

Safety Beach Sailing Club

2026-2027

OTB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '**[DP]**' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

The notation '**[NP]**' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races. These may also be posted in the Sailor App and advised by message.
- 2.2 A change to the schedule of weekly races will be posted on the club website, Sailor App or e-news by 1200 hrs on the Friday before it will take effect. Changes posted in the Sailor App will be advised with a message.
- 2.3 A change to the schedule for a series of races run over consecutive days may be altered on any of the race days by 1800 hrs or the end of protest time, whichever is later. Changes to the first day of racing will be as per 2.2 above.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the passage downstairs outside the changing rooms at the Safety Beach SC.
- 3.2 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. **[DP]**

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag mast in the yard.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of events is contained in the Safety Beach Sailing Club OTB Sailing Program 2026-2027. The program is available on the club website on the Off the Beach Homepage of the On Water tab.
- 6.2 For the following Series' the maximum number of races scheduled based on 3 races a day are as follows:

Series	Races
Red Dolphin	21
Lions Club Dromana	21
Bendigo Bank	21
Winter Series	18

- 6.3 A maximum of 4 races may be sailed in a racing session. The race committee may only go 1 race ahead of the schedule.
- 6.4 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 **two** minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 DIVISION FLAGS

Division flags will be naval numerals:

Division 1 - Naval Numeral 1		Novice
Division 2 - Naval Numeral 2		Yardstick above 118.5 including ILCA6
Division 3 - Naval Numeral 3		Yardstick 113.01 to 118.5 including Impulse
Division 4 - Naval Numeral 4		Yardstick 102.01 to 113
Division 5 - Naval Numeral 5		Yardstick 77.01 - 102 inclusive
Division 6 - Naval Numeral 6		Yardstick Up to 77 inclusive

8 RACING AREA

In the vicinity of Safety Beach Sailing Club.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs and the mark rounding's for each division.
- 9.2 Mark A1 will be approximately 0.1-0.3nm windward of mark 1.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 9.5 Courses shall be identified on the course board by coinciding numbers.
- 9.6 In Courses 3, 4 and 5, mark 1a may be laid and if, so laid shall be passed on the same hand as mark 1.
- 9.7 In the absence of one of the Gate marks in Courses 3 and 4 the remaining mark shall be taken on the same hand as marks 1 and (1a).
- 9.8 In Courses 1, 2 and 5 where the angle at mark 2 is labelled 90°/60° the angle used will based on the wind strength prior to the start. In winds up to approximately 16/18 knots a 60° triangle may be set. In winds pushing over approximately 16/18 knots a 90° right angle triangle may be set.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will by default be yellow conical inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 The mark at the port end of the start line for all courses will be a Black and Yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy.
- 10.3 The mark at the port end of the finish line for courses 1, 2 and 3 will be a blue cylindrical inflatable buoy
- 10.4 The mark at the starboard end of the finish line for a **downwind** finish for courses 4 and 5 will be a Black and Yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy.
- 10.5 The mark at the port end of the finish line for an **upwind** finish for courses 4 and 5 will be a blue cylindrical inflatable buoy.
- 10.6 Mark (1a), if laid, will be an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy.
- 10.7 Mark A1 used for course 1 will be an orange Inflatable buoy.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: the mussel farm to the west as marked by four yellow buoys.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started as follows:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes</i>
Warning	Division Flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P or Starting Penalties as per RRS 30; 1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory Flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Division Flag removed; 1 sound	0

This changes RRS 26.

- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. **[DP]** **[NP]**
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within **10** minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 For courses 1, 2 and 3 the finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 13.2 For a downwind finish for courses 4 and 5 the finishing line is between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the finishing vessel at the port end and the course side of the finishing mark at the starboard end.
- 13.3 For an upwind finish for courses 4 and 5 the finishing line is between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the finishing mark at the port end.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44 is unchanged, however, the Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, shall not apply.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The target time for each division is 30 to 35 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in the division sails the course and finishes may be allocated an estimated finish time without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 For each division, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that division has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Tower.
- 16.3 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. Hearings will be held in the training room downstairs, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 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 RRS 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Low point scoring system; SBSC penalty schedule will apply.
- 17.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 (a) When fewer than **5** races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
(b) When **5** or more races have been completed the number of races excluded from a boat's series score is as per the table below:

Races Completed	Excluded Races
5 – 8	1
9 – 12	2
13 – 16	3
17 – 20	4
21 – 24	5
25 – 28	6
29+	7

- 17.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. **[DP]**
- 18.2 Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. **[DP]**

18.3 Sign-On/Off

- 18.3.1 All competitors **shall** sign-on before leaving the beach for a racing session. Failure to sign-on will result in the boat receiving a 5 point scoring penalty without a hearing for the first race in the session. No boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 18.3.2 All competitors **shall** sign-off when they come ashore within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. Failure to sign-off will result in the boat receiving a 5 point scoring penalty without a hearing for the last race in the session. No boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 18.3.3 To sign-on and sign-off each skipper shall use the SBSC Sailor App on a mobile phone or via the tablet located at the desk in the passage outside the change rooms downstairs.
- 18.4 Boats involved in an incident that results in or may result in material damage and/or injury to an individual **shall** report the matter to the club by completing an Incident Report form and submitting it to the club via the e-mail address specified on the form within 24 hours of the incident. Incident Report forms are available on the club website via the [SBSC Incident Form](#). Any boat found to have failed to comply shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. **[DP]**
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. **[DP]**

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection. **[DP]**
- 20.3 A multi-hulled yacht may have - in addition to all other safety requirements - in an easily accessible place and securely attached to a strong point at or about the front beam, a 'righting rope' or ropes, i.e. a length of rope(s) of sufficient length and strength to support all crew members simultaneously above water level with the rope extended from the anchorage point and over the gunwale of the uppermost hull when the yacht is capsized. Such rope(s) may be in addition, and may be separate to all other rigging and equipment, and may be used for the purpose of assisting to right the yacht after capsizes.

21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

21.1 Official vessels will fly the Safety Beach Sailing Club burgee.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. [\[NP\]](#)

23 PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

23.1.1 Club Championship: Perpetual Trophy for Overall Club Champion will be decided on the aggregate scores across the Red Dolphin, Bendigo Bank and Lions Club Dromana Series.
1st, 2nd & 3rd overall.

23.1.2 Performance Handicap trophy for 1st place on handicap.

23.1.3 Junior Club Champion trophy for 1st place on yardstick will be decided on the aggregate scores of only the Bendigo Bank and Lions Club Dromana Series.

23.2 All other Series: Division prizes based on Australian Sailing Class and Performance Handicaps depending on the number of competitors completing the series.

23.3 Commodore's Cup

- Performance Handicap trophy for 1st place on handicap, and
- Junior trophy for 1st place on handicap.

