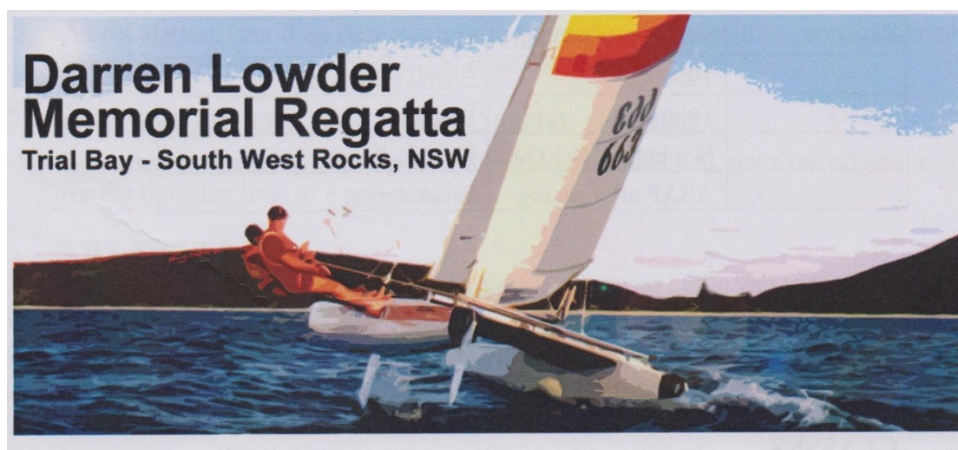


REMEMBERING 27 YEARS IN 2024



Darren Lowder Memorial Regatta IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 'A' CLASS STATE TITLES

9th & 10th March 2024

South West Rocks

Proudly Presented by **Kurnell Catamaran Club**, with the grateful support of **Nambucca River Sailing Club**.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 Regatta Rules are as defined in the current "***Racing Rules of Sailing***", as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 No National Authority prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3 Rule 80 (advertising) shall not apply.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors are posted on the official notice board(s) at the Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted before 08:00 hrs on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before it shall take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals shall be displayed at the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| 5.1 | SATURDAY 9th | 9.00 hrs | Registration Opens |
| | | 11.00 hrs | Briefing |
| | | Not before 12:00 hrs | Up to but NOT exceeding 4 races may be sailed back-to-back. |
| | | 30-45 mins. after last race - | SOCIAL FUNCTION!!! |
| | SUNDAY 10th | Not before 9:30 hrs | Up to but NOT exceeding 3 races, sailed back to back. |
| | | No <i>Warning Signal</i> shall be made after 15:00 hrs. | |

5.2 **PRESENTATION** is ASAP following completion of the last race on Sunday.

6 **DIVISION SIGNALS & CLASSES**

6.1 Starting Divisions announced at the Briefing on Saturday.

6.2 Division 1 Race Signal is numeral pennant one (1).

6.3 Division 2 Race Signal is numeral pennant two (2).

6.4 Subsequent Divisions in chronological order.

6.5 The Principal Race Officer (PRO) may elect to start 2 or more divisions together for any individual race, at his/her absolute discretion. Affected divisions shall have divisional Warning Signals displayed simultaneously.

6.6 7 or more boats of a particular class or class variant to constitute a "Class" for individual class results.

6.7 A Class of 7 or more boats does not necessarily form a Starting Division.

7 **START/FINISH/GENERAL RECALLS/SHORTEN COURSE**

7.1 Races are started as per the table below. *Changes "RRS 26"*.

Warning Signal:	Division Flag + 1 sound signal	3 minutes before start
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Preparatory:	'P', 'I', 'U' or Black Flag raised + 1 sound signal	2 minutes before start
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One Minute:	'P', 'I', 'U' or Black Flag lowered + 1 long sound signal	1 minute before start
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Start:	Division Flag lowered + 1 sound signal	START
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7.2 **THE STARTING LINE** is between a staff displaying the KCC burgee on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and Mark X, displaying an orange flag, at the port-end.

7.3 A distance mark may be laid astern of the committee vessel. This mark and tethering system are an integral part of the Committee Vessel.

