



QUEENSCLIFF CUP 2026 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (completev2)

QUEENSCLIFF CRUISING YACHT CLUB INC.

In Conjunction with QUEENSCLIFF LONSDALE YACHT CLUB

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1. RULES

All races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* of the ISAF, the prescriptions of the AS and the Sailing Instructions issued by the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club Inc. ("QCYC") and the Sailing Instructions issued by the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club ("QLYC") pertaining to the Lonsdale Bight Race. (Lonsdale Bight also known as Victory Bight)

Yachts will comply with Addendum "A", AS Special Regulations Section, Part 1, Section 2, Category 5 (Keel boats and trailables), Category 7 ("Couta" Boats) and the appropriate class rules or as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

All competing vessels must carry a functioning VHF radio tuned to **VHF Channels 16 and 72**

2 ENTRIES.

2.1 Eligible yachts shall have complied with entry conditions as per Notice of Race.

2.2 All competing yachts will come within hailing distance of the Race Committee Vessel and ensure the Race Committee has registered their Sail Number(mainsail) or yacht name and the number of People on Board (POB) before the commencement of each Race.

2.2 Yachts shall comply with their respective class rules and may be disqualified for non-compliance after protest.

2.3 QCYC reserves the right to reject any entry.

2.4 All those taking part in the Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. QCYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Ref. Section 1, Fundamental Rules and Definitions: Fundamental Rule 4. By participating in a race under these racing rules, each competitor and yacht owner agrees: a) To be governed by the rules. b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules; and c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal.

2.5 Each yacht must be insured with an appropriate insurer against 3rd party liability with current cover for such liability of not less than \$10 million.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the QCYC notice board located on the ground floor of the clubhouse, and maybe repeated on **VHF Channel 72**. Any change to these Sailing Instructions including race schedules maybe advised by radio **VHF Channel 72** up until 30 minutes before the scheduled warning time.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE, OR BY RADIO.

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag mast situated on the western balcony, upper storey of the QCYC Clubhouse. Those vessels not at the QCYC Wharf may be contacted by radio or text SMS.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, competitors will be advised by radio **VHF Channel 72**, or text SMS when it is lowered and the new starting time.

5. RACE SCHEDULE

5.1 Saturday 4th April Race 1 Warning 10:55hr. Race 2 Lonsdale Bight Race Bob Irwin Trophy Div.1 Warning 13:45hr

Sunday 5th April Race 3 Warning 10:55hr. Race 4 Warning after Race3. Race 5 Warning after Race 4. **PLEASE NOTE DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS 3.00am Sunday 5th April.**

5.2. One extra race may be conducted on a particular day, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5.3 The last Warning signal on each race day shall be made no later than 1545hr.

5.4. All races to be counted toward the outcome of the **Queenscliff Cup**.

5.5. Races 3 and 4 shall be counted toward the **Queenscliff Commodore's Trophy** involving Female Helms. The nominated female helm for the Female Helms Races shall be advised by radio VHF 72 or SMS to the Race Officer prior to the warnings for Races 3 and 4.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class flag shall be Code Flag R. The Lonsdale Bight Race may have more than 1 Division, the Class flags for these divisions will be advised at the QLYC and QCYC briefings.

7. COURSE AREA

7.1 The Races 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be conducted in an area adjacent to the Queenscliff Harbour entrance, and to the East of Swan Island, refer to Addenda B. Race 2, the **Lonsdale Bight Race**, will be conducted in an area adjacent to the Queenscliff Harbour entrance, Pope's Eye Annulus and Victory Shoal.

7.2 Port Philip Heads is a "Designated Hazardous Area" and PDF1 Lifejackets must be worn by all crew whilst sailing in all the waters between an imaginary line drawn between Shortland Bluff and Point Nepean and within 3 nautical miles to seaward of Point Lonsdale.

7.3. Competitors are reminded to observe the right of way of commercial vessels, especially the **Sorrento-Queenscliff Car Ferry, Merchant Shipping**, commercial dive/tour vessels and the restrictions associated with moored fishing boats.

7.4. All competing vessels must pass to the **East or Seaward** of the red pile at the entrance to the Queenscliff cut.

7.5. The courses are in an area experiencing strong tidal currents and flows, and this can be hazardous to yachts rounding fixed marks. Each Skipper should note tidal conditions on race days.

8. MARKS

8.1. The courses will be around fixed marks; refer to Addendums A and B for approximate positions and courses. Fixed Marks involved in the courses for Races 1,3,4 and 5 shall include QA, Swan Spit (SS), WC Pile #2, WC Pile#3 and an anchored buoy, designated Wedge Buoy, a blue and white buoy with a yellow stripe and black letters "QLYC", approximately 100m to the West of the Wedge. All marks in courses 1 to 8 shall be rounded to Port see Addendum B. The longer Race course may include Swan Spit, WC Pile #4, Pope's Eye Annulus, Pope's Eye Mark, Parks Inner, Draper's, Q Creek Mark. The Marks' latitude and longitude may be referred to in Addendum D4.

