2026 Epigen J/24 World Championship

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club, in conjunction with the International J/24 Class Association and the Australian J/24 Class Association

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs) - Revision 1 (04/11/2026) – insertion of SI Clause 3.6

Preamble: 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.

1 RULES

1.1 NoR clause 1 contains a list of rules for this event. Competitors are reminded to take note of these.

1.2 Bow numbers shall be applied by a team from the organising committee.

1.3 RRS Appendix T shall apply to this event and further modified in SI 15.5.

1.4 [NP] The RRS changes for using RaceSense are be identified in Addendum RS.

1.5 RRS 60.1 is changed to read: "……or committee may protest a boat, but the technical committee may not protest under the rules of Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 Section A., and RRS 49.2 sentences 1 and 2"

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0800 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. Courtesy postings may occur in the competitors WhatsApp group.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be published on the official notice board located at https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/default.aspx?ID=82327.

3.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions shall be submitted in writing via the official noticeboard https://sailingresults.net/sa/rfi/default.aspx?ID=82327. The questions and any answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

3.3 The Regatta Office is located on the ground floor of north-end of the main building.

3.4 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.

3.5 [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.

3.6 From the first warning signal of the day until the last boat has finished the last race of the day, boats shall not access or use live Racesense Vakaros tracking data, whether directly or through any third party.

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 organising 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 at the Ken King Centre signal mast, located at the entrance to the marina.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday	4 November	0900 – 1800	Registration / Equipment Inspection / Crew Weigh-in
Thursday	5 November	0900 – 1800	Registration / Equipment Inspection / Crew Weigh-in
Friday	6 November	0900 – 1700 0900 – 1200 1200 1400 1600 1800	Registration / Crew Weigh-in Equipment Inspection Skippers' Briefing Practice Race All Boats afloat Opening Ceremony
Saturday	7 November	0830 – 0900 0900 1100 After racing	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day Daily debrief
Sunday	8 November	0830 – 0900 1230 1430 After racing	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day Daily debrief
Monday	9 November	0830 – 0900 0900 1100	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day

		After racing	Daily debrief
Tuesday	10 November	0830 – 0900 0900 1100 After racing	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day Daily debrief
Wednesday	11 November	0830 – 0900 0900 1100 1500 1900	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day No warning signal after this time ***Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving***

*These crew weigh-ins are as required by the technical committee for substitute crew.

6.2 The schedule specified in SI clause 6.1 replaces the schedule in NoR clause 7.

6.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The J/24 Class flag (blue insignia on a white background) shall be used in accordance with RRS 26.

8 RACING AREA

SI Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be windward/leeward with four legs (Course 4) or five legs (Course 5).

9.2 The diagrams in SI Attachment B show the courses.

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designator and shall announce on VHF channel 77, the course to be sailed, the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg. Failure to receive or hear this information does not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

9.4 An offset mark (designated mark 1a) will be used in conjunction with mark 1. The offset mark will be placed to the left of the weather mark (looking upwind) at approximately a right angle to the weather leg and approximately 10-15 boat lengths to port of mark 1.

9.5 Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2P and mark 2S). If the gate is not present, mark 2 shall be rounded to port.

9.6 Except for a change of course, the finish for course 5 will be to windward of mark 1.

9.7 No four-leg course will be shortened to less than three legs in length, and no five-leg course will be shortened to less than four legs in length. For purpose of this SI only, the distance between mark 1 and mark 1a will not be regarded as a leg of the course. This changes RRS 32.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark descriptions will be described in SI Attachment B.

10.2 Change marks will be the same colour as the original mark with a black band.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

Boats shall not sail at any time between the two marks identifying the Anonyma Shoal as indicated by the east and west cardinal marks inside the racing area provided in SI Attachment A.

12 THE START

12.1 RRS 26 STARTING RACES is changed per SI ATTACHMENT RS. The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2/Atlas Edge will be the official time.

12.2 The starting line is between two (2) Vakaros units; one located on a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and one located on the port-end starting mark.

12.3 [NP] A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 61.1, A4 and A5.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between two (2) Vakaros units; one located on a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and one located on the finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 All scoring penalties shall be calculated as directed in RRS 44.3(c).

15.2 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”

15.3 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2

15.4 The International Jury may impose a discretionary penalty (DPI), less than disqualification, for breaches of the Racing Rules of Sailing other than those in Parts 1 and 2. A DPI penalty shall be a minimum of 10% calculated using the method described 44.3(c). Scoring penalties shall be applied to all races for which the boat was in non-compliance.

Exceptions:

a) A boat found, by the Tech Committee, in breach of a Class Rule listed in SI Attachment CR may accept the listed scoring penalty by completing a penalty acceptance form available at the protest desk within the protest time limit.

b) A boat protested by the Tech Committee and found in breach of a Class Rule not listed in SI Attachment CR may be scored a DPI not less than 20% as determined by the Jury.