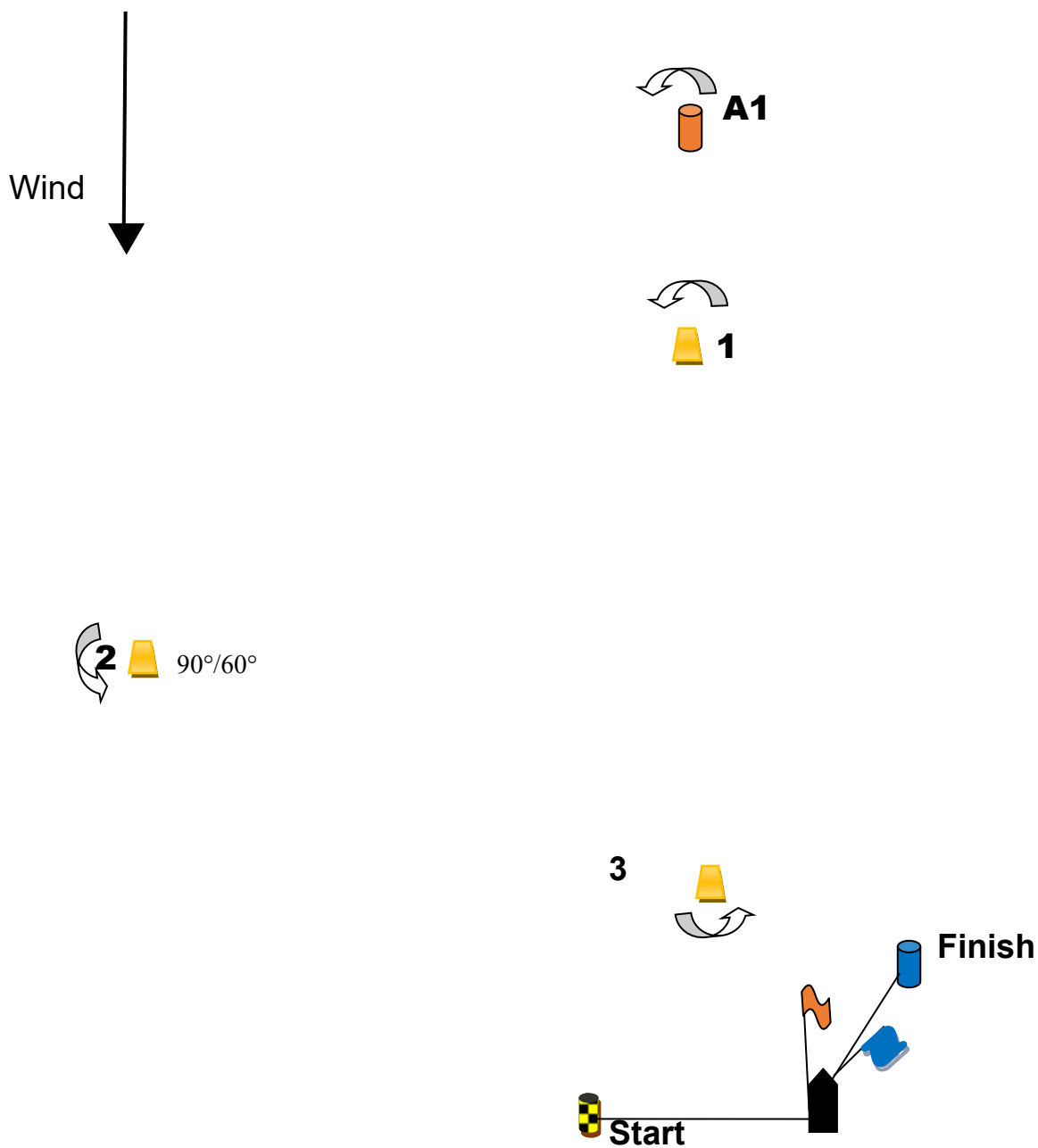
24 RISK STATEMENT

24.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

Attachment A: Course 1

Port course shown (internal angles)



Course 1

Division 1 course: Start -1-2-Finish

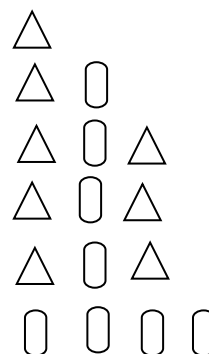
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Division 3 course: Start -1-2-3-1-3-1-2-Finish

Division 4 course: Start -1-2-3-1-3-1-2-Finish

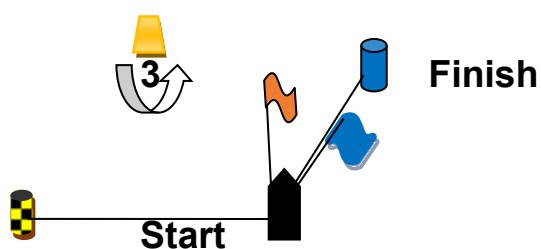
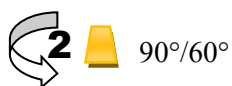
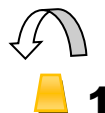
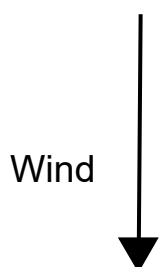
Division 5 course: Start -A1-3-A1-2-3-A1-3-Finish

