



Season 2023-2024

The organising authority is Davey's Bay Yacht Club Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 will apply to all "off the beach" boats including Flying Fifteens.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board situated at the base of the Murdoch Safety Tower. Notices may be replicated on the club website at <http://www.dbyc.com.au/notice-board.html>.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. Eligibility requirements for boats are that they are an international or recognised class and meet their respective class associations' measurement requirements.
- 3.2. The skipper shall be a financial member of Davey's Bay Yacht Club for a boat to be eligible to be included in the results for club series and/or events.
- 3.3. Members of other yacht clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing are welcome to race at Davey's Bay as visitors.
- 3.4. People who are not members of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing are welcome to race at Davey's Bay via a SailPass.
- 3.5. The maximum number of visits per season shall be four. This limit may be extended on written application to the Sailing Committee.
- 3.6. All boat owners, or their representatives, must enter the season by completing the entry at <https://www.mysailingclub.com.au/event/GHJWR> prior to racing for the season.
- 3.7. Entry for a sailing session may be made by completing the sign-on requirements as per the Sailing Instructions. An entrant must be either a financial member of Davey's Bay Yacht Club or a visitor.
- 3.8. Visitor and SailPass entries – Visitors complying with RRS 46 may complete a 'Visitor Entry and Owners Declaration' form and pay the requisite \$25 visitor fee per sailing day.
- 3.9. Visitors are not eligible for results in DBYC Series races or Trophy races.

4. MINIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS

The racing will proceed providing there are six (6) competitors across all classes/divisions ranked as starters.

A minimum of 3 starters in a class/division is required for a race to be counted for that class/division.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1200hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 5.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board and the club website by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 5.3. As a courtesy to members, the Sailing Committee may draw attention to the changes on the club website or the Sailor App.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the Murdoch Safety Tower.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. The schedule of races is shown in the calendar which is available on the DBYC website or Sailor App. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Club website's [Notice Board](#) by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 7.2. The scheduled time of the Information Session each race day is 12:30hrs.
- 7.3. The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1400hrs.
- 7.4. 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 three minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 7.5. Championship series are scratch races based on the class yardsticks.
- 7.6. Aggregate series are based on individual handicaps.
- 7.7. The Davey's Bay Cup and Easter Cup are Division events based on individual handicaps.

8. DIVISIONS AND FLAGS

DBYC has organised racing "Divisions" based on consideration of the number of registered boats in each Class, the relative compatibility of different classes sailing characteristics and the preferred course type of each class.

Specific Classes shall be allocated to a specific Division. Classes or boats that are not specifically allocated to a Division shall fall into a Division according to an AS yardstick range for practicality purposes.

The starting order for racing Divisions will be at the discretion of the Starter.

Several Divisions may be started together at the discretion of the Starter.

Division flags will be:

Division	Flag	Class and/or Yardstick
Cat Rigged	Naval Numeral 1	Finn, Aero, Moth, Contender, Laser Full, Laser Radial, Europe
Sloop Rigged	Naval Numeral 2	Flying Fifteen, 29er, Fireball, 420
Youth	Naval Numeral 3	Above 120 – 150 eg. Pacer, Sabre & Laser 4.7
Junior	Naval Numeral 4	151 and higher e.g. Optimist, Open Bic, Minnow, Sabot

Classes not listed in these instructions will be allocated to a division by the Race Committee on the day they are sailing.

Classes/Division may be combined on one start line by flying multiple Class/Division flags.

Division 1 trophy races include both Sloop and Cat Rigged Divisions as one division.

9. RACING AREA

The race area will be the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Yacht Club.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left and the marks of the course.
- 10.2. No later than the Preparatory Signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course and approximate compass bearing of the first leg. These will be displayed on a board at the stern of the Committee Vessel.
- 10.3. If a course other than one shown in Attachment A is to be used, an amendment to the SI will be posted on the notice board.

- 10.4. If the marks of the course are to be different to those shown in Attachment A, an amendment to the SI will be posted on the notice board.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks are described in Attachment A
 11.2. When the finish is in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Jetty, the port end finishing mark will be a pink flag.

