



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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## 2016/17 NSW RL24 STATE TITLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1. Rules and Organising Authority.

The race series will be organised by the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia and governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-16(RRS) including amendments as made from time to time by ISAF; by the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF), by the Notice of Race; by the rules of the RL24 Owners Association as supplied to the race Committee prior to the Regatta (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions); and by these Sailing Instructions..

### 2. Eligibility, Entry and Sign On/Off.

The NSW RL24 State Title Championship is open to all RL24 trailable yachts that meet the safety, measurement and crew age limit requirements of the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry. Eligible RL24 Trailable Yachts may enter the series in Division 1 (Drop Keel CBH = 0.760) or Division 2 (Swing Keel CBH = 0.725). Division 1 and 2 may be merged if insufficient entries. Adjustment of CBH for non-spinnaker entrants is done via written request to the Race Committee. Entries will remain open throughout the series.

Full membership of a) the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia and b) the appropriate home sailing club is required when entering NSW RL24 State Title Championship series. Boats or skippers shall be required to carry a minimum of \$5 million indemnity insurance for the duration of the series.

A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class rules and Sailing Instructions.

The Sign on/off sheets will be located in the Clubhouse of each participating Sailing Club.

Heats 1 & 2 - Illawarra Yacht Club; and, Heat 3 - Kogarah Bay Sailing Club.

### 3. Validity

These Sailing Instructions are valid for the NSW RL24 State Title Championships 2016 - 2017 conducted by the Illawarra Yacht Club and the Kogarah Bay Sailing Club.

### 4. Notices to Competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in each participating Sailing Club house.

## **5. Safety**

The safety category applicable to this series is AYF Addendum A, Part 1 Category 7,

In addition the following will apply:

Outboard motors shall be mounted in the normal operating position at all times, but may be retracted whilst sailing.

A minimum of 9 litres of fuel must be carried at the start of each race.

Safety equipment audits may be carried out by the Race Committee. Boats not complying with a reasonable request of the Race Committee for access to carry out in audit shall be liable to disqualification from the race or series.

The Race Secretary shall be the sole arbiter of wind strength and he shall have the absolute discretion as to whether to shorten or abandon a race. If the Race Secretary is not present then responsibility rests with the Officer of the Day. After the race briefing, the decision - after consultation with the Race Committee, rests with the Officer Of The Day. It should be noted that:

1. Racing will be abandoned or delayed if the wind is considered to be exceeding 25 knots either on average or if there are significant and frequent gusts above this figure prior to the Race Briefing conclusion, or.
2. If a SEVERE WEATHER WARNING for damaging winds is current for the Region then the race will not be started.  
Notwithstanding these factors, all Skippers and crew are referred to RRS 4 (Decision to Race).
3. Personal Safety/Personal Floatation Devices  
All crews are reminded that they are responsible for their own personal safety and that PFDs shall be worn by all crew at all times whilst racing.
4. Rescue Availability  
Given the disparity of boat types sailing from IYC and KBSC, priority for support of boats in difficulty will be at the judgement of the race officers and those judged most vulnerable will be attended to first.

Competitors are reminded of their obligations under RRS 1. 1 'Helping Those in Danger' as far as possible with having due care for the safety of their own boat and crew.

## **6. Changes in Sailing Instructions.**

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the warning signal on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect. Where possible, all effected boats will be notified of the change.

## **7. Signals Made Ashore.**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast on the club jetty.

## 8. Schedule of Races.

Races for the NSW RL24 State Title Championship will be scheduled to be conducted in conjunction with the hosting clubs, viz Heats 1 & 2 – Illawarra Yacht Club; and, Heat 3 – Kogarah Bay Sailing Club.

The NSW RL24 State Title Championship series will consist of 3 heats with a minimum of 2 heats needing to be sailed to constitute the state title championship series.

The race programme is as follows:

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	State Title Heat 1	1330 hours	IYC
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	State Title Heat 2	1100 hours	IYC
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	State Title Heat 3	1200 hours	KBSC

## 9. Class Flags.

### RL24 Trailable Yacht

At the IYC, The Trailable Yacht class flag will be a pink flag with black ‘T’ superimposed.

## 10. Racing Area and Courses.

Heats 1 & 2 will be conducted on Lake Illawarra on courses as described in IYC’s Sailing Instructions for the Lord Mayor’s Regatta, including the order in which marks are to be passed. The side that buoys are to be left will be indicated by a red flag for port rounding or green flag for starboard rounding. All boats must stay on the correct side of all navigation marks.