Division 6 course: Start -A1-3-A1-3-A1-3-A1-3-Finish



Attachment A: Course 2

Port course shown (internal angles)



Course 2

Division 1 course: Start – 1-2-Finish

1x

Division 2 course: Start – 1-2-3-1-2-Finish

2x

Division 3 course: Start – 1-2-3-1-2-3-1-2-Finish

3x

Division 4 course: Start – 1-2-3-1-2-3-1-2-Finish

3x

Division 5 course: Start – 1-2-3-1-2-3-1-2-Finish

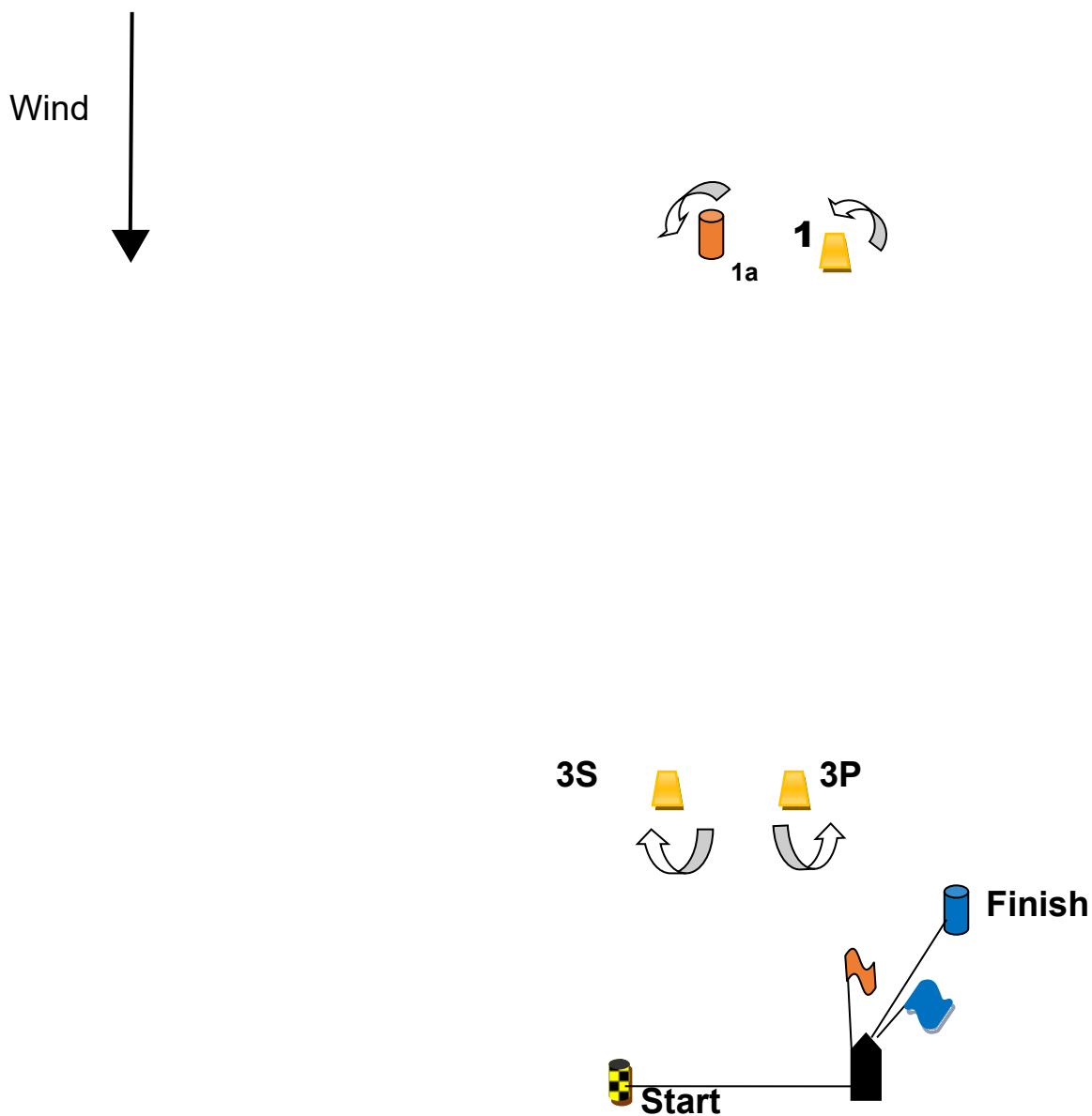
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Division 6 course: Start – 1-3-1-3-1-3-1-3-Finish

