



Australian Championships 2015

Sailing Instructions

The organising authority is Humpybong Yacht Club in conjunction with the Australian Formula 18 Catamaran Association.

1 Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Safety Regulations, Part 2 of Yachting Australia will apply.
- 1.3 The rules and regulations of Maritime Safety Queensland and safety policies of Humpybong Yacht Club.
- 1.4 The Racing Rules of Formula 18 Events published by the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association will apply.
- 1.5 All officials, coaches, parents and sailors are to abide by Yachting Australia's, Yachting Queensland's and Humpybong Yacht Club's Codes of Conduct, Member Protection Policies, Child Protection Policies and other applicable Government Acts and Regulations. These are available on each organisation's website.

2 Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs at the Humpybong Yacht Club.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions:

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals made ashore:

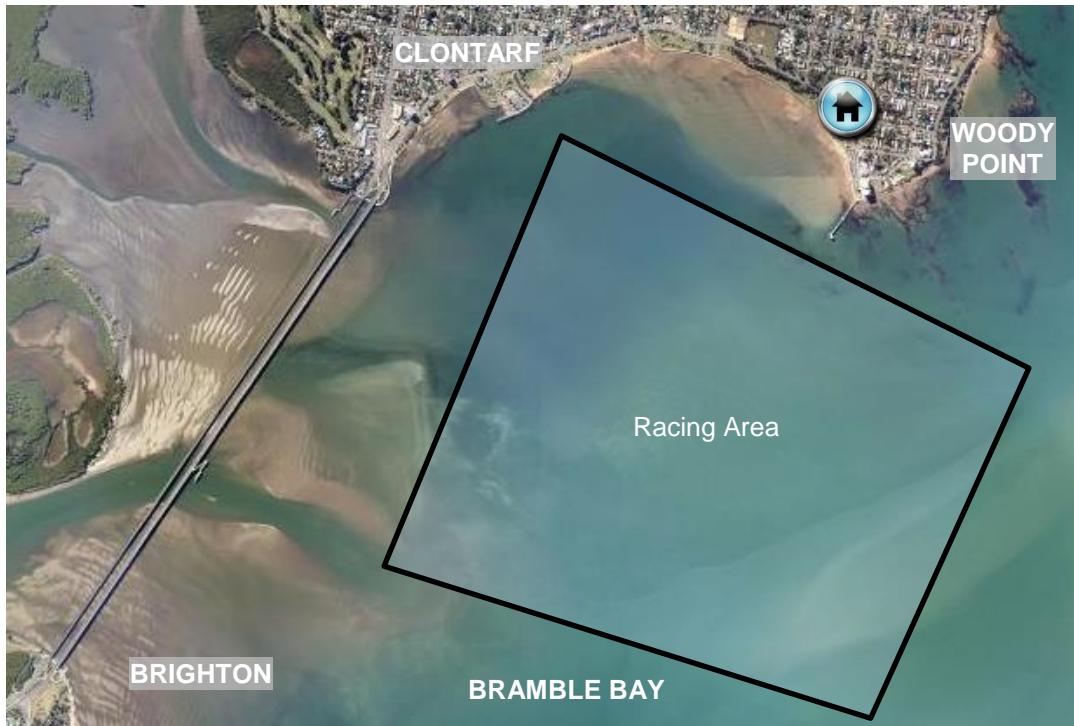
- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast in front of the Humpybong Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 Schedule:

- 5.1 Dates of racing
 - Friday 23rd January, with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 13:00
 - Saturday 24th January, with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 10:30
 - Sunday 25th January, with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 10:30
 - Monday 26th January, with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 10:30
- 5.2 Briefing
 - Friday 23rd January 2015 at 10:00
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 Races on each day will be conducted back to back unless flag "AP" over "H" is flying at the finish line in which case competitors should return to shore where further signals will be made regarding remaining races to be sailed.

6 Racing Areas:

The diagram below shows the location of the racing areas.



