



2023/24 Sailing Season

OTB CATAMARAN DIVISION

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS





OTBC - OFF THE BEACH CATAMARAN SCHEDULE 2023/2024

Winter Passage 1/9	Saturday 13 th May
Winter Passage 2/9	Saturday 20 th May
Winter Passage 3/9	Saturday 3 rd June
Winter Passage 4/9	Saturday 17 th June
Winter Passage 5/9	Saturday 1 st July
Winter Passage 6/9	Saturday 15 th July
Winter Passage 7/9	Saturday 29 th July
Winter Passage 8/9	Saturday 12 th August
Winter Passage 9/9	Saturday 26 th August
Championship 1/11	Saturday 16 th September
Passage 1/10	Saturday 23 rd September
Championship 2/11	Saturday 7 th October
Championship 3/11	Saturday 21 st October
Passage 2/10	Saturday 28 th October
Passage 3/10	Saturday 4 th November
Passage 4/10	Saturday 11 th November
Championship 4/11	Saturday 25 th November
Passage 5/10	Saturday 2 nd December
Championship 5/11	Saturday 9 th December
Championship 6/11	Saturday 16 th December
Championship 7/11	Saturday 13 th January
Passage 6/10	Saturday 20 th January
Passage 7/10	Saturday 3 rd February
Passage 8/10	Saturday 17 th February
Championship 8/11	Saturday 9 th March
Passage 9/10	Saturday 16 th March
Championship 9/11	Saturday 23 rd March
Championship 10/11	Saturday 6 th April
Passage 10/10	Saturday 13 th April
Championship 11/11	Saturday 20 th April



Additional SYC SPECIAL EVENTS Available

Event / Regatta Name	Date
CRAB ISLAND CLASSIC	Saturday 22 nd July
SAIL PAST & BELSSING OF THE FLEET	Saturday 9 th September
BREAKING OF THE FLAG CEREMONY & DA\$H 4 CA\$H	Sunday 10 th September
BURLEIGH BASH	Sunday 29 th October
CAT WEEKEND	Saturday 10 th & Sunday 11 th February
DUX BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS	Sunday 24 th March

OFF THE BEACH CATAMARAN DIVISION SERIES FEES

BLOCK WHOLE SEASON DISCOUNT (30 Races)	\$215.00
PASSAGE SERIES (10 Races)	\$85.00
WINTER SERIES (9 Races)	\$95.00
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (11 Races)	\$105.00
Casual Race Entry (per race day)	\$20.00 SYC Member \$30.00 Non SYC Member (max entry 3)

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC).
- 1.2 Races will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.3 All boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations (SR): Part 2 – Off The Beach Boats.
- 1.4 All boats shall supply at time of entry a current AS SR Part 2 Equipment Audit Form that has been certified by an approved AS Club / National Equipment Auditor. AS SR Equipment Audit forms are available from the OA website.
- 1.5 All boats shall comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation. In the event of a reportable Marine Incident the SYC Sailing Officer is to be notified as soon as practical; but no later than 1 hour after the last boat has finished, a copy of the MSQ Marine Incident Report is required to be lodged with the OA at the same time it is lodged with Maritime Safety Queensland.
- 1.6 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 governed by local Statutory Authorities for the OA's approved Aquatic Event Permit.
- 1.7 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 1.8 Compliance with SYC's current Sailing Season Policy.
- 1.9 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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board, located at Southport Yacht Club Sailing Squadron, Hollywell, adjacent to the Southport Yacht Club Sailing Office. Notices may also be posted on the Official on-line notice board on the event website <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing-office-notice-board/>.
- 3.2 Results will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.3 Results will be posted on the Southport Yacht Club's website on the Off The Beach Catamaran Division page.
- 3.4 Results may be posted on the Catamaran Division Facebook Group Page.



