

2021 International Etchells Class Queensland Championships



Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th December 2021



CELEBRATING

75
YEARS

Etchells

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216



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[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI mean that the penalty for the breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

[NP] Breaches of SI marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the then current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules), Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Bow numbers may be provided and fitted by the Organising Authority.
- 1.3. The Queensland State Titles is a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.4. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 1.5. The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.6. The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device being PFD Level 100/150/275 (AS4758) or PDF Level 50 (AS4758) or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment.
- 1.7. When conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.8. Compliance with the current Qld Government COVID-19 restrictions that apply to SYC including contact tracing via the electronic app "Check in Qld".
- 1.9. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the Foc'sle Room at SYC Main Beach.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the Eastern Lawn.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signals "AP".

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. Registration formalities as detailed in the Notice of Race are required to be completed by 0900hrs on Saturday 4th December 2021.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday 3rd December	Registration at SYC Main Beach	1600-1800hrs
Saturday 4 th November	Registration at SYC Main Beach	0800-900hrs
	Compulsory Skippers Briefing at SYC Main Beach	0930hrs
	Race 1	Warning nb 1155hrs
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 10 th November	Compulsory Skippers Briefing at SYC Main Beach	0830hrs
	Race 4	Warning nb1055hrs
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
	Race 6	ASAP after Race 5
	Presentation of Prizes at SYC Hollywell	1700hrs approx

- 6.1. A maximum of six (6) races will be conducted
- 6.2. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 6.3. The race committee at its discretion may elect to sail more than the scheduled number of races on any day and as a result may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day.
- 6.4. If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the last day's scheduled race(s) this will be signalled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

7. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Southport Yacht Club, 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, Qld 4217 between 1600 and 1800 hours on Friday 3rd December 2021 and 0800 and 0900 hours on Saturday 4th December 2021.
- 7.2. Boats will not be measured for these Championships however entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and where applicable Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 7.3. A boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time during the competition.
- 7.4. Sails to be nominated for use in the regatta must either be marked on a copy of the Sail Measurement Card presented at registration or alternatively sails may be tagged with the IECA royalty tag. Regatta nominated sails are to be stamped by a regatta specific stamp prior to racing.
- 7.5. All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation of required certificates, must be completed by 0900 hours on Saturday 4th December 2021.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. The Class flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white background.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. All Racing to be in the vicinity of the Sand Pumping Jetty in Offshore waters. In the event of Inclement Weather racing may be run on the Gold Coast Broadwater "Deep Hole" for the day. A decision will be made by the Race Committee and posted on the Official Notice Board accompanied by Code Flag L, displayed ashore.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the course configuration, including the order in which Marks are to be passed, and the side of which each Mark is to be left.
- 10.2. The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying the course number on the board from the Race Committee signal vessel, no later than the warning signal.
- 10.3. The Race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing and distance from the starting line to Mark One (1).
- 10.4. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate Marks from the direction of the previous Mark and round either Gate Mark. If there is only leeward Mark, it shall be left to port.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks will be orange cylindrical buoys.
- 11.2. The Starting/Finishing yellow and buoy will be an orange, with black top cylindrical buoy.
- 11.3. The Inner Distance Mark will be a pink tear drop.
- 11.4. All marks may change and will be confirmed in detail at each days compulsory Skippers briefing

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the race committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line and an orange, with black top cylindrical buoy.
- 12.3. An Inner distance mark may be laid approximately on the starting line on the port side of the race committee boat, and when so laid, boats shall not pass between this mark and the race committee boat when starting.
- 12.4. Recall signals may also be displayed from Race Committee Boat positioned at the pin end of the starting line.
- 12.5. As a courtesy, the Race Officer will attempt to hail OCS, UFD or BFD boats by sail numbers via hail or radio on VHF Channel 09 approximately one minute after the starting signal. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the race committee or Jury. This amends RRS 62.1.
- 12.6. Boats starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original Mark (s) (or the finishing Line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the Mark (s) (or Finishing Line) may not yet be in the new position. Any Mark to be rounded after rounding the moved Mark, may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the Race Committee Boat and a Blue cylindrical buoy.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Turn Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 15.2. A boat that has retired or taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit. [NP, DP]

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. The time limit for all races will be ninety (90) minutes from the starting signal.
- 16.2. If no boat has passed the first windward Mark one hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.3. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course, and finishes, will be scored a Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within sixty (60) minutes of the last boat to finish the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 17.2. Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witness. Hearings will be held at the

Foc's'le Room, at SYC Main Beach beginning as soon as possible after the protest time limit.