Heat 3 will be conducted on Botany Bay using the course for the Kurnell Cup as described in KBSC’s Sailing Instructions, including the order in which marks are to be passed.

## 11. Marks.

For Heats 1 & 2, Marks will be Orange or Yellow inflatable buoys that will carry a red and white quartered flag, or a pink flag with black ‘T’ (Refer to course map).

The starting mark will be a cherry or yellow buoy which will carry either an orange flag with a black “S” or Flying Ant flag.

Courses finishing in front of the IYC’s clubhouse: The finishing mark will be a green cone (a permanent starboard navigation mark) opposite the IYC and the finishing position (on the IYC’s verandah) located in front of the IYC will carry code flag ‘F’.

Change of Position mark (as provided in accordance with Instruction 12) will be a white inflatable cylindrical buoy with red bands.

For Heat 3, Marks will be described in the Kogarah Bay Sailing Club’s Sailing Instructions.

## The Start.

Heats 1, 2 & 3 will be started using Rule 26 with the *Warning Signal* given 5 minutes before the starting signal. A *Preparatory Signal* will be given 4 minutes before the starting signal. A *One Minute Signal* will be given before the starting signal. The *Starting Signal* will be given at the start of race and the Class flag will be removed. A red or green flag raised will indicate the course. A flag or board indicating a course of “N”, “NE” etc will also be displayed.

The preferred starting times, which may be subject to change at the discretion of the hosting sailing clubs will be:

Heat 1 – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 not before 1330 hours.

Heat 2 – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 not before 1100 hours.

Heat 3 – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 not before 1200 hours.

Boats shall not start 10 minutes after the starting signal. Any boat not starting within 10 minutes of their starting signal will be deemed a non starter (DNS).

The starting line will be between the signal mast carrying the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the port-end starting mark.

### **Recalls.**

Racing Rule 29 will apply for all races.

### **12. Change Of The Position Of The Next Mark.**

To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (as described in Instruction 9) 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.

### **13. Shortened Course.**

As an alternative to shortening the course using Race Signal “S”, the following alteration can also apply: Race Signal ‘S’ over ‘H’ when displayed on or near a mark means the race is shortened. Boats shall, after rounding or passing the mark and completing the course of the leading boat, proceed directly to the finish line. If the shortened course does not apply to all divisions, the effected division(s) class flag(s) will also be displayed.

### **14. The Finish.**

a) Heats 1 & 2 Finishing at the IYC club. The finishing line will be between the judge’s position at the IYC with a checkered flag displayed nearby and the finish mark at the starboard end.

b) Heat 3 Finishing at Kogarah Bay. The finishing line will be between the judge’s position at the KBSC with a checkered flag displayed nearby and the finish mark located in front of the KBSC Club house.

### **15. Time Limit.**

Boats still racing nearing the time limit or for safety reasons may be awarded their current placing or have their course shortened at the discretion of the race officer. The time limit will be 3.5 hours.

### **16. Protests.**

Protests shall be written on forms available from the participating Clubhouses (IYC and KBSC) and delivered there within 1 hour after the time of the last boat’s finish in the last race held that day. Protests must be handed to a member of the Race Committee accompanied by a protest fee of \$20. Protests will be heard in approximate order of receipt and protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

### **17. Scoring.**

A minimum of 2 races are required to constitute the NSW RL24 State Title Championship. All 3 heats will count for the overall State Title Championship. Ties in any series will be broken according to RRS Appendix A8.

RL24 Trailable Yachts will use the Low Points System (except first place = 0.75 points) for all races in the NSW RL24 State Title Championship. The pointscore will be the total of all three races conducted.

### **18. Use of CBH Handicaps.**

Australian TYSB Class Based Handicap (CBH) system will be used to account for the differences between Drop Keel and Swing Keel RL24s. (Drop Keel CBH = 0.760 and Swing Keel CBH = 0.725). A Boat's elapsed time (recorded as minutes and seconds) is multiplied by the appropriate CBH correction factor to produce a corrected elapsed time. All race results will be based on this corrected elapsed time result for places and points.

### **19. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The RL24 Owner's Association of Australia and its officers, IYC and its officers and the KBSC and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after competing in the races. Competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement for the IYC Aquatic License.

### **20. Insurance.**

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance for an amount of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000).