15.5 RRS Appendix T will apply, as modified below.

T1(b) A Post Race Penalty is:

(a) 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in Rule 44.3(c) if taken before the protest time limit and before an arbitration meeting.

(b) Otherwise 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c).
However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

This modifies Appendix T1(b).

15.6 RRS Appendix P applies as modified below:

(a) RRS App P1.1 is changed to read, "Only members of the Jury may serve as observers and act in accordance with rule P1.2." A person with significant conflict of interest shall not be appointed as an observer."

(b) RRS App P2.1 is changed to:

P2.1 Penalty

When as boat is penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her scores not be excluded.

(c) RRS App P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.

16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Target Time, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Finishing Window
40 minutes	75 to 90 minutes	30 minutes after 1st boat to Finish

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

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats starting but failing to sail the course 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 two (2) more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalised under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 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.

17.2 Hearing requests shall be submitted by using the online system. https://sailingresults.net/sa/protest/default.aspx?ID=82327

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Regatta Office, as scheduled on the official notice board.

17.4 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

18 SCORING – See NoR clause 13.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [NP][DP]A boat that retires from a race, leaves the race area or does not intend to compete in a race or return to the racing area, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.2 [NP] Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a designated race committee vessel displaying flag L and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee repeating her bow number.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed except with prior written approval of the Technical Committee.

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Technical Committee online at https://sailingresults.net/sa/EquipmentSubstitution/default.aspx?ID=82327. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. Substitution of spinnakers, spinnaker poles or rudders with spares that have been measured and carry event limitation marks for this event may be done without advanced notification, but shall be reported to the Technical Committee upon returning to shore.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

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

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

(a) Race management vessels will display a blue flag with the letter ‘A’.

(b) Jury vessels will display a grey flag with the word ‘Jury’.

(c) Technical Committee/Measurement vessels will display a white flag with the letter ‘T’

(d) Media vessels will display a grey flag with the word ‘Media’.

24 [DP] SUPPORT VESSELS

24.1 All support persons and support person vessels shall comply with NoR clause 14.

24.2 All support persons and support person vessels shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

[NP][DP] Competitors shall follow RRS 47. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

26 BERTHING – see NoR clause 16

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – see NoR clause 17

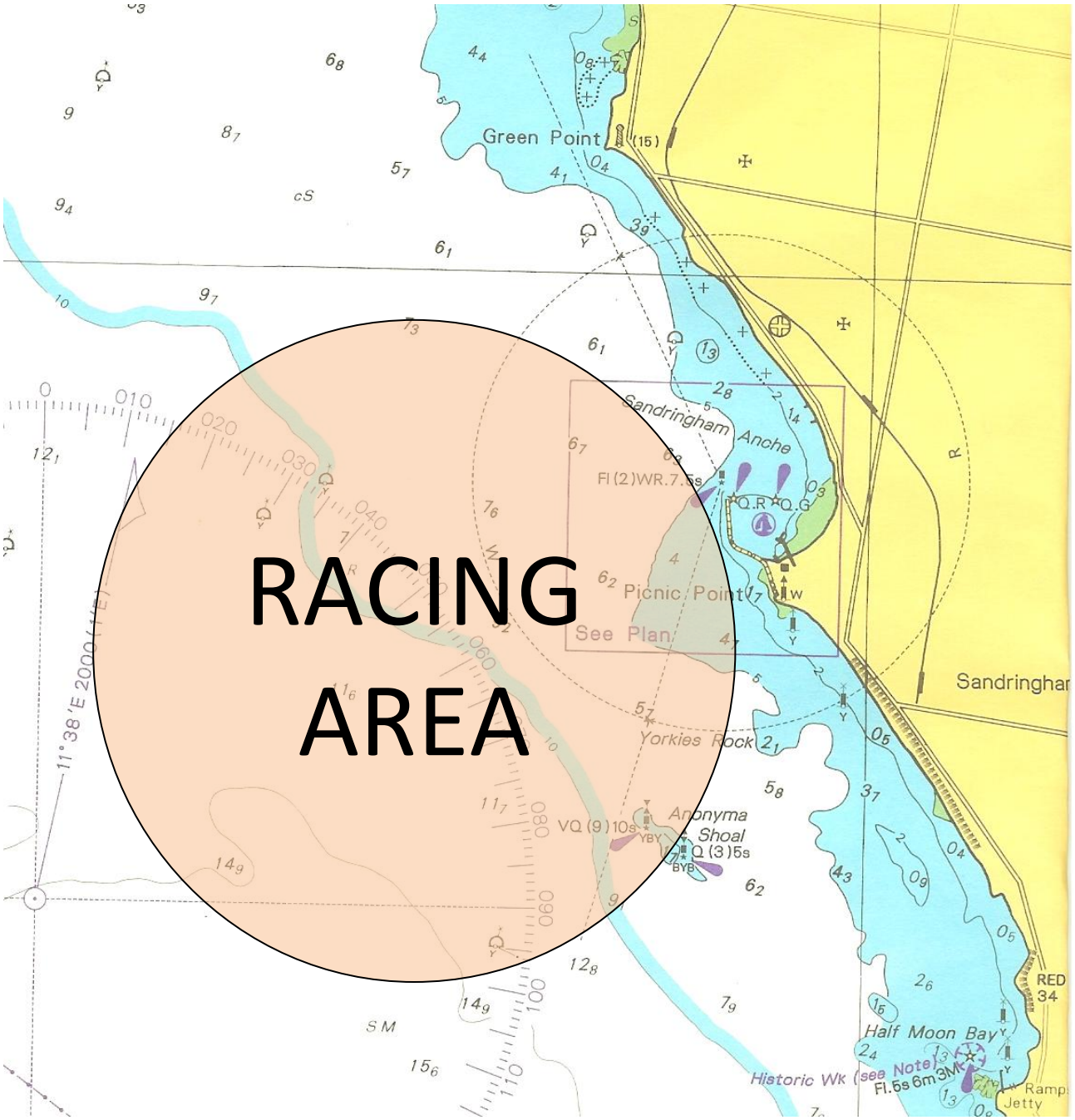
28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – see NoR clause 18

