200	Championship Racing Warning

- 6.1 No warning signal will be made after 1700 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 6.2 The series will comprise a maximum of twelve races.

7 Class Flag

- 7.1 The RS Aero class flags will be:
- RS Aero 5: RS Aero insignia and number 5 in black on a blue background
 - RS Aero 6: RS Aero insignia and number 6 in black on a purple background
 - RS Aero 7: RS Aero insignia and number 7 in black on a yellow background
 - RS Aero 9: RS Aero insignia and number 9 in black on a pink background

8 The Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams and associated notes in Attachment A show the courses and marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the course code and may display the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to the top mark.

9 Marks

- 9.1 See Attachment A

10 The Start

- 10.1 To alert boats that a race starting sequence will begin soon, an orange flag will be flown from the race start vessel with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race start vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on a vessel stationed at the port end or a green inflatable buoy.
- 10.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 Change to the next leg of the course

- 11.1 When the next leg of the course is changed, the race committee shall lay a new mark as described in Attachment A and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

12 The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finish mark positioned on the port side of the finish boat.

13 Time Limits and Target Times

- 13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finish Window
RS Aero 5,6,7&9	40 minutes	70 minutes	15 minutes

- 13.2 There are no time limits for reaching the first mark.
- 13.3 A boat that fails to finish within the Time Limit may be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.
- 13.4 Closure of the finish window will be 15 mins after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or after the last boat has finished (whichever is sooner). On closure of the finish window, all boats not yet finished are to return to the starting area for the next race if one is scheduled.
- 13.5 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule RRS 61.4(b).
- 13.6 Boats that are still racing at the closure of their finish window may be given an allocated place based on their position in the fleet at the time. This changes rules RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available via the ONB and at the regatta office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening a hearing shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.3 Notices shall be posted on the ONB no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.

15 [NP] Safety Regulations

- 15.1 Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must "sign on" before leaving the shore and "sign off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing.
- 15.2 The sign on period for each Class will close at the warning signal being displayed the first race for that session on that day.
- 15.3 The sign off period for each Class will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.
- 15.4 The Sign On/Sign Off sheets shall be available in the Junior Lounge (ground floor of clubhouse) outside the changerooms.
- 15.5 [SP] Failure to Sign On or Sign Off will result in that boat receiving a 5 point penalty without a hearing. However, no boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. For boats failing to sign on, this penalty will be applied to the first race of the

session. For boats failing to sign off, this penalty will be applied to the last race of the session. If there is only one race in a session, a boat will only receive one penalty. This changes RRS rules A4 and A5.

16 Official Vessels

16.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	BYS burgee
Jury	Pink flag with the letter J in black letters
Media	White flag with the word MEDIA in black letters

16.2 Failure of an official vessel to fly an identifying flag shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

17 [DP] Replacement of Equipment

17.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for equipment substitution shall be made in writing via the ONB to the race officer at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 Support Boats

- 18.1 Coaches and support boats must remain at least 100m outside the start area, the course and all racing areas from the time of the first warning signal each day until racing has concluded for that day.
- 18.2 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 18.3 If called upon by the race officer, support boats must assist in an emergency as directed and must maintain a watch on VHF Channel 77.

19 Rubbish disposal

19.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

20 Risk Statement

- 20.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include 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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 20.2 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 'Responsibility of the Person in Charge.' The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the boat is structurally sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew who are physically fit to face the expected conditions. The owner and the person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The owner and the person in charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows how to use it.

Attachment A – Marks & Courses

- All marks are to be left to port except for gate marks. Marks 3 & 4 P/S are gate marks and boats are required to pass between them on the downwind leg.
- If one of the gate marks is missing boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

Course code	Course to be sailed
I2	Start - 1 - 4S/P - 1 - 2 - 3S/P - 5 - Finish
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3S/P - 2 - 3S/P - 5 - Finish

Mark	Description
1, 4P/S, 5	Orange
2, 3P/S	Yellow
Finish	Black and white chequered
1 Change mark	Orange with black band
2 Change mark	Yellow with black band

Course Configuration

