



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



2024 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS  
GOLD COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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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), except as noted in the Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Bow numbers may be provided and fitted by the Organising Authority.
- 1.3. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 1.4. The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. A local Jury has been appointed in accordance with RRS 70.5 and AS Addendum A.
- 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

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the Foc'sl'e Room at SYC Main Beach and also online at <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/regattas/2023-international-etchells-class-qld-championships-2>.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INTRUCTIONS

- 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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- 5.2 All boats without bow numbers may be issued with bow numbers at registration. Issued bow numbers are to be attached by the owner. [DP][NP]
- 5.4 Event sponsors stickers may also be provided. These are to be attached by a representative of the organising authority. [DP] [NP]

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| DATE         | LOCATION       | EVENT  | TIMES             |
|--------------|----------------|--|-------------------|
| Fri 19/07/24 | SYC Hollywell  | Rigging  | 0800-1400         |
|              | SYC Hollywell  | Launching via Hard Stand Crane*                        | 1200-1400         |
|              |                | Towing of vessels to Main Beach                        | 1200-1400         |
|              | SYC Main Beach | Registration   | 1400-1700         |
|              | SYC Main Beach | Competitors Welcome Ceremony                           | 1600-1800         |
| Sat 20/07/24 | SYC Main Beach | Registration   | 0800-0900         |
|              | SYC Main Beach | Compulsory Competitors Briefing                        | 0830              |
|              |                | Warning Signal Race 1                                  | nb1055            |
|              |                | Warning Signal Race 2                                  | ASAP after race   |
|              |                | Warning Signal Race 3                                  | ASAP after race 2 |
|              | SYC Main Beach | Competitors Sausage Sizzle & Days Results Presentation | ASAP after racing |
| Sun 21/07/24 | SYC Main Beach | Compulsory Competitors Briefing                        | 0830              |
|              |                | Warning Signal Race 4                                  | nb1055            |
|              |                | Warning Signal Race 5                                  | ASAP after race 4 |
|              |                | Warning Signal Race 6                                  | ASAP After race 5 |
|              | SYC Hollywell  | Haul Out, De-rigging & Competitor sausage sizzle       | ASAP after racing |
|              |                | Final Prize Presentation                               | Approx 1700       |

- 6.1 A maximum of six (6) races for the Gold Coast Championships. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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. CLASS FLAGS

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

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 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.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.

- 9.3 The Race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing and distance from the starting line to Mark One (1).
- 9.4 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 one leeward Mark, it shall be left to port.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1 & 2 will be yellow cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2 Marks 3s & 3p will be yellow cylindrical buoys.
- 10.3 The Starting/Finishing mark will be a blue cylindrical buoy.
- 10.4 Inner distance mark when laid will be a pink tear drop buoy.
- 10.5 All marks may change and will be confirmed in detail at each days compulsory competitors briefing.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 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 the Starting Mark.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 Recall signals may also be displayed from Race Committee Boat positioned at the pin end of the starting line.
- 11.5 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.
- 11.6 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.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

- 12.1 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.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 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 Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 14.2 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]

## 15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for all races will be 2 hours (120) minutes from the starting signal.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first windward Mark one hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3 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.

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 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
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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).
- 16.4 For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b) the Authority responsible is the Class National Representative present at the regatta.
- 16.5 Breaches of SI marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.
- 16.6 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.

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1 Six races are scheduled. Two (2) races are required to constitute a series.
  - 17.1.1 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This amends RRS A2.
  - 17.1.2 If four or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score.
  - 17.1.3 Additional PHS Scoring Results will be provided.
    - 17.1.3.1 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.
    - 17.2.1.2 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)).
    - 17.2.1.3 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
    - 17.2.1.4 If up to three races are completed, then all results will count. This amends RRS A2.
    - 17.2.1.5 If four or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2 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.

18.3 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.

## 19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

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

19.2 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.

## 20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 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.

## 21. OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1 Official boats will display a SYC burgee.

## 22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 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.

22.2 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.

22.3 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.

22.4 Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

22.5 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.

## 23. BOAT LAUNCH AND RETRIEVAL

23.1 Boats will be launched and retrieved by a Hard Stand crane located at Southport Yacht Club in Hollywell, 1 Marina Crescent. Competitors are asked to have their slings and ladders ready prior to presenting to the crane. Standard bow and stern lines must also be attached and ready for use.

Tow boats may be available. Last tow will be strictly leaving Hollywell at 1400hrs.

Competitors must ensure all lifting slings, chains, lifting gear and shackles are rated for the loads they will carry and are in safe working order. We recommend all gear to be professionally inspected prior to the event.

Boats are to remain at the SYC Main Beach Marina for Friday and Saturday nights. After racing is completed on the Sunday, boats will be required to sail back to Hollywell for crane retrieval. Tow boats will be available if required to assist in returning to SYC Hollywell.

