



# 2025 CITY of CANBERRA REGATTA

5 -7 December 2025

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Canberra Yacht Club

### 1 RULES

- 1.1** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 - 2028* except for changes indicated in relevant paragraphs in these Sailing Instructions and in the Notice of Race.
- 1.2** The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and the rules of each competing class will apply.
- 1.3** All races in the series are Category 7. AS SR Part 1 Category 7 shall apply PLUS an engine shall be carried at all times in conformity with the requirements of the AS SR Part 1 - 2.01.6 Category 5 and 3.24.3, 3.24.4 and 3.24.5 Propulsion.

The night race specified in 5.3 below will be Category 7 with additional inclusions of:

- All competitors must wear at all times during the night race a lifejacket complying with AS4758-2015 (minimum Level 50) or AS1512-1996 Type 1 or Type 2, or equivalent or more stringent overseas standard.
- Navigation lights shall be carried that conform to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Part C and technical annex 1) and shall be exhibited as required by those regulations.
- A personal location light to be carried by or attached to each member of the crew when on deck at night. A phone torch is not acceptable.
- A working handheld or mounted VHF radio. VHF Channel 73 will need to be monitored during the night race. The club will have limited handheld VHF's available for boats who do not have access to one.

- 1.4** RRS Part 4 preamble, 51, 52, 61.3, 62.1, 66, A5 will be changed as follows:

- RRS 61.3, 'Protest Time Limit', will be changed so that the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- RRS 66, 'Reopening a Hearing', will be changed so that on the last day of the regatta a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision on that day.
- RRS A5, 'Scoring', will be changed so that any boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.
- RRS 51 and 52 will be changed as follows:

A competitor may request permission from the Race Committee to use moveable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability subject to a boat having been allocated a National yardstick / handicap rating. Stored power may be used for this operation. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to the extent required by this paragraph.

- 1.5** RRS Appendix T will apply. Arbitration may be used prior to a Protest Hearing.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted online on the CYC website [www.canberrayc.com](http://www.canberrayc.com) and on the official notice board in the Sailors Cabin at the Canberra Yacht Club (CYC).

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Race signals - Code Flag "L" ashore applies for the first race day after each change is posted.
- 3.2** Changes to a sailing instruction may also be made on the water or when a Race Committee Boat (RCB) / Race Control Tower (RCT) is on station, RRS Race Signals - Code Flag "L" Afloat applies.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Control Tower (RCT).
- 4.2** If the AP flag is displayed from the race control tower when the starting (orange) flag is not displayed, races not started are postponed and the first warning signal will be made a minimum of 30 minutes after the AP flag is removed.
- 4.3** If the AP flag is displayed from the race control tower when the starting (orange) flag is displayed, races not started are postponed and the warning signal will be made a minimum of 1 minute after the AP flag is removed. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **5 SCHEDULE**

- 5.1** There will be a regatta briefing held at 1615 hrs on Friday 5 December 2025

- 5.2** Racing will be conducted in two divisions:

Division 1    Castle 650

Division 2    All other entrants

- 5.3** The schedule of races will be as follows:

| Race | Type  | Day and Date                      | Warning Signal |
|------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1    | Triangle course, target duration: 90 minutes  | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025   | 1700 hrs       |
| 2    | Night Passage Race, target duration: 90minutes  | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025   | 2000 hrs       |
| 3    | Triangle course, target duration: 120 minutes   | Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 | 1130 hrs       |
| 4    | Passage Race, target duration: 180-210 minutes  | Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 | 1500 hrs       |
| 5    | Triangle course, target duration: 90 minutes  | Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025   | 1030 hrs       |
| 6    | Triangle course, target duration: 90 minutes, concurrent with the CYC Club Race (Championship series) results to count for both City of Canberra Regatta and for CYC Championship Series. Courses will be from the City of Canberra SI. | Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025   | 1300 hrs       |

- 5.4** The Organising Authority may, where circumstances dictate, vary the format, classes and divisions and/or the schedule for the series.

## **6 FLAGS**

### **6.1 Division Flags**

Division 1 Castle 650

Numeral pennant 1

Division 2 All other entrants

Numeral pennant 2

### **6.2 Signal Flags**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Rounding Direction Flag | Red – course marks are to be left to Port<br>Green – course marks are to be left to Starboard |
| Starting Flag           | Orange flag   |
| Finish Flag             | Blue flag   |

## **7 COURSES**

- 7.1** The diagrams in Attachment A (attached) show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Diagrams are indicative only and do not specify an exact position for any part of the course. The RCB/RCT may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.2** For all courses a red flag displayed with the course flag from the RCB/RCT means boats shall leave course marks to port and a green flag means boats shall leave course marks to starboard.