7.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions. Only the PRO may report a breach of 7.4 to the Protest Committee. *Changes RRS Rule 69.2 (a)*.

7.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her Starting Signal shall be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. *Changes "RRS Rule 63.1"*.

7.6 **THE FINISH LINE** is between a staff displaying the KCC burgee on the Committee Vessel and Mark Y, displaying a blue flag.

7.7 When a **General Recall** is signalled, the recalled Division's starting sequence shall re-commence as soon as possible after the last Division has started. The Warning Signal for the recalled Division is the re-raising of the recalled Division's numeral pennant. *Changes RRS Rule 29.2*.

7.8 **Shorten Course:** A race may be shortened by the display of code flag "S", attached to or near any rounding mark. Round the Mark and proceed directly to the finish line taking Mark "X" to Port. *Changes "RRS Rule 32.2"*.

8 **PROTEST AND PENALTY SYSTEM**

8.1 One-turn, including one tack and one gybe shall satisfy all Penalty requirements under RRS 44.1 and RRS rule 44.2. *Changes "RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2"*.

8.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests, requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered to the Race Office, along with a non-refundable protest fee (\$ tba).

8.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

8.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses.

8.5 The penalty, if any, for infringement is at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. *Changes "RRS Rule 64.1"*

9 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

9.1 **Sign ON/ Sign OFF**

For each race session (where a session is multiple races back-to-back) an adult representative of each boat intending to race, **SHALL** sign-on prior to the race session by completing and signing the Race "Sign-on/Sign-off Sheet", located at the Clubhouse.

SIGN OFF is required within **30 minutes** of returning to shore.

- 9.2 Boats not complying with 9.1, or where sign-on/sign-off information is illegible, shall be scored DNC for all races in that session, without a hearing. **Changes “RRS Rule 63.1”**
- 9.3 Vessels must only to be launched and beached from designated marked areas as instructed at the briefing on Saturday. Penalties will apply to those who do not obey these directions.
- 9.4 **SWIMMING ZONE:** There will be a marked lane through the swimming zone that vessels **MUST** use when leaving and returning to the beach.
- 9.5 Any vessel observed and reported by a member of the Race Committee only, in breach of 9.3 or 9.4, to the satisfaction of the PRO, shall be scored DNC for all races in that Session, without a hearing. **Changes “RRS Rule 63.1”**. Additionally, Skippers in breach of these directions may face penalties from NSW Roads and Maritime Service.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A shall apply. Current “**Australian Sailing Catamaran Yardsticks**” apply in determining mixed class and overall regatta results.
- 10.2 A minimum of 4 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 5 to 7 races are completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding the worst (except DGM under **RRS Rule 69.1**) individual race score.

11 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Although not required to have a class compliance or measurement certificate, a boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and these Sailing Instructions. State Championship results for the Nacra Classes may be subject to Nacra Australia Class Rules. This does not necessarily affect Darren Lowder Memorial Regatta results.

SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the course area where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal of the first division to start until all boats have finished or retired, or the Race Committee signals a Postponement, General Recall or Abandonment.

12 TRASH DIPOSAL

Boats shall not dispose of trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard Support and Race Committee vessels.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14 INSURANCE

Each Participating boat shall be insured. The minimum requirement is third-party personal insurance and third-party property insurance that is valid for racing. Liability cover must be at least \$5,000,000 AUD (Five million Australian Dollars). By entering a boat on the “Sign-On” sheet, the nominated helm acknowledges that the boat is insured as per this requirement.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors and Officials participating in events covered by these Sailing Instructions, or as a consequence of these instructions, do so entirely at their own risk. **Refer RRS Rule 3, “Decision to Race”**.

