Woollahra Sailing Club

Australia's Premier Dinghy Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions

Spring & Summer Series 2026-27

General Fleet

6th September 2026 - 18th April 2027

Organising Authority

The organising authority for the series is Woollahra Sailing Club, Vickery Avenue, Rose Bay.

1. Rules

1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, unless otherwise specified in these instructions.

1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats) and prescriptions shall apply.

1.3. The Boating Handbook (Safety Equipment), Roads and Maritime NSW shall apply.

1.4. Racing Rule 26 is modified to provide a three-minute starting sequence as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

1.5. Racing Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are modified as follows for classes carrying an asymmetric spinnaker & includes foiling classes:

1.5.1. Two turn penalty is replaced by One turn penalty.

2. Notice to Competitors

2.1. Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the WSC clubhouse no later than one hour before the commencement of racing.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard not later than one hour before the commencement of racing. Flag “L” displayed on the Club mast together with a single sound signal indicates a change has been placed on the notice board.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast, which is on the grounds of the club approximately 20 metres in front of the office tower.

4.2. Flag “AP” with two sound signals means the race is postponed. Lowering of the “AP” with one sound signal means that the warning signal will be made in not less than 30 minutes.

4.3. Flag “D” means foul weather exists or is expected shortly. All boats to stay ashore.

5. Signing On and Signing Off Provisions

5.1. All boats intending to race must entry using SailSys.

5.2. All boats intending to race must sign on prior to launching. A boat failing to sign on will be scored without a hearing as DNC for the first race of that day. This amends Racing Rules 63.1 and A5.

5.3. All boats returning to shore must sign off as soon as practicable, but no later than one

(1) hour after completion of the final race of the day. A boat failing to sign off will be scored without a hearing as DNC for the last race of the day. This amends Racing Rules 63.1 and A5.

5.4. A boat which has been granted approval to carry a sail number other than specified on its entry form, shall note both its ‘entered’ number and the number that it is

sailing with using SailSys.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1. Point score racing shall be conducted as per the Notice of Race.

6.2. A maximum of three races are scheduled for each race day.

6.3. A minimum of four (4) race days are required to constitute a series.

6.4. One race result may be discarded for each 5 completed races in each series.

6.5. The racing dates are as per schedule of events in the Notice of Race.

7. Warning Signals and Flights

7.1. The first warning signal on each day of racing will be as below:

General Fleet Not before 1.30pm

7.2. Flights for each race will be chosen by the Race Officer.

7.3. Flights may be combined if boat numbers are insufficient for individual separate Flight starts at the discretion of the Race Officer.

7.4. The Race Officer may change Flights to match race conditions on the day.

7.5. Classes may apply to the Race Officer to form a separate Flight and have a designated class start when at least 8 boats intend to race.

8. Racing Area

8.1. The racing area will be on the waters of Sydney Harbour to the east of Fort Denison and south of the Sow & Pigs reef.

9. The Course

9.1. The courses to be sailed, including the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side to which each mark is to be left are shown in Attachments One and Two.

9.2. The course designation shall be indicated by an alphanumerical designator (for example L2) on the stern of the Start Vessel and this may be changed for different Flight starts.

10. Marks

10.1. The Start Vessel will show the Woollahra SC flag.

10.2. Marks 1, 2, 3 and 3S will be orange inflatable with the WSC burgee.

10.3. Mark O will be a yellow inflatable with the WSC burgee.

10.4. The start mark will be a white inflatable with the WSC burgee.

10.5. The finish mark will be a blue inflatable with the WSC burgee.

11. The Start

11.1. The starting sequence will be three minutes, and this changes Racing Rule 26.

- Warning signal at 3 minutes,
- Preparatory signal at 2 minutes,

- Removal of preparatory flag at 1 minute,
- Removal of warning flag at start.

11.2. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Start Vessel at the starboard end and the white start mark at the port end.

11.3. Boats not racing and whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

11.4. The Start Vessel may hold position by using engines. Any effects will not be grounds for granting redress. This alters Racing Rules 60.1(b) and 62.

11.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS. This changes Racing Rules 35, A4 and A5.

12. Finish

12.1. The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Start Vessel and the blue finish mark. However, Moth, Waszp, Wind Foil, Wing Foil classes will finish in accordance with Attachment Two.

13. Time Limit

13.1. The time limit for completion of a Race will be 20 minutes for the first boat to reach the first mark or one hour for the first boat to sail the course.

