

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

Spring, Summer & Autumn Series



Club Championship Sailing

2025-2026

Organising Authority is

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The term "boat" in the following rules and instructions also includes windsurfing boards.
- 1.2. Club racing at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC) will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the special regulations of Australian Sailing, the class rules of the competing boats and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a 360°-Turn Penalty.
- 1.4. Only for windsurfing boards: RRS rules B3, Touching a mark, B4, 31 Propulsion, 50 Drinking Container and 44.2 360°-Turn Penalty apply. No other RRS Appendix B rules apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on ground level of the LCSC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:30 on the day it will take effect.

Any change to the schedule of races may be stated on the website and via email to members by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect if possible.

(This is a courtesy only and not grounds for redress if not done) NP.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes RRS race signals.

5. SCHEDULE

The First warning signal will not be made before 11:00 for morning races and not before 13:30 for afternoon races.

Note: If a General meeting is scheduled that day the First Warning for both races shall be delayed by not less than 30 minutes

6. DIVISIONS AND ORDER OF STARTS

The table on attachment A shows the divisions, order of starts and flags.

- 6.1 A 3 min start sequence shall apply - This changes RRS 26
- 6.2 The order of starts is at the CRO discretion, pay attention to the flags flown.
- 6.3 IF a low number of entrants the CRO or Rear Commodore "may" at their discretion decide to combine divisions (*Division Code Flags will be flown together indicating which fleets to be started together)

7. COURSES

7.1. The diagrams on attachment A show the courses and how marks must be passed.

All Competitors to take close attention to the Flags being flown by the Start Boat, any verbal advice shall not be grounds for redress.

7.2. The approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed on the start boat no later than the warning signal.

7.3. The numeral pennant indicating the course will be displayed on the start boat no later than the warning signal.

7.4. Course 1, 2 or 3 will be set for any race at the discretion of the Rear Commodore or CRO.

7.5. The Rear Commodore may approve fewer laps to be sailed by juniors sailing senior boats, beginners or any other sailors requiring special consideration. They will be scored in all events. – applications shall be in writing to the rear commodore, and a written response of approval shall be received prior to any competitor sailing reduced laps.

8 MARKS

8.1. Marks 1, 2, 4S and 4P will be yellow inflatable buoys.

8.2. Mark 3 will be a red/white chequer buoy.

8.3. Marks A, B, 1a and finish will be pink buoys. (tear drop)

8.4. The start/finish boat is a mark of the course and the buoy attached to the stern of the boat is a part of it.

9 START

Starting sequence of RRS 26 is amended as follows:

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, U or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

9.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the red/white chequer mark 3 at the port end.

9.3 It shall be the competitor's responsibility to know what flags represent and ensure they start accordingly. (Failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress)

10 FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the pink finish mark. (tear drop)

11 TIME LIMIT

A boat failing to finish within 40 minutes after the first boat of its division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5

12 REGISTRATION & SAFETY

12.1. Season entries do not need to register on line after paying the season entry. Daily competitors shall register on online at <https://lcsc.org.au/club-racing-registration/> registration may close at 1pm on the day of racing – regular failure to register as above may result in being scored DNS without hearing. (The club offers free wifi data and access to computer.)

12.2. All Competitors shall sign on/off on the paper Sign in located near the large door to boat storage under the club house. Failure to sign on will incur a 3 point penalty for the 1st race and failure to sign off will incur a 3 point penalty in the last race of the day.NP

12.3. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

13 PROTESTS

13.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

13.2. For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

13.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, at LCSC, beginning as soon as practical.

14 SCORING

14.1. Scoring is based on LCSC performance handicaps (PBH) and Australian Sailing Yardsticks (YS). The race committee may adjust any boat's handicap.

14.2. Series scheduled:

Club Championship - up to 14 races, Spring Series – up to 12 races, Summer Series – up to 12 races, Autumn Series – up to 12 races.