4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag pole located on the SYC Hollywell Race Control Tower.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes'.
- 4.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a course flag or class flag, it applies to that course area/class only.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 A minimum of five (5) Boats (either Div. 1 or Div. 2 or combined Div. 1 & Div. 2 together) are required to constitute the first race of each race day and a minimum of three (3) boats for races thereafter. If there are less than the required amount the races will be abandoned.
- 5.2 The schedule of race days is as per the calendar at the beginning of these Sailing Instructions.
- 5.3 Championship race days will consist of a maximum of Three (3) races per day. Should a Championship Race Day be Postponed, a scheduled Passage Race Day may be used to resail a Championship Race Day.
- 5.4 Passage Series race days will consist of a maximum of two (2) races per day.
- 5.5 Winter Series race days will consist of a maximum of two (2) races per day.
- 5.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.7 The warning signal will be given five (5) minutes prior to the starting signal.
- 5.8 The first starting signal for racing covered by these Sailing Instructions shall be considered to be 'not before'.

EVENT (Handicap System)	COMPULSORY SKIPPERS BRIEFING	WARNING SIGNAL
Championship Series (ASY)	1100hrs	1155hrs
Passage Series (PHS)	1100hrs	1155hrs
Winter Series (PHS)	1100hrs	1155hrs

6. DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1 A minimum of five (5) Series entries are required to constitute a Class within a Division on the first day of racing of the Series.

FLEET	FLAG
Off the Beach Cats Division 1 (ASY < 73)	Numeral Pennant "1"
Off the Beach Cats Division 2 (ASY > 73)	Numeral pennant "2"

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Attachment A – RACING AREA AND COURSE LOCATION shows the approximate location.



8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams and tables in ATTACHMENT C – OTB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES COURSES,
- 8.2 The diagrams and tables in ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA & COURSE LOCATION
- 8.3 The tables in ATTACHMENT D – OTBC PASSAGE & WINTER SERIES COURSES describes the courses to be sailed for the Passage Series, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks, including start and finish marks, are described in ATTACHMENT B – SYC DESIGNATED MARKS.
- 9.2 All boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 3 metres from all International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) marks*. This is a condition governed by local Statutory Authorities for the OA's approved Aquatic Event Authority. Any boats failure to comply with this minimum 3 metre distance, may jeopardise all future OTBC racing for all boats.
- 9.3 All boats shall give due consideration to the weather conditions including tidal effect (current) wind conditions and their intended course when passing or rounding an IALA mark.
- 9.4 *Competitors may refer to the Maritime Safety Queensland Boating Maps located at <http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Boating-maps/Gold-Coast-guides> for detailed maps.

10. AREA THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Areas outside of the intended channel(s) defined by the IALA marks north of and including the Crab Island West Cardinal "Q(9)15s" are considered an obstruction. For the purposes of this definition, it shall be considered that a competitor has remained clear of the obstruction provided they have left all IALA marks to their required side.
- 10.2 The finish line is an obstruction, unless finishing. Boats crossing the finish line incorrectly will be scored an Event Nominated Penalty (ENP) without a hearing.

11. STARTING AREAS

- 11.1 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES START
 - 11.1.1 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.
 - 11.1.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
 - 11.1.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule A4.
- 11.2 PASSAGE & WINTER SERIES START
 - 11.2.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel/ Race control tower on the western end of the line and the Green Lateral Marker will signify the eastern end of the line or a layed mark as indicated at briefing.
 - 11.2.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
 - 11.2.3 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule A4.



12. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position with a sound signal at the last mark in accordance with RRS 33.

13. SHORTENED COURSE

- 13.1 The Race Committee may shorten course at any part of the course. Boats shall finish between the Race Committee vessel displaying Code Flag "S" and a mark of the course.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 For Championship Series, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 14.2 For Passage & Winter Series, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the finishing boat/ Race control tower and the finishing Mark.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 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.

16. TIME LIMITS & TIME TARGETS

- 16.1 For all boats 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 a Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.2 For all boats sailing in the Passage & Winter series, boats failing to finish within forty-five (45) minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes, will be scored a Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

SERIES	TARGET TIME First Boat in Each Division	TIME LIMIT First Boat in Each Division
CHAMPIONSHIP	40 minutes	80 minutes
PASSAGE & WINTER	60 minutes	120 minutes

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 17.2 The Protest time Limit for Championship, Passage & Winter is sixty (60) minutes after the last boat has finished in its division in all series. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to request for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3 Decisions by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be emailed to parties to the hearing under RRS 35.1.



