

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

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2019/20 Sailing Season

OTB DINGHY

DIVISION

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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OFF THE BEACH DINGHY SERIES SCHEDULE

OTBD Polar Bear Day 1	Sunday 12 th May
OTBD Polar Bear Day 2	Sunday 26 th May
OTBD Polar Bear Day 3	Sunday 9 th June
OTBD Polar Bear Day 4	Sunday 23 rd June
OTBD Polar Bear Day 5	Sunday 14 th July
Crab Island Classic	Saturday 10th August
T.K. Robertson Trophy Race	Sunday 11th August
Sail Past/Breaking of the Flag	Saturday 7th September
Da\$h 4 Ca\$h & Barts Bash	Sunday 8th September
OTBD Champs Day 1	Sunday 15 th September
OTBD Super Sprints Day 1	Wednesday 18 th September
OTBD Champs Day 2	Sunday 22 nd September
OTBD Sprints Day 1	Sunday 29 th September
OTBD Super Sprints Day 2	Wednesday 2 nd October
OTBD Super Sprints Day 3	Wednesday 16 th October
OTBD Champs Day 3	Sunday 20 th October
OTBD Super Sprints Day 4	Wednesday 30 th October
OTBD Super Sprints Day 5	Wednesday 13 th November
Cock of the Broadwater	Sunday 17th November
OTBD Super Sprints Day 6	Wednesday 27 th November
OTBD Champs Day 4	Sunday 1 st December
OTBD Sprints Day 2	Sunday 8 th December
OTBD Super Sprints Day 7	Wednesday 11 th December
OTBD Champs Day 5	Sunday 15 th December
OTBD Sprints Day 3	Sunday 12 th January
OTBD Sprints Day 4	Sunday 19 th January
OTBD Super Sprints Day 8	Wednesday 22 nd January
OTBD Champs Day 6	Sunday 2 nd February



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OTBD Super Sprints Day 9	Wednesday 5 th February
OTBD Sprints Day 5	Sunday 9 th February
OTBD Super Sprints Day 10	Wednesday 19 th February
The Great Race	Sunday 23rd February
OTBD Super Sprints Day 11	Wednesday 4 th March
Dinghy Marathon Trophy Race	Sunday 8th March
OTBD Champs Day 7	Sunday 15 th March
OTBD Super Sprints Day 12	Wednesday 18 th March
OTBD Sprints Day 6	Sunday 22 nd March
OTBD Super Sprints Day 13	Wednesday 1 st April
OTBD Sprints Day 7	Wednesday 5 th April
OTBD Super Sprints Day 14	Wednesday 15 th April

OFF THE BEACH DINGHY SERIES FEES

WHOLE SEASON Discount (Includes Championship and Sprint Series*)	\$180.00
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES*	\$140.00
SPRINT SERIES*	\$90.00
POLAR BEAR SERIES	\$65.00
WEDNESDAY SUPER SPRINT SERIES	\$75.00
Block Discount for SYC SPECIAL EVENTS (Includes Da\$h4Ca\$h, Crab Island Classic, Cock Of The Broadwater, The Great Race, T.K. Robertson Trophy Race, Dinghy Marathon Trophy Race).	\$230.00 <i>[\$85.00 for Cadets but Excludes Da\$h4Ca\$h, Crab Island Classic and The Great Race]</i>

SYC SPECIAL SAILING EVENTS FOR 2019/2020

Check out the Southport Yacht Club website for all Special Sailing Events for the coming season.



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2019/2020 SAILING SEASON – POLICY

CLUB PARTICIPATION RULES

1. Southport Yacht Club (SYC) is a member of Australian Sailing and races are governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS). These may be found at: www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index
2. All participating Boats and Operators must comply with The *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* and its subordinate legislation, the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012* (Cwlth) and its subordinate legislation AND The *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972* (COLREGS).
The *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) only applies between participating SYC Competitors for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, then COLREGS shall apply to all ships and shall over-ride all other rules.
3. Following participation in any three (3) SYC club races, any owner, skipper or crew of a participating Boat is required to become a member, in the appropriate category, of SYC.
4. It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the Boat to ensure that all crew competing on the boat holds a current membership of AS or equivalent membership of a yachting authority recognised by ISAF. In order for you to check AS Numbers and Membership Registration, please visit: <http://www.sailing.org.au/check-my-as-number/> Please also note that you will need the First and Last Name and either the DOB or AS Number in order to validate.
5. The Top Yacht program is used by SYC for its race management software.
6. All members intending to race shall pre-pay and register with a Season Entry or Casual Entry **prior** to racing. Failure to pay the outlined fee and/or register will result in positions not being shown in results. Any member/s who continually race without paying or registering will be referred to The Club Manager for disciplinary action.
7. Only current financial members of the Southport Yacht Club Inc. are eligible for a Season Entry.
8. Average points will be awarded for series entries when Club racing is missed due to volunteering duties as part of our Race Management Crew for ANY race in ANY Division – you must sign in with the Sailing Office and put that you request Average Points for the day's racing.
9. Average Points may be requested for series entrants while competing at a State, National or International regatta. An application for average points must be completed and returned to the Sailing Office **BEFORE** the missed day's racing. The application form is available on the SYC Website. No application will be considered post missed days racing. These points will be awarded for no more than three races in a series.
10. All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger; A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