12. THE START

- 12.1. RRS 26 is changed so that the Warning Signal is made 3 minutes before the Starting Signal and the Preparatory Signal is made 2 minutes before the Starting Signal.
 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee's Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
 12.3. Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
 12.4. A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A5.
 12.5. When code flag J is displayed with a class/division flag at the start with a port or starboard flag, the **Finishing Line** will be in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Jetty.

13. RECALLS

Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
 14.2. When the **Finishing Line** will be in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Jetty, the finish shall be between a staff displaying a pink flag and the end of the Jetty.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Division	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Target Time	Race Target Time
Cat Rigged, Sloop Rigged	75mins	15mins	45mins
Youth	75mins	15mins	45mins
Junior	40mins	15mins	25mins

- If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 target time the race may be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).
 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
 15.3. For multiple short course Sprint Series, the target time for a race will be 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish a sprint race 5 minutes after the first boat in their division finishes may be allocated a place at the discretion of the Race Officer. This alters RRS 35, 62.1(a), A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office, located in the Murdoch Safety Tower. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
 16.2. For each division, the protest time limit and redress time limit is 60 minutes after the boat has finished the last race of the day. The words "or two hours after the incident" is deleted from RRS 62.2.
 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be

held in the Protest Room, located in the Murdoch Safety Tower, beginning at the time posted.

- 16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17. SCORING

- 17.1. RRS Appendix A4 LOW POINT SYSTEM will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst scores discarded as per the table below for the club **Major Aggregate and Championship** (MAC) and other series as scheduled in the DBYC calendar.

Races completed	Discards
0-4	0
5-8	1
9-15	2
16-22	3
23-30	4
31-38	5

- 17.2. Sprint Series with race scores being based on class yardsticks per division. A boat's series score will be in accordance with SI 17.1.
- 17.3. 3 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.4. Trophy events will consist of 2 races scheduled on the day but one race must be completed to constitute a Trophy event.
- 17.5. The race(s) back to Davey's Bay Jetty will not be included in a series score.
- 17.6. Races results based on handicap will use the handicap already established from prior races or seasons. The handicap will be a rolling average of a boat's last three races.
- 17.7. Scoring when on Duty. For those skippers who miss an aggregate race due to their involvement as Duty Officer, or Duty Crew a result will be recorded for the race. This will be taken as an average result based on the last 5 races previously completed without penalty in the current season. In the event five races without scoring penalty have not been completed the result concerned will not be filled in until five races without scoring penalty have been completed. It is the affected boat's responsibility to draw the situation to the attention of the handicapper/scorer.
- 17.8. Scoring when away. Skippers missing Club Championship and Aggregate events for class National or State Championships, with a Training squad for a National or State event or compassionate reasons (at discretion of the Sailing Committee) may apply to the Sailing Committee prior to their absence to have their best three results in the same series averaged to provide points in the missed races. It is the affected boat's responsibility to draw the situation to the attention of the handicapper/scorer of any away-from-club commitments. Any dispute in this matter will be decided by the Sailing Committee.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Sign-on and Sign-off. All entrants shall sign-on and sign-off the Sailor App or by using the entry/race book located at the base of the Murdoch Safety Tower. Entrants who omit to sign-on or sign-off will result in that boat being scored a DP (Discretionary penalty) of 20% of their finishing place in the first race of the day without a hearing but no worse than the score for DNF. This changes Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. A boat may substitute her crew during a series. However, a substitution of skipper during a series will be considered a new entry at the discretion of the sailing committee. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Substitute crew shall not helm the boat.
- 19.2. A boat may change her sail number from the one supplied on the **Boat Registration Form** provided the change be in writing and is given to the Race Control Tower at least one hour before the scheduled start time of the first class/division in that race. Failure to do so will result in the boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone communications. However, a boat may use a GPS recording device while racing for the purpose of post-race analysis of its racing performance.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in Davey's Bay Yacht Club events do so entirely at their own risk. Davey's Bay Yacht Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat or the sufficiency / adequacy of its equipment. **Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, "*The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone*".**