14.3. Spring, Summer and Autumn Series scores may be given for both PBH and YS results. (PBH results may not be published till end of series)

(To be eligible for PBH a minimum of 50% of races in each series must be contested – 1st 2nd 3rd on YS are excluded from final PBH results)

Club Championship scores are given for YS results only

14.4 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.5 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.6 When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.7 When 7 to 9 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

14.8 When 10 to 12 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores

- 14.9 When 13 to 14 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 4 worst scores
- 14.10. Duty crews (OOD) will receive average points excluding DNC. This changes RRS A9.
- 14.11. A boat that did not come to the start (as described in the RRS) will be scored DNC and receive three points more than the total of boats competing in that race.
- 14.12 A boat receiving OCS, DNS, DNF, NSC, DSQ (or similar) will be scored and receive one point more than the total of boats competing in that race.
- 14.13 As per 2022 AS Yardstick the Weta is rated as a dinghy/mono and shall be scored accordingly.
- .14.14 Any races postponed or abandoned may be resailed at any time prior to the scheduled end of each series in a format as advised by the rear commodore at his discretion.
- 14.15 As per 2022 AS Yardstick the Weta is rated as a dinghy/mono and shall be scored accordingly.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party personal and property liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per event or the equivalent. By entering the event, each competitor declares that they have the required insurance cover. LCSC will not be liable if a competitor declares that they have insurance and it subsequently transpires that this was not true.