8.2 COURSES. The course to be sailed in any given Race shall be designated by the appropriate **Numeral Pendant** displayed on the Committee Vessel and may be communicated prior to the Warning signal via **VHF Channel 72. The Lonsdale Bight Course** shall be designated by the appropriate **Numeral Pendants**.

9. THE START

The Start shall be between an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Vessel “**Swan**” or nominated committee vessel for the day, positioned at the starboard end of the start line, and a mark of the course or red/orange buoy situated at right angles to the true wind (where possible).

10. THE FINISH

The Finishing Line shall be between the QCYC/QLYC burgees displayed on the Committee Boat and a red/orange buoy or mark of the course.

11. SHORTENED OR ABANDONED RACE AFTER THE START

A Shortened Course and/or Abandoned Course after the Start will be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 32 and Race Signals at a mark of the course.

12. TIME LIMIT

A Time Limit of 2 (Two) hours will be set for each Race with the exception of the Lonsdale Bight Race, whose Time Limit will be advised prior to the Start of Race 2

13 SCORING

Scoring shall be based on PHS. The handicap will be based on a BCH instituted for subsequent races. No yacht shall use a spinnaker in Races 3, 4, or 5 unless flown and set in Race 1.

14. PRESENTATION

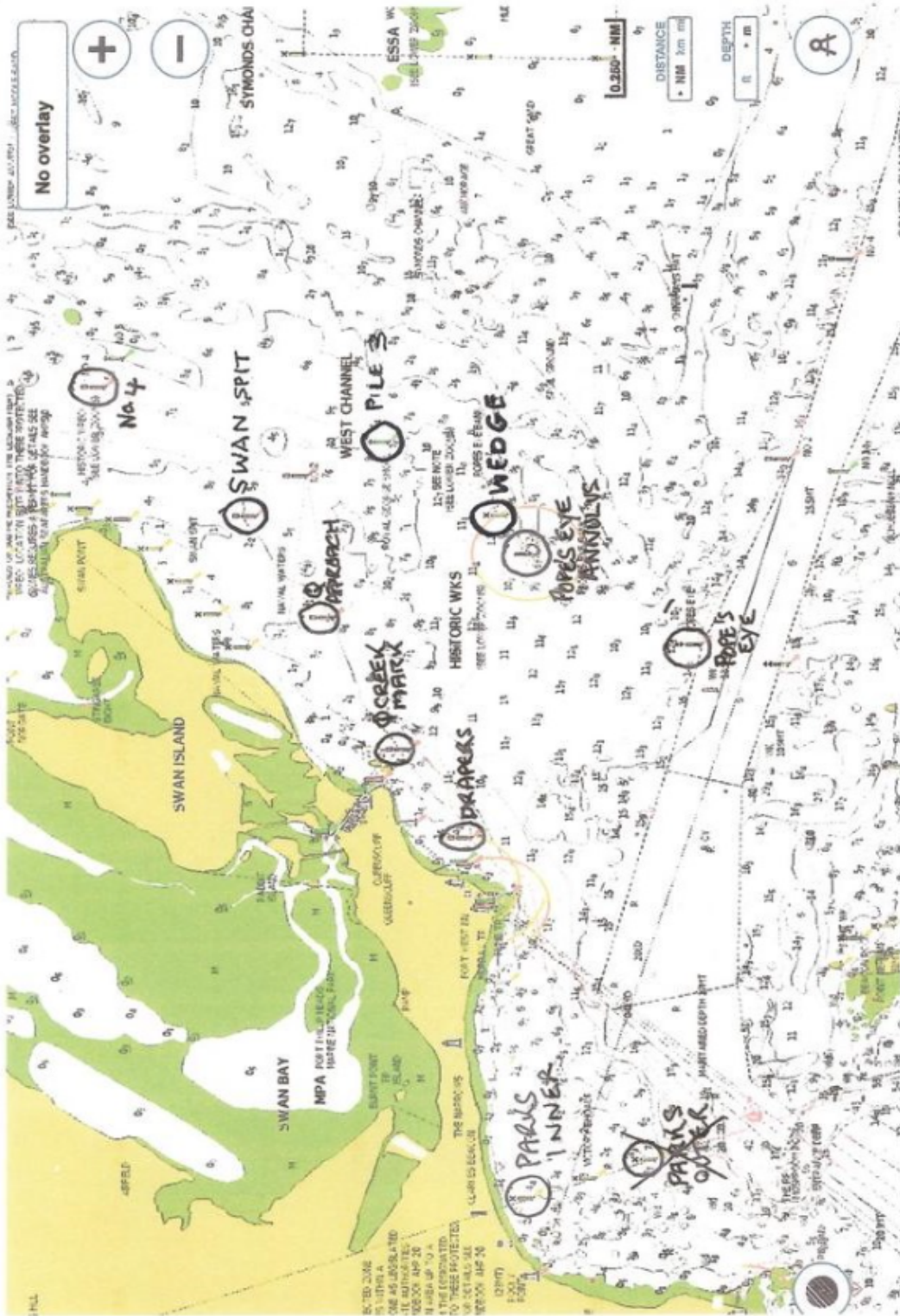
The Presentation of trophies will be held after the last race on the 5th April (unless there is a resail on Monday 6th April) in the Clubhouse at a time to be announced by the Race Director, Club Captain Michael Phelan, in consultation with the Commodores of QLYC and QCYC.