ONSHORE RACE ABANDONMENT

1. Any decision to race, postpone or abandon racing in either light weather or inclement weather, will be made by the Sailing Office in consultation with the Vice Commodore of Sail and the relevant Sailing Committee Divisional Representative.
2. For regular club racing the decision to race, postpone or abandon will not be made before 1000 hours on the day of the race unless circumstances dictate that an earlier decision would be appropriate noting:
 - 2.1 Racing will not be started if there is a current Gale (or higher), Tsunami or other severe weather warning that will impact the race area(s).
 - 2.2 Racing may not be started if there is a current Severe Thunderstorm Warning that will impact the race area(s)
 - 2.3 Racing may not be started if there is a Strong Wind Warning in the race area(s).
 - 2.4 For regular club racing the decision to postpone or abandon a race due to light weather will only be made within 60 minutes of the first starting signal.
 - 2.5 Races will only be abandoned after careful consideration of all weather conditions



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and their likely impact on the race area(s).

3. A decision to race on any given day does not relieve any competitor of his/her obligation under RRS Fundamental Rule 4.
4. Abandoned Races will not be resailed.

SAILING COMMITTEE, RACE COMMITTEE & PROTEST COMMITTEE

1. The Vice Commodore of Sail shall recommend the appointment prior to the start of each season, a Sailing Committee which shall include at least one member nominated by each of the divisions sailing in the Club and the Sailing Operations Manager.
2. The Vice Commodore of Sail shall be Chairman of the Sailing Committee and shall record such decisions and recommendations as passed by a simple majority present at Sailing Committee meetings. Sailing Committee decisions shall be reported to the Board.
3. Quorum for the Sailing Committee shall consist of five members.
4. Quorum for Race & Protest Committee's shall consist of three members.
5. The Sailing Committee shall: determine the sailing programme for the forthcoming season; determine such sailing rules and instructions as are necessary for the conduct of races within the Club; be responsible for conducting point score, championship and special events within the Club and any other sailing event that the Board decides upon from time to time to conduct; and meet at least once a month.
6. Between meetings of the Sailing Committee, the Sailing Officers shall have power to deal with any emergency. Any action taken under this provision shall be reported to the next meeting of the Sailing Committee.
7. **The Race Committee** shall include the Divisional Representative, the Vice Commodore of Sail, a Sailing Officer from the Sailing Office and the RO; or their nominated deputy.
8. **All decisions relating to sailing events shall be deliberated on by the Race Committee.**
9. Protest Committee shall be appointed by the Sailing Office for each hearing session as required.
10. RRS Appendix T- ARBITRATION applies to all Divisions for SYC Club Racing and all SYC Special Events:
 - 10.1 A short mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearing will be held as soon as possible after racing.
 - 10.2 The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally.
 - 10.3 One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
 - 10.4 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
 - (a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest. This changes RRS 63.1.
 - (b) The matter should proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
 - (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest. This changes RRS 63.1
 - (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved and all parties to the mediation agree, the infringing boat(s) may accept a 30% scoring penalty, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest.

All other boat scores will remain the same.
 - 10.5 If the parties do not agree, the protest shall proceed to a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1
 - 10.6 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the



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mediator may be a member of the protest committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

11. Protest Hearings & Requests for Redress for all club racing (excluding special events) will be held on the first Monday of each month at Hollywell from 6pm. Protests will be heard in order of receipt and Parties will be notified of the schedule by email no later than the Friday prior to the Hearing.

DUE PROCESS and HANDICAPS

SYC utilises a democratic *due process* in relation to pertinent Sailing matters that effect our Sailing Community. This *due process* incorporates the Divisional Representatives of The Sailing Committee, the Vice Commodore of Sail and the Sailing Office.

The Top Yacht program is used by SYC for its race management software. The following handicap systems are used for the Off the Beach Dinghy Division:

- Yachting Victoria Yardsticks for Off the Beach Dinghy & Catamaran Classes (YVY)
- Performance Handicap System (PHS)

Please contact the Sailing Office or your Sailing Committee Divisional Representative for further detailed information in relation to handicaps.

Prior to the commencement of all races, Competitor handicaps will be advertised on the SYC website.

Existing Boats

At the start of the new season, all PHS will be reviewed based on the performance during the past similar series. If the fleet is altered with additional or loss of a significant amount of vessel/s then a new baseline may need to be set. This review will occur prior to the start of the new series and the new PHS and reasons for the amendment will be available at the SYC Sailing Office on request.

Conditions for all Boats

PHS may be amended if the boat is modified. In accordance with Sailing Instructions, any modifications need to be provided in writing to the SYC Sailing Office 48 hours prior to racing. If such modifications are deemed to be significant, the boat will be assessed and entered as a new boat. Previous results will not be combined in the Series results.