- 17.4 Protest Hearings & Requests for Redress for all club racing (excluding SYC Special Events) will be held on the first Monday of each month at SYC 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.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The low points scoring system of the RRS Appendix A9 will apply with the following changes:
- 18.1.1 For boats that Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area in accordance with RRS 45;
 - 18.1.2 For boats that came to the starting area but Did Not Start (DNS) shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the number of boats that came to the starting area;
 - 18.1.3 For boats that did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored points for the finishing place three (3) more than the number of boats that came to the starting area;
 - 18.1.4 For boats that are scored an Event Nominated Penalty (ENP) The penalty shall be 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score. However, the penalty shall not cause the boat's score to be worse than the score for Did Not Finish.
- 18.2 Four races are required to constitute a series. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, all scores shall count.
- 18.3 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.
- 18.4 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.
- 18.5 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 four (4) worst scores.
- 18.6 When seventeen (17) 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.
- 18.7 Australian Sailing Yardsticks (ASY) will be used in calculating results for mixed classes/divisions for the Championship Series.
- 18.8 For the Passage & Winter Series, boats will start their first race based on their ASY and PHS handicapping will then apply for future races for a boats Series Score.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 Sign on and Sign off requirements are:
- 19.2.1 All helmspersons shall sign on, on the sheets provided, prior to going afloat for racing.
 - 19.2.2 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.
- 19.3 Sign and Sign off requirements may be changed by the OA in accordance with Covid19 policy requirements as advised by Qld State Government.



- 19.4 Boats failing to comply with any of these Safety Regulations will be scored ENP (Event Nominated Penalty). The penalty shall be 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). This changes RRS A4.
- 19.5 All Competitors are encouraged to carry a Harness Rescue Tool or similar device that is readily accessible in an emergency.

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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

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. 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.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS

- 22.1 Official boats will be marked with the SYC Burgee.
- 22.2 The Club Coach may provide advice to any competitor during club racing but not in races in the Championship Series. The assistance provided will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 60.1 (a).

23. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 No disturbing wash is to be created near a competitor on the racecourse.

24. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1 RACE DAY PRIZES
- 25.1.1 Whenever possible, there will be a presentation of results as soon as practical after each day's racing in the SYC Hollywell Clubhouse.
- 25.1.2 For Championship race days, prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd for each Division for the combined Race Scores of the day.
- 25.1.3 For Passage & Winter series, random prizes will be awarded to competing boats of the day.



- 25.1.4 Boats must be present at all Series Presentations or the prize will be redrawn or allocated to the next placing.
- 25.1.5 The annual Sailing Presentation for Club Championships and other events will take place at a Clubhouse of SYC.

25.2 PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- 25.2.1 Only current financial members of SYC are eligible for a season entry.
- 25.2.2 Only SERIES ENTRANTS are eligible for Sailing Season prizes at the Sailing Presentation.
- 25.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1 All those taking part in races conducted by SYC do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 26.2 SYC, 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 things, both ashore and at sea, as a consequence of participation in any way in the races, covered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 26.3 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.**

27. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 27.1 In participating in the Off The Beach Catamaran Division Club Racing, a competitor grants to the OA 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 Sailing Season and to use his/her likeness, voice, name and any other information in any material related without compensation.

28. INSURANCE

- 28.1 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.

29. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

OTBC – Off the Beach Catamaran Division Representative

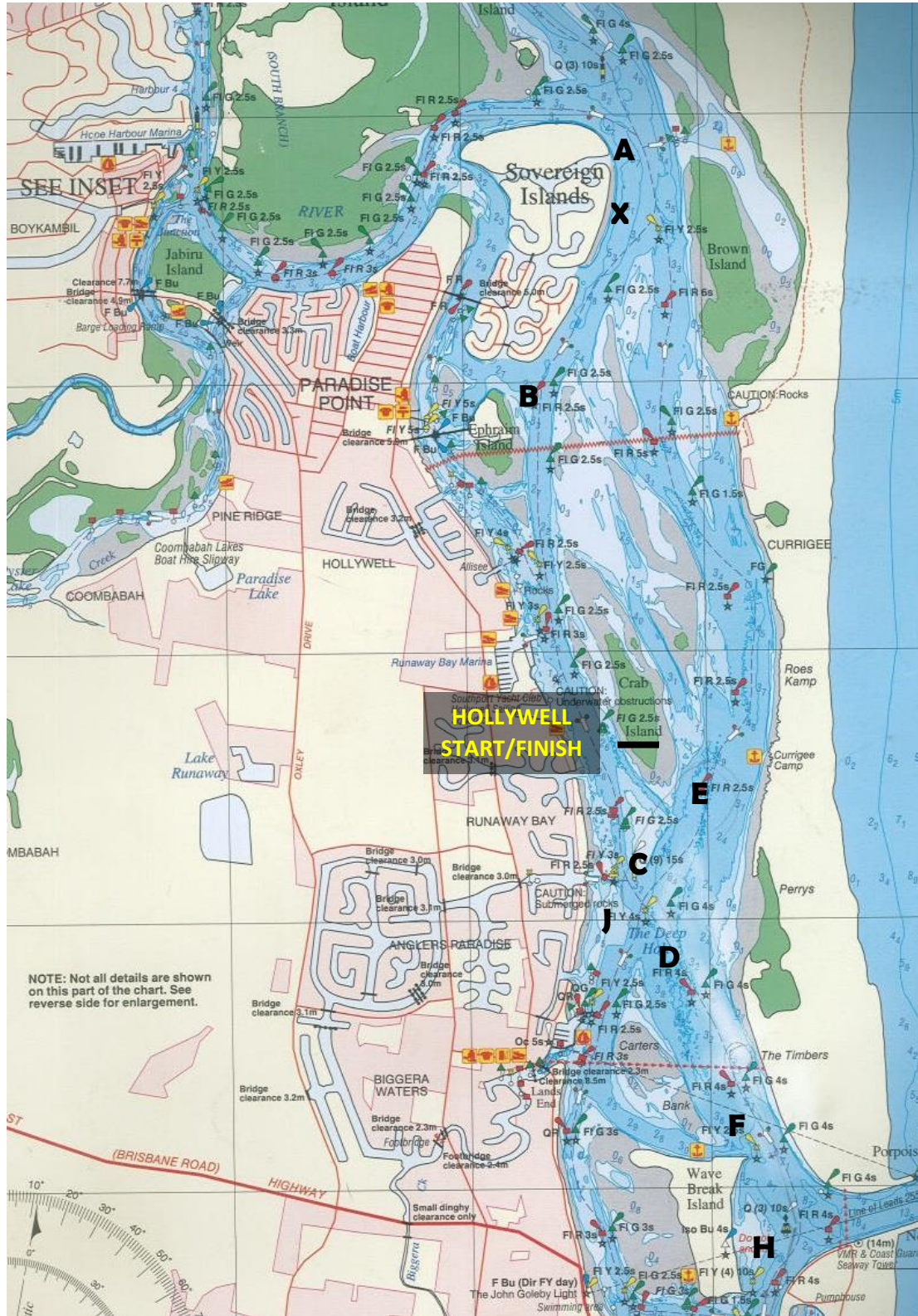
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ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA & COURSE LOCATION