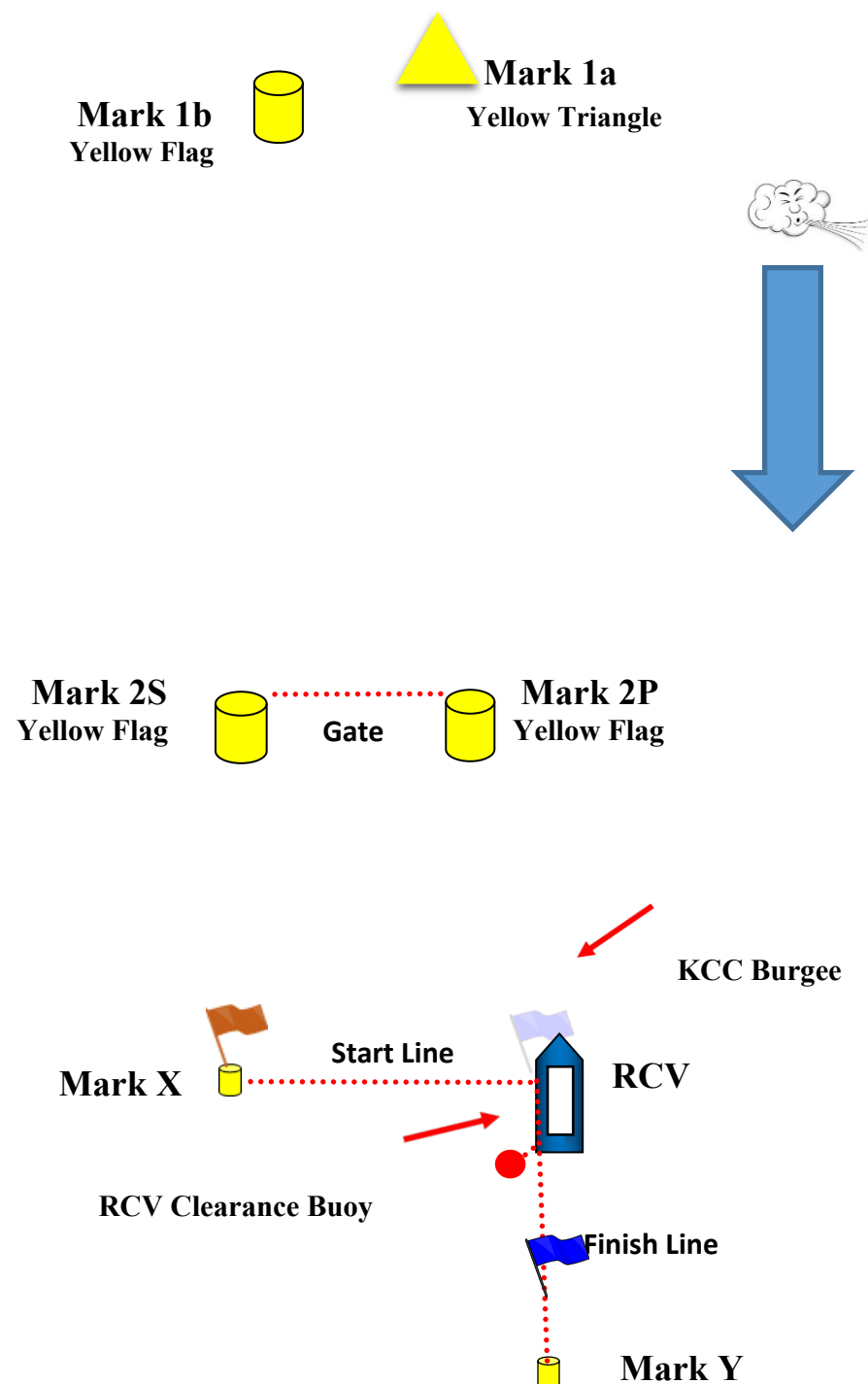
The organizing authority **does not** accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.

16 RACING AREA

Trial Bay, South West Rocks, NSW

17 COURSE

- Course not drawn to scale
- Race Committee Vessel (RCV) Start and Finish
- Marks 1A, 1B and X to Port
- Boats traversing the Gate must leave Mark 2P to Port or Mark 2S to Starboard, from the direction of Mark 1A.
- Course: **Start --- 1A, 1B, Gate --- 1A, 1B, X (Orange Flag) --- Finish**



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