13.2. Any boat finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat in her division will be scored a DNF.

14. Protests

14.1. Protests shall be lodged in writing at the WSC office, on the form available from the office, within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat to finish in the last race of the day.

14.2. In the event of a protest, the protest committee reserves the right to mediate with both parties to reach a binding decision.

14.3. Protests will be heard at the WSC clubhouse as soon as practicable and approximately in order of receipt (this may be the following Sunday). The time and date of a hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15. Advertising

15.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

16. Prizes

16.1. Prizes will be awarded as determined by Woollahra Sailing Club.

17. Port Regulations

17.1. All boats must abide by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea as modified by Schedule 4 of the NSW Marine Safety Regulation 2016. Any infringement may render an offending boat subject to disqualification.

17.2. All boats must keep clear of ferries operating to a scheduled timetable by 200m ahead and 50m to the side.

18. Support Boats

18.1. Only event appointed race committee and coach boats may enter the racing area. Only event appointed coaches are permitted to have direct interaction with competitors during each racing session.

18.2. Support boats and private coach boats shall stay at least 75 metres outside racing lay lines from the time of the preparatory signal until the finish of the last boat in any race, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

18.3. When the wind is less than 10 knots support vessels shall not exceed 5 knots within 200m of the area where boats are racing. Additionally coach and support boats shall not exceed 5 knots and shall not create wake at any time when they are within 100m of the starting area.

18.4. Breaches of Instructions 18.1 and 18.2 will result in each sailor associated with that support or coach boat being penalised 5 points in each race of that session without a hearing. This amends the Introductory Rules of Sailing. Further action may be taken from the Race Committee against the support personnel and/or any boats supported by them.

18.5. All support vessels shall carry a VHF Radio and monitor VHF CH 77. The Race Committee may request support boats to assist all classes racing.

18.6. Support personnel, parents are to adhere by the Woollahra Sailing Club ‘Code of Conduct’. A breach can led to losing club membership. The club 'Code of Conduct' can be found on the Woollahra Sailing Club website.

19. Risk and Responsibility

19.1. All those taking part in Club racing do so at their own risk and responsibility. Woollahra Sailing Club Limited is not responsible for any damage or injury ashore or on the water, nor for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted, nor for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Club reserves the right to refuse an entry.

19.2. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rules, and in particular Rule 4, which states, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

20. Event Disclaimer

20.1. It is the competitor’s decision to enter an event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that sailing involves inherent risks and that their participation in an event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in an event, competitors waive any liability for, and further and/or in the alternative indemnify Woollahra Sailing Club Limited, its officers, members, servants, employees and agents, whether paid or unpaid in respect of all claims, suits, demands, actions for damages or claims for compensation or other claims as may seem open to them for any personal injury, including defamation, or property damage arising from, in connection with, or howsoever arising from their intended participation in or actual participation in any event either organised by Woollahra Sailing Club Limited or in which Woollahra Sailing Club Limited has any interest as an organiser, facilitator, adviser, or provider of facilities. In accordance with clause 25 of the relevant Aquatic Licences competitors are advised that the organiser’s insurances do not cover competitors for injury or loss sustained as a result of participating in this event.

21. Insurance

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $10,000,000 per event.

22. Rights to use Name and Likeness

22.1. By participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to Woollahra Sailing Club Limited the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, any motion still or live pictures, taped or film television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the event without compensation in cash or in kind.