17.3. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be posted within the protest time limit on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.4. For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b) the Authority responsible is the Class National Representative present at the regatta.

17.5. Breaches of SI marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

17.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted.

This changes RRS 62.2.

18. SCORING

18.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.

18.2. Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.

18.3. Six (6) races are scheduled.

18.4. If four (4) races are completed, then all results will count. This amends A2.

18.5. If five (5) or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

18.6. Additional PHS Scoring Results will be provided.

18.6.1. PHS results will be calculated based on a Performance Handicap System (PHS) Time Correction Factor (TCF). The TCF that is determined and allocated by the Race Committee, or its nominee will be performance-based and will be expressed as three (3) decimal places applied as a multiplier to elapsed times.

18.6.2. The TCF may be altered between races, and will not be subject to protest, redress, or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

18.6.3. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.6.4. If three races are completed, then all results will count. This amends A2.

18.6.5. If four or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

19.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19.2. API skippers/owners would be aware of the Class Rules - Conditions for Racing and in section C 5. in particular the following

- MANDATORY (1) Towing rope minimum 25 m and maximum 30 m continuous length of not less than 12 mm. Towing rope must be of a **floatable** material and not pre-stretched. (N.B. Running rigging does not comply with this rule.)
- If towing is sought by skipper/crew please ensure you provide your class rule tow rope.

19.3. It is a requirement of Southport Yacht Club that a heaving line must be carried e.g. a floating ball or the like with a light line attached of suitable length.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

20.1 Substitution of crew or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

20.2 Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity and such requests shall be submitted and verified for eligibility and any substitute crew weighed.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions which may include RRS 43 and Class Rules C2.2 and C3.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee, technical committee or the jury to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22. CREW WEIGHING [DP]

22.1. The weights and total combined crew weight of each crew (including skipper) will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with One Design Rule C2.2.

23. OFFICIAL BOATS

23.1. Official boats will display a SYC burgee.

24. SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1. Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 24.2. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 24.3. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the floatation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.
- 24.4. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.
- 24.5. Identifying flags will be available from the Sailing Office on payment of a AUD50 cash deposit or credit card guarantee which will be fully refundable upon return of the flag.

25. BOAT LAUNCH AND RETRIEVAL

- 25.1. Boats will be launched and retrieved by the crane located at the Southport Yacht Club HOLLYWELL only, located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216. No launching or retrieval facilities are available at SYC Main Beach location.
- 25.2. SYC will provide a tow vessel to assist in towing boats from the Hollywell location to the Main Beach Marina if required. Boats are requested to be in the water ready for towing no later than 3:00 pm on Friday 3rd December 2021 in order to make use of the last tow for the day.
- 25.3. Boats are to remain at the Main Beach Marina for Friday and Saturday nights.
- 25.4. After racing is completed on Sunday 5th December 2021 boats will be required to sail back to SYC Hollywell for crane retrieval. Tow boats will be available if required to assist in returning to SYC Hollywell.
- 25.5. There is limited trailer parking available on the grounds at SYC Hollywell. Trailers may need to be parked on the street at Marina Crescent so please ensure you have locks and security devices to secure your trailer.

26. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [NP] [DP]

- 26.1. Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts during the regatta.
- 26.2. No diving or swimming is permitted around boats for the purpose of cleaning the hull.

27. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP] [DP]

- 27.1. This SI supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the International Etchells Class Association (IECA). All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during the racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information (VHF channel 09).
- 27.2. The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first Warning Signal on each race day until the boat has completed its day's racing. Exceptions to this are confined to reporting emergency situations, crew safety, floatation of the boat, or for the express use of "RaceQS", for the purposes of Yacht Tracking. Further details on using "RaceQS" can be downloaded from www.raceqs.com

28. PRIZES

- 28.1. The Queensland State Titles E22 Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of Class Results.
- 28.2. Keeper Prizes will also be awarded to the First, Second and Third Overall winner.
- 28.3. Additional prizes for PHS Scoring Results will be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.
- 28.4. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. These may include daily prizes.

29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 29.1. Southport Yacht Club Inc. will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Competitors participate in the 2021 Internationals Etchells Class Queensland Championships at their own risk.
- 29.2. All those taking part in Southport Yacht Club events do so at their own risk and responsibility. Southport Yacht Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

30. INSURANCE

- 30.1. All yachts competing are required to carry current Third-Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum of Aud\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident and should be maintained during the period of racing.
- 30.2. Such insurance policy should carry a "racing risk" extension.
- 30.3. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 30.4. Each skipper and /or co- skipper is liable for any third-party claims.

31. SOCIAL

- 31.1. Competitors are invited to meet for Competitors Welcome Ceremony at SYC Main Beach on Friday 3rd December 2021 1600hrs – 1800hrs. Chefs Select Canapes will be provided and Alcoholic Beverages available to be purchased from the Bar.
- 31.2. A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Saturday 4th December 2021 at SYC Main Beach. There will be no charge for this BBQ.
- 31.3. A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Sunday 5th December 2021 at SYC Hollywell. There will be no charge for this BBQ.
- 31.4. Prize Presentation Ceremony will be held at SYC Hollywell at approx. 1700hrs on Sunday 5th December 2021.

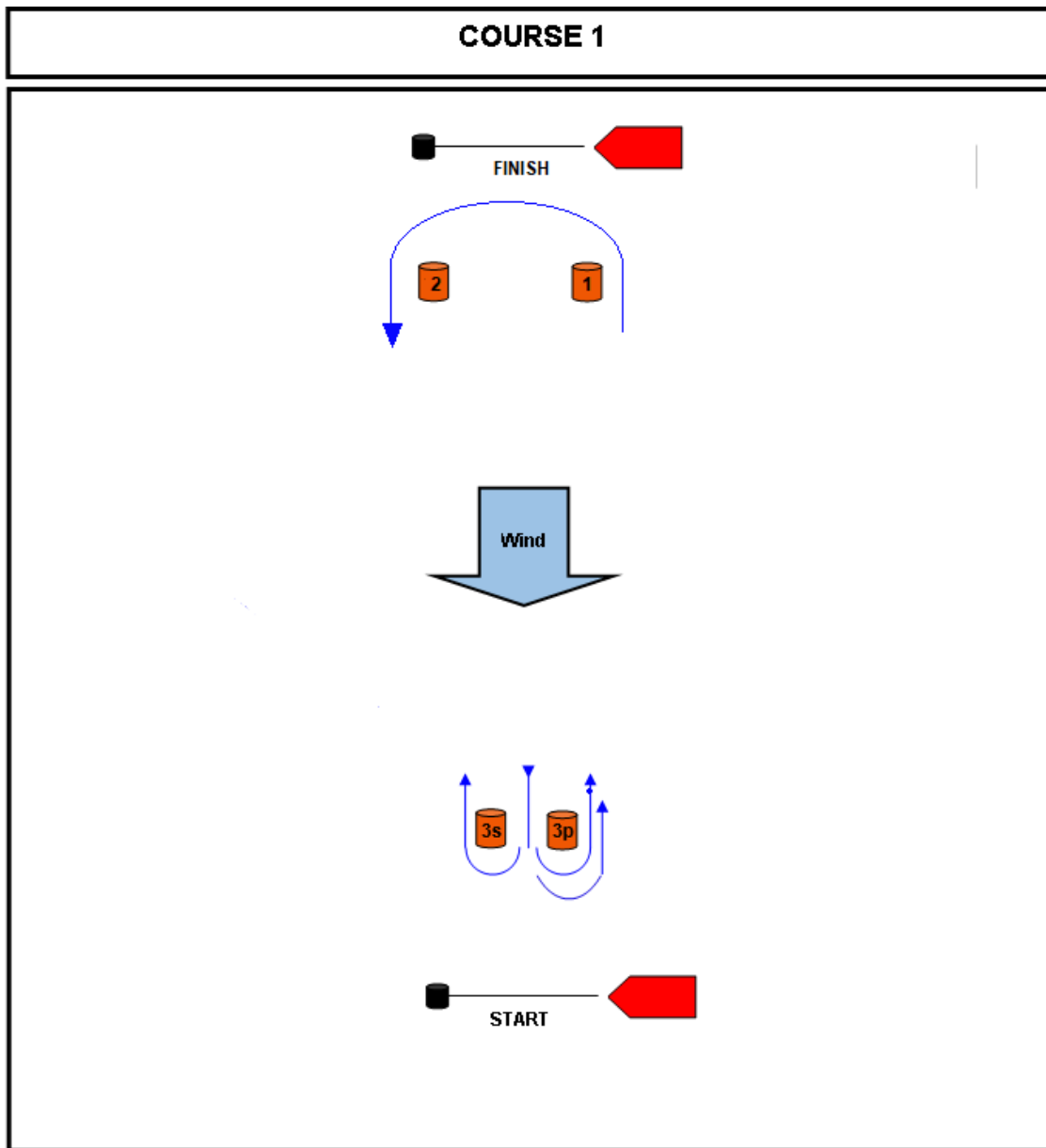
32. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information available by contacting the Southport Yacht Club Hollywell Sailing Office on Phone (07) 5537 7030, Fax (07) 5537 7131, e-mail sailing.admin@sycgc.com.au

