



LAKE MACQUARIE
YACHT CLUB



RK ROBERTSON 49th Challenge Series SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

September 2026 - March 2027



J.R. Marine Services

The Organising Authorities (OA) will be:
Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC)
Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto (RMYCT)
Wangi Amateur Sailing Club (WASC)
Under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS)



1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.3 All Boats shall display a coloured pennant on their backstay coinciding with the colour of their respective division. (White for Division 1, Blue for Division 2).
- 1.4 While it is recognized that these R K R races are club pointscore races for some competitors, where a contradiction exists between club Sailing Instructions (SIs) and these SIs, then the RKR SIs shall take precedence.
- 1.5 All Boats will sign on to the race by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Vessel (RCV) on starboard tack, and hailing the boat's Sail number and persons on-board (POB) a MINIMUM of **five** minutes before the first warning signal.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Boards at OA clubs as well as the relevant websites under "Sailing Amendments".

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be issued no later than two hours prior to the first warning signal of the day and no later than 1800 hours on the preceding day for a change in the schedule of a race.
- 3.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Noticeboards at OA clubs and signalled by Code Flag L displayed from their Official Flag mast.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Official Flag mast at the OA clubs.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACING

5.1

Heat No	Day	Date	First Warning Signal at
1	Saturday	26 Sep 2026	13:15
2	Saturday	24 Oct 2026	13:15
3	Saturday	28 Nov 2026	13:15
4	Saturday	30 Jan 2027	13:15
5	Saturday	27 Feb 2027	13:15
6	Saturday	20 Mar 2027	13:15

Note: The races in the regatta will be run conjointly with the LMYC and RMYCT Pointscores and the WASC R.K.R series.

- 5.2 A re-sail for an abandoned race may be scheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6 DIVISION / CLASS FLAGS (Warning Signals)

Division 1 White Pennant
Division 2 Blue Pennant

Boats will be allocated to Divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed shall be indicated on the RCV prior to the first warning signal by displaying the appropriate course flag as set out in Appendix A3.
- 7.2 A map showing the approximate locations of Marks is included in Appendix A2.
- 7.2 All divisions shall sail a common course to determine the results for RKR Shield.
- 7.3 Division 2 Boats will finish at the "common finish".
- 7.4 Division 1 Boats shall continue racing after completing the common course to sail a full course.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The marks to be rounded in each course are described with mark name and approximate GPS location in Appendix A1.
- 8.2 LMYC marks are a yellow cylinder buoy approximately 1100mm high and 300mm in diameter, with black vertical letters "LMYC".
RMYCT marks are a yellow cylinder buoy approximately 1100mm high and 300mm in diameter, with black horizontal letters "RMYCT".
WASC marks are a yellow cylinder buoy approximately 1100mm high and 300mm in diameter, with black horizontal letters "WASC".
- 8.3 The Start Pin will be a Dan buoy bearing an orange flag.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The RCV will be displaying the LMYC burgee.
- 9.2 The start line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the RCV and the Start pin at the port end.
- 9.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 9.4 Divisions will be started in the following order:
 - Division 1 (White) followed by,
 - Division 2 (Blue)
- 9.5 Should any multihull boats be competing in the event, they will start last after the other divisions have started, and their warning signal will be indicated with a red pennant. This is regardless of what division they are allocated to; however, their elapsed times will be adjusted accordingly.
- 9.6 A spar mark bearing a red flag may be laid near the RCV, and if laid, this mark shall be passed on the same hand as the RCV when starting.
- 9.7 Individual and General Recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29. In addition, the Race Officer (RO) may broadcast on VHF radio 71 the sail number of a boat that is On Course Side. A failure to make such broadcast or to receive such broadcast will not be considered as grounds for redress. (Changes RRS 62.1(a))

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line shall be between the last mark of the course (taken in the direction indicated in the course description) and the RCV displaying a blue flag.
- 10.2 Boats that have finished shall not re-cross the finish line from either direction.
Boats that do re-cross the finish line shall be penalised an additional two minutes to their elapsed time without a hearing. (Changes RRS 63.1 and A5.3)
- 10.3 For Division 1, the common finish mark acts as a rounding mark until they have completed the full course.

12 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each Division will be four hours from its starting signal, or sunset (whichever is earlier). Boats not finishing within their time limit will be recorded as DNF. (Changes RRS 35)

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest and Request for Redress forms are available at the Sailing Office of OA clubs.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished.
- 13.3 Protests will be heard at one of the OA clubs as determined by the Protest Committee at 1830 hrs on the Tuesday following the race/s unless advised otherwise by the Protest Committee Chairperson.
- 13.4 The Protest Committee shall be comprised of representatives from at least two (2) competing clubs.