Notification of change of Helmsperson from that on the nomination form for a Series/Regatta must be made in writing to the SYC Sailing Office. Failure to comply with the above conditions will result in a PHS adjustment. The SYC Divisional Race Committee will review all results during the following week and provide their recommendations to the Sailing Committee. If on review the Sailing Committee finds that the PHS falls outside the mathematical constraints of the Top Yacht Program, then the Sailing Committee may make a manual adjustment. If such an adjustment occurs, the value and the reasons will be available at the SYC Sailing Office on request. The Vice Commodore of Sail, Divisional Sailing Committee Representative and Sailing Office shall confirm all manual adjustments and the Sailing Office will issue a brief reason for the adjustment containing the series and the date of the change.

New Vessels

A starting PHS and division allocation will be made on submission of a new vessel's details, as per Vessel Registration form. This starting PHS will be reviewed to confirm that the first PHS is appropriate to allow the TopYacht Program to make the automatic adjustment within its mathematical constraints. If for some reason the PHS fails to be adjusted appropriately, then a manual adjustment may be made.



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Handicap Review

Any Competitor may make an application in writing to the Sailing Office to have their Handicap reviewed without prejudice. In their submission, the Competitor must provide detailed reasons and appropriate calculations to validate their request. The Sailing Office will forward their request to the relevant Sailing Committee Divisional Representative and the Divisional Race Committee for their recommendations. Upon receipt of these recommendations, the Vice Commodore of Sail, Sailing Committee Divisional Representative and Sailing Office may then approve or decline the adjustment and the Sailing Office will issue a brief reason by email containing the series and the date of the amendment or declination.

SAILING COMMITTEE DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

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HANDICAP COMMITTEE:

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CODE OF CONDUCT SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

A person accepts responsibility by becoming a member of Southport Yacht Club and agrees to the consequences of any breach of the code of conduct. These may include: -

- Suspension or termination from the club.
- And/or legal proceedings – civil or criminal for conduct unlawful under State or Federal Law.

KEY PRINCIPLES

Membership of Southport Yacht Club is a privilege that must be safeguarded by the following principles:

Southport Yacht Club seeks to operate in an environment where people show respect for others and their property. Respect is defined as consideration for the well-being of another's body, emotions and possessions, to ensure no damage or deprivation is caused to any of them.

Southport Yacht Club seeks to operate in an environment, which is free from harassment. Harassment is defined as any action directed at an individual or group, which creates a hostile, intimidating or offensive environment.

Southport Yacht Club seeks to operate in a non-discriminatory environment. By this it is meant that where everyone has an equal opportunity and receives a fair go in accordance with the law as well as the Club Rules, By-Laws, procedures and guidelines.

UNSUITABLE BEHAVIOUR

- Not knowingly discriminate against, abuse, harass, ridicule or embarrass anyone covered by this Code of Conduct.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- Treat all persons with respect, dignity and properly regard their rights and obligations.
- Respect the privacy of other persons.
- Refrain from any form of victimisation towards others.
- Must not use offensive language to any member, visitor attending Southport Yacht Club or any of their events. Must not 'sledge' (as in denigrate and/or intimidate) other persons.
- Excessive use of alcohol, acting in a way that becomes a public nuisance or creates a public disturbance is prohibited.
- Liquor Licensing Laws will be followed at all times.
- Persons under the age of eighteen shall not be permitted to purchase or be supplied tobacco from the cigarette vending machine and shall not be permitted to be served or receive alcohol.
- A member will obey lawful directions from a club employee.
- A member will take responsibility for their guests at all times.
- A member will abide by the dress code of the club.
- A member shall not represent the club in any dealings, unless authorised by the club.
- A member shall not tarnish the reputation of the club, officers, Directors, committees, employees, management or bring it into disrepute.
- The use or encouragement of illegal drugs within the premises of Southport Yacht Club is prohibited.
- Assault, or acting with aggression toward any other person is prohibited.

The Club intends to set the highest standards of excellence by displaying values of:



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- Equality – demonstrate awareness of individual rights, opinions and beliefs.
- Demonstrate reliability and be a dependable Club member in all aspects of the club's environment.
- Respect and courtesy must be shown at all times to all Club officials, members and patrons.
- No prejudicial behaviour is to occur.
- Display maturity and demonstrate acceptable social behaviour while at the club or attending any of the club's events.
- Abide by the rules of the Constitution and the By-Laws.
- Be mindful of your actions in relation to individual safety and safety of all others involved in the club.
- Conduct themselves in a proper manner to the complete satisfaction of Southport Yacht Club and its members, so as not to bring themselves into public disrepute or censure.
- Not disclose to any unauthorised person or organisation information that is of a confidential or privileged nature concerning Southport Yacht Club. Not promote, or pass on, exchange or publish information whereby that information may be of a confidential, offensive, scandalous, unsubstantiated or derisive type;
- Understand the possible consequences of breaching Southport Yacht Club's rules and regulations.

CHILDREN

Parent and guardians at all times shall be responsible for the behaviour of their children on club premises, including the beach, marina and carparks. Parents and guardians of children whose behaviour is socially unacceptable shall be requested to remove them from club's premises.

