ACT DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026
14 - 15 November 2026
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply.

1.2 As notified in the Notice of Race (NoR) and, in addition, that: SI 4.3 changes Race Signals, SI 9.1 changes RRS 26, SI 9.4 changes RRS A5, SI 11.2 changes RRS 35 and A5, SI 11.3 changes RRS 61.4(b)(1), SI 15.4 RRS A5.1 and A10,.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online on the CYC website https://canberrayc.com/regattas-and-events.php 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 at least one hour before the first warning signal on that day except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Control Tower (RCT).

4.2 When the AP flag is displayed from the RCT when the Starting (Orange) Flag is not displayed, races not started are postponed and the first warning signal will be made 30 minutes after the AP flag is removed.

4.3 When the AP flag is displayed from the RCT when the Starting (Orange) Flag is displayed, races not started are postponed and the warning signal will be made 1 minute after the AP flag is removed. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The schedule will be as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Friday 6th November	1700hrs	Close of on-time entries
Saturday 14th November	1200hrs	Competitor briefing
	1300hrs	First warning signal

		Championship Racing Session
Sunday 15th November	1000hrs	First warning signal
		Championship Racing Session
	ASAP after racing	Presentation

5.2 The intention is to run up to 6 races. Up to four races may be sailed in each Championship Racing Session, sailed back-to-back, with a short delay between them.

5.3 There will be no warning signal made after 1800hrs on Saturday 14th November and no warning signal made after 1600hrs on Sunday 15th November.

5.4 The Organising Authority may, where circumstances dictate, vary the format and/or the schedule for the regatta.

6 FLAGS

6.1 Division Flags will be Numeral Pennants

Division 1	Sharpies	Division 1
Division 2	Dinghies (119 & below, including Flying 15, excluding Sharpies, RS Aero)	Division 2
Division 3	RS Aero	Division 3
Division 4	Dinghies (120 – 132, Excluding Sabres)	Division 4
Division 5	Sabres	Division 5
Division 6	Dinghies (133 and above excluding International 2.4 and Herons)	Division 6
Division 7	International 2.4 and Herons	Division 7

6.2 Divisions may be created or combined depending on entries received.

6.3 Signal Flags

Rounding Direction Flag	Red Green Refer to Attachment A
Starting Flag	Orange flag
Finish Flag	Blue flag

7 COURSES

7.1 The diagrams and instructions in Attachment A show the courses, and the direction and the order in which marks are to be passed. Diagrams are indicative only and do not specify an exact position for any part of the course. The race control boat (RCB) will display the course to be sailed by a division during their start sequence.

8 MARKS

8.1

Course marks 1, 2 and 5	Yellow numbered cylindrical buoys (numbers may not correspond)
Course marks 4S and 4P	Pink numbered cylindrical buoys (numbers may not correspond)
Course marks 3S and 3P	Green numbered cylindrical buoys (numbers may not correspond)
Starting Mark	Orange cylindrical buoy
Finishing Mark	Black and white cylindrical buoy (or an orange cylindrical buoy may be used)

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 except that the warning signal will be given 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal given 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between the Starting Mark and the flagstaff on the RCB/RCT displaying the Starting Flag.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the starting area and clear of all boats that are in their starting sequence.

9.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS), without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 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 Race Committee boat displaying an 'S' flag.

10.2 Boats shall keep clear of, and not cross, the finish line unless they are finishing.

11 TIME LIMITS

11.1 The race target time and race time limit are shown in the table below:

Target time	**Time limit**
50 minutes	90 minutes

11.2 Boats that do not finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). The race officer may choose to extend this limit, at their discretion, to ensure all boats finish. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

11.3 Failure of races to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protest/redress forms are in the Sailors Cabin. Protests shall be submitted in accordance with RRS 60.3 with the time limit for competitors being 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day on Saturday and 10 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day on Sunday.

12.2 Notices of any protest/redress 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 at the CYC as soon as possible thereafter, or as advised.

13 SCORING

13.1 As detailed in the NoR.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 A competitor that has signed on but does not start, or that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

15 SIGN – ON

15.1 Competitors are required to Sign-On before each session.

15.2 Sign On will be completed via the SailSYS electronic sign on system.

15.3 The time limit for Sign-On is 30 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day.

15.4 Failure to Sign-On will result in a score of Did Not Compete (DNC) for all races in the session, this changes RRS A5.1 and A10.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

17 INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $10 million per event or the equivalent.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 Contact Canberra Yacht Club telephone 6273 7177 or email at: admin@canberrayc.com

ATTACHMENT A

ACT DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026
COURSE INSTRUCTIONS & DIAGRAMS

1. The Course (as described in Table 1 below) shall be displayed on a board on the stern of the race control boat (RCB), before or with the Warning Signal.
2. If a red flag is flown from the RCB, Marks 1 & 2 will be rounded to port. Mark 5 will be rounded to starboard.
3. If a green flag is flown from the RCB, Marks 1 & 2 will be rounded to starboard. Mark 5 will be rounded to port.
4. Marks 3S/3P and 4S/4P are gate marks and are to be rounded as per illustration below.
5. Marks 3S/3P and 4S/4P may be replaced by a singular mark 3 or 4, which shall be rounded to port if a red flag is displayed and to starboard if a green flag is displayed. Immediately before boats sail to Mark 5, they will pass Mark 3 to starboard when a red flag is displayed and to port when a green flag is displayed.
6. The indicative course layout is shown in Illustration 1. The diagram is approximate only, is not to scale, and does not override any other Instructions. Illustration shows rounding if a red flag is displayed.

Table 1 – Courses and Course Descriptions

Course	Course Description
I1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
I2	Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
I3	Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
I4	Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
I5	Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
O4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
O5	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish

