



2025 Paper Tiger Catamaran International Championships

Monday 7 July 2025 to Thursday 10 July 2025

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club
24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point QLD 4565

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in these SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authority for this event is Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the special regulations of Australian Sailing, the Paper Tiger class rules and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a 360°-Turn Penalty.
- 2.3 Paper Tigers MUST comply with class association rules and be financial members of such.
- 2.4 Appendix T (arbitration) will apply.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located on the ground floor of the club house next to the entry stairs.
- 4.2 Any notices to competitors, including changes to the Sailing Instructions or the racing schedule, posted on the official notice board will be accompanied by Code flag "L" being flown from the club's flagpole and an accompanying sound signal.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. When flag AP over flag B is displayed boats shall not go afloat. [DP]

6 SCHEDULE

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| 6.1 | 6 July | Registration and Measuring | 1300-1700 |
| | 7 July | Registration and Measuring | 0900-1115 |
| | | Briefing | 1130 |
| | | 2 races back-to-back | 1st Warning 1225 |
| | 8 July | 3 races back-to-back | 1st Warning 1225 |
| | 9 July | 3 races back-to-back | 1st Warning 1225 |
| | 10 July | 2 races back-to-back | 1st Warning 1055 |
- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided racing doesn't become more than one race ahead of schedule.
 - 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
 - 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Thursday 10 Jul 2025.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Paper Tiger class flag will be a Black Tiger on a yellow background.

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 The races will be held on the waters of Lake Cootharaba shown in approximation in Attachment A.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3p will be yellow cylindrical buoys. Mark 3s will be an orange cylindrical buoy.
- 10.2 The port end finish mark is a red and white chequered cylindrical buoy.

- 10.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a red cylindrical buoy.
- 10.4 Starting marks will be a race committee signal boat at the starboard end and mark 3 at the pin end.
- 10.5 The finishing marks will be a race committee signal boat flying a blue flag at one end and a red and white chequered cylindrical buoy at the other end.
- 10.6 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the yellow 3p mark at the port end.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.3 Boats intending to start in second or subsequent races back-to-back on the same day must return to the starting area immediately after finishing the previous race. The warning signal for subsequent races may be sounded 10 minutes after the last boat has finished the previous race.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new pink cylindrical buoy (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The target time for the first boat to complete the course is 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.2 The time limit for the first boat to round the first mark is 20 minutes.

- 14.3 The time limit for the first boat to complete the course is 70 minutes.
- 14.4 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available in the Committee Room located at the rear of the first floor of the club house. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the race committee or protest committee within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the Committee Room located at the rear of the first floor of the club house.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 17 (Safety), 20 (Event Advertising), 22 (Support Boats), 23 (Trash Disposal) and 24 (Radio Communication) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Rule A4 - The low point system will apply.
- 16.2 A maximum of 10 races will be held.
- 16.3 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.4 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.5 When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.6 When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

- 16.7 Team scores for Team Kiwi vs Team Kangaroo and Team Tui vs Team Wallaby will be calculated by extracting and scoring only the nominated Team Members results from each race as if they had been the only boats racing.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Boats shall sign on before leaving the shore and sign off as soon as practically possible on returning to shore, by signing the sign on/off sheets located in the main foyer of the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Clubhouse. Boats are not required to sign off if a race session is interrupted and the boats return to shore to await the recommencement of the session (e.g. for lunch).
- 17.2 Boats shall sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat returning ashore after each race session ends. If a race session is interrupted and the boats return to shore to await recommencement of racing and no recommencement occurs, then boats shall sign off within 30 minutes of the signal to indicate no further racing for the day is given ashore.
- 17.3 If a boat fails to sign on or sign off in accordance with these instructions, the race committee shall give it a Scoring Penalty of 2 points without a hearing. The Scoring Penalty shall be added to the score of the race closest to the incident (i.e. the first race of the day if the boat doesn't sign on, and the last race of the day if the boat has signed on but does not sign off). If a boat fails to sign on and fails to sign off only the failure to sign on will be penalised. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and shall sign off on returning ashore. [DP]

18 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 18.1 Official boats will display the LCSC Burgee and/or other markings that clearly indicate its official status.
- 18.2 All boats other than Official Boats must stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.3 Competing boats shall follow all reasonable directions from the crew of an Official Boat. [DP]

19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 The technical committee may direct any competing boat be measured at any time during the measurement time or during the regatta.
- 20.2 If directed to do so, a competitor will take their boat without delay to the designated measurement location so compliance checks can be completed. [DP]

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 21.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Team and Individual support boats, and their call sign must be registered at the time the relevant boat or team registers for the event. [DP]
- 22.2 All support boats must have a functional VHF radio on board and monitor channel 77, or any other channel nominated by the Principal Race Officer (PRO), all the time they are on the water during the event. [DP]
- 22.3 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet of a race to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment (but not a General Recall) of all fleets. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any racing boat is sailing or may sail. [DP]
- 22.4 During any starting sequence, support boats shall stay at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions. [DP]
- 22.5 All occupants of support boats must comply with Qld maritime safety regulations for enclosed waters. [DP]
- 22.6 A support boat shall follow all reasonable directions from the crew of an Official Boat including that the support boat moves further from the course area. [DP]
- 22.7 The PRO, a member of the Race Committee or any other race official may instruct one or more support boats to maintain station in areas which are proscribed in 22.3 above. If so, the instruction shall be followed, and the support boat will be absolved of any penalty resulting from a transgression of 22.3. [DP]

- 22.8 When the wind is less than 10 knots, support boats shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of any boat that is racing. When the wind is more than 10 knots, support boats shall not exceed 5 knots within 150 metres of any boat that is racing. [DP]

23 DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH

- 23.1 Competitors, coaches and support persons shall not intentionally dispose of rubbish in the water. Subject to permission being granted by the relevant crew, rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats. [DP]

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.
- 25.2 Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. By participating in this event each competitor acknowledges and accepts these risks and absolves the Organising Authority from any liability whatsoever.

