

THE ROYAL
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OF TASMANIA



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SB20 Schools Championship

Saturday 9 May 2026

Organising Authority

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

Sailing Instructions

[DP] Means a penalty that is at the discretion of the protest committee

[NP] Means that a breach of this rule will not be subject to a protest by a boat.

1. RULES

1.1. Races will be governed by:

- The *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); and,
- Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS); and

1.2. Protest Arbitration – Appendix T of the RRS amended so that the arbitrator may be a member of a subsequent protest hearing.

1.3. Class Rule C.5.1 is deleted. To be eligible to race boats shall comply with providing a valid SB20 Australia - SB20 Equipment Audit Form to the Organising Authority at registration.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard not less than one hour prior to the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard in the south-east corner of the RYCT clubhouse.

3.2. On water the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 14.

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 handle any equipment provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, 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 on the flagpole at the marina entrance, RYCT.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes Race Signals.

5.3. Code Flag T shall mean that towing to and/or from the course area is allowed.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sat	9 May 2026	9:00	Boats launched & rigging
		09:30	Registration and race briefing at RYCT
		10:15	1 st Warning Signal and Back to Back Races
		After racing	Presentation and BBQ on the deck at RYCT
There will be no Warning signal after 16:00			

The Warning Signal for back-to-back races will be made not less than five minutes after the last boat has finished the previous race. Competitors are expected to remain afloat and in the vicinity of the starting line.

There is a maximum of eight races scheduled.

To alert boats that a start sequence will begin soon an orange flag will be displayed with one sound. The orange flag will be displayed for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7. CLASS FLAG

SB20 Class insignia on a white background.

8. COURSE

The course shall be as set out in Attachment 1.

9. MARKS

1, 1a & 2	Orange inflatable buoy
Starting/Finishing line	Yellow inflatable buoy
Change of Course	Yellow with Black Band inflatable buoy

10. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and a starting mark at the port end.

[NP] A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

Information may be relayed to competitors using VHF Channel 14.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position.

Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. This changes Rule 33.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

Code Flag L when flown from a race committee boat at the Finish shall mean another race will start as soon as practical. This changes Race Signals.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

If a shortened course is signaled, boats will sail from Mark 1/1a to the finishing line. Mark 2 will not have a required side when approaching the finishing line to finish. This changes RRS 32.2.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. [NP] 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 Target Time	Finishing Window
30 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes

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

15.3. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race office no more than one hour after the last boat's finish in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals 'no more racing today'.

16.2. Protests & requests for redress will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. Protests will be held in the RYCT Board Room unless advised otherwise.

16.3. Within 30 minutes of the end of Protest Time, a schedule will be posted on the noticeboard listing the parties to the protests and any witnesses.

16.4. Appendix T Arbitration will apply to this regatta amended so that an arbitrator may be part of a protest committee in a subsequent protest.

17. SCORING

17.1. The scoring system will be as per A2.1

17.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3. When fewer than five races have been completed a boats series score is the total of her race scores.

17.4. When five or more races have been completed, a boats series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]

No support boat may go within 100 metres of the course, any racing boat or a mark of the course while boats are racing unless requested by the Race Committee to do so or in an emergency.

Penalties for a breach of this Sailing Instruction will be at the discretion of the protest committee up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

At all times, support boats must be on call on VHF channel 14.

In the State of Tasmania, the law requires that all occupants of powered craft under 6m in length shall wear an approved lifejacket at all times when underway.

19. PRIZES

As per Notice of Race.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

As per Notice of Race.

ATTACHMENT 1

COURSE

L1 Start to 1 → 1a → Finishing Line

L2 Start to 1 → 1a → 2 → 1 → 1a → Finishing Line

Marks 1, 1a and 2 are to be rounded and left to port

Mark 2 has no required side when finishing (Not to scale.)



Starting/Finishing Line