## **8 SHORTENED COURSE**

- 8.1** Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2(a)
- 8.2** The race committee may shorten a race after starting due to a change in wind conditions resulting in a severe lack of wind for a foreseeable future. The race committee shall not shorten under this SI without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series. This changes RRS 32.1.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1** Course marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 Yellow and green cylindrical buoys (refer to Attachment A)

Starting Mark Orange cylindrical buoy

Finishing Mark Black and white cylindrical buoy (or an orange cylindrical buoy may be used)

Shortened Course mark Blue with white band and black 'S' displayed (a 'sock' placed over the pink, green and/or yellow course mark(s) applicable to the Divisions for which the course is being shortened)

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal given 4 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2** For all races the starting line will be between the Starting Mark and the flagstaff on the RCB/RCT displaying the Starting Flag.
- 10.3** Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and keep clear of all boats that are in their starting sequence.
- 10.4** A boat that is in the starting area and does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS), in accordance with the NoR paragraph 1.4, without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1** The finishing line will be between the Finishing Mark and the flagstaff of the RCB/RCT displaying the Finish Flag or, when a race is shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2(a), the finishing line will be between a mark of the course and the flagstaff of the RCB/RCT displaying an 'S' flag.
- 11.2** Boats shall keep clear of, and not cross, the finish line unless they are finishing.

## **12 TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1** The intention is to conduct races of durations as specified in SI clause 5.3, noting that this intention in no way constitutes a minimum or maximum time limit for a race and that failure of a race to be of this duration will not constitute grounds for redress. Boats not finishing within 60 minutes after the first boat in its Division finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A5.

## **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1** Protest forms are in the Sailors Cabin. Protests shall be submitted in accordance with RRS 61.3 with the time limit for competitors being 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 13.2** On the last day of the regatta a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 13.3** Notices of any protest will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the CYC as soon as possible thereafter, or as advised.

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1** Scoring will be as detailed at paragraph 9 of the NoR. In addition an overall result will be calculated for Division 1 & 2 combined, by removing the start offset time for the later start as appropriate.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **16 PRIZES**

- 16.1** Prizes are as detailed in paragraph 11 of the NoR.