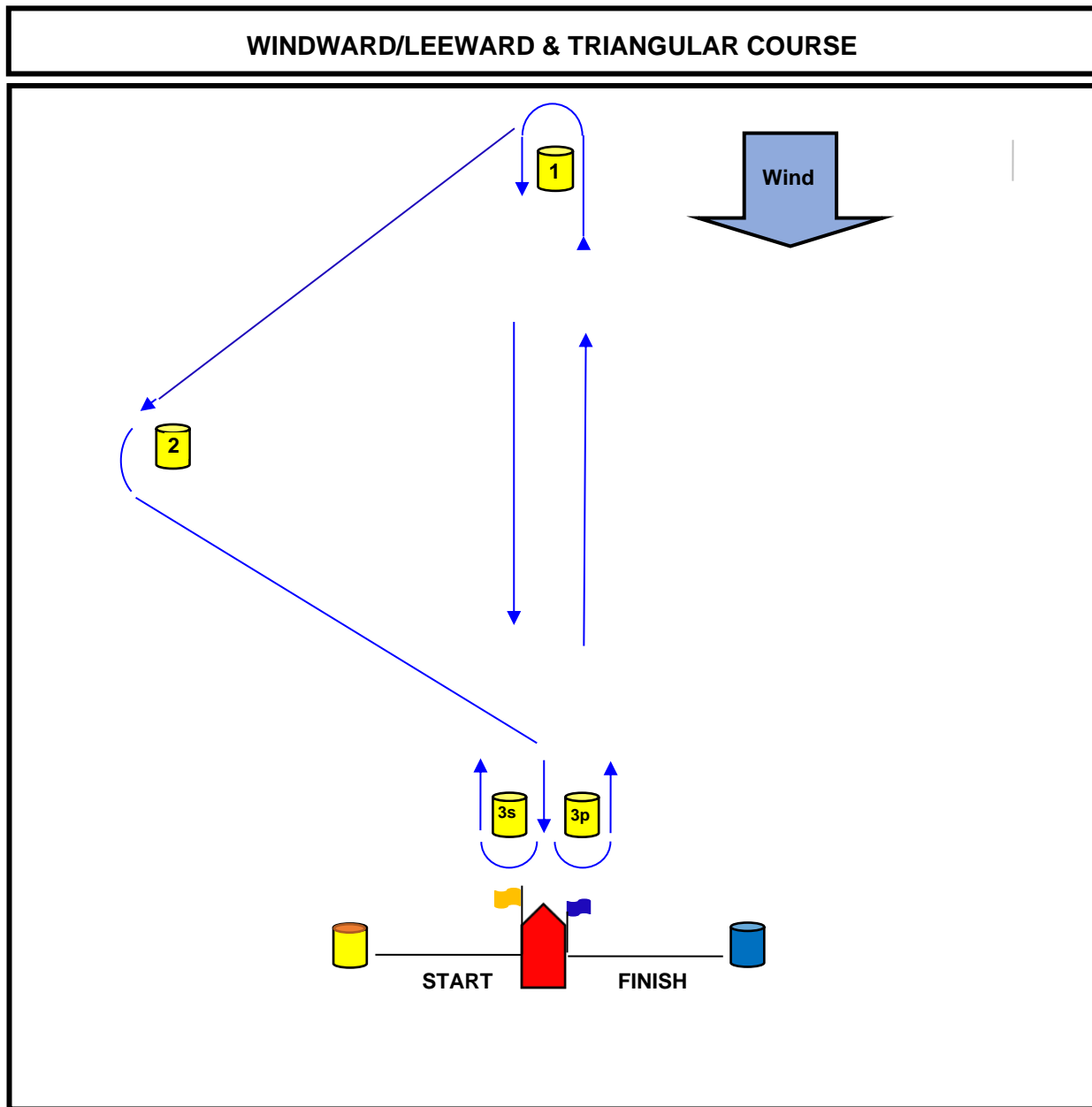


ATTACHMENT B - SYC DESIGNATED MARKS

BUOY	DESCRIPTION
START / FINISH	Start = Yellow with Orange Top Finish = Blue
1a	Large Pink Tear Drop
1 / 2 / 3S/3P / A / B / D / F	Yellow inflatable cylinder
Barging Buoy	If used – small Pink Tear Drop



ATTACHMENT C – OTBC CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES COURSES





COURSE	MARK ROUNDINGS	TYPE
W1	START – 1 – FINISH	CHAMP
W2	START – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – FINISH	CHAMP
W3	START – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – FINISH	CHAMP
W(X)	Same pattern as above. X being number advised on Start Boat Course Board	CHAMP
T1	START – 1 – 2 – FINISH	CHAMP
T2	START – 1 – 2 – 3p – 1 – FINISH	CHAMP
T3	START – 1 – 2 – 3p – 1 – 3p – 1 – 2 – FINISH	CHAMP
NB: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Where no leeward gate (3s/3p) is present, 3p shall be substituted. A clearing buoy (1a) may also be used after rounding Mark 1 – this will be advised at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing. 		



ATTACHMENT D - OTBC PASSAGE & WINTER SERIES COURSES

COURSE	MARK ROUNDINGS	TYPE
1	START – J – E – X – FINISH	PSG
2	START – X (S) – E (S) – J (S) – FINISH	PSG
3	START – A – B – A – B – A – B – FINISH	PSG
4	START – C – F – D – F – D – F – D – C (S) – FINISH	PSG
5	START – C – D – E – D – E – D – E – C (S) – FINISH	PSG
6	START – C – F – A – FINISH	PSG
7	START – H – FINISH	PSG
8	Notified at COMPULSORY SKIPPERS BRIEFING	PSG

