

Unisport Nationals Div 1

TEAM SAILING

Tuesday 26 September – Friday 29th September 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority:

SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



In conjunction with Unisport Australia

33 Watersport Ln, Oxenford QLD 4210

INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all Uni Teams to enter and compete in the UniSport Nationals Div 1 Race to be sailed on the Oxenford Lake from Wednesday 27th September to Friday 29th September 2023 with a Practice day on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority will be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at the Oxenford Water Sports Centre located at 33 Watersport Ln, Oxenford QLD 4210, Phone (+61) (07) 5655 3368

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by:

- The *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- Appendix D of RRS (Team Racing Rules)
- Appendix L Addendum B (Boats provided by organising authority)
- Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2; will apply.

1.2 All races shall be umpired in accordance with Appendix D2.

1.3 No class rules shall apply.

1.4 The start boat will attempt to call out the colour, bow number or sail number. In absence of these, identifying features of any boats OCS. Failure to hear the call shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

1.5 Boats not finishing within five minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

1.6 Abandonment may be signalled orally by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires.

Abandoned races may be resailed and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical. This changes Rule 32 and Race Signals.

1.7 APPENDIX 1 – Sound Starting Procedure This changes RRS 26.

2.1 All participating Boats and Operators must comply with The *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* and its subordinate legislation, the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*(Cwlth) and its subordinate legislation AND The *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972* (COLREGS).The *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) only applies between participating SYC Competitors for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, then COLREGS shall apply to all ships and shall over-ride all other rules.

2.2 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board located on the southern wall of the Southport Yacht Club Water Sports Centre.

2.2 Once a racing session has commenced Notices to Competitors may be posted in the method described in 3.1 and 3.2 below.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board prior to the changeover of the first flight they will affect.

3.2 When Flag L is displayed, oral instructions may be given on the water by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires prior to the warning signal of the first flight they will affect. It will be the responsibility of each team to obtain any oral instructions given.

4. BOATS

4.1 Boats shall be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted while racing may be adjusted.

4.2 All equipment intended to be in the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

4.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the instructions of this section will be disqualification of the team from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

4.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organising authority's representative immediately after changing out of the boat or securing the boat ashore.

4.5 The penalty for breaking this instruction unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply will be disqualification (10 points) from the race most recently sailed in which that boat's team was successful.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed on the Southern wall located at Southport Yacht Club Oxenford.

5.2 When displayed ashore flag "AP" means races not started are postponed. The first Warning Signal for the next race shall be made 10 minutes after the AP is lowered (amends race signal AP).

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday 26 September	0830 – 0945 Team Registration 1000 – 1015 Competitors Meeting 1030 Practice Day Sailing
Wednesday 27 September	0900 – 0915 Competitors Meeting 1000 Racing Day 1 Post Racing Umpire Debrief
Thursday 28 September	0900 – 0915 Competitor Meeting (if required) 1000 Racing Day 2 Post Racing Umpire Debrief
Friday 29 September	0900 – 0915 Competitor Meeting (if required) 1000 Racing Day 3 Post Racing Medal Ceremony and Closing

7 REGATTA FORMATS

7.1 Racing shall consist of 3 boat v 3 boat team sailing. A draw will be posted on Tuesday 26 September no later than 1700 hours.

7.2 Following a breakdown, which in the sole opinion of the Umpires leaves a boat unable to effectively race, races for that flight may be completed using a 2-boat v 2 boat format until repairs have been completed.

7.3 On Friday 29 September a new round will not be started after 12:00. The round may be terminated at any point where all teams have sailed the same number of races. Where racing is stopped at a point where teams have sailed an uneven number of races the races sailed since the last point all teams had sailed equal races will be discarded. This changes RRS Appendix D4.2.

7.4 The 4 best placed teams will qualify for the finals, consisting of at least semi-finals and finals.

7.5 In the semi-finals the team in 1st place after the round robins may choose their opponent from the teams placed 2nd to 4th. The other two teams will race against each other.

The teams to score two race wins will proceed to sail in the Final, the others will sail off for 3rd and 4th place in the Petit final.

