

# Vaikobi

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## Vaikobi 29er East Coast Championships

The Middle Harbour Yacht Club as Organising Authority (OA)

on behalf of the NSW & ACT 9er Association

4-7 January 2022

Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Mosman, NSW, Australia

# Sailing Instructions (SIs)

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 All boats must comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Addendum A Part 2: For Off the Beach Boats with the exception that Lifejacket Level 50S or Type 3 are deemed non-compliant. Where the current class rules are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations then the latter will prevail.
- 1.3 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.4 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.5 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the display of Code Flag L with one sound signal.

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the [Regatta Webpage](#). Notices may also be posted on the MHYC Noticeboard in the Breezeway..
- 3.2 The race office is located at MHYC Reception, tel: 02 8969 3103, email: [sailing@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@mhyc.com.au).
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with race management and support boats on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place any advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the start box flagmast on the north-eastern corner of the MHYC premises.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty (30) minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is removed. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than thirty (30) minutes after flag D is removed.'

#### **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1

<i>Date</i>	<i>First Warning Signal</i>	<i>Races Scheduled</i>	<i>Maximum Races</i>
4 January 2022	1255hrs	3	4
5 January 2022	1255hrs	3	4
6 January 2022	1255hrs	3	4
7 January 2022	1155hrs	3	4

- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided the championship becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1255hrs except for January 7 when it will be 1155hrs.
- 6.4 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 five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

#### **7 CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 The 29er Class flag is the 29er insignia in red on a white background.

#### **8 RACING AREA**

- 8.1 The racing area is in Lower Middle Harbour and The Sound.

#### **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

#### **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks are described in SI Addendum A.

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:

(a) The area bounded by imaginary lines projected from the shore joining the West, South and East Cardinal Marks surrounding Gowlland Bombora.

(b) The area bounded by imaginary lines joining the North, East, South and West Cardinal Marks surrounding Sow and Pigs Reef.

(c) The area bounded by imaginary lines joining the yellow “prohibited area” markers surrounding HMAS Penguin in Hunters Bay.

## 12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark or a staff displaying orange flag on the signal vessel at the port end.

12.3 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.4 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 The course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal.

## 14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Target Time, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Race Time Limit</i>	<i>Finishing Window</i>
20 Minutes	30 Minutes	45 Minutes	10 Minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes (1 hour) after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 17.3 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 at MHYC, beginning at the time posted.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 The scoring system is RRS Appendix A.
- 18.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 (a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.  
  
(b) When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.  
  
(c) When eleven (11) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 18.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 [DP] All boats shall sign on and sign off using the Sailor App for each race session.
- 19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **22 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 22.1 Official vessels will display the MHYC burgee.

## **23 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.3 If Code Flag V is displayed with one sound signal by the Signal Vessel, team leaders, coaches and other support persons on the water shall monitor the race management channel VHF 72 for instructions and assist as requested.

## 24 TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## 25 BERTHING

25.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

## 26 PRIZES

26.1 Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

26.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 27 RISK STATEMENT

27.1 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.***

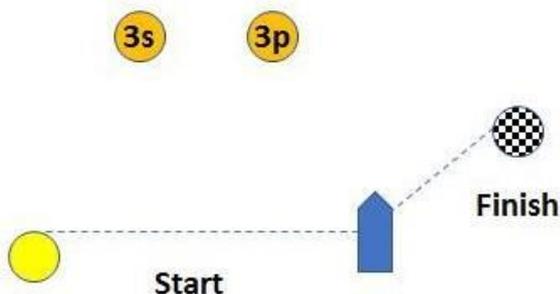
## 28 INSURANCE

28.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## Addendum A – Courses



Course Number	Description
2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3p - Finish
3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3p - Finish



Marks	Description
Start	Yellow inflatable buoy or race management vessel displaying an orange flag
1, 3s & 3p	Orange inflatable buoy
2	Yellow inflatable buoy
Change mark	Orange inflatable buoy with a black band
Finish	Inflatable buoy with a black & white band
Notes	All marks shall be rounded to port except the gate. Gate marks 3s & 3p may be replaced by a single mark 3p which shall be rounded to port.