4x

Attachment A: Course 3

Port course shown (internal angles)



Course 3

Division 1 course: Start -1-(1a)-3P- Finish

1 x

Division 2 course: Start -1-(1a)-3S/3P-1-(1a)-3P – Finish

2 x

Division 3 course: Start -1-(1a)-3S/3P-1-(1a)-3S/3P-1-(1a)-3P – Finish

3 x

Division 4 course: Start -1-(1a)-3S/3P-1-(1a)-3S/3P-1-(1a)-3P – Finish

3 x

Division 5 course: Start -1-(1a)-3S/3P-1-(1a)-3S/3P-1-(1a)-3P – Finish

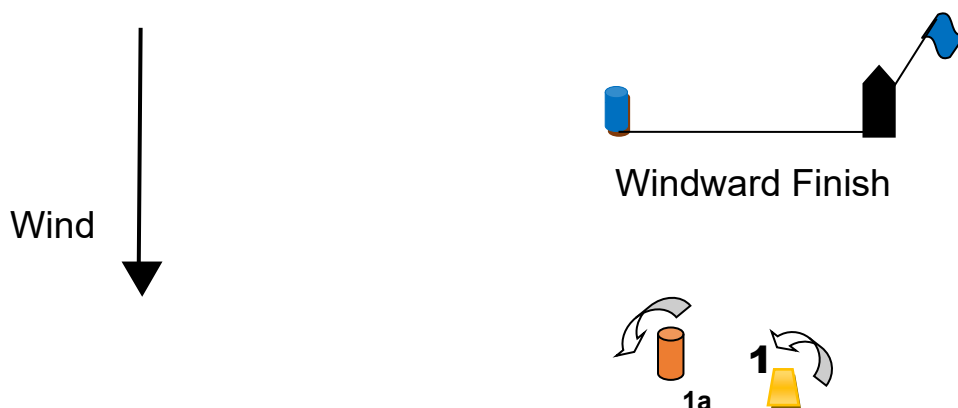
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Division 6 course: Start -1-(1a)-3S/3P-1-(1a)-3S/3P -1-(1a)-3S/3P-1-(1a)-3P Finish

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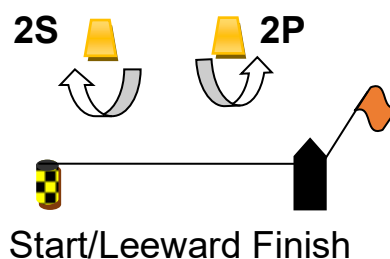
Attachment A: Course 4

Port course shown (internal angles)



A = Mark 1a intended to be laid

G = Both Gate marks to be laid



Course 4L [A] [G]

Division 1 course: Start -1 – 1a - Finish

Division 2 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – L Finish

Division 3 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – L Finish

Division 4 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – L Finish

Division 5 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – L Finish

Division 6 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – L Finish

1 x

2 x

3 x

3 x

3 x

4 x

Course 4W [A] [G]

Division 1 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – W Finish

Division 2 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – W Finish

Division 3 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – W Finish

Division 4 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – W Finish

Division 5 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – W Finish

Division 6 course: Start -1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – 1 – 1a – 2P/2s – W Finish