COMPLIANCE

Any alleged breach of the above principles are to be reported to the General Manager for action. The General Manager will determine if there has been a breach and may warn or initiate disciplinary action against the relevant member. Any disciplinary action under the Charter will be in accordance with the Constitution and laws applying to the club.

This code is to be read in conjunction with the Articles, Rules, Constitution and By-laws of the club.

**YOU ARE REMINDED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS CODE IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH
A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT**





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1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA): Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats
- 1.3 The relevant Class Rules (as applicable), except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972* (COLREGS) shall apply at all times. The *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) will apply only between those ships that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, then COLREGS shall apply to all ships and shall over-ride all other rules. This is a condition imposed by Gold Coast Waterways Authority within our Aquatic Event Authority.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 1.6 All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger; A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 A minimum of five (5) Series entries at the first race of the series are required to constitute a Division. Classes not meeting this requirement will be allocated into the “Open Division” based on their relevant Yardstick.
- 2.2 Green Fleet Division are not eligible to enter the Championship Series.
- 2.3 Only current financial members of the Southport Yacht Club Inc. are eligible for a season entry.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the Southern Wall of Southport Yacht Club Inc. Hollywell Sailing Squadron

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board not less than sixty (60) minutes before the scheduled start time of the first race of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag located on the SYC Hollywell Race Control Tower.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a course flag or class flag, it applies to that course area/class only.

6 COMPULSORY SKIPPERS BRIEFING

- 6.1 A Compulsory Skippers Briefing will be held at the Notice Board each day of racing at 1000hrs for the Junior Sunrise Series.
- 6.2 A Compulsory Skippers Briefing will be held at the Notice Board each day of racing at 1200hrs for the Championship Series, Sprint Series & Polar Bear Series.
- 6.3 A Compulsory Skippers Briefing will be held at the Notice Board each day of racing at 1630hrs for the Wednesday Super Sprint Series.



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7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The schedule of races is as per OTB Dinghy Schedule of Races listed at the beginning of these Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 A minimum of five (5) race Competitors from any Division are required to comply with SI 6. If there are less than the required amount, the race will be abandoned.
- 7.3 For the Championship Series the warning signal will be given 5 minutes prior to the start signal.
- 7.4 For the Sprint, Polar Bear, Junior Sunrise & Wednesday Sprint Series the warning signal will be given 3 minutes prior to the start signal.
- 7.5 The first warning signal for racing covered by these Sailing Instructions shall be considered to be “not before”.
- 7.6 For the Championship, Junior Sunrise & Polar Bear Series there will be a maximum of three (3) races per day. There will be no races starting after 1500 in the Championship series
- 7.7 For the Sprint Series there will be a maximum of four (4) races per day. No races will be started after 1530 hours.
- 7.8 For the Wednesday Super Sprint Series, there will be a maximum of five (5) races per day.

EVENT	Warning Signal (N.B.)
Championship Series	1255 hours
Sprint Series	1257 hours
Polar Bear Series	1257 hours
Junior Sunrise Series	1037 hours
Wednesday Super Sprint Series	1657 hours

8 CLASS FLAGS

DIVISION	CLASS FLAG
Laser (Including Radial & 4.7)	White with red class insignia
OK Dinghy	White with red class insignia
Sabot	White with black class insignia
Optimist	White with black class insignia
Open Bic	White with black and orange class insignia
Green Fleet	Green Flag
Open A (At the discretion of the race committee)	Code Flag E
Open B (At the discretion of the race committee)	Code Flag K
Open Junior (Yardstick > 153)	Code Flag J

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 ATTACHMENT A – OTB Dinghy Racing Area shows the approximate location of our racing area.
- 9.2 Championship Race Days will be raced the area known as the “Deep Hole” or “Sovereign Hole”.
- 9.3 Changes to SI 9.2 Race Area will be at the Race Committees discretion and announced at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing on race days.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The diagrams in ATTACHMENT B - OTB DINGHY COURSE DIAGRAMS shows the courses to be sailed for the Championship and Sprint Series’, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



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11 MARKS

- 11.1 If any navigational marker is a mark of a course, all boats competing are to maintain a minimum distance of 3 meters from any IALA navigation markers. Please refer to 12.1 for obstructions of the course.
- 11.2 Marks, including start and finish marks, are shown in attachment C and are described in ATTACHMENT C - OTB DINGHY MARK ROUNDINGS.

12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- 12.1 Any navigational marker or the IALA system beacons, whether or not is a mark of the course, all boats competing are to maintain a minimum distance of 3 meters from any navigation marker. Any boat involved in a marine incident, which includes a collision with an aid to navigation must report the incident in the official format.*Competitors may refer to the MSQ Boating Maps located at <http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Boating-maps/Gold-Coast-guides> should they require any clarification.
- 12.2 The finish line may be an obstruction, as described at the compulsory briefing, unless finishing. Boats crossing the finish line incorrectly will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.
 - 12.2.1 Where the Finish Line is between the Hollywell Race Control Tower and the Starboard Lateral Mark, and multiple laps of Crab Island are required, SI12.2 does not apply.

