KCC Top Gun Regatta – 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Ver: 1.0 - 27-10-2026 (FINAL)

Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November 2026.

Proudly Presented by **Kurnell Catamaran Club Inc (KCC).**

1 RULES

1.1 This Regatta is governed by rules as defined in the current World Sailing "***Racing Rules of Sailing*****,"** the **"Special Regulations"** of Australian Sailing and relevant class rules, all as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Rule 80 (advertising) does 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 takes 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 Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

SATURDAY 31st	08:00 hrs	Registration Opens (upstairs at KCC Clubhouse)
	11:00 hrs	Regatta Briefing
	Not before 13:00 hrs	Up to but **NOT** exceeding 4 races may be sailed back to back.
SUNDAY 1st	Not before 10:00 hrs	Up to but **NOT** exceeding 4 races may be sailed back-to-back.
	No ***Warning Signal*** shall be made after 16:00 hrs.	

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

6 DIVISION SIGNALS & CLASSES

6.1 Starting Divisions are posted at the Regatta 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 Divisions do NOT necessarily start in chronological order.

6.6 The Race Officer (RO) 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.

6.7 7 or more boats of a particular class or class variant constitutes a "Class" for individual class results.

6.8 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 below and repeated until all Divisions have started. There may be a time gap of 6 minutes between the start of Division 1 and the next division to start. **Changes "RRS 26"**.

Warning Signal	Division Flag/short sound	3 minutes before start
Preparatory	P; I; U or Black' Flag/short sound	2 minutes before start
One Minute	P; I; U or Black' Flag lowered/long sound	1 minute before start
Start	Division Flag lowered/raised and short sound	0

7.2 **The Starting Line** is between a staff displaying the KCC burgee on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and a mark displaying an orange flag at the Port end.

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

7.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions. The RO may apply a penalty to boats observed by a member of the RC in breach of 7.4. A penalty, if applied, is at the RO's absolute discretion and without a hearing. ***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 Race Committee Vessel and a mark to leeward displaying a blue flag. Finish from the direction of the gate. Refer to Course Diagram.

7.7 When a **General Recall** is signalled, the recalled Division's starting sequence shall re-commence as soon as possible after the ***last scheduled 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:** Races shall only be shortened at the Gate. Code flag S shall be attached to the port Gate mark or a Race Committee Support Vessel in the immediate vicinity. Proceed directly to the finish line.

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 protest fee of $50 (may be refundable at Protest Chair discretion).

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

8.4 Notices shall 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** - For each Race Session (where a session is one or multiple races back-to-back) a representative of each boat intending to race, SHALL sign-on prior to the race session by completing and signing the Race Session "Sign-On sheet", located at the Clubhouse. **Sign OFF** is not required.

9.2 Boats not complying with 9.1, or where sign-on information is illegible, at the absolute discretion of the RO, shall be scored DNC for all races in that session, without a hearing. ***Changes "RRS Rule 63.1"***

10 SCORING

10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A shall apply. Current **"Australian Sailing Catamaran Yardsticks"** apply in determining mixed classes and overall **"Top Gun"** regatta results.

10.2 A minimum of 1 race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

10.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 5 or more races are completed, a boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst individual race score. (Except DGM - ***RRS Rule 69.1, b,2***)

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.
Penalties, if any, are at the absolute discretion of the RO, without a hearing, and may include a yardstick adjustment, DSQ or other considered penalty.

12 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 RO signals a Postponement or Abandonment.

13 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

14 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 and smart watches or similar electronic data, text or voice communication devices.

15 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.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITIES

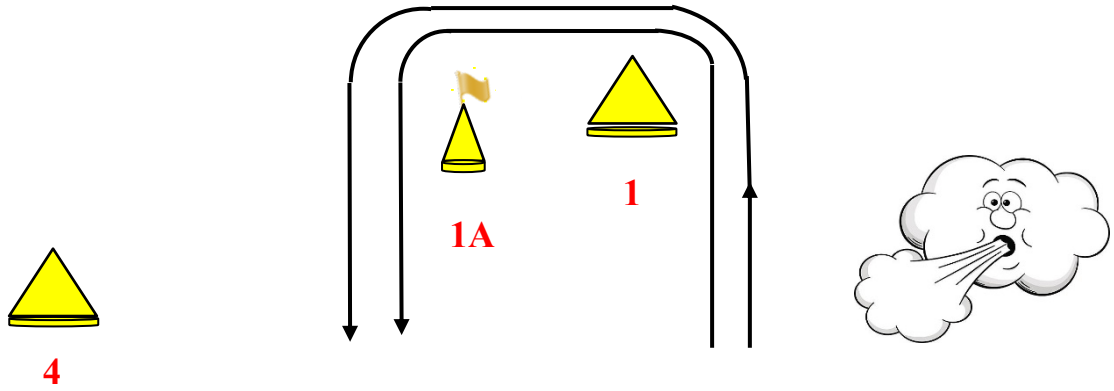
16.1 Competitors and Officials participating in events covered by these Sailing Instructions do so entirely at their own risk. ***Refer RRS Rule 3, "Decision to Race" and RRS Rule 4, "Acceptance of Rules".***

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

17 COURSE

17.1 Windward/Leeward Course – Refer to Briefing (5.1) for possible Triangular course for 4.3 metre Classes.
17.2 Race Committee Vessel Start and Finish.
17.3 Description of Marks provided at Briefing (refer 5.1).
17.4 Classes within each Starting Division provided at Briefing (refer 5.1).
17.5 Starting Divisions provided at Briefing (refer 5.1) and remain on display at the briefing area.
17.6 Marks 1, 1A and 3 passed to Port except the "Gate", where the hand to pass is discretionary (refer Course Diagram).

COURSE DIAGRAM



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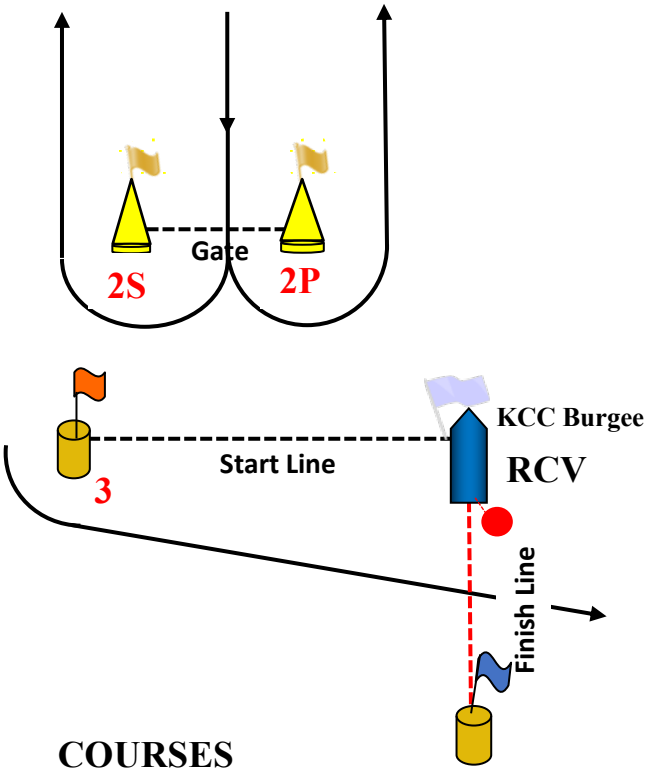

COURSES

Division 1	**START – 1 – 1A – 4 - 2S/2P – 1 – 1A – 3 – FINISH**
Divisions 2+	**START – 1 – 1A - 2S/2P – 1 – 1A – 3 – FINISH**