



Combined Clubs Windward Leeward Series 2026-27 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

October 2026 - February 2027



1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as amended, including the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.3 While it is recognized that these races are club Pointscore races for some competitors, where a contradiction exists between club Sailing Instructions (SIs) and these SIs, then these Windward/Leeward SIs shall take precedence.
- 1.4 All yachts shall display a coloured pennant on their backstay coinciding with the colour of their respective division. (White for Division 1, Blue for Division 2).
- 1.5 All boats will sign on to the race by sailing past the stern of the start vessel on starboard tack, and hailing the yacht's Sail number and persons on-board a MINIMUM of five minutes before the warning signal.
- 1.6 All Yachts shall carry a VHF radio and have it switched on and tuned to channel 71(LMYC) and/or channel 73(RMYCT).

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

Heat No	Day	Date	First Warning Signal at	Course A LMYC RADIO VHF 71	Course B RMYCT RADIO VHF 73
1, 2	Sat	10 Oct 2026	13:15	Div 2	Div 1
3, 4	Sat	12 Dec 2026	13:15	Div 1	Div 2
5, 6	Sat	13 Feb 2027	13:15	Div 2	Div 1

- 5.1 A re-sail for an abandoned race may be scheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.2 The races are held in conjunction with LMYC and RMYCT Pointscores.

6 DIVISION / CLASS FLAGS (Warning Signals)

Division 1	White Pennant
Division 2	Blue Pennant

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed shall be indicated on the Race Committee Vessel (RCV) prior to the first warning signal by displaying the appropriate course flag as set out in Appendix A1.
- 7.2 A map showing the approximate locations of the course areas is included in Appendix A2.

8 MARKS

The marks for all races shall be:

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| Course A (LMYC) | Yellow inflatable truncated marks 1250 mm high, 500 mm diameter at top & 1025 mm diameter at base with a red band 300 mm wide with LMYC logo in the middle. |
| Course B (RMYCT) | Yellow inflatable marks approximately 1200mm high and 600mm in diameter. |
| Start Pin | A Dan buoy bearing an orange flag. |
| Finish Pin | A Dan Buoy displaying a blue flag. |

9 THE START

- 9.1 The Race Committee Vessel (RCV) will be displaying the host club's 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 An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) 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.
- 9.5 Individual and General Recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29. In addition, the Race Officer (RO) may broadcast on VHF radio the sail number of a yacht 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 Finish pin and the RCV displaying a blue flag.
- 10.2 All yachts that have finished shall keep clear of the finish line until all boats have finished racing.

11 TARGET TIMES & TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The target time for the first yacht to finish in each race will be 50 minutes.
- 11.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for protest.
- 11.3 Time limit for each race will be 1.5 hours from its starting signal, or sunset (whichever is earlier). Yachts not finishing within their time limit will be scored DNF. (Changes RRS35)

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest and Request for Redress forms are available at the sailing office of OA clubs.
- 12.2 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 The Protest Committee shall be comprised of representatives from both OA clubs.

13 ABANDONMENT OF RACES & RETIREMENT OF COMPETITORS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Notification of abandonment will be performed by the RC.
- 13.3 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 or PRO on mobile 0400 55 8917 (Course A), 0414 652 484 (Course B). The yacht will then be scored DNF (changes RRS 63.1 and A4).
- 13.4 Any yacht retiring from a race and failing to advise the relevant RO will be scored DNC. (Changes RRS 63.1 and A5.3).

14 PROHIBITED AREAS

- 14.1 A yacht shall not pass between any permanent mooring, whether occupied or not, and the nearby shoreline.
- 14.2 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).
- 14.3 A yacht shall not come into 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.
- 14.4 All Cardinal navigation marks shall be passed on their safe waterside.
- 14.5 For the on-water safety of junior sailors, the Belmont 16s Club will raise a 900mm x 900mm pink flag on its race control vessel when their start and finish lines are in active operation. Any boat 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 the Combined Clubs Sailing Committee.

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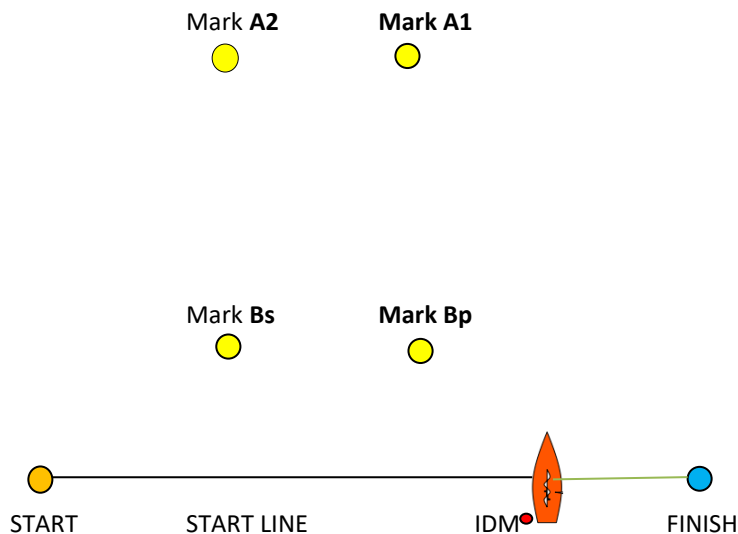
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APPENDIX A1

Numeral 1		Start – A1(p) -A2(p) –Finish (p) indicates round to port (s) indicates round to starboard
2		Start –A1(p) -A2(p) - Gate Bp(p) or Bs(s) – A1(p) -A2(p) – Finish
3		Start - A1(p)-A2(p) - Gate Bp(p) or Bs(s)- A1(p)-A2(p) – Gate Bp(p) or Bs(s) – A1(p)-A2(p) - Finish



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Course Location Map