7.6 In the Petit final the first team to score 2 race wins shall be awarded 3rd place the other awarded 4th place

7.7 In the Final the winner will be the first to three race wins and the other team will be awarded second place.

7.8 The race committee may change the format as required in the prevailing conditions to achieve a clear result.

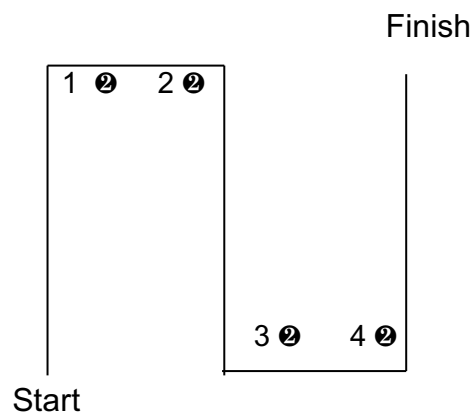
7.9 There shall be no warning signal made after 16:00 on Friday 29th September.

8 RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the lake off the Southport Yacht Club Watersports Centre, 33 Watersport Lane, Oxenford, Qld.

9 COURSE

9.1 The course shall be a starboard hand “S” course, unless changed by the Race Committee.



Course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish

9.2 The Race Committee or Umpires may move marks of the course at any time. Rule 33 will not apply. The moving of a mark by the Race Committee or Umpires will not give grounds for redress.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be a White sphere with Green flag.

10.2 The Start Mark will be a White sphere with Red flag.

10.3 The Finish Mark will be a White sphere with a Red flag displayed.

11 THE START

11.1 The race number of the next race to start will be signalled on a board located on the Committee Boat.

11.2 The Starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the starting mark.

11.3 Races will be started using the sound starting sequence detailed in Appendix 1, visual signals will be made only as an indicative courtesy and the absence or mistiming of a visual signal shall be disregarded.

11.4 If for any reason the sound starting sequence fails, races will be started by using the starting sequence below. This changes RRS 26 and *Race Signals*.

Signal	Sound	Flag	Time before start
Warning	1 Short	Pennant 1	3 minutes
Preparatory	1 Short	Flag P	2 minutes
	1 Long	Flag P removed	1 minute
Start	1 Short	Numeral Pennant removed	0

11.5 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

12 RECALLS

12.1 Recalls shall be signalled in accordance with RRS 29, except that code flag X shall be displayed for no more than one minute. This changes RRS 29.1

12.2 1.4 The start boat will attempt to call out the colour, bow number or sail number. In absence of these, identifying features of any boats OCS. Failure to hear the call shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

13 TIME LIMIT AND ABANDONMENT

13.1 If no boat has finished within 15 minutes of the start the race will be abandoned.

13.2 Boats not finishing within five minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

13.3 Abandonment may be signalled orally by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires. Abandoned races may be resailed and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical. This changes Rule 32 and Race Signals.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the pole displaying a blue flag on the Finish Boat and the finishing mark.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 For protests and requests for redress other than protests under a rule listed in Rule D2.2, competitors shall inform an Umpire or the Race Committee prior to rotating boats or going ashore.

15.2 Rule D2.4 is amended such that a “Green or Green & White” flag will signal no penalty and a “Black or Black & White” flag will signal that an incident will be reported to the protest committee.

15.3 For hearings involving breakdowns, Rule D5 is changed to replace “Race Committee” with “Umpires”.

15.4 Instructions 18 and 19 are not competitor protest able.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

At all times afloat, competitors will wear lifejackets according to standards in YA Safety Regulations Part 2, Off the Beach Boats. Inflatable lifejackets are not permitted.

17 BREAKDOWNS

17.1 In the event of a breakdown races for that flight may continue as described in SI 7.2.

18. SUPPORT BOATS AND COACHES/MANAGERS

Team coach and support boats are to remain, from the first Warning Signal of the day until the last boat finishes the last race of the day, outside of the area bounded by the Start, Mark 1, the Finish and Mark 4 and at all other time at least 75m from boats racing. All coach and support boats must proceed at a “no wake” speed at all times when within 100m of the racing and the wind is below 12 knots.

19. RUBBISH

No rubbish is to be discharged from boats. All empty water bottles, lunch containers or refuse of any kind are to be taken ashore for disposal.

APPENDIX 1 – SOUND STARTING PROCEDURE

The starting procedure shall be as below. This changes RRS 26.

Signal	Time to Start	Sound	Visual Signal
Warning	3 minutes	3 long sounds	3 Blue Flags
Preparatory	2 minutes	2 long sounds	2 Blue Flags
One Minute	1 minute	1 long sound	1 Blue Flag
	30 seconds	3 short sounds	
	20 seconds	2 short sounds	
	10 seconds	1 short sound	
	5 seconds	1 short sound	
	4 seconds	1 short sound	
	3 seconds	1 short sound	
	2 seconds	1 short sound	
	1 second	1 short sound	
	Start 0	1 long sound	All Blue Flags Lowered