13 STARTS - CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- 13.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 13.3 Divisions may be combined at the Race Committee's discretion should there be less than 5 Competitors complying with SI 6.
- 13.4 Divisions may be combined at the Race Officers discretion should there be less than 5 Competitors after the first race of the day.
- 13.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 13.6 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 13.7 No races will be started after 1500 hours.

14 STARTS - SPRINT, POLAR BEAR, JUNIOR SUNRISE & WED SUPER SPRINT SERIES

- 14.1 Races will be started using a modified ISAF start sequence, as follows:
- 14.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Hollywell pontoon or starting vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 14.3 Competitors will start in a Northerly direction where a green flag is flown. Competitors will start in a Southerly direction where a red flag is flown.
- 14.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 14.6 No race for the Sprints series shall start after 1530 hours.



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Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Event
3	Division Flag	One	Warning Signal
2	Preparatory Flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory Flag removed	One Long	One Minute
0	Division Flag removed	One	Starting Signal

15 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

16 THE FINISH

- 16.1 The finishing line may be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark or
- 16.2 Where the SYC pontoon is used, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the pontoon and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 16.3 The direction and position of the finish can vary depending on the course used and will be as per the diagrams in Attachment C and as described at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing.

17 PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe in the same direction.

18 TARGET TIMES

- 18.1 For all classes sailing in the Championship Series, the target time for the first boat in each class will be fifty (50) minutes.
- 18.2 For all classes sailing in the Sprint Series and Polar Bear Series, the target time for the first boat in each class will be thirty (30) minutes.
- 18.3 For all classes sailing in the Junior Sunrise Series, the target time for the first boat in each class will be twenty (20) minutes.
- 18.4 For all classes sailing in the Wednesday Super Sprint Series, the target time for the first boat in each class will be fifteen (15) minutes.

19 TIME LIMITS

- 19.1 For all classes sailing in the Championship Series, the time limit for the first boat in each class will be sixty (60) minutes.
- 19.2 For all classes sailing in the Sprint Series and Polar Bear Series, the time limit for the first boat in each class will be forty (40) minutes.
- 19.3 For all classes sailing in the Junior Sunrise Series, the time limit for the first boat in each class will be thirty (30) minutes.
- 19.4 For all classes sailing in the Wednesday Super Sprint Series, the time limit for the first boat in each class will be ten (10) minutes.
- 19.5 For all classes sailing in the Championship Series, boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.



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- 19.6 For all classes sailing in the Sprint, Junior Sunrise & Polar Bear Series, boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 19.7 For all classes sailing in the Wednesday Super Sprint Series, boats failing to finish within three (3) minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

20 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 20.1 RRS Appendix T- ARBITRATION applies to all Divisions for SYC Club Racing and all SYC Special Events:

- 20.1.1 A short mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearing will be held as soon as possible after racing.
- 20.1.2 The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally.
- 20.1.3 One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 20.1.4 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- (a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest. This changes RRS 63.1.
 - (b) The matter should proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
 - (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest. This changes RRS 63.1
 - (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved and all parties to the mediation agree, the infringing boat(s) may accept a 30% scoring penalty, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest.

All other boat scores will remain the same.

- 21.1.5 If the parties do not agree, the protest shall proceed to a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1
- 21.6 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the protest committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.
- 20.2 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 20.3 The Protest Time Limit is thirty (30) minutes for all Series, after the last boat has finished in your division. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to request for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 20.4 Notices will be posted according to the 2019/2020 Sailing Season Policy.
- 20.5 Decisions by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be emailed to parties to the hearing under Rule 65.1.

21 SCORING



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- 21.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A9 will apply.
- 21.2 For a Boat that Did not Finish (DNF) they shall be scored the number of boats that have signed on for the Race Day plus 1 point. This Changes RRS Appendix A4.2
- 21.3 For a boat that Did not Start (DNS) they shall be scored the number of boats that have signed on for the Race Day plus 2 points. This Changes RRS Appendix A4.2
- 21.4 For a boat that Did not Compete (DNC) they shall be scored the number of boats that have signed on for the Race Day plus 3 points. This Changes RRS Appendix A4.2
- 21.5 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, all scores shall count.
- 21.6 When five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 21.7 When nine (9) to twelve (12) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 21.8 When thirteen (13) to sixteen (16) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three (3) worst scores
- 21.9 When thirteen (17) to twenty-five (25) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four (4) worst scores
- 21.10 When thirteen (26) to forty (40) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her five (5) worst scores
- 21.11 When thirteen (41) or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her six (6) worst scores

22 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 22.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 22.2 Requirements are as listed below.
 - 22.2.1 All helmspersons shall sign on, on the sheets provided, prior to going afloat for racing.
 - 22.2.2 All helmspersons shall sign off within forty-five (45) minutes of completing racing for that session, or later at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 22.3 Boats failing to comply with these Safety Regulations will be scored DSQ without a hearing.
- 22.4 All Competitors are encouraged to carry a Harness Rescue Tool or similar device that is readily accessible in an emergency.

