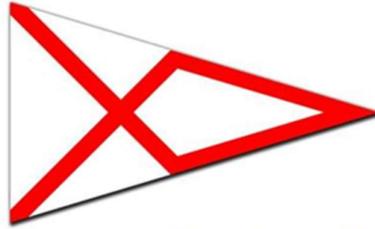


SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)



PORT LINCOLN YACHT CLUB INC.



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(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 As per the Class Association By-Laws Part B Clause 20(1). RRS 42.3(C)(1) – with direct relation to Propulsion is replaced with:

"On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the face of a wave) or planing is possible, the Boat's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind"

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at [Sharpie Australian Championship](#).
- 3.2 The race office is located at the Eastern end of the lower level of the Port Lincoln Yacht Club building.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole in front of the PLYC building.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1

Date	Event	Time
28 th Dec 2025	Registration Equipment inspection	0800 - 1700
29 th Dec 2025	Race Management Briefing Competitors Briefing Invitation Race X2	1000 1100 1300
30 th Dec 2025	Racing	1300
31 st Dec 2025	Racing NYE Function	1300 1830
1 st Jan 2026	Reserve Day	
2 nd Jan 2026	Racing	1300
3 rd Jan 2026	Racing States Night	1300 1800
4 th Jan 2026	Reserve Day	
5 th Jan 2026	Racing	1300
6 th Jan 2026	Racing Presentation	1200 1830

- 6.2 2 races are scheduled each day. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta does not get more than one race ahead of schedule.

- 6.3 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.

- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Sharpie Class flag is a yellow kangaroo on a green flag.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is on Boston Bay, Port Lincoln. SI Appendix A shows the location of the racing area.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed with the orange starting line flag from the signal boat at least 5 minutes before the Warning Signal.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks are

<i>Mark</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Starting Marks</i>	<i>Orange flag on a staff from the Port end boat Orange flag on a staff on the (Starboard end) Signal Boat</i>
<i>Windward Mark 1</i>	<i>Yellow Inflatable</i>
<i>Offset Mark</i>	<i>Orange inflatable</i>
<i>Leward Gate 3s, 3p Marks</i>	<i>Yellow Inflatable</i>
<i>Wing Mark 2</i>	<i>Yellow Inflatable</i>
<i>Course Change Mark</i>	<i>Orange Inflatable with black band</i>
<i>Finishing Marks</i>	<i>Blue flag on a staff on the Finishing boat at the starboard end. Blue flag on a staff at the Port end.</i>

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.7 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the 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

- 13.1 The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 RRS Appendix P applies.
- 14.3 RRS P2.2 is replaced by
P2.2 Second Penalty
When a boat is penalised a second time in the same race, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.
- 14.4 RRS P2.3 Third and Subsequent Penalties is deleted.

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
<i>60 Minutes</i>	<i>120 Minutes</i>	<i>20 minutes</i>

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

15.3 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 two 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.

15.4 The Target time for races is 45 minutes. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 90 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 requests can be lodged via the Official Notice Board (ONB).

16.3 Notices will be posted on the ONB 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 the Race Office.

16.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted on the notice board.

16.6 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.3

17 SCORING

17.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply

17.3 Appendix A 5.3 will apply

17.4 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed a boat's series score is the total of her race scores

(b) When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 9 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 SAFETY

18.1 [DP] All boats must sign on prior to racing and sign off after racing. Sign on and sign off will be done via the Online Notice Board (ONB) or the tablet available at the Race Office. The penalty for not complying will be

Failure to sign on - 5 points for the first race of the session

Failure to sign off – 5 points for the last race of the session

Sign off must be completed before the end of Protest Time.

18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available on the Online Notice Board (ONB).

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Application can be made via the Online Notice Board (ONB)

19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee via the Online Notice Board (ONB) at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

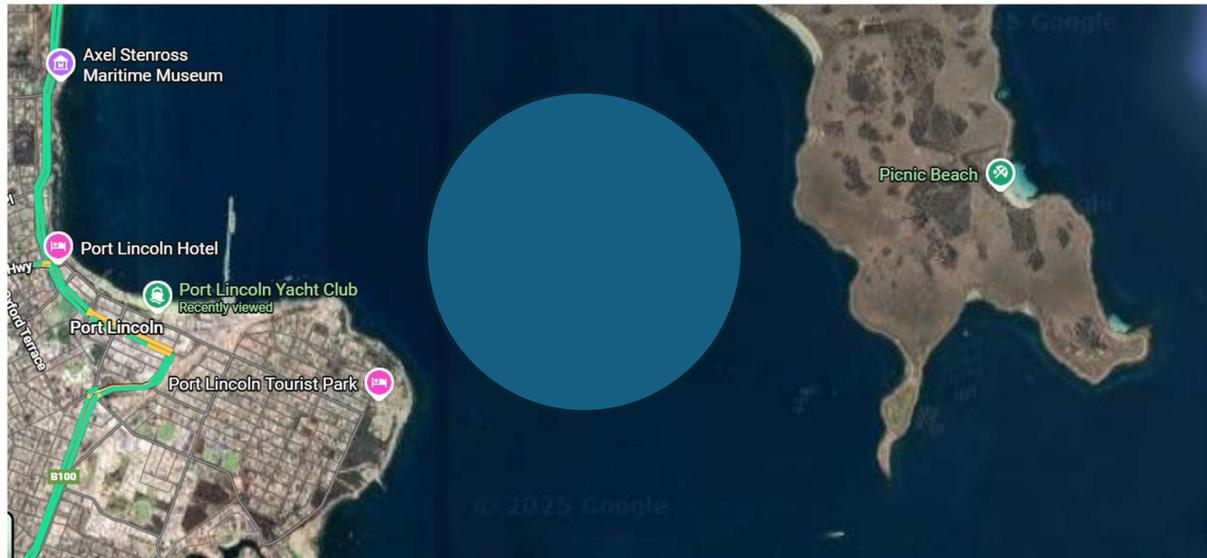
21.1 Race Management vessels will be identified with PLYC burgee.

21.2 Jury vessel will be identified with a blue flag marked "JURY"

21.2 Media vessel will be identified with a yellow flag marked "MEDIA"

Appendix A

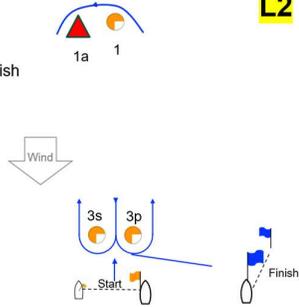
Course Area



Appendix B – Courses

Course 1 -- L2

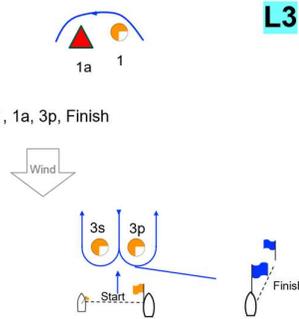
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L2

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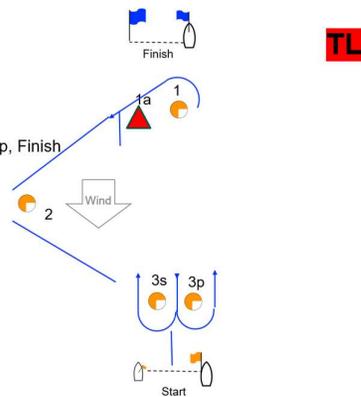
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L3

Course 3 -- TL

Start, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, 1, 2, 3p, Finish



TL

Note: In all courses, if only one mark at 3s / 3p is present then round it to Port.