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who sign a **Boat Registration Form** are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

23. PRIZES

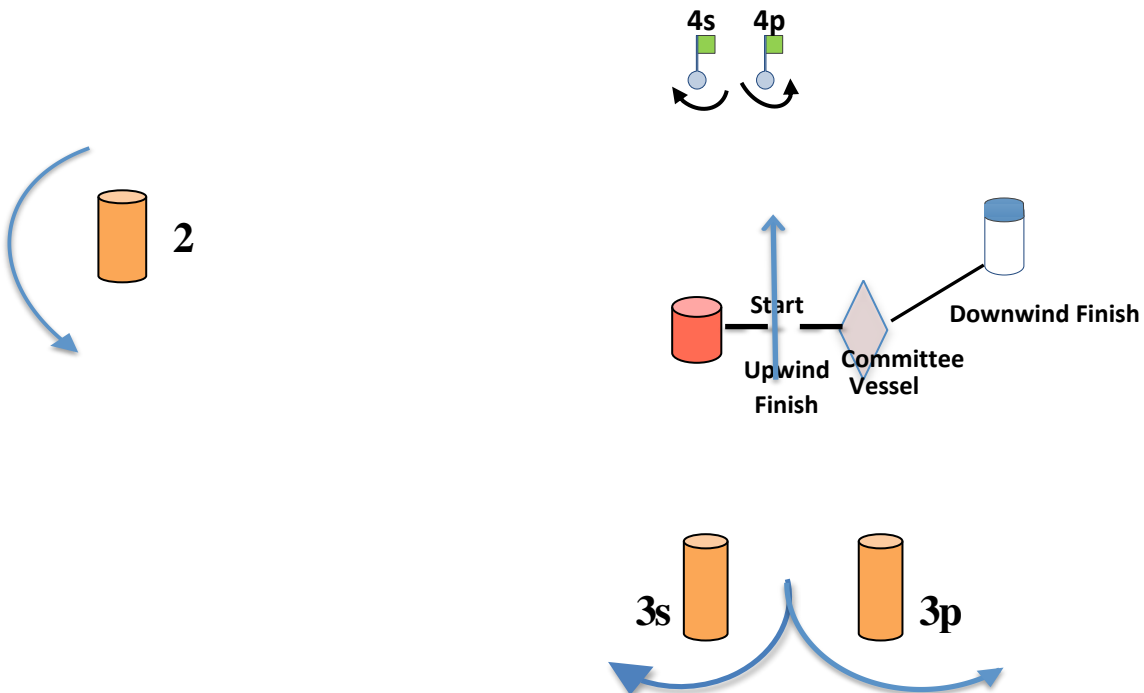
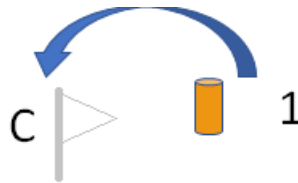
Prizes will be awarded for each series at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

Attachment A - Course Diagram

OUTER MARKS 1, 2 and 3p/3s – Yellow or orange inflatable or conical buoys
CLEARANCE MARK "C" Flag
START / FINISH MARK Red or Blue & White inflatable buoy

