



Iceberg Winter Series Sailing Instructions

May 5th to 11th of August 2024

Port River Sailing Club
45 George Robertson Drive, Largs North.

The Sailing Instructions will apply for events conducted at Port River Sailing Club and shall be read in conjunction with the Notice of Race.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 of Australian Sailing for off the beach boats will apply.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located out the front of the clubrooms of Port River Sailing Club.
- 2.2 The program of races, courses, starting times and shipping will be posted on the official noticeboard.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race or races that it will affect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. This changes RRS Appendix S3.1.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag masts above club bridge at the Port River Sailing Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals, Postponement Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The race schedule may be altered at the discretion of the Race Officer.

Race Day	Date	Resail Date	Warning Signal
Race Day 01	May 5 th 2024	May 12 th 2024	10:55am
Race Day 02	June 16 th 2024	June 23 rd 2024	10:55am
Race Day 03	July 14 th 2024	July 21 st 2024	10:55am
Race Day 04	August 11 th 2024	August 18 th 2024	10:55am

- 5.2 All entrants will be notified in the case of bad weather. A resail will be established the following weekend.
- 5.3 Number of races per Sunday:
It is anticipated there will be four short course races per day. Each race will have a duration of approximately 30 minutes.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:55am
- 5.5 No races shall be started after 1pm.

6 COURSE(S)

- 6.1 The course(s) shall be set by the Principal Race Officer (PRO). The PRO may consult with the sailing committee to determine the course.
- 6.2 A diagram of the course(s) will be displayed not less than 30 minutes prior to the Warning signal for the first class and shall describe:
- Start and finish line marks
 - Course marks and the order in which they are to be rounded or passed
 - The official course board will be displayed in front of the clubrooms

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Normally flagged buoys will be used as course markers for all classes. Fixed marks may be used as course marks at the discretion of the PRO.
- 7.2 The starting line shall be marked by black and yellow chequered flags.
- 7.3 Normally the finish line shall be between and orange coloured board on the Clubhouse and the pole on the eastern side of the river directly opposite the clubhouse.

8 OBSTRUCTION

- 8.1 The area between the wharf, beach and channel marker shown below in pink is considered to be an obstruction area and is to be avoided while racing.



9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The warning signal for the first class shall be at approximately 1055hrs, unless otherwise notified by the Principal Race Officer. For subsequent starts the Warning Signal for the next class will be displayed at the Starting Signal of the previous class.
- 9.3 Depending on the number of starters in a class, the start of two or more classes may be combined, or a class may be deleted from the sequence, at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer. Yachts sailing in the Miscellaneous class shall be allocated a start by the Principal Race Officer as required. The starting order will be stated on the race course board.
- 9.4 A starting area may be defined, at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer. The area may be bounded by the starting line and two flagged buoys. A boat shall not enter the Starting Area prior to its class preparatory signal being displayed.

- 9.5 Only boats that are in their starting sequence or recalled may sail through the starting line in the opposite direction to that required for starting.
- 9.6 No boat that has started and rounded the first mark shall enter the starting area or sail through the starting line until the starting signal of the last class has been made.
- 9.7 The starting line may be removed after the starting signal of the last class has been made, at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.
- 9.8 A boat that does not start within five minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

11 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

- 11.1 Each skipper and crew member shall wear at all times while racing adequate personal flotation in accordance with RRS, Section 5 of Special Regulations, Part 2.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 For all class(es) RRS 44.1 & 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1 The target time for the first boat to finish the course will be 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.
- 13.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 15 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rules 35, A4.2 and A5

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protests and request for redress shall be in writing in accordance with RRS, Part 5, Section A and shall be lodged with the PRO within one hour after the finishing time of the protesting boat. Protest forms are available from the Club Bridge.
- 14.2 A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail 'Protest'. RRS rule 61.1.
- 14.3 Notices, including protests by the race committee or protest committee under rule 61.1(b) will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with the NOR.

16 SAFETY

- 16.1 The attention of competitors is drawn to the safety recommendations contained in RRS, AS Addendum A – Special Regulations, Part 2 – Off The Beach Boats.

- 16.2 All competitors intending to start shall sign on and off for races on the form(s) provided Port River Sailing Club.
- 16.3 All boats who fail to finish a race or retire from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.4 People requiring assistance should signal in accordance with these recommendations:
- (i) Crew in boat: Either both arms raised above the head and lowered to the sides cyclically at 5-second intervals, or a flag or other object, on a spar waved from side to side through an arc of 30 degrees either side of the vertical, cyclically at 5-second intervals
 - (ii) Crew in water: One arm raised above the head for three seconds at 5-second intervals
- 16.5 Boats caught in the path of a ship may be towed or paddled away from the path of the vessel without the penalty of disqualification.
- 16.6 An official boat displaying a yellow flag will normally lead Commercial vessels through the race area. No boat shall cross the line between the official boat displaying the yellow flag and the following commercial vessel(s). Any boat crossing the line between the official boat displaying the yellow flag and the following commercial vessel(s) shall be subject to disqualification by protest, RRS Rule 60.2 and 60.3.
- 16.7 Attention is drawn to the Transport SA Marine, Harbours & Navigational Regulations regarding moored dredges. Skippers should familiarise themselves with dredge signals which identify the side on which another vessel may safely pass. Each boat shall navigate accordingly.
- 16.8 Each yacht shall have a satisfactory point to attach a tow rope etc. The PRSC recommend the use of a 50mm diameter by 4mm thick stainless steel ring to achieve the above.
- 16.9 Racing may be postponed, abandoned or modified due to extreme weather conditions at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.
- 17 WIND SPEED LIMITS**
- 17.1 Races for all senior classes should not be sailed if the wind speed is greater than 25 knots (46.3 km/hr.), or at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer. The decision may apply to individual classes.
- 17.2 Races for junior or training classes should not be sailed if the wind speed is greater than 18 knots (33.3 km/hr) or at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.
- 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 18.1 Substitution of the helmsperson on a boat will not be permitted, except in the case of an emergency.
- 18.2 Substitution of a crew will be allowed.
- 18.3 Substitution of equipment that has been lost or damaged will be permitted.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

19.1 Official boats will be marked by displaying yellow flag with “PRSC Official Boat”

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 A boat shall not carry on board when racing any means of making or receiving radio or telephone transmissions.

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 The organising authority, officials and volunteers at the Port River Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

21.3 Competitors are solely responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry has been accepted and the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

21.4 The organising committee has the right to refuse an entry.

22 INSURANCE

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of (AUS) \$5,000,000 or the equivalent.

22.2 All owners/competitors who complete a nomination form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

23 PRIZES

23.1 Prizes for each race day will be awarded after racing at the end of each day of competition.

23.2 Overall Series prizes will be awarded as soon as possible following the completion of racing on the last day of the regatta.

23.3 Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

24.1 PRSC Website: <https://portriversailing.club/>

24.2 PRSC Email: portriversc@y7mail.com

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