15. PROTESTS

Protests may be lodged with the Race Director.

Race Director: Michael Phelan, Club Captain QCYC.

ADDENDUM A QUEENSLIFF CUP FIXED MARKS



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

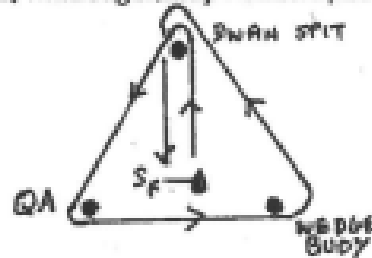
ADDENDUM B THE COURSES D1

ADDENDUM B; THE COURSES

1 Northerly; Numeral Pendant 1

Start(near Wedge Buoy)->Swan Spit->QA->Wedge Buoy->Swan Spit->Finish

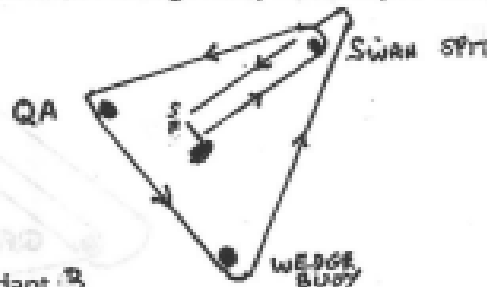
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2 North-Easterly; Numeral Pendant 2

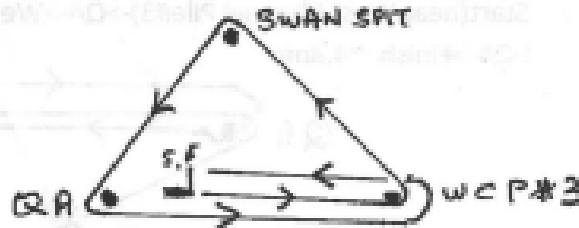
Start (near QA)->Swan Spit->QA->Wedge Buoy->Swan Spit->Finish

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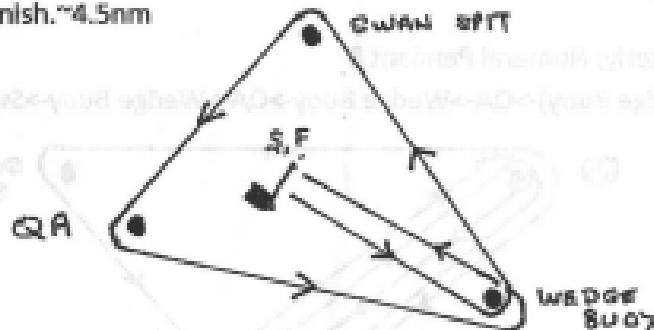
3 Easterly; Numeral Pendant 3

Start(near QA) ->West Channel Pile#3->Swan Spit->QA->West Channel Pile#3->Finish. ~4.4nm



4. South-Easterly; Numeral Pendant 4

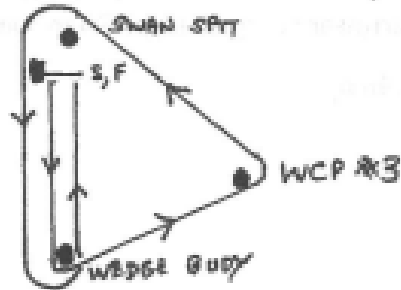
Start(near QA)->Wedge Buoy->Swan Spit->QA->Wedge Buoy->Finish. ~4.5nm



ADDENDUM B THE COURSES D2

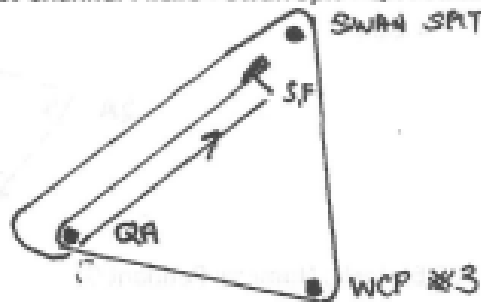
5. Southerly; Numeral Pendant 5

Start(near Swan Spit)->Wedge Buoy->West Channel Pile#3->Swan Spit->Wedge Buoy->Finish. ~4.4nm