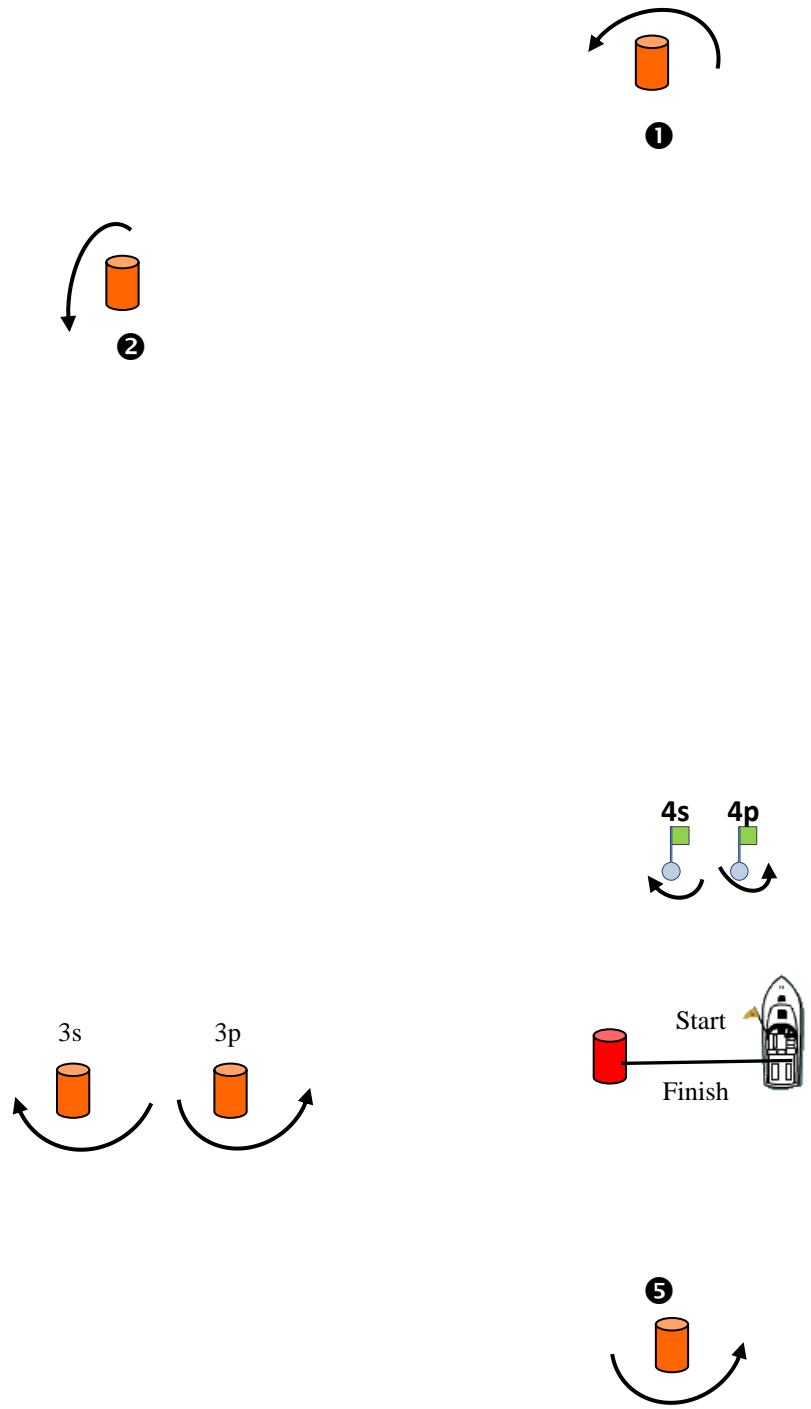
COURSE 1 Start - 1,C,3sp - 1,C,2, 3p leaving 3s to starboard - Finish
COURSE 2 Start - 1,C,3sp - 1,C,2, 3p leaving 3s to starboard - 1,C, 3sp - Finish
COURSE 3 Start - 1,C,3sp - 1,C, 3sp - Finish
COURSE 4 Start - 1,C,3sp - 1,C,3sp - 1,C, 3sp - Finish
COURSE 5 Start - 1,C,4sp - 1,C,4p leaving 4s to starboard - Downwind Finish

NOTE: Port course shown. Not to scale. Orange Cylinders shown in diagram may be either yellow inflatable or orange conical buoys.