## **24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [NP] [DP]**

24.1 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts during the regatta.

24.2 No diving or swimming is permitted around boats for the purpose of cleaning the hull.

## **25. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP] [DP]**

25.1 This supplements but does not change RRS2 and RRS41 for the IECA. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels. Boats may use the radio to log on with the race committee at the start of the day, 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. (NP)

25.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information. Any failure of or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress.

26.3 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 from the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day, except as provided in clause 16.1 or in an emergency threatening safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat or with the express permission of the Race Committee. (NP)

## **26. PRIZES**

The following prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA and are subject to minimum numbers of boats competing in each category.

26.1 Gold Coast Championships:

26.1.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first three place-getters overall.

26.1.2 A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner

26.1.3 The PHS Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Winner.

26.1.4 The Women's Prize will be awarded to the first placed female helm.

27.2 Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority, including daily prizes and random draws after each day's racing.

27.3 Prize Presentation Ceremony for the Gold Coast Championships will be held at SYC Hollywell at approx. 1700hrs on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

## **27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

28.1 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.

28.2 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.



## 28. INSURANCE

- 29.1 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.
- 29.2 Such insurance policy should carry a “racing risk” extension.
- 29.3 All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must provide evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 29.4 Each skipper and /or co- skipper is liable for any third-party claims.

## 29. SOCIAL

- 30.1 Competitors (Skippers and Crew) are invited to meet for Competitors Welcome Ceremony at SYC Main Beach on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 1600hrs – 1800hrs. A cash Bar available for purchasing drinks.
- 30.2 A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at SYC Main Beach. There will be no charge for the BBQ.
- 30.3 A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at SYC Hollywell. There will be no charge for the BBQ.

## 30. 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.reception@sycgc.com.au](mailto:sailing.reception@sycgc.com.au)