29 PRIZES – see NoR clause 19

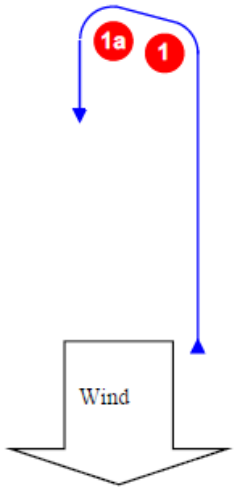
30 RISK STATEMENT – see NoR clause 20

31 INSURANCE – See NoR clause 21

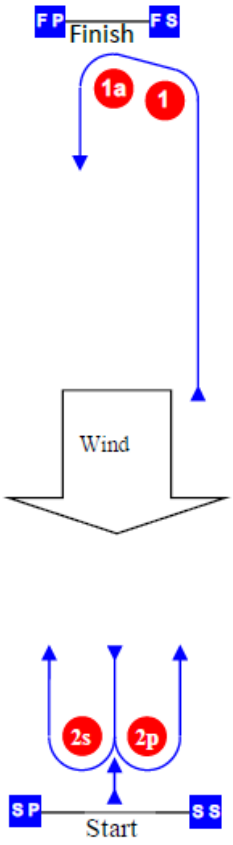
ATTACHMENT A



ATTACHMENT B



Course Number	Course 4
Course Designation	International Numeral Pennant 4
Course	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish



Course Number	Course 5
Course Designation	International Numeral Pennant 5
Course	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish

Mark	**Description**
1	Yellow inflatable mark
1a	Pink inflatable mark
2s 2p	Yellow inflatable marks
SS Starting mark starboard	Committee vessel displaying orange flag
SP Starting mark port end	Orange inflatable mark
FS Finishing mark starboard	Blue inflatable mark
FP Finishing mark port end	Committee vessel displaying blue flag

ATTACHMENT CR

Class Rule	Infringement	Scoring Penalty
B.3.1 B.3.2	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment are to be kept aboard the yacht one or both items are not on board.	10%
C.5.1 (a)(1) thru (6)	Missing Mandatory Portable Equipment not listed below	30%
C.5.1(a)(4)	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	40%
C.5.1(a)(2) C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.2(a)(10)	Any of anchors(s), outboard motor/engine, battery or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement	30%
C.5.3	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	40%
C.5.2(a)(1) thru (17)	Missing item from Optional Portable Equipment listed on Measurement Certificate	20%
C.7.2(a)(5)	…. Taut (shall not sag more than 10mm between supports without any external loads) lifelines of wire, not less than 4mm diameter, shall be attached to the pulpit and pushpit and pass through the stanchions.	20%

ATTACHMENT RS

[NP] Rules and Instructions for Using Vakaros and the RaceSense System

RS.1 Each boat shall present at registration their working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense with a valid RaceSense pass. This shall be mounted as required by the OA or class at all times while racing.

RS.2 Competitors shall a) calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before registration. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event. b) Turn the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge off after sailing each day. Battery life is approx. 100 hours

RS.3 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

RS.4 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge safe and operational and promptly notify the Race Committee on the water or ashore of any device issues.

RS.5 The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

RS.6 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30, 30.1 and 30.2. Flag X may be displayed with a sound signal for information purposes. This changes RRS 29.1.

RS.7 Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(c).

RS.8 If the RC vessel displays flag Golf with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.5 and RS.6 inclusive will not apply to that race. The race will be started as described in RRS 26, with the starting line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark. The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark

RS.9 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and or the Regatta What's App Group.