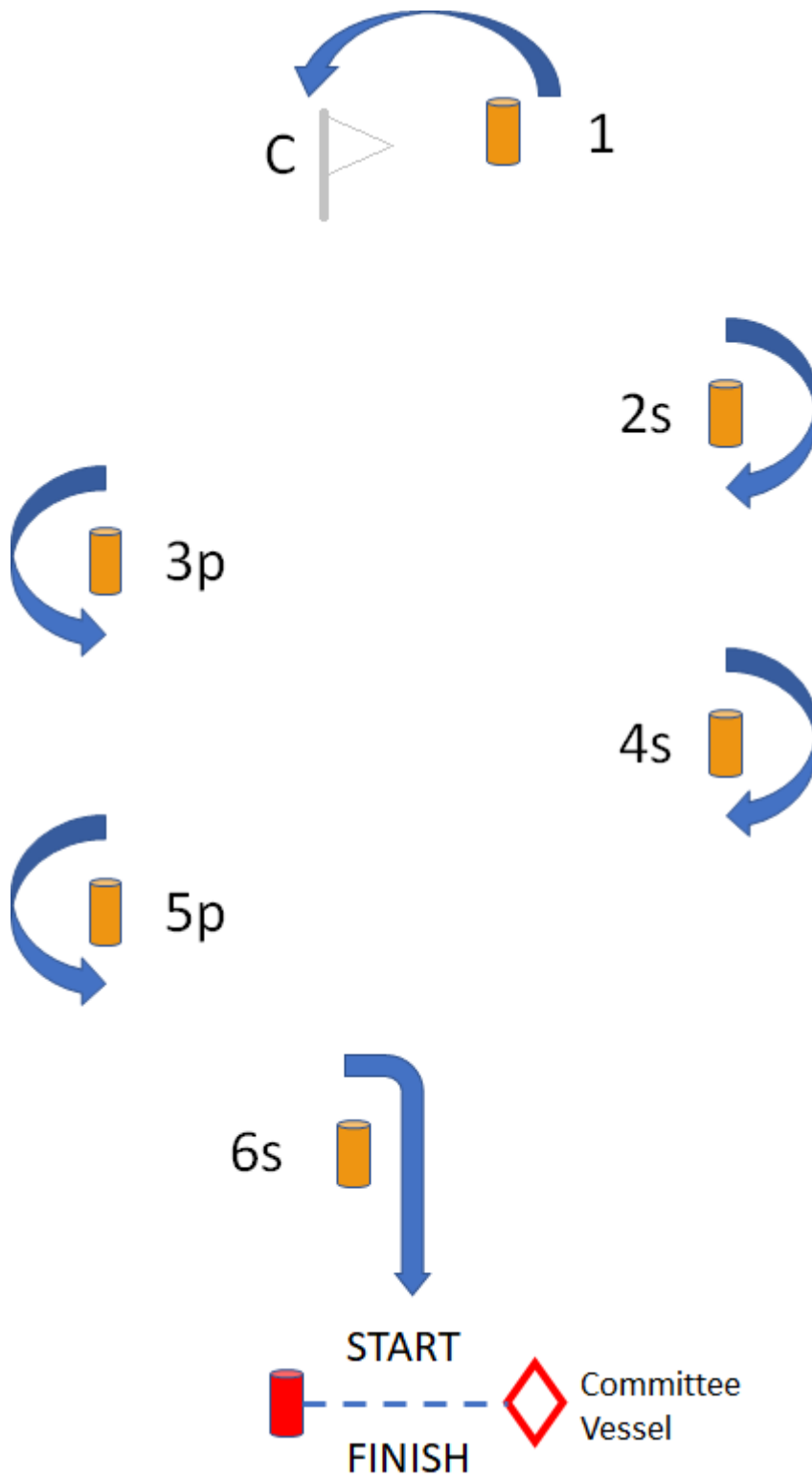
COURSE 00 Start - 1,2, 3p leaving 3s to starboard - 5 Finish
COURSE 01 Start - 1,2,3sp, - 2, 3p leaving 3s to starboard - 5 Finish
COURSE 02 Start - 1,2,3sp, - 2,3sp, - 2, 3p leaving 3s to starboard - 5 Finish
COURSE 11 Start - 1,4sp, - 1, 2 3p leaving 3s to starboard - 5 Finish

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COURSE 6

Windward - Slalom Leeward
Start - 1C, 2s, 3p, 4s, 5p, 6s - Finish



COURSE J

Race back to the Jetty
Start - 1 - Finish off Jetty