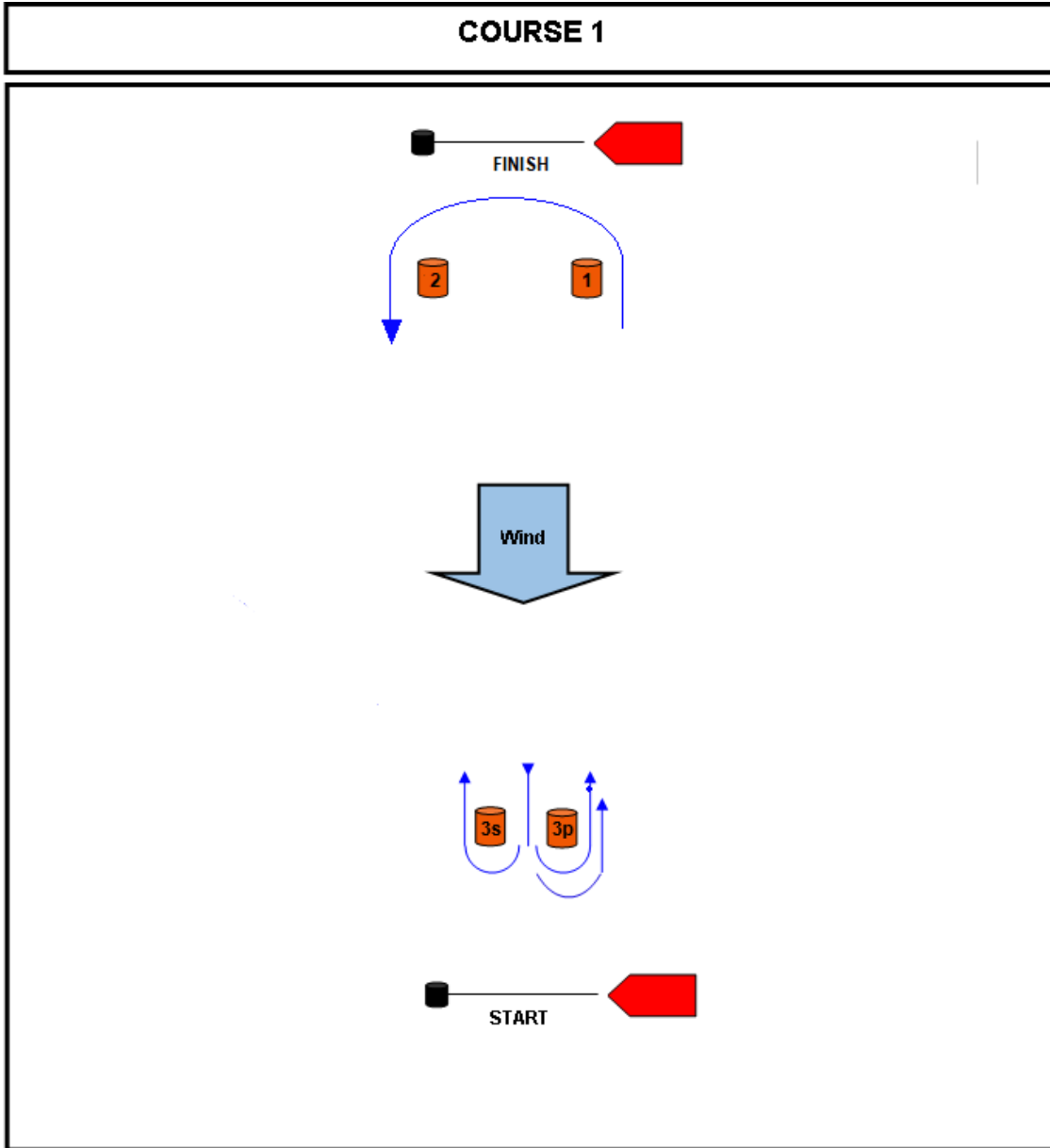
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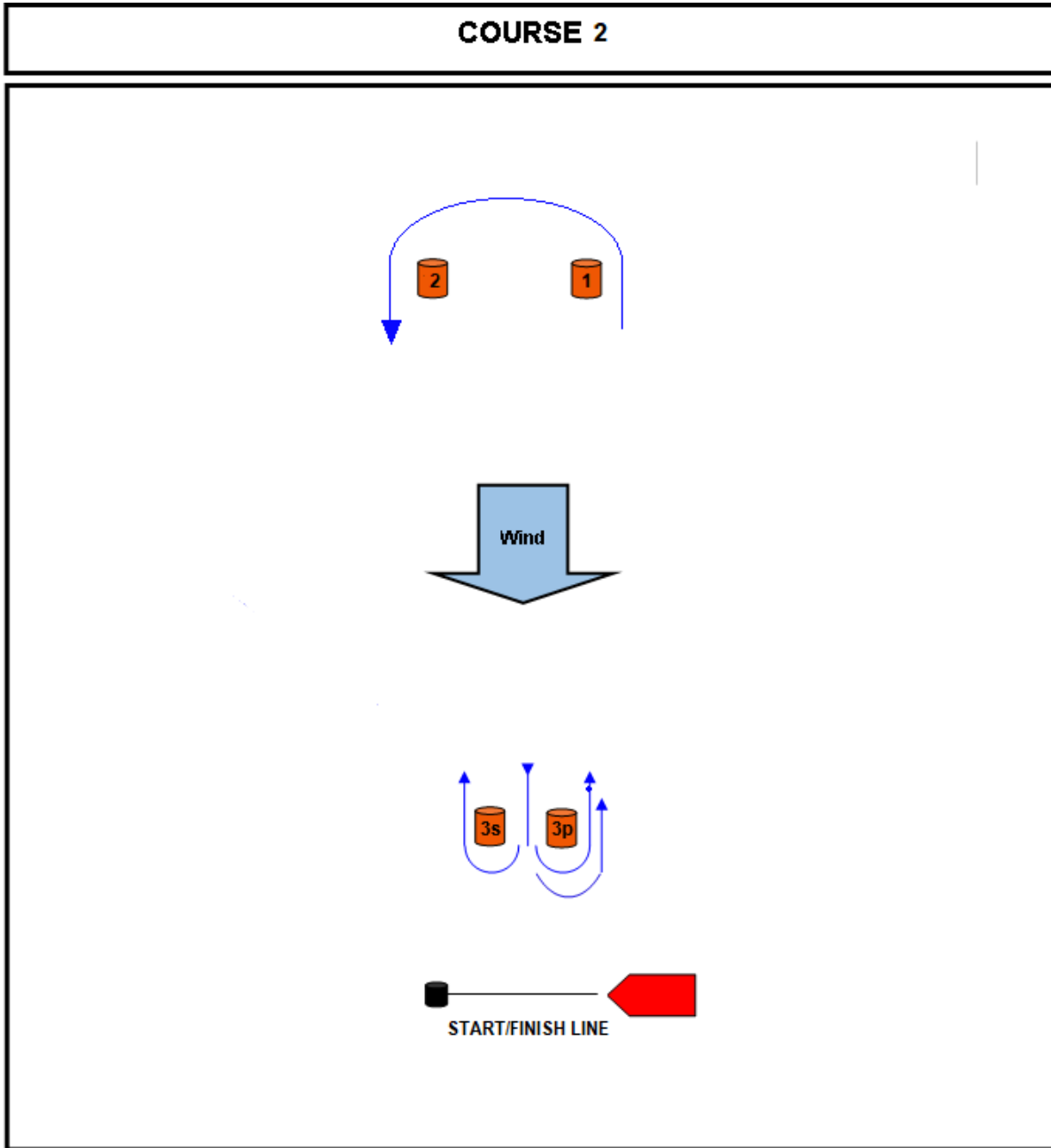
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**ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAM**



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

31. ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAM



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