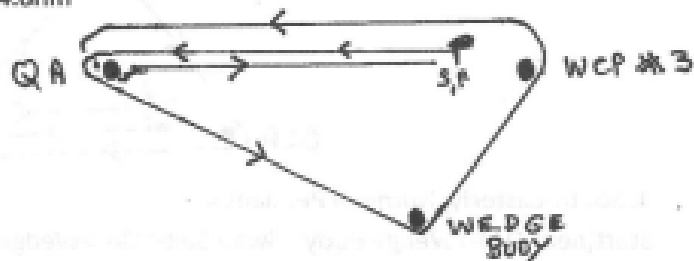
6. South-westerly; Numeral Pendant 6

Start(near Swan Spit)->QA->West Channel Pile#3->Swan Spit->QA->Finish ~3.9nm



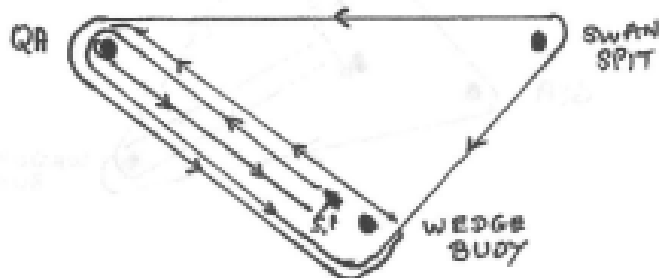
7. Westerly; Numeral pendant 7

Start(near West Channel Pile#3)->QA->Wedge Buoy->West Channel Pile#3->QA->Finish. ~4.8nm



8. North-Westerly; Numeral Pendant 8

Star(near Wedge Buoy)->QA->Wedge Buoy->QA->Wedge Buoy->Swan Spit->QA->Finish ~5.4nm



ADDENDUM D4 MARKS used by QLYC Lat-Longs

Marks used by QLYC in races			Dated January 2021
Mark	Latitude	Longitude	Common Name or place
Grass Beds	38: 15.9 S	144: 15.9 E	[Between Creek mark and QA]
Queenscliff Approach Pile	38: 15.7345 S	144: 41.4724 E	QA
Swan Spit Pile	38: 15.3931 S	144: 42.1490 E	Swan Spit
No.2 West Channel	38: 15.6175 S	144: 42.4154 E	Tuckey 2
No.3 West Channel	38: 15.9710 S	144: 42.6348 E	Start of West Channel
Creek Mark Pile	38: 16.0637 S	144: 40.5919 E	Entrance to Creek
Drapers Pile	38: 16.3309 S	144: 40.0069 E	Drapers Pile
Bell Rock	38: 16.5016 S	144: 39.5995 E	Edge of Shortlands Bluff
Inner Parks Mark	38: 16.5960 S	144: 37.6195 E	Parks North
Outer Parks Mark	38: 17.1348 S	144: 37.8700 E	Parks South
Pope's Eye Pile	38: 17.3322 S	144: 41.2764 E	Sth Channel mark (west)
Coles Channel Light	38: 14.3241 S	144: 42.2924 E	Coles or White Lady
No.4 West	38: 14.7332 S	144: 43.0083 E	West Channel Mark 4
No.5 West	38: 14.8112 S	144: 43.1884 E	West Channel Mark 5
No.6 West	38: 13.9192 S	144: 43.4600 E	West Channel Mark 6
No.7 West	38: 13.9824 S	144: 43.6566 E	West Channel Mark 7
No.8 West	38: 13.0391 S	144: 43.9642 E	West Channel Mark 8
No.9 West	38: 13.0287 S	144: 44.3978 E	West Channel Mark 9
No.3 Coles	38: 12.9424 S	144: 42.8124 E	Coles Channel Mark 3
No.1 Coles	38: 13.7853 S	144: 42.4911 E	Coles Channel Mark 1
No.10 West	38: 12.3605 S	144: 44.4735 E	West Channel Mark 10
No.11 West	38: 12.3666 S	144: 44.9880 E	West Channel Mark 11
West Channel Pile	38: 11.5750 S	144: 45.3930 E	
No.13 West Channel	38: 11.9411 S	144: 45.8422 E	West Channel Mark 13
St Leonards No.3	38: 10.3558 S	144: 43.5253 E	Off Pier at St Leonards
No.5 Coles Channel	38: 11.9615 S	144: 43.1832 E	Coles Channel Mark 5
No.7 Coles Channel	38: 11.1311 S	144: 43.4966 E	Coles Channel Mark 7
No. 6 South Channel	38:18.2 S	144: 45.57 E	
No. 2 South Channel	38:17.75 S	144:42.5 E	