## **17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **18 INSURANCE**

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

## Course Diagrams

### Diagram 1: Triangle (Races 1, 3, 5 & 6)

**Course:** (Port Rounding illustrated)

**Division 1 & 2:**

Start

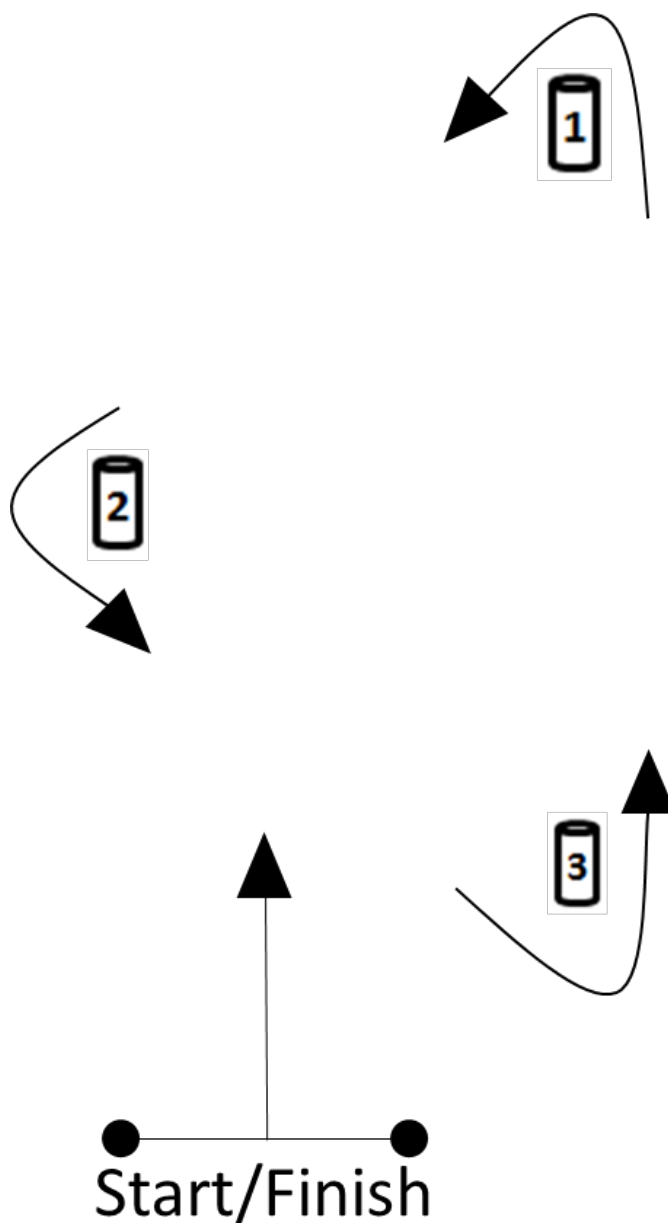
to 1 to 2 to 3

to 1 to 3

to 1 to 2 to 3

to 1

to Finish



\*Mark locations are approximate and arrows are indicative only

## Diagram 2: Night Race & Passage Race

### Mark Reference Table:

| Mark   | Description                 | Location*                       |
|--------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A      | Yellow Cylindrical Number 1 | Vicinity of YMCA                |
| B      | Yellow Cylindrical Number 2 | Deepwater near Sullivan's Creek |
| C      | Yellow Cylindrical Number 4 | Vicinity of Tarcoola Reach      |
| D      | Yellow Cylindrical Number 3 | Vicinity of Lotus Bay           |
| E      | Green Cylindrical Number 4  | Vicinity of Acton               |
| Start  | Orange Cylindrical          | Near CYC Race tower             |
| Finish | Black & White Cylindrical   | Near CYC Race tower             |

### Course: Night Race

*Mark order and side mark is to be left while rounding indicated.*

#### Division 1 & 2:

Start – B (port) - A (port) – D (port) – B (port) – A (port) – Finish

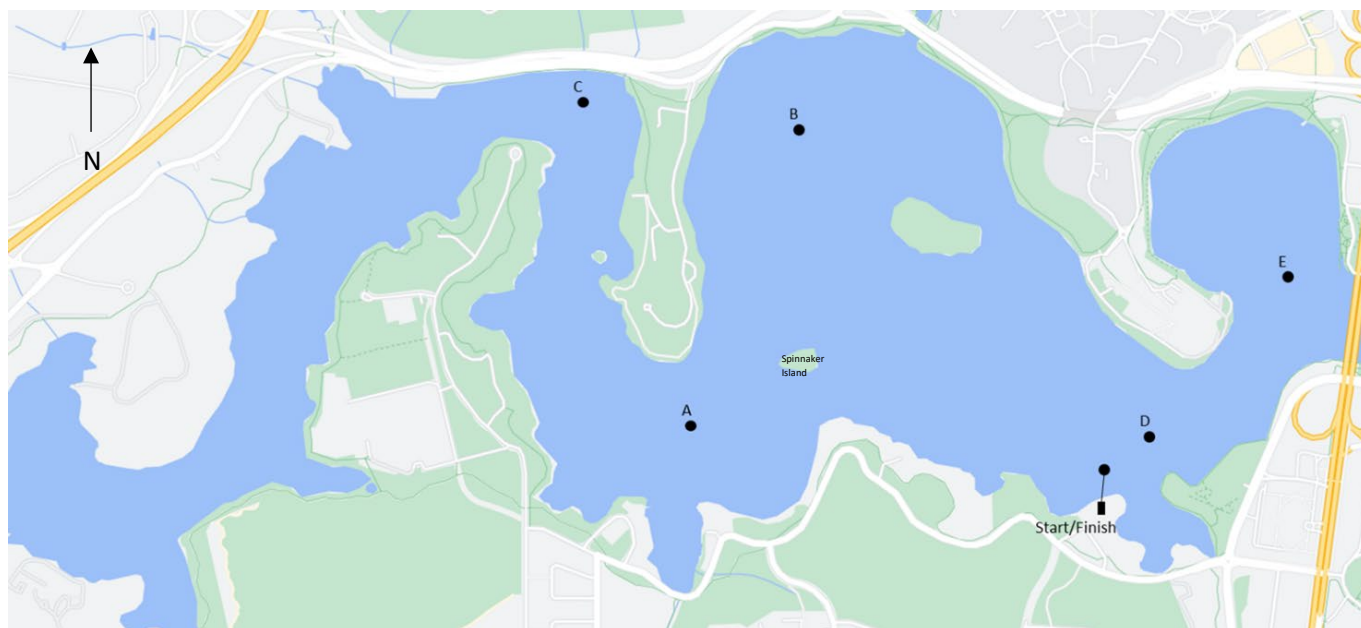
### Course: Passage Race

*Mark order and side mark is to be left while rounding indicated.*

#### Division 1 & 2:

Start – C (Port) – A (port) – B (port) – A (port) – D (port) – A (port) – E (port) – A (port) - Finish

### Map:



\*Mark Locations are approximate only and may be adjusted due to weather and other factors