14 ABANDONMENT OF RACES & RETIREMENT OF COMPETITORS

- 14.1 Abandonment of a race due to adverse weather shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee until 1 hour prior to the first warning signal and thereafter at the discretion of the Race Officer as per RRS 27.3 and 32.1.
- 14.2 Notification of abandonment will be performed by the RC.
- 14.3 A yacht retiring before, during, or after a race shall notify the Race Officer of its intention to do so by calling the RO at the earliest opportunity on the VHF channel 71 or mobile 0411 652 533. The yacht will then be scored DNF (changes RRS 63.1 and A4).
- 14.4 Any yacht retiring from a race and failing to advise the RO within the time limit will be scored DNC. (Changes RRS 63.1 and A5.3)

15 PROHIBITED AREAS

- 15.1 A yacht shall not pass between any permanent mooring, whether occupied or not, and the nearby shoreline.
- 15.2 Unoccupied permanent moorings are obstructions for the purpose of RRS 19.2(a & b) and are prohibited areas. Boats moored to permanent moorings are continuing obstructions for the purpose of RRS 19.2(c).
- 15.3 A yacht shall not come in contact with a permanent mooring or a boat moored on a permanent mooring. A yacht that does so shall complete a one-turn penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2 (Changes RRS 44.1). If the incident resulted in any damage whatsoever, it shall be reported to the RC. If required, an incident report shall also be provided to Transport for NSW.
- 15.4 All Cardinal navigation marks shall be passed on their safe waterside.
- 15.5 For the on-water safety of junior sailors, the Belmont 16s Club will raise a 900mm x 900mm pink flag on its RCV when their start and finish lines are in active operation. Any yacht sailing through the active line will incur a DPI equal to 25% of starters without a hearing (changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.3).

Issued under the authority of
Combined Clubs Sailing Committee.

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31st July 2026

APPENDIX A1

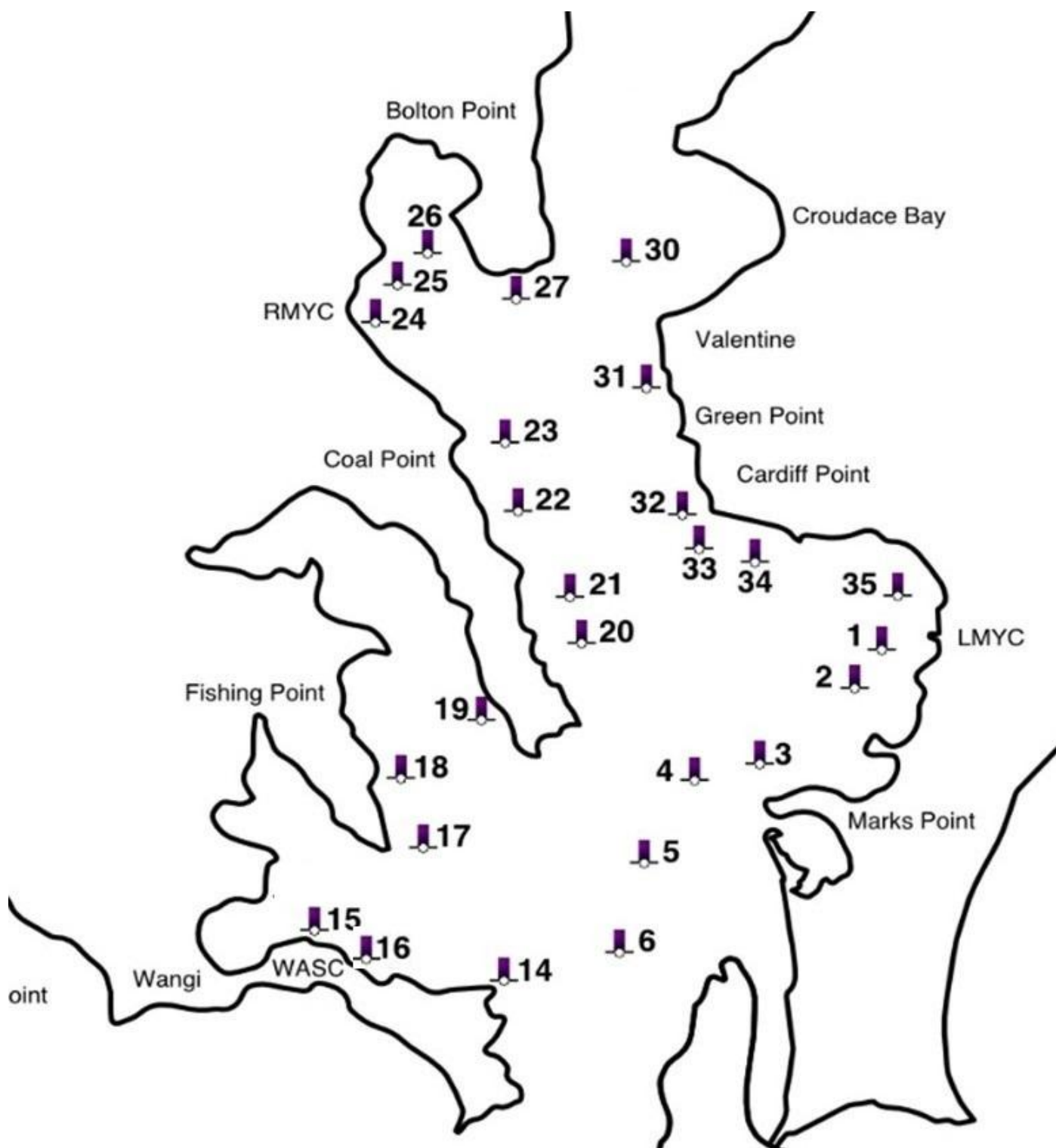
MARKS NOMINATED IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Special care should be taken to avoid rounding incorrect marks. A variety of marks will be used in each of the six races.