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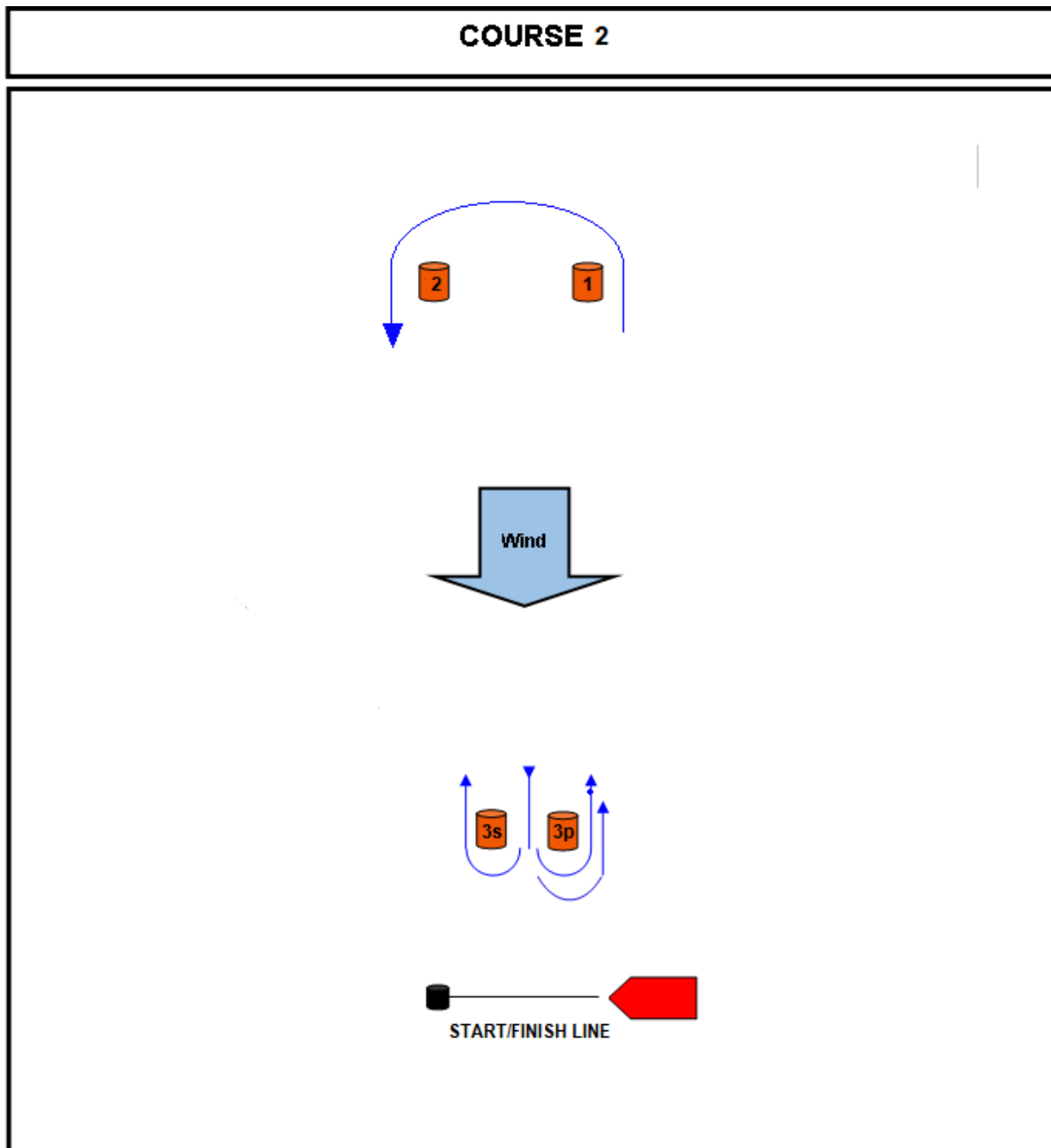
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ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAM



Course 1 - Start – 1 – 2 - 3P/3S – 1 – 2 - 3P/3S – Finish

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAM



Course 2 - Start - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 1 - 2 - Finish