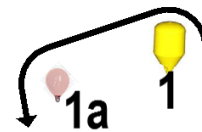
7 The Courses:

- 7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation (number of laps) and may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 7.2 The diagram below shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Signal	Course	Mark Rounding Order
Numeral Pennant 2	2 Laps	Start – 1 – 1a – 2a/2b – 1 – 1a – Finish
Numeral Pennant 3	3 Laps	Start – 1 – 1a – 2a/2b – 1 – 1a – 2a/2b – 1 – 1a – Finish
Numeral Pennant 4	4 Laps	Start – 1 – 1a – 2a/2b – 1 – 1a – 2a/2b – 1 – 1a – 2a/2b – 1 – 1a – Finish

8 Marks:

- 8.1 Marks
1, 2a and 2b are large inflatable yellow buoys.
1a is a white tear-drop with orange netting
- 8.2 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat and a nearby yellow pencil buoy.



9 Areas that are Obstructions:

- 9.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:
-The Woody Point Jetty including an exclusion zone extending 30m around the jetty structure.
- 9.2 Competitors should be aware of the reefs to the east of the Woody Point Jetty. These reefs are dangerous at all tide levels and competitors should avoid this area.



10 The Start:

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a post displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.



11 Change of the next leg of the course:

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, 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 boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

12 The Finish:

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a post displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the port end and the starboard-end finishing mark.

13 Penalty System:

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

14 Time Limits:

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat of each division shall be 90 minutes after the start signal, for all races.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress:

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat racing finishes the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and to requests for redress related to facts that happened while racing. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Humpybong Yacht Club at the time posted.
- 15.4 Breaches of instructions 21, and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 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 rule 62.2.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 Twelve races are scheduled for the event. No more than five races will be sailed per day.
- 16.2 A total of at least four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3
 - (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 Sign-on and Sign-off: All competitors intending to start shall complete a Race Entry Sheet provided in the 'Sign-on' area at the club before the warning signal for each race. All competitors shall 'Sign-off' on the Race Entry Sheet within 60 minutes of the last boat racing finishing for the day. Failure to sign on or off may result in protest by the Race Committee. A boat that breaks this instruction will be scored points as provided in rule 44.3 c) without a hearing. The penalty will be 5 points. This changes rule A5.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 Replacement of crew or equipment:

- 18.1 Only equipment that has been measured or controlled at the regatta may be used.
- 18.2 Substitution of competitors or crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

- 18.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee and event measurer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. At the conclusion of a racing session on the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee member to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19.2 If a breach of a measurement rule is considered by the event measurer to be minor and such that it does not affect the performance or safety of a boat, the penalty may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

20 Official Boats

- 20.1 Official boats will be identified at the competitor briefing.

21 Support Boats

- 21.1 Support boats, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall be registered at the Race Office within the registration time (see schedule).
- 21.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22 Radio Communications

- 22.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 22.2 GPS tracking devices are allowed to be carried by competitors provided they are mounted or stored in such a way as to prevent any readout or screen from being viewed by the competitor while racing. Mobile devices such as mobile phones may be used as a GPS tracking device provided it is not used for making or receiving other radio transmissions while racing.
- 22.3 The Race Committee may provide GPS live tracking devices to allow a competitor's boat's position to be recorded during racing. Competitors nominated by the Race Committee to carry a tracker will be required to complete a Tracker Loan Form at registration and must carry the allocated tracking device at all times whilst racing as instructed.

23 Prizes

- 23.1 The regatta winner will obtain the title "2015 Formula 18 Catamaran Australian Open Champion", and will be awarded the Formula 18 Catamaran Australian Champion Perpetual Trophy.
- 23.2 Trophies/Medals will be awarded to:
Open: 1st to 5th
Generation 1: 1st to 3rd boats as identified by the F18 Association as Generation 1
Junior: 1st boat with skipper or crew under 18 year old
Female: 1st female skippered boat
Master: 1st boat with skipper over 50 years old
- 23.3 Age categories apply on the date of the first scheduled race.
- 23.4 The Organizing Authority may award additional prizes.

24 Disclaimer of Liability

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25 Insurance

- 25.1 All helmspersons shall have current third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.