



QUEENSCLIFF LONSDALE YACHT CLUB INC. A8634

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CLUB RACING - SEASON 2025 - 2026

Saturday 25 October 2025 to Sat 18 April 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(These SIs do not include Cole Cup, Channels Race, or Around Mud Island races)

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the Australian Sailing (AS) Racing Rules of Sailing, the AS Special Regulations Part 1 and the Notice of Race.
- 1.2 Yachts will comply with AS Category 5 (keel boats and trailable) or Category 7 (Couta boats) and the appropriate class rules.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be **posted before 0900 on the day** of the race it will take effect, except that any change to the **schedule** of races will be posted by **2000 on the day before** it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction **may be made on the water** by the Race Committee from the Race Committee Vessel prior to the warning signal, by displaying Flag 3rd substitute with three sounds. Further instructions will be issued by VHF Radio on Channel 72.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [official notice board](#)
- 3.2 A briefing will be held prior to each day's racing to which all skippers or their representative must attend.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be VHF Channel 72.
- 3.4 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 The number and composition of divisions will be announced at a briefing.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry is open to all boats **on the QLYC Vessel register**
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats with valid Safety Compliance Declaration certificates and Insurance.
- 4.3 All sailors must be members of the QLYC either as a financial member or a temporary member through the Sailpass system.

5 FEES

- 5.1 No boat entry fee is payable.
- 5.2 For all **QLYC Club members** crewing on each race day, a fee of \$2 is payable at briefing.

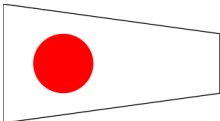

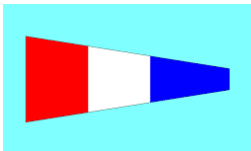
- 5.3 All **non-Club member** sailors must register as a temporary member via the [online SailPass](#) system, and pay the applicable fee.

6 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 6.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class divisions will be

Class and or Division	Flag Description
Division 1	 <p>Numeral Pennant 1</p>
Division 2	 <p>Numeral Pennant 2</p>
Division 3	 <p>Numeral Pennant 3</p>

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the “QLYC Standard Courses 2026” which are available from the [Official Notice Board](#) located on the QLYC web site.
- 8.2 Any additional “Special “ courses will be posted on the Official Notice Board on race days where these courses will be used.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course number to be sailed on a course board on the side of the vessel .
- 8.3 When **Flag R** is displayed with the course number, the course shall be sailed in reverse, leaving marks on the opposite side to that described in the Course book.
- 8.4 [The marks including their approximate GPS positions are listed here](#) and in the “QLYC Standard Courses 2023-2026”

9 Hazards

- 9.1 Hazards in the form of sandbars, reefs, etc. occur over the course with extensive sandbars and tidal flats in the vicinity of Swan Island, the Wedge, and the Annulus. Shoaling in some areas may mean the location and depth of sandbars may not be as exactly indicated on the chart.
- 9.2 All boats must pass to the east of the red pile at the entrance to the Queenscliff Cut while racing.
- 9.3 The course area experiences strong tidal currents. This can be a particular hazard in the vicinity of fixed structures and piles.
- 9.4 Draper's Reef lies approximately 100m inshore of Drapers Pile.
- 9.5 Port Phillip Heads is a “designated hazardous area” and PFD1 life jackets 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.

- 9.6 The Sorrento-Queenscliff car ferry has right of way. It approaches Queenscliff at approximately 20 minutes to the hour and is scheduled to depart on the hour. The skipper of a vessel disadvantaged by the movement of the ferry may request redress .
- 9.7 Yachts must remain a safe distance from Dive Charter boats and moored fishing vessels.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72 . Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.1 (a), A5.1 and A5.3.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 11.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee by the close of protest time.
- 11.3 At the discretion of the race officer, a finishing line may be set either to port or starboard of a fixed mark when the course is shortened. In such cases the rounding mark that is selected for the shortened course finish ceases to be a rounding mark and becomes one end of the finish line. It is the obligation of the finishing vessel to pass between the committee boat and the fixed mark from the direction of the previous rounding mark. In this case an S flag will be displayed to replace the blue flag indicating the finish line.
- 11.4 In Stern Chaser races, the finish line shall be between the blue flag displayed on the Committee boat (to starboard) and the next mark of the course (to port), after the time limit elapses.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), are shown in the table below.