23 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 23.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

24 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 24.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

25 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 25.1 Official boats will be marked with the SYC Burgee.
- 25.2 An SYC Sailing Instructor may provide advice to any competitor during club racing but not in the Championship Series. The assistance provided will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS Rule 41 and RRS Rule 60.1



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26 SUPPORT BOATS

- 26.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay no less than one hundred (100) metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 26.2 No disturbing wash is to be created near a competitor on the race course.

27 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 27.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

28 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 28.1 Except in an emergency, 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.

29 TRACKING DEVICES

- 29.1 Boats competing may be required to use a suitable mobile phone (Android/Apple) to operate the App "RaceQS" for tracking and relay purposes. Further details on using RaceQS can be downloaded from www.raceqs.com

30 PRIZES

RACE DAY PRIZES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP, SPRINT & POLAR BEAR SERIES

- 30.1 A presentation of results will be held after each day of racing at the earliest possible convenience.
- 30.2 Six (6) daily prizes are awarded randomly from the sign-on sheet including the days' volunteers.
- 30.3 The Skipper or a crew member of the boat or volunteer must be present at the Daily Race Prize Presentations in order to receive prizes or the prize will be redrawn and awarded.

RACE DAY PRIZES FOR JUNIOR SUNRISE SERIES

- 30.4 A presentation of results will be held after each day of racing at the earliest possible convenience.
- 30.5 Three (3) daily prizes are awarded randomly from the sign-on sheet
- 30.6 The Skipper or a crew member of the boat must be present at the Daily Race Prize Presentations in order to receive prizes. Prizes not collected during the presentation will be redrawn.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- 30.7 The 2019/2020 Sailing Presentation for Club Championships and other Off The Beach Dinghy series and events will take place at the Southport Yacht Club Hollywell.
- 30.8 Only Series Entrants are eligible for Sailing Season prizes at the Sailing Presentation Night.
- 30.9 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

31 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 31.1 All those taking part in races conducted by Southport Yacht Club do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 31.2 The Southport Yacht Club, any sponsor and any party involved in the organisation of any event disclaims any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury to persons and/or



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things, both ashore and at sea, as a consequence of participation in any way in the races covered by these sailing instructions.

- 31.3 Attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

32 INSURANCE

- 32.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of \$10M (AUD) for any one incident. By taking part in a race all boat owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

33 RESULTS

- 33.1 Results will be posted on the Southport Yacht Club’s website on the Off The Beach Dinghy Division page and may be posted on the official notice board outside the Sailing Office.

34 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 34.1 In participating in the Off the Beach Dinghy Division Club Racing for 2019/2020, a competitor grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, reproduce, edit, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/ her taken during the 2019/2020 Sailing Season and to use his / her likeness, voice, name and any other information in any material related without compensation.

35 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 35.1 Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

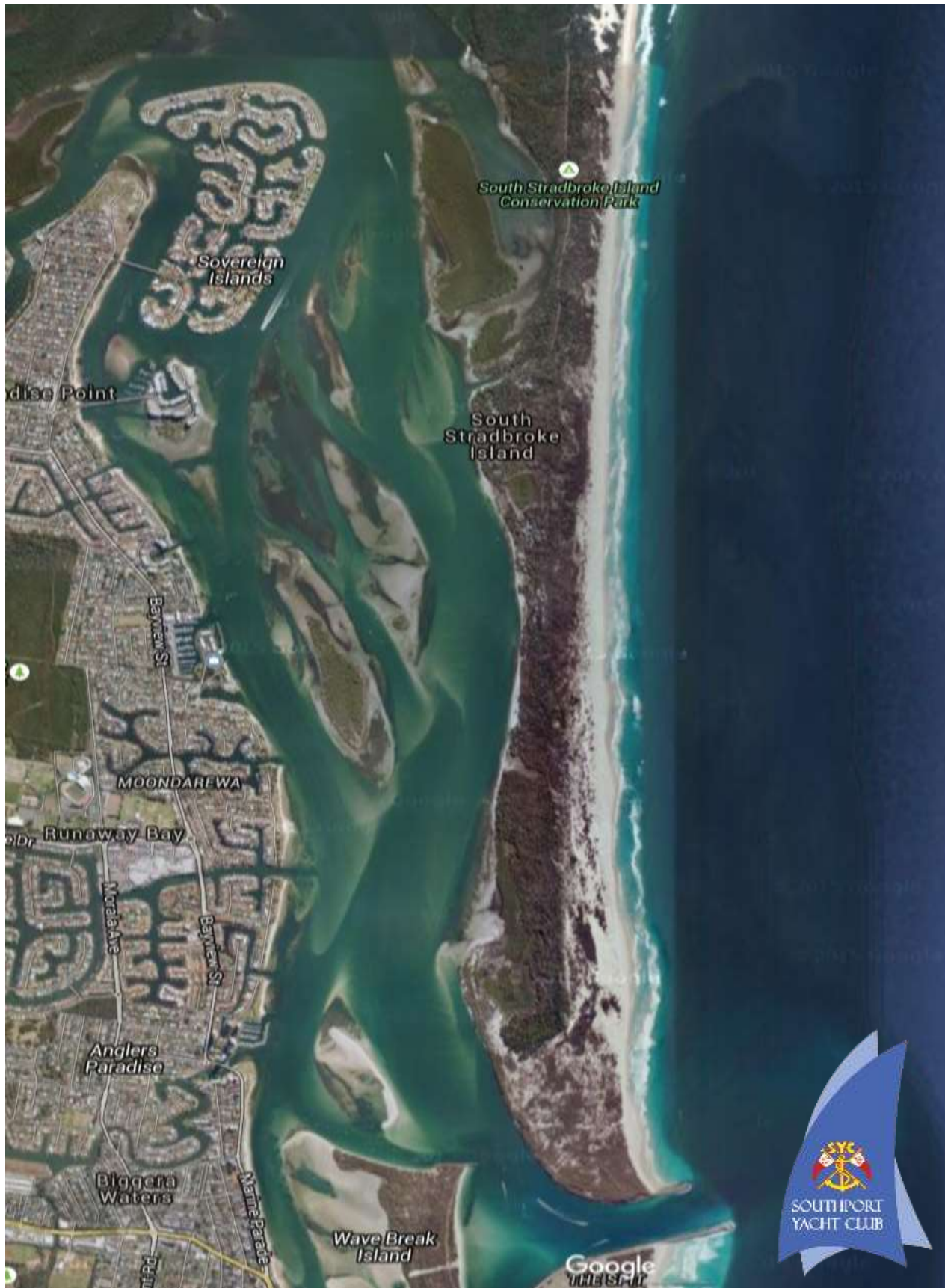
OTBD – Off The Beach Dinghy Division:

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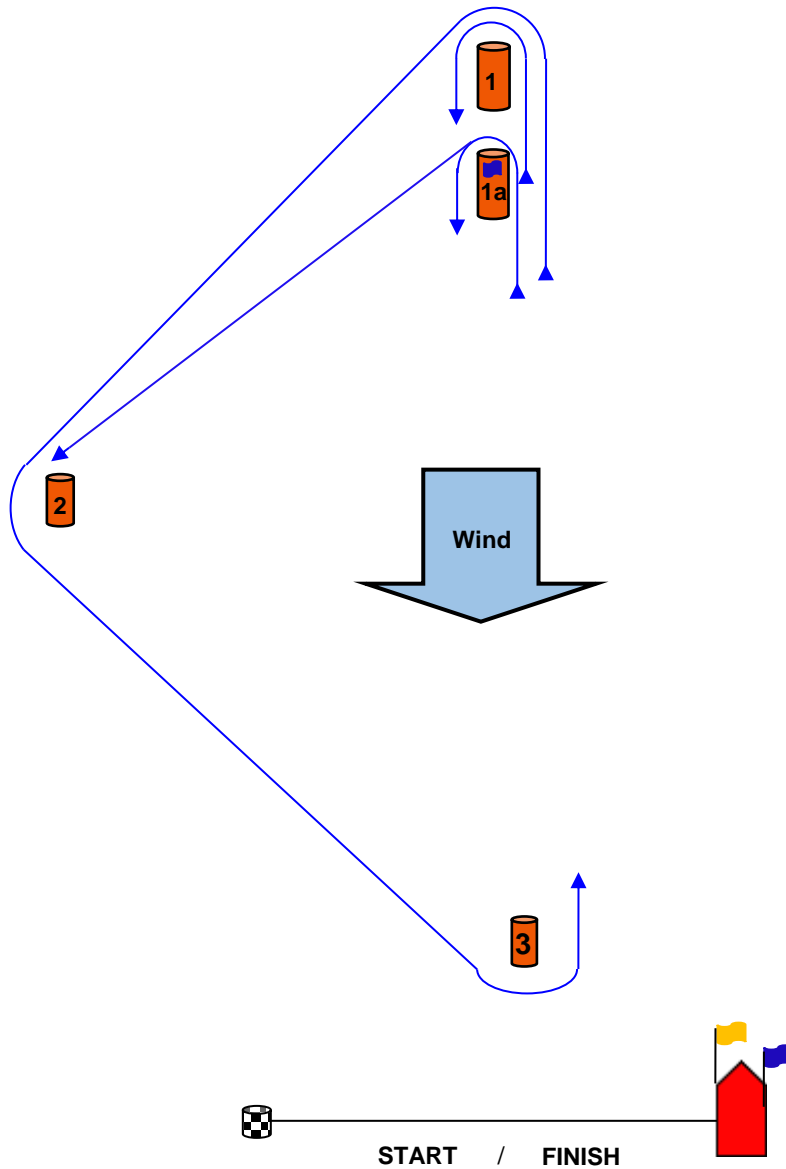
ATTACHMENT A
OTBD RACING AREA





