



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

# International Contender Victorian Championships 2026



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The Organizing Authority (OA) is Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) in conjunction with the International Contender Association of Victoria.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR or SIs 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.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NOR or SIs denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule in the NOR or SIs denotes that the standard penalty for a breach of the rule may be applied by the Race Committee without hearing. This changes RRS A5.

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 ('RRS').
- 1.2 [NP] The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3 The International Contender Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 42 is changed as provided in Class Rule 22.
- 1.5 Appendix P shall not apply.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) for the event is online on the regatta page of the BYS website <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82304>

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least two hours before the scheduled time of the first race on the day it will take effect and signaled in accordance with RRS Race Signals. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it takes 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'. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS**

- 5.1 No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Sunday 15 March 2026.

5.2 The series will comprise a maximum of six (6) races.

<b>Friday 13 March</b>	Competitor arrival – by arrangement with John Lindholm 0419307897	1030 – 1500
<b>Saturday 14 March</b>	Competitor arrival Registration Competitors' briefing Race session warning	0800 – 1000 1000 – 1100 1100 1330
<b>Sunday 15 March</b>	Race session warning Presentation	1030 ASAP after last race

## **6 CLASS FLAG**

6.1 The class (division) flag will be the code flag C.

## **7 THE COURSES**

7.1 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 marks are to be left.

7.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee vessel will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the course corresponding numeral pennant and may display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the top mark.

## **8 MARKS**

8.1 See Attachment A.

## **9 THE START**

9.1 To alert boats that a race starting sequence will begin soon, an orange flag will flow from the race committee vessel, with one signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark (see Attachment A).

9.3 [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.

9.4 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 A4 and A5.

## **10 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark as described in Attachment A 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.

## **11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee

vessel and the course side of the port end finish mark (see Attachment A).

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## **13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Race Target Time</b>	<b>Race Time Limit</b>	<b>Finishing Window</b>
Contender	40 minutes	60 minutes	15 minutes

- 13.1 There is no time limit for reaching the first mark. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.
- 13.2 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats that are still racing at the closing of the finishing window may be given an allocated place based on their position in the fleet at the time. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5. On closing the finishing window, all boats not yet finished are to return to the starting area for the next race, if one is scheduled.
- 13.3 Failure to meet the race target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule RRS 61.

## **14 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 14.1 Hearing request 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. The time will be posted on the ONB.
- 14.3 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, as to where and when there is a hearing.

## **15 [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1 Sign On and Sign Off: All boats will "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 will close at the warning signal being displayed for the first race for that session on that day.
- 15.3 The sign off period will close at the close of Protest Time Limit, 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 A4 and A5.

## **16 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

16.1 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 at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **17 [NP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time. On the water, the Race Committee or measurer can instruct a competitor to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. A boat failing to meet compliance may be given a discretionary penalty by the Race Committee.

## **18 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

18.1 Official vessels will display the BYS burgee.

18.2 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).

## **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

19.1 Coaches and support boats must remain at least 200m 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.

19.2 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.

19.3 If called upon by the Race Committee, support boats must assist in an emergency as directed and must maintain a watch on VHF Channel 77.

## **20 RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

20.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official vessels.

## **21 RISK STATEMENT**

21.1 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.**

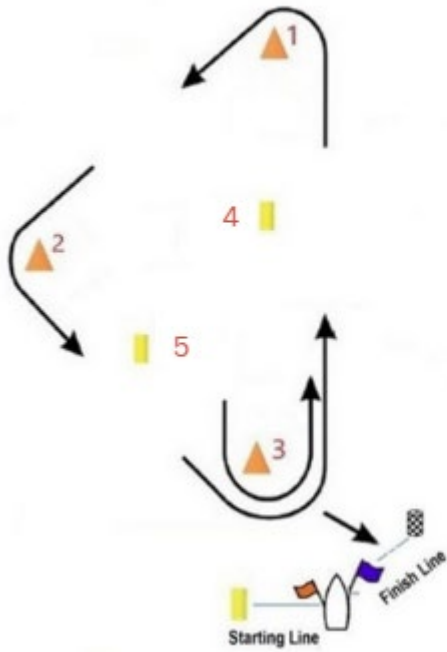
21.2 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 'Responsibility of the Person in Charge.' The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable

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.

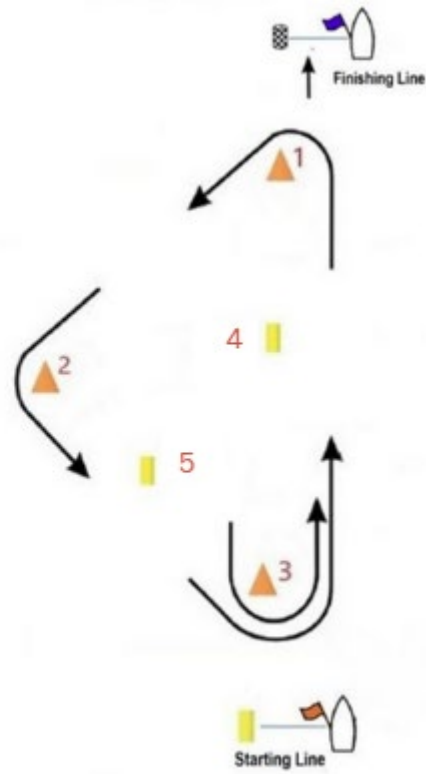
# Attachment A

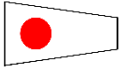
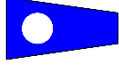


## 1 Courses

### Downwind Finish



### Upwind Finish



Pennant	Course
1 	Start -1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3- Finish Downwind
2 	Start -1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3- Finish Upwind
3 	Start -1-2-3-1-3- Finish Downwind
4 	Start -1-2-3-1-3- Finish Upwind

## 2 Marks

Mark	Description	Comment
START	Yellow cylindrical inflatable	Start line pin
FINISH	Black/White checked cylindrical inflatable	
Marks 1, 2, 3	Orange truncated conical inflatable	
Marks 4, 5	Yellow cylindrical inflatable	MINNOW course marks *For Saturday 14 March only, if laid
Replacement mark	Pink conical inflatable	For change of course