23. Further information

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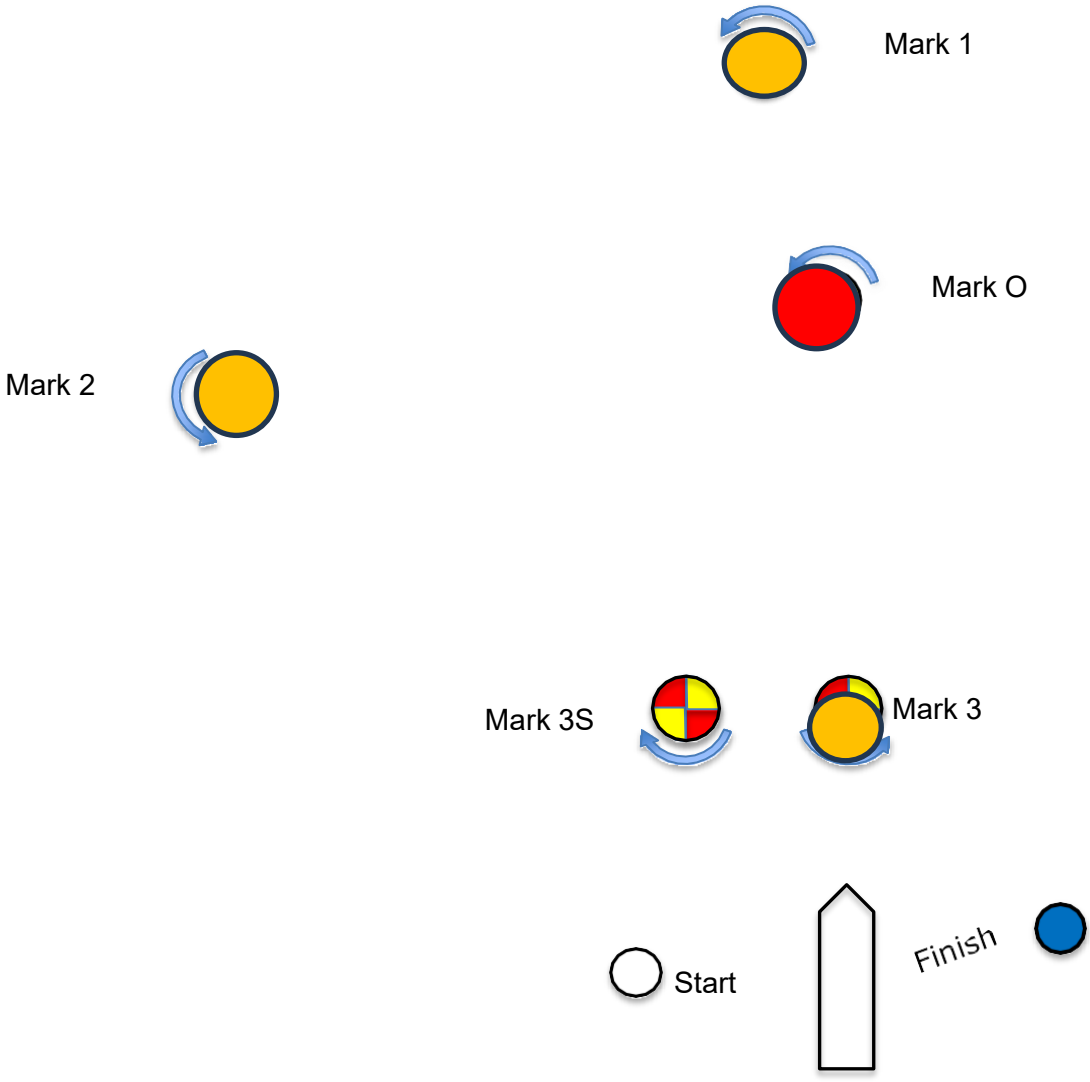
Attachment One

Course Description for General Fleet

All mark roundings to Port, except 3S which is to Starboard and forms a gate with 3. If any fleet is doing a Triangular course, then the Windward / Leeward courses will only have a mark 3. Mark 3S will not be laid.

Designation	Description	Order of Mark Rounding
L1	Windward/Leeward	S – 1 – 3 – F
L2	Windward/Leeward	S – 1 – 3/3S – 1 – 3 – F
L3	Windward/Leeward	S – 1 – 3/3S – 1 – 3/3S – 1 – 3 – F
T1	Triangular	S – O – 2 – 3 – O – 3 – F
T2	Triangular	S – O – 2 – 3 – O – 2 – 3 – O – 3 – F
O1	Windward/Leeward	S – O – 3 – F
O2	Windward/Leeward	S – O – 3/3S – O – 3 – F
O3	Windward/Leeward	S – O – 3/3S – O – 3/3S – O – 3– F



24. Attachment Two

Moth/Waszp/Wind Foil/Wing Foil Fleet only

25. Blue Flag

The starting process is informal and agreed between sailors on the day.

Finishing. When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the committee boat at the finish will immediately display a blue flag with a sound. (The race committee may simultaneously display a blue flag at Mark 1). The Blue Flag will be removed at the end of the finish window time (10 minutes). When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, all boats that cross the finishing line within the finish window time after the leading boat has finished shall be deemed to finish, irrespective of the number of laps they have completed.
Their position in the race will be noted from their finishing order and number of completed laps with those having the most laps being recorded ahead of those with fewer completed laps. Boats that have only completed one lap shall be ranked behind boats that have completed two laps. Boats that have completed two laps shall be ranked behind boats that have completed three laps. This changes Racing Rules 28.1 and A4.