



**Gill and Element Sails
Taipan and Mosquito
2026 National Championships
Sailing Instructions January 3rd-10th 2026
Amended 4th January 2026**

CLASS DETAILS:

Class Association:	Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia
Name of Regatta:	Taipan Catamaran National Championships
Host Club:	Adelaide Sailing Club

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As per the organising authority's Notice Board, on the day of racing:

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Mosquito Association Representatives: Warwick Kemp and Paul Senior
Taipan Association Representatives: Peter Dunk and Simon Hallsworth

RACE OFFICIALS, CLASS CO-ORDINATOR

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ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS TO START RACE

The MCASA recommends upper maximum wind speed limit is an average of 20 knots for Mosquitoes and the TCAA recommends 22 knots for Taipans, measured in the course area 30 minutes prior to the programmed start time. Racing to be postponed with gusts of 25 knots.

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Taipan National Titles will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 [NP] [DP] All competitors and support persons shall follow any reasonable instructions given by a Race Official.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS/ COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online on the official notice board (ONB) which can be found on the event website: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/default.aspx?ID=E9669126>
- 2.3 [DP][NP] A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Boats may monitor emergency channels or channels used by the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 2.4 Competitors are not prohibited from wearing GPS tracking watches so long as they do not provide means of transmission or other forms of communication whilst racing.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day 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 located in the northwest corner of the Club House.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes". This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. [DP] REGISTRATION and MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Registration will be completed by Saturday 3rd January 2026 via the nomination form located online at <https://www.taipan.asn.au/events>
Nominations will be accepted on the day of racing for that day's event [single day nominations].
- 5.2 A Competitors Briefing will be held on the first day of racing at 1100 hrs

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Race Program

Day / Date	Event	Time /Warning Signal
Sat 3/1/2026	Registration and Measuring	1000-1500
Sun 4/1/2026	Measurement	0900-1100
	Practice Race	1300
	Welcome BBQ	1800
Mon 5/1/2026	Racing	1100 Competitor Briefing 1255 Warning Signal
Tue 6/1/2026	Racing	1255 Warning Signal A.G.M. TBA
Wed 7/1/2026	Reserve day	
Thu 8/1/2026	Racing	1255 Warning Signal
Fri 9/1/2026	Racing/ Presentation	1255 Warning Signal

- 6.2 12 races are scheduled for the National Championship Series.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours, except on Friday 9th Jan.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500 Friday 9th Jan.
- 6.5 No more than 4 races will be sailed on any one day.
- 6.6 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. Subsequent starting orders may vary from the scheduled starts.

7. DIVISIONS

7.1 The class flag(s) will be:

Mosquito MK1	
Mosquito MK2	
Taipan 4.9 Cat	
Taipan 5.7 Sloop	

8. RACING AREAS

8.1 Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

8.2 [DP] Boats not racing shall avoid the racing area.

9. THE COURSE(S)

9.1 The course will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and in Addendum B.

9.2 The course will be a Loop formation for all Taipan divisions.

10. MARKS

10.1 The colours of the marks will be displayed on the Official Notice Board as per SI 9.1.

11. THE START

11.1 The warning signal will be changed to 3 minutes before the start. This changes RRS26.

11.2 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.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.4 [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during start sequences for other fleets.

12. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or move the finishing line to a new position.

12.2 The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 100 metres to windward or leeward without signalling Flag C, a direction signal, length signal or a sound signal. This changes RRS 33.

- 12.3. Any action or no action by the race committee under this instruction will not be grounds for redress under RRS 61.4(b).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 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.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The Target Time for a race is 40 minutes.
14.2 The Time Limit for the first boat in each race shall be 70 minutes.
14.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.
14.4 The finishing window will be 30 minutes.
14.5 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, penalised 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.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the race office, located at the south end of lower level of the Club House. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in its class has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
15.3 Notices, including protests by the race committee or protest committee, will be posted within 60 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the clubrooms.
15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 60 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 63.7(b).

16. SCORING

- 16.1 As per NOR "Scoring".
16.2 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty [DP] imposed will be DPI.
16.3 RRS Appendix A5.3 applies. This changes RRS Appendix A5.2.