Mark ID	NAME	CLUB	Approx GPS Position
1	LMYC Club	LMYC	S33 02.414 E151 39.045
2	Andersons	LMYC	S33 02.622 E151 38.864
3	Marks Point	LMYC	S33 02.989 E151 38.337
4	Channel	LMYC	S33 03.112 E151 37.860
5	Pelican	WASC	S33 03.872 E151 37.440
6	Swansea	LMYC	S33 04.176 E151 37.321
14	Wangi Point	WASC	S33 04.219 E151 36.709
15	WASC Club	WASC	S33 03.893 E151 35.275
16	Little Wangi	WASC	S33 04.074 E151 35.911
17	Fishing Point	LMYC	S33 03.473 E151 36.178
18	Rathmines	WASC	S33 03.340 E151 36.181
20	Coal Point	LMYC	S33 02.361 E151 37.195
21	Mayo	RMYCT	S33 02.183 E151 37.102
22	Carey Bay	LMYC	S33 01.661 E151 36.903
23	Dewey	RMYCT	S33 01.420 E151 36.720
24	RMYCT Club	RMYCT	S33 00.620 E151 35.907
25	Toronto	RMYCT	S33 00.539 E151 35.999
26	Figtree	RMYCT	S33 00.233 E151 36.224
27	Boughton	RMYCT	S33 00.507 E151 37.205
30	Hartley	RMYCT	S33 00.355 E151 37.440
31	Green Point	RMYCT	S33 01.119 E151 37.475
32	Cardiff Point	LMYC	S33 01.669 E151 37.777
33	Belmont	RMYCT	S33 01.850 E151 37.905
34	Slip	LMYC	S33 01.948 E151 38.238
35	Albert	LMYC	S33 02.107 E151 39.128

APPENDIX A2

Mark Location Map

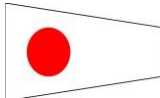
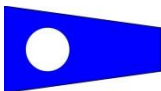
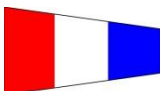


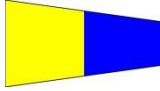
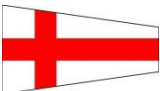
APPENDIX A3 COURSES

ATTENTION: - COMMON COURSE FINISH - Denotes Finish for:

Division 2 (Blue)

RKR COURSES 2026-2027

			
COURSE 1 North	COURSE 2 North-East	COURSE 3 East	COURSE 4 South-East
Start near Marks Point	Start near Coal Point	Start near Mayo	Start near Carey bay
Cardiff Pt P	LMYC Club S	LMYC Club S	Marks Pt P
Coal Pt P	Channel (PM) P	Marks Pt S	Coal Pt P
Channel (PM) P	Fishing Pt P	Coal Pt S	Channel P
Swansea P	Channel S	Andersons S	Belmont P
Channel (PM) S	WASC Club S	Mayo S	Toronto S
Cardiff Pt P	Pelican P	LMYC Club S	Cardiff Pt P
Channel P	Common Finish	Common Finish	Common Finish
Common Finish	WASC Club S	Andersons S	Toronto S
Green Pt P	Pelican P	Carey bay S	Cardiff Pt P
Channel P	Div 1 Finish	Albert S	Div 1 Finish
Div 1 Finish		LMYC Club S	
		Div 1 Finish	

			
COURSE 5 South	COURSE 6 South-West	COURSE 7 West	COURSE 8 North-West
Start near Cardiff Point	Start near LMYC	Start near LMYC	Start near Marks Point
Channel S	Channel (PM) P	Coal Pt P	Carey Bay S
Coal Pt S	Wangi Pt S	Channel S	Andersons P
Cardiff Pt S	Channel (PM) S	Rathmines S	Cardiff Pt P
Channel S	Slip P	Channel (PM) S	Marks Pt S
Green Pt P	Coal Pt S	Andersons P	Dewey P
Channel S	Green Pt P	Coal Pt P	Common Finish
Common Finish	Coal Pt S	Marks Pt S	Andersons P
Green Pt P	Common Finish	Common Finish	Dewey P
Channel S	Hartley P	Channel (PM) P	Div 1 Finish
Div 1 Finish	Coal Pt S	Rathmines S	
	Div 1 Finish	Channel (PM) S	
		Marks Pt S	
		Div 1 Finish	

CAUTION: - CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO CORRECTLY IDENTIFY MARKS

In some courses the 'Channel mark' may act as a passing mark "Channel (PM)" rather than a rounding mark. Passing marks need not be looped.