1 x

2 x

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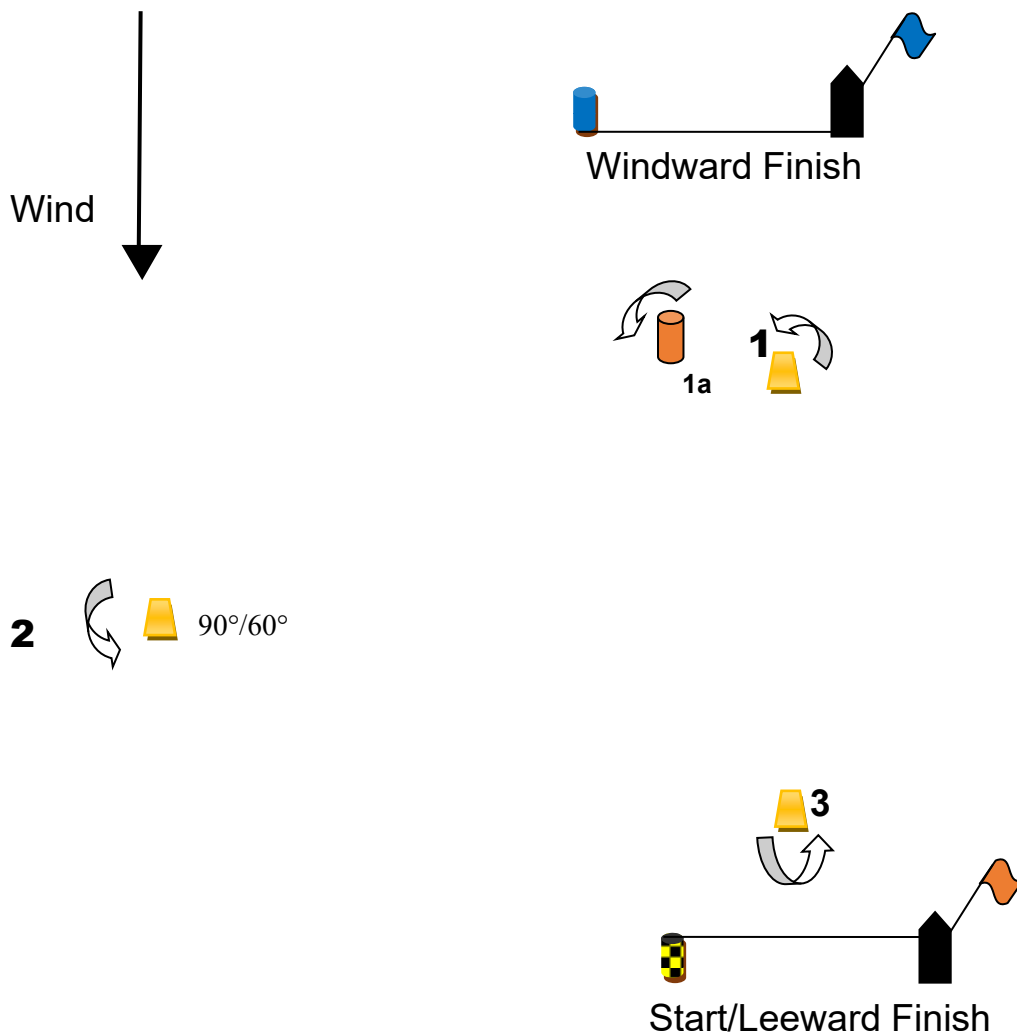
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Attachment A: Course 5

Port course shown (internal angles)



Course 5L

Division 1 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - L Finish

Division 2 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - L Finish

Division 3 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - L Finish

Division 4 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - L Finish

Division 5 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - L Finish

Division 6 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - L Finish

Course 5W

Division 1 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - W Finish

Division 2 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - W Finish

Division 3 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - W Finish

Division 4 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - W Finish

Division 5 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - W Finish

Division 6 course: Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - W Finish