Division	Race Time Limit*
Division 1	3 Hours and 10 minutes
Division 2	3 Hours and 20 minutes
Division 3	3 Hours and 30 minutes

- 12.2 No race will start after 15.00
- 12.3 Failure to meet the Race Time Limit will not be grounds for redress.
This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 12.4 Boats still racing after her time limit expires will be scored " Time Limit Expired" (**TLE**) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 61.1(a), A5.1 and A5.3.
A boat scored TLE, shall be scored points for the finishing place, one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the finishing window.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

- 13.2 For the Couta boat class RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 Handicapping and SCORING

- 14.1 Boats will be allocated a performance handicap by the Handicapping Committee.
- 14.2 Boats will be allocated to divisions by the Handicapping Committee.
- 14.3 The Australian Sailing Performance Handicap system (or a local variation) shall be used.
- 14.4 Allocated Handicaps shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes to RRS 61.1(a)
- 14.5 The RRS Low Point System (Appendix A4) will be used.
- 14.6 A minimum of two boats are required to start in a race for that race to be scored. This changes RRS A4 and A5
- 14.7 **Rule A5.3** applies.
- 14.8 Boats that join the series after one or more completed races will be scored as DNC for each earlier race.
- 14.9 (a) **6** races are required to be completed to constitute the Aggregate series.
(b) **3** races are required to be completed to constitute the Ray Maki series.
(c) **3** races are required to be completed to constitute the Cec Anderson series.
- 14.6 (a) The Aggregate series score shall be the total of her race scores as denoted in the Schedule of races as "Aggregate "races and excluding her worst scores per SI 14.7
- 14.6 (b) The Cec Anderson and Ray Maki series score shall be the total of her race scores
- 14.7 (a) For the Aggregate series when fewer than **9** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) For the Aggregate series when from **10** to **12** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) For the Aggregate series when **13** or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 14.8 If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst and at the first point where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s), no excluded scores shall be used. If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be awarded equal place. This changes RRS Rule A8.2
- 14.9 In the event a boat cannot race where they are rostered to perform race management duties, they will be scored as follows:
(a) For the aggregate series , the boat's score will be her average score from the previous 5 aggregate races started and scored within the current racing season. If 5 races have not been started and scored, she will be given an average score once enough races have been started and scored.
(b) For both the Ray Maki and Cec Anderson series, a boat's average score will be her average score over the series.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat [in that class] finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Club Captain or Race Officer, or on the Official Notice Board
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours 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, with location and hearing dates and times to be determined.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 All boats shall contact the race committee vessel on VHF radio Channel 72, at least 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal to advise their intention to race and number of People on Board (POB). Any changes of crew must be communicated to ensure crew names are recorded.
- 16.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.3 A boat which has crossed the finish line will be deemed to have signed off.
- 16.4 Yachts with retractable keels must only race with the keel locked in the full down position at all times. Coute boats are exempt from this rule.
- 16.5 Where a yacht is sailed single handed, the skipper must wear a PFD 1 and use a safety harness connected to the vessel at all times.
- 16.6 Crew shall be at least one person over 14 years of age unless Rule 16.5 of these Sailing Instructions is complied with.
- 16.7 Crews of yachts without lifelines and/or crew under the age of 12 years shall wear buoyancy vests, PFD or life jackets.

17 IDENTIFICATION

- 17.1 All QLYC boats must fly the QLYC burgee. Visiting boats must fly their own club burgee.

18 WASTE DISPOSAL

- 18.1 Boats shall not put waste in the water.

19 RESULTS

- 19.1 Provisional results may be announced at the clubhouse after the race.
- 19.2 After 24 hours and before 72 hours results will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 19.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 90.3(a), (b), (c) and (d), there shall be no changes to race or series scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 48 hours after the results are published. This Changes rule 90.3 (e)