ATTACHMENT A



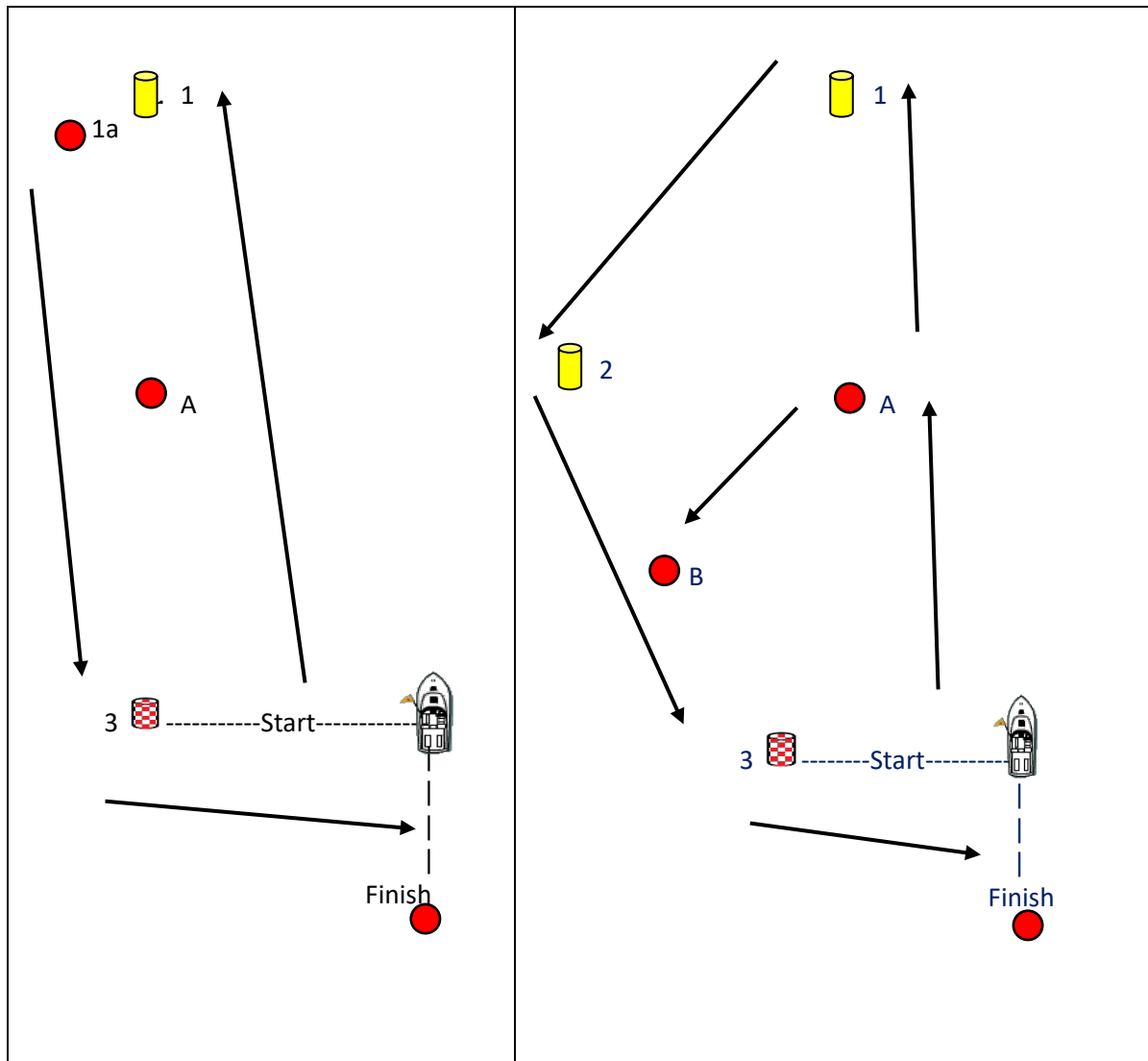
Course 1



Course 2

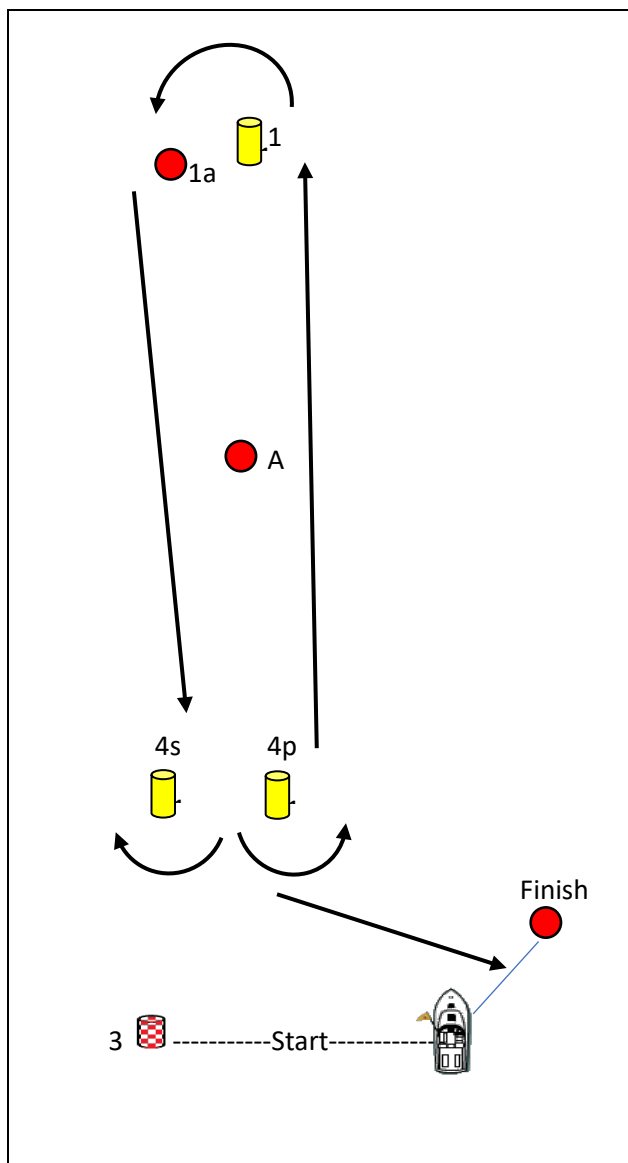
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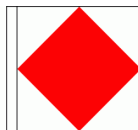
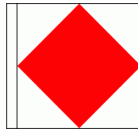

Course 2 interior angles approx. 50 – 60 °





Course 3



Div	Flag	Type/YS	Order of rounding. Course 1	Order of rounding. Course 2	Order of rounding. Course 3
Div 1 Multi	 <p>International Alphabet Flag G</p>	All Multihulls	Start -1-1a-3 -1-1a-3 -1-1a-3 -1-1a-3- Finish	Start-1-2-3-1-3 -1-2-3-1-3- Finish	Start -1-1a-4p/4s -1-1a-4p/4s -1-1a-4p/4s -1-1a-4p Finish
Div 2 Mono	 <p>F</p>	All Monohulls	Start -1-1a-3 -1-1a-3 -1-1a-3- Finish	Start-1-2-3-1-3 -1-2-3- Finish	Start -1-1a-4p/4s -1-1a-4p/4s -1-1a-4p Finish
Div 4	 <p>F</p>	All boats with YS over 150 and beginners	Start- A-3 -A-3 -A-3-Finish	Start-A-B-3 -A-3 -A-B-3-Finish	Start- A-4p/4s -A-4p/4s -A-4p Finish
Div 3 Weta		All Weta	Start -1-1a-3 -1-1a-3 -1-1a-3 -1-1a-3- Finish	Start-1-2-3-1-3 -1-2-3-1-3- Finish	Start -1-1a-4p/4s -1-1a-4p/4s -1-1a-4p/4s -1-1a-4p Finish