17. [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [DP] All competitors shall sign on prior to and sign off at completion of the day's racing.
17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee, safety or jury vessel as soon as reasonably possible and shall inform the race office immediately after returning to the shore.
17.3 [DP] Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices applies at all times afloat.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked by displaying the burgee of the Adelaide Sailing Club.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 200 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first Class/Division to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21. WASTE DISPOSAL

- 21.1 Waste shall be placed aboard support or official vessels.

22. PRIZES

Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Taipan Association of Australia.

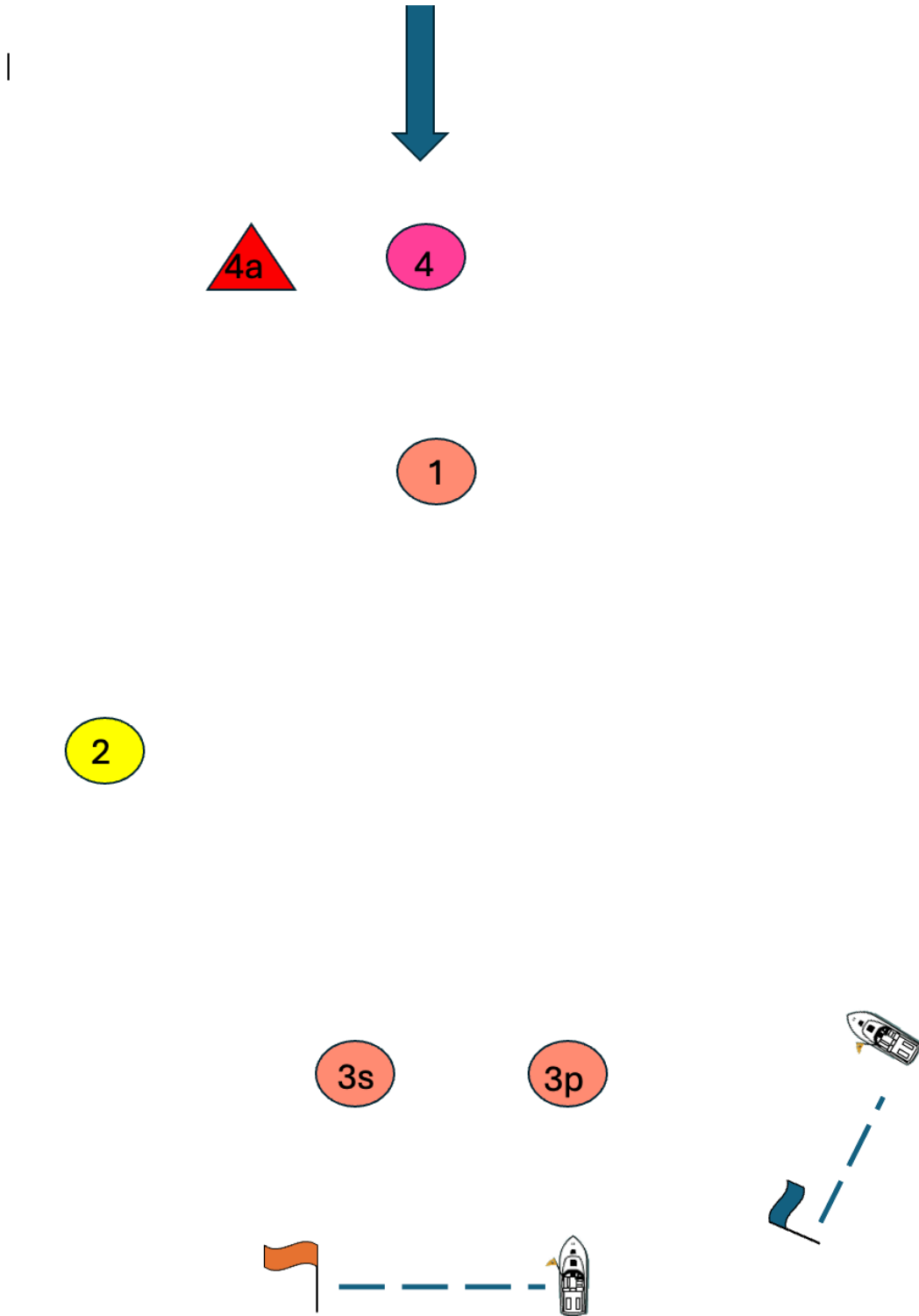
23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Addendum A – COURSE AREA



Addendum B – COURSE



Course– Start, 4, 4a, 3s/3p, 4, 4a, 3s/3p, Finish