ATTACHMENT B OTB DINGHY COURSE DIAGRAMS

WINDWARD/LEEWARD & TRIANGULAR COURSE

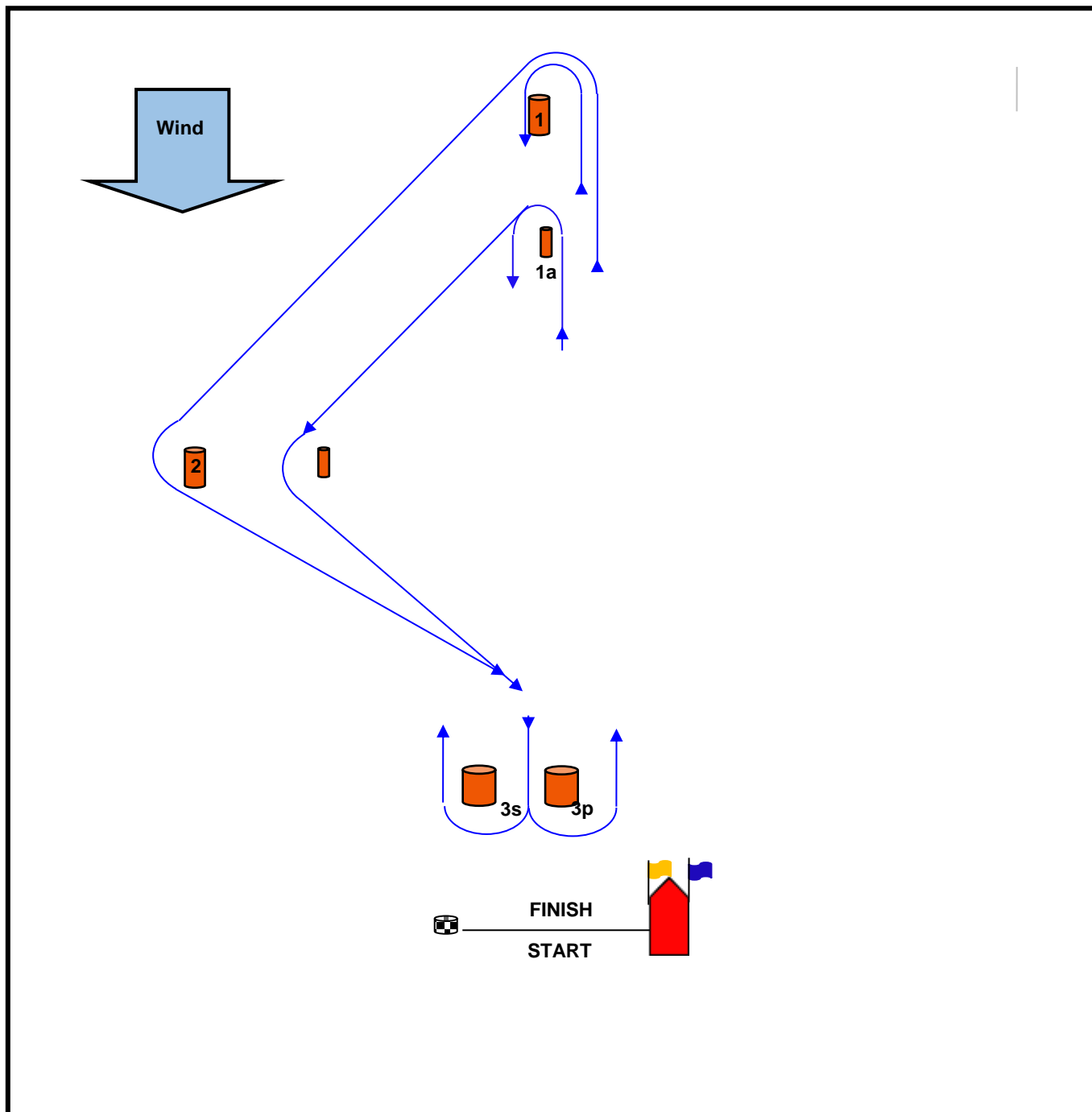


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ATTACHMENT C

OTB DINGHY MARK ROUNDINGS

COURSE	WINDWARD/LEEWARD & TRIANGLE MARK ROUNDINGS	TYPE
W1	START – 1 - FINISH	W/L
W2	START – 1 - 3s/3p – 1 - FINISH	W/L
W3	START – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 - FINISH	W/L
W1A	START – 1a – FINISH	W/L
W2A	START – 1a - 3s/3p – 1a - FINISH	W/L
W3A	START – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a - FINISH	W/L
T1	START – 1 – 2 – FINISH	TRI
T2	START – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 - FINISH	TRI
T3	START – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 - FINISH	TRI
T1A	START – 1a – 2 – FINISH	TRI
T2A	START – 1a – 2 – 3s/3p – 1a – FINISH	TRI
T3A	START – 1a – 2 – 3s/3p – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 2 – FINISH	TRI
TBA	As described at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing	

BUOY	DESCRIPTION
START FINISH	Black and white inflatable cylinders
1 2 3s/3p 4s/4p 3 4	Orange inflatable cylinder
1a	Orange inflatable cylinder
Barging Buoy	Pink teardrop