



NACRA ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA INC.

2018 NATIONAL NACRA 15 AND NACRA 17 CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



HUMPYBONG YACHT CLUB
Woody Point QLD

5th – 9th January 2018



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The 2018 Australian Nacra 15 and Nacra 17 Championships (The Regatta) will be held at Humpybong Yacht Club, Queensland, Australia. The Organising Authority for this Regatta is Humpybong Yacht Club in conjunction with the Nacra Association of Australia (NAAI).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 –off the beach boats shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P - Special Procedures for Rule 42 shall apply.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.6. Appendix T of the World Sailing RRS (Arbitration) shall be amended as follows:
 - 1.6.1. A post-race penalty is 20% of the difference between her finishing place and the score for a DNF rounded up to the nearest whole number.
 - 1.6.2. The scores for the other boats shall not be changed
 - 1.6.3. The penalty shall not cause a boat to be scored worse than DNF
- 1.7. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.8. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules. All changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.9. All officials, coaches and sailors are to abide by Australian Sailing's, Yachting Queensland's and Humpybong Yacht Club's Codes of Conduct, Member 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 at the Humpybong Yacht Club

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one hour before the programmed start of racing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before the changes will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at Humpybong Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF REGATTA

- 5.1.

Date	Time	Schedule
Friday 5 th	1000 – 1700 hrs	Registration / Measurement
	1200 hrs	Competitor & Support Boat Briefing
	1400 hrs	Invitation Race



Saturday 6 th	0900 – 1200 hrs 1300hrs After last race	Registration / Measurement Racing up to 3 Races “Meet the Fleet” Barbeque sponsored by Nacra Australia Catamaran Centre
Sunday 7 th	0900 hrs	Racing up to 4 races
Monday 8 th	0900 hrs	Racing up to 4 races
Tuesday 9 th	0900 hrs Late afternoon	Racing Presentation

- 5.2. Registration shall be completed prior to the start of the first scheduled race.
- 5.3. The first signal for the first race will be not before 1300hrs on the first scheduled day of racing.
- 5.4. Competitors will be notified at 1700hrs on the evening before, of the time of first signal on the next day.
- 5.5. Races not sailed as scheduled may be rescheduled at the discretion of the organisers
- 5.6. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.7. On the last day of sailing, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs, subject to the discretion of the Principal Race Officer, who may extend this time.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flags will be the Numeral Pennant 1, 2 and 3 as applicable.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

8. COURSE

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment A show the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat will display the course to be sailed on a board from the rear of the Committee Boat.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Mark 1 will be a large yellow inflatable buoy.
- 9.2. Mark 1a will be a small white tear drop buoy.
- 9.3. Mark 2 will be a large orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.4. Mark 2a will be a small red tear drop buoy.
- 9.5. Marks 3S and 3P (gate marks) will be large orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.6. A new mark as provided in Instruction 12, will be similar in appearance to the mark it replaces

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:
 - 10.1.1. Within 50m of the Woody Point Jetty
 - 10.1.2. The reef located between the Woody Point Jetty and Otter Rock beacon

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started as per RRS Rule 26



- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end of the start line and a yellow pencil buoy.
- 11.3. An "anti-barging" buoy may be permanently streamed from the Race Committee boat for the start sequence of all or any races. The buoy is taken to be a permanent part of the committee boat and any competitor boat touching the buoy, or passing between it and the Race Committee boat, is taken to have touched the Committee boat.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A5 and 63.1.

12. **CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

13. **THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat, and a large inflatable yellow and black checked inflatable buoy set to windward of the Committee Boat

14. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty. The One-Turn penalty requires one tack and one gybe in the same direction.

15. **TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. Each race will have an expected target time of 30-40 minutes.
- 15.2. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 75 minutes.
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing, or at the discretion of the Race Officer a finish place may be awarded. This changes Rules 35, A5 and 63.1.

16. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Humpybong Yacht Club race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be delivered to the Principal Race Officer or his delegate within the required time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3. If the last race of the day has been abandoned or postponed the time limit will be 1 hour from the signalling of the abandonment or postponement.
- 16.4. An arbitration meeting will be held in accordance with Appendix T RRS prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
- 16.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6. 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.
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing must be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;



or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on the last scheduled day. This changes Rule 66.

- 16.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision must be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2(a).
- 16.9. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Manly.
- 16.10. Breach of Sailing Instruction 18 or 21 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1

- 16.11. A competitor may not protest on a question of measurement or equipment control later than the normal protest time applying to Race 1 except on the ground that there has been a subsequent alteration to the boat or its equipment.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point scoring system A4 will apply.
- 17.2. 12 races are scheduled of which 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. When less than five races have been completed the boats series score shall be the total of all race scores. When 5 – 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her ONE worst score. Where nine or more races are completed, the boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her TWO worst scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Competitors must sign on before each race on the forms provided at Humpybong Yacht Club. If races are sailed 'back to back', sign on must be done before the first race to be sailed.
- 18.2. Competitors must sign off on forms provided at Humpybong Yacht Club immediately on their return to shore and within 60 minutes of the last boat to finish the race, or, if races have been sailed 'back to back', sign off immediately on their return to shore and within 60 minutes of the last boat to finish the last of those races.
- 18.3. Boats failing to sign on/off may be scored a penalty of 4 places in their first resulted race.
- 18.4. Any competitor retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and sign off immediately on returning to shore.
- 18.5. All competitors shall wear approved personal flotation devices at all times while afloat and not just when racing.
- 18.6. All competitors shall wear a CE1385 approved helmet at all times while afloat.
- 18.7. Sailors are advised to carry sufficient water on board to cover each day of racing.
- 18.8. No races shall be started or continued if the average wind (measured over the previous 15 minutes) is less than 5 knots nor more than 22 knots. The Race Committee should also take into account the wave conditions to ensure safe sailing conditions.
- 18.9. Radio transmitters, radio receivers, portable phones and similar devices may be carried but shall only be used in relation to emergencies.
- 18.10. Screen-less GPS tracker devices are allowed.

19. REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITOR OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors or boats will not be permitted.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Officer or his delegate. Requests for substitution must be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3. Batten changes to replace damaged battens are permitted.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS



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- 20.1. Official Race Management boats may be marked by displaying the Humpybong Yacht Club burgee.



Attachment A

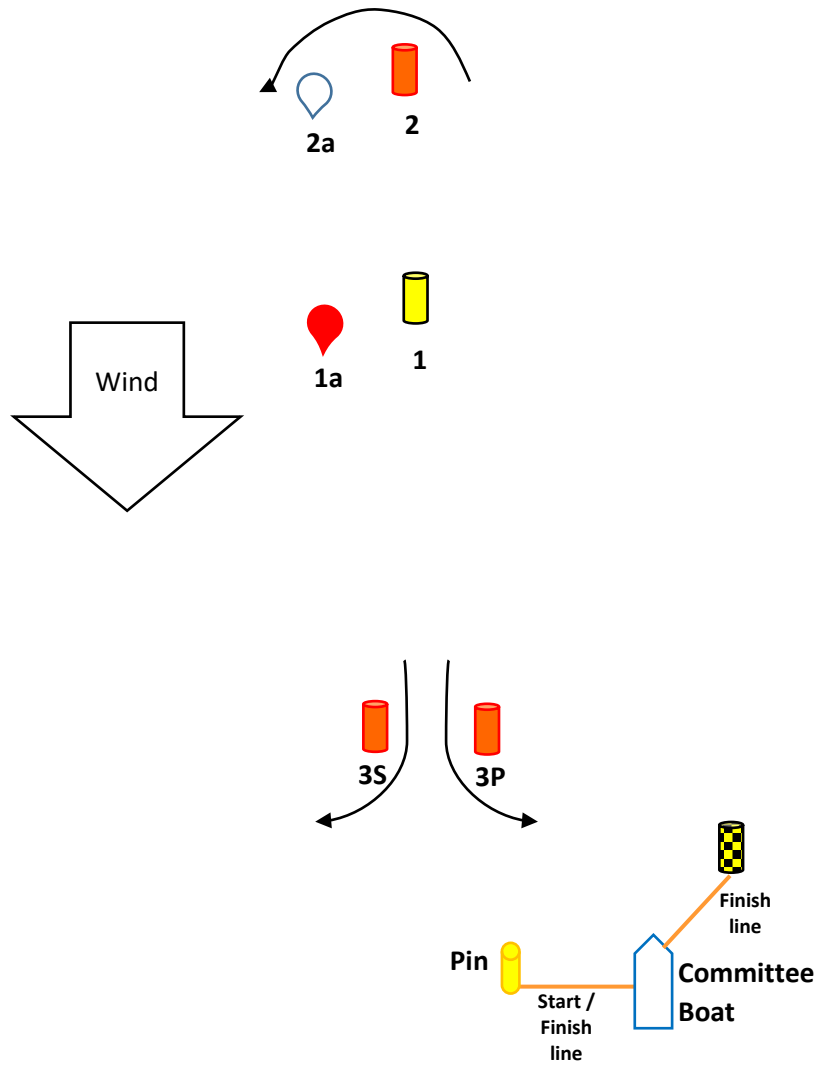
COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Course 1:** Start, 1, 1a, 3S/3P (gate); 1, 1a, 3S/3P (gate), Finish
- Course 2:** Start, 1, 1a, 3S/3P (gate); 1, 1a, 3S/3P (gate); 1, 1a, 3S/3P (gate), Finish
- Course 3:** Start, 1, 1a, 3S/3P (gate); 1, 1a, 3S/3P (gate); 1, 1a, 3S/3P (gate); 1, 1a, 3S/3P (gate), Finish
- Course 4:** Start, 2, 2a, 3S/3P (gate); 2, 2a, 3S/3P (gate), Finish
- Course 5:** Start, 2, 2a, 3S/3P (gate); 2, 2a, 3S/3P (gate); 2, 2a, 3S/3P (gate), Finish
- Course 6:** Start, 2, 2a, 3S/3P (gate); 2, 2a, 3S/3P (gate); 2, 2a, 3S/3P (gate); 2, 2a, 3S/3P (gate), Finish

Marks 1, 1a, 2 & 2a are to be left to Port, Mark 3S to Starboard and Mark 3P to Port.

Approximate Distances

Gate to Mark 1	0.7—1.2 Nm
Gate to Mark 2	0.7—1.5 Nm
Mark 1 to Mark 1a	70-90 m
Mark 2 to Mark 2a	70-90 m
Gate 3S to Gate 3P	70 m
Gate to Finish	100-300 m





Attachment B

Racing Area

- 2.1. The racing area will be on the waters of Bramble Bay on a course dedicated to only competitors of the Regatta.