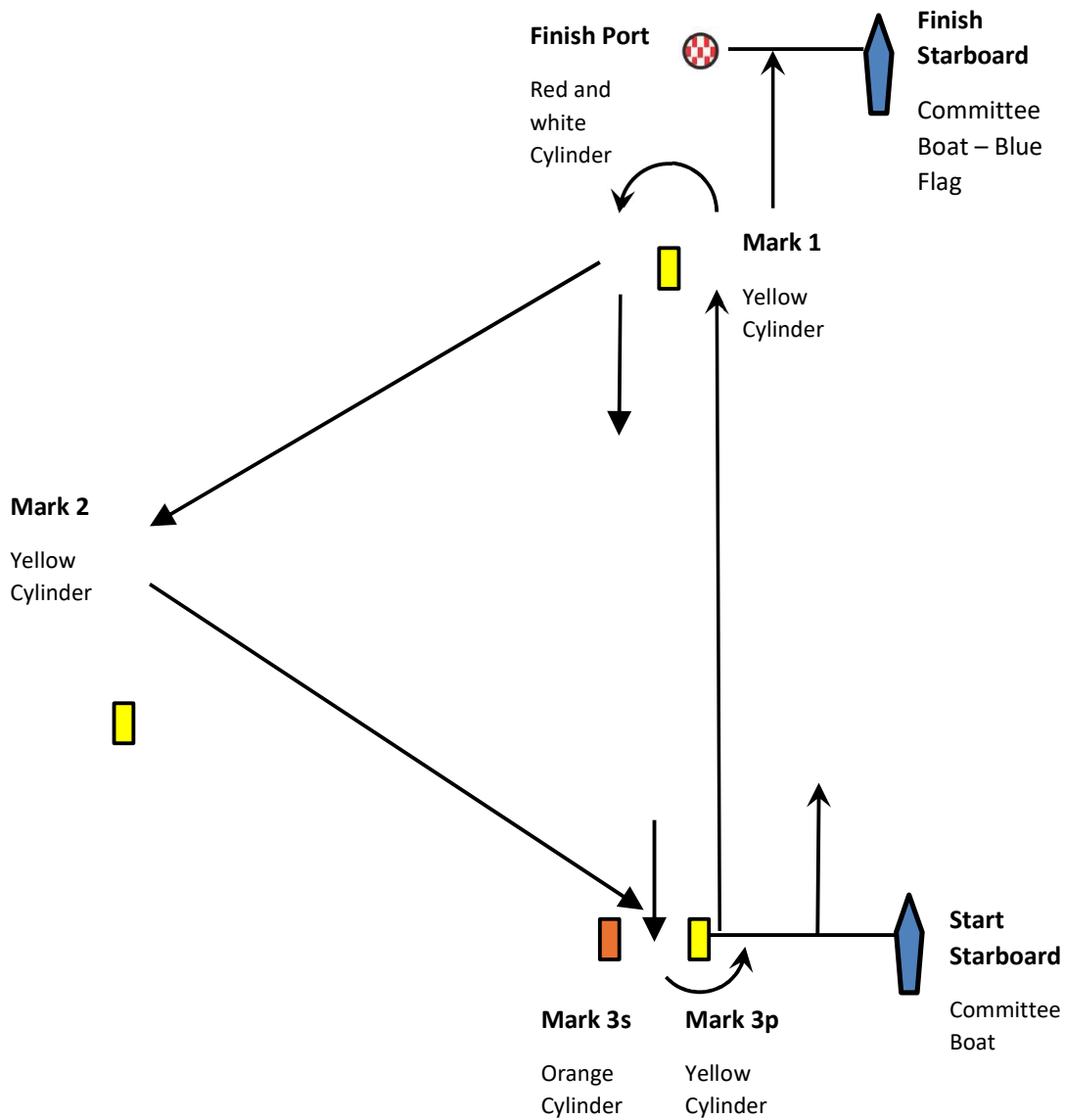
26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent. Proof of cover shall be made available upon request by an official of the Organising Authority or the APTCA.
- 26.2 By entering the event, each competitor declares that they have the required insurance cover. Neither the OA nor the APTCA will be liable if a competitor declares that they have the required insurance cover, and it subsequently transpires that this was not true.

Attachment A – Map of Racing Area



Attachment B – Course Configuration



Mark Roundings

Start – 1 – 2 – 3p – 1 – 3p/3s – 1 – 2 – 3